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COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714

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Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year!

A new year provides the opportunity to review and resolve; creating a new start. We resolve to continue to do what is right and change something in our lives that will bring us closer to our Lord.

As a Council, one thing that will remain constant is that we will continue to do an amazing amount of charitable work in our community. As an example of how much we do, let me review a few things our Council was involved in just last month:

- First Friday Luncheon at St. Margaret Church
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Winter Wonders at St. Mark Church
- End of Life Wishes - Treatment - Care - Care and Compassion Seminar at St. Mark Church
- Social Christmas gathering with games and trivia
- FIELD Party
- Blood Drive at St. Mark Church

The work we are doing is making a positive impact and "Creating a Presence" in our Catholic Community. In a pulpit announcement about the End of Life Seminar, Fr. Jerry used the term "Our Knights of Columbus." You can't ask for a better comment. At St. Margaret's School after the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, one of the mothers just couldn't thank Tom Krista enough for conducting the program and was almost pleading that we do it again next year. The Keep Christ in Christmas buttons we gave to each student put the whole event over the top.

I want to thank each of you for doing what you do in support of our Council and ask for your continued support. In order to continue this amazing level of activity we need active members. So I ask you to make a resolution this year; I ask that each of you invite another Catholic Gentlemen to become a Knight this month. The Knights of Columbus is the only

organization where you can support the Church and live your faith. Is there no better invitation to offer?

Vivat Jesus,

Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,
knightsfc@gmail.com

District Deputy

LuAnne and I wish all the families in the district a Happy New Year 2015. Let's all resolve to be ever mindful of our order's four principles and commit to practicing them among ourselves and those with whom we contact during the new year.

Since my last update, we've had a degree at Corpus Christi Council with the Worthy State Deputy Stephen Adamczyk attending. We had an opportunity to welcome four new brothers to our order. Congratulations to Father Jack Ward and Dave Meneghini for recruiting these members at the membership blitz. State Deputy Adamczyk presented Dave with a Silver Knight award for having recruited two new members to the order. Congratulations, Dave. Our Worthy State Deputy also presented IPGK Dave Dulik with the Star Council Award for having achieved that prestigious honor during 2013-2014. Congratulations, Dave Dulik and everyone who contributed to this achievement.

All of our new members (first degree within the past 12 months) are eligible to earn a Shining Armor award by attending three meetings, participating in three events, meeting with the benefits advisor and recruiting one new member. Every member is eligible to earn a Silver Knight award by recruiting two new members, attending three meetings and participating in three events during one fraternal year. There's plenty of time left this fraternal year to earn your Silver Knight or Shining Armor award.

Kudos to Bel Air Council for organizing a presentation on "End of Life Planning" for St. Mark's parish. The presentation by an attorney and the chief benefit

Bel Air Council 4714 Monthly Schedule of Events

First Tuesday - 7:30 pm - **Business Meeting** - open to KC members only

Second Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Home Corporation Meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests

Third Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Social Meeting** - open to general public

Fourth Tuesday - 7:00 pm - **Officers' Meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests

All Fridays - 7:00 pm - **Bingo** (board is lit) - open to the general public

advisor for Maryland jurisdiction presented the information to a small, but interested audience. This service is available to all councils with a simple phone call to Ed O'Keefe. Consider offering this to your council's supported pastor.

State Events

- Mid-term meeting on January 3 at Columbus Gardens
- District meeting on January 17 at Havre de Grace Council 10 - 12 am.

District Events

- Monday, January 5 - 2nd degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 28 - 1st degree at Havre de Grace Council - Candidates at 6:30 p.m.

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Events

- Thursday, January 8 (8:00 p.m.) Fr. O'Neill Council #5058 - 616 W. Seminary Ave. Lutherville, MD 21093

Richard Belmonte, District Deputy #16,
rbbelmon@gmail.com

Fraternal Benefits

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extension is a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before.

Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL
<http://okeefefinancialplanning.com>

Council Activities

Inclement Weather Policy

This policy is set forth to give guidance on The K of C hall closures when inclement weather is present. All youth activities and bingo will follow the closures established by the Harford County School system for SNOW events only.

Closures for other meetings and events will follow the policy for Harford County Government. The County web site www.harfordcountymd.gov will give the latest closure information. The Harford County Government closure phone line is 410-638-3484 and has the same information as the website

The Constant Contact System will also be used to disseminate information about meetings via email.

John Knapstein, 410-692-9823, jdk92048@aol.com

Pot of Gold

Each month at the Business Meeting, the Council conducts a "Pot of Gold" drawing. All that is required is your attendance. The prizes range from \$5.00 to \$50.00. After there is a winner, the prize starts at \$5.00 and each month that a name is drawn and the winner is not in attendance, \$5.00 is added to the kitty until it reaches the maximum prize of \$50.00. You must be in attendance to win. See you at the next meeting! The name drawn at the December meeting was Gregory McDermott and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the January meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tom Sutera

Sick and Deceased

Please remember in your prayers, David Kerber son-in-law of Paul Zarachowicz, Al Kramer, Tom McCubbin, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Ernest Bowowski, Vernon West, Nick Miele, and Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs. Pray for the recently deceased Brother Len Phillips and Rita Kramer sister of Al Kramer.

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A Note from Your Financial Secretary

I would like to thank all of you that have sent in your dues payment at this time. There are several of our members that have not responded. If you have any questions or you would like to discuss your payment with me, give me a call at home at (410) 638-1096. Remember, you pledged to keep your dues current. If I have not received your reply by the middle of January, I am obliged to send out a second notice. These additional billings cost the Council for postage and printing. Please find your first notice and send it back in the provided envelope and I will return your receipt and your current membership card.

Tom Sutera, FS

Social Meeting

Along with the Souper Bowl there will be presentations from Senior Express, a transportation service for seniors over 55. Also, Habitat for Humanity will present information about their repair program.

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Youth Activities

PACK 999

On Thursday, December 18, the pack meeting will take place at the Rock Spring Village. They will provide entertainment to the senior residents with the spirit of the season by singing Christmas Carols.

During the pack committee meeting of 12/3 plans were made to hold the Pine Wood Derby on January 10, 2015 at the Church of the Nazarene. Car weigh in is scheduled for January 7 & 8 at the Council. All brothers are invited to attend this fun filled event which begins at 9:00am.

The pack will be attending the Baltimore Blast game scheduled for January 24. The cubs will be in their class A uniforms because they will be marching at this event.

Other events discussed were the Blue and Gold Dinner scheduled for February 22 and the Arrow of Light Ceremony, scheduled for March.

Troop 999

The troop added two new Eagle Scouts to its roster: Matt Able and Cameron Blomquist. I was unable to attend the Board of Review for Matt; however, I understand that he passed with flying colors, qualifying him for the rank of Eagle. His review was held on Sunday, December 14.

Attending the Board of Review for Life Scout Cameron Blomquist were distinguished members of our Council 4714, Brother Frank Gunning with 31 years as Chartered Representative, retired, and Brother John Orsini who is an Eagle Scout. Cameron passed the BOR, answering some very tough questions. This BOR was held on Monday, 12/15/14.

Many thanks to Frank and John for their continuing interest and support in the Council's Scouting Program. Good luck to both young men Matt and Cameron in their future endeavors.

In the meeting of 12/10, the troop worked on plans for Cabin Camping at Camp Tuckahoe which took place the weekend of 12/12 thru 12/14. Plans were made for the upcoming Harford District Operation Icicle, scheduled for January 23-25, 2015. This outing will include many different programs which have not been decided at this time. Also discussed was the preparation of The Northern Tier trip scheduled for February, 2015. Seven scouts and three adults are planning to make this trip.

We still need additional help with our Youth Activity Program. Anyone interested may contact Joe Pisani at 443-955-9428. This is an opportunity to work with youngsters, helping them to develop a positive attitude, good manners and good citizenship.

To all brother knights and their families, on behalf of Troop and Pack 999 we wish all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Joe Pisani

Community Activities

Perry Point Program

The Bel Air Council will be assisting patients at Perry Point on the first Sundays of the month.

We will once again be looking for help on the first Sunday of January (4th) for our turn to aid the patients at Perry Point. If you would like to join us, we leave from the McDonalds on 543 in Riverside at 9:30 AM, or you may want to join us at the Chapel in Perry Point at 10:00 AM. Mass is at 10:30 AM. After returning the patients to their various buildings, we usually return to Riverside by noon. If you are unable to help with patients, you are very welcome to join us at Mass with Father Jonathon. If you want more information call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058.

Tom Sutera

FIELD Christmas Party

Many thanks to all who helped put on a great party for this energetic group of young adults. When Al Kramer started this tradition many years ago who knew what it would develop into. Special thanks go to the CLSO, Natalie and Earnie Boyd, and to Chef Wagner for his outstanding meal! Look for pictures in the next Councilairs.

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Tootsie Roll Program

Once again, I would like to thank all the members who participated in the October 2014 Program. It took 81 members to fill one or more of the 128, two hour spaces.

For the second year in a row, we collected over \$6,000.00. Our total this year was \$6,361.74, to be divided by the "ARC" and the "Harford Center", after expenses.

Money collected was as follows:

- Double T Diner - \$3,196.00 – 50% - 4 weekends and 9-1 on Sundays
- Redner's, Forest Hill - \$1,582.00 - 25% - 2 weekends
- Harvest Fair, Fallston - \$1,260.00 – 20% - 2 weekends
- Giant Foods, Rock Spring - \$319.00 – 5% - 2 Saturdays, 4 hours each

- Loose change - \$4.74
- Total collected - \$6,361.74.

A special thank you to all weekly captains; Jack Fuchs, Bob Cassilly, & Tom Krista, who volunteered for two weeks each, plus Joe Klein and Tony Lamancusa for one week each. Thanks also to Chuck Lasek, who made reminder calls.

May God Bless and reward you for your time and loving hearts.

Paul Zarachowicz, Chairman

P.S. Come to the Social Meeting with family and friends at the "Souper Bowl". You can also meet and greet executives from Arc and Harford Center when certificates are presented for the money collected from the Tootsie Roll Program.

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everybody,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy, blessed Christmas. The Our Wonderful Ladies were so busy with fundraising and Christmas preparations that I suspect everyone is just relaxing a little bit and enjoying a brief rest. Our CLSO Christmas Party was really great. I think everyone had a nice time. Thank you, Sharon DiMatteo, for chairing this event. While I do not have a final total from our Bob Evans Fund Raiser, we know it was a successful event. I should have more info next month. Bob Evans management asked us if we would like to do it again later in the year. Our Wonderful Ladies have voted to hold another Bob Evans event in early May. More details will follow soon.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Our January meeting is scheduled for January 13th. We will be having Soup night at our next meeting and there will be a prize for the best soup. We will also be signing Valentines for the Veterans – so bring a pack of valentines and let our American Heroes know they are not forgotten. Our color for January is White and our saint, (maybe I should say Heavenly Spirit) is the Holy Ghost. Be sure to carry or wear something white. This should be an easy color for everyone. Since the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, is referred to as "the Lord, the Giver of Life," it seems especially appropriate to study and pray to the Holy Spirit during January which is dedicated to Pro-Life.

The annual March for Life in Washington DC will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 12th St., National Mall, Washington, D.C. The Rally begins at 12:00 noon followed by the March at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend call you parish office for transportation details – several local parishes are providing buses. If you are unable to attend, please join this peaceful protest in spirit. Attend Mass or say a rosary for a change of hearts which will bring about the end of abortion.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you ladies at the January meeting. Don't forget the soup!
Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO

Maryland State Council High School Scholarship Programs

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only.

Application period is from October 1, 2014 to February 1, 2015. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2015. Scholarship information and application information is included below (preferred) or write to:

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
2525 Pot Spring Rd, L-503
Timonium, MD 21093

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two (2) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years, and one (1) additional grant of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of

academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

Application packet: <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1415/Gossman1415a.doc>

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

Application packet: <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1415/O'Brien1415a.doc>

Supreme Scholarship Programs

For the 2013-14 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.2 million to 552 students.

Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward bachelor's degrees at Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

These figures include \$285,000 in grants to 116 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/prodeo_us.html

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council awards Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships annually to U.S. students, who will be entering The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.,

or other Catholic colleges or Catholic universities in the United States. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the earnings of the scholarship trust.



An applicant must be:

Entering freshman year of an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at a Catholic college or Catholic university in the United States.

A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, the son or daughter of such a member or deceased member, or a member in good standing of the Columbian Squires. (Not limited to Fourth Degree members.)

The scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and are renewable each year of study, pending satisfactory academic performance, to a total of four years.

Students applying to The Catholic University of America indicate their eligibility for a Knights of Columbus scholarship on the university's admission application.

Incoming freshmen planning to attend other Catholic colleges or Catholic universities may obtain applications for Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships after Oct. 1 by using this application order form.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/scholarships.html>

Completed applications must be received by the Knights of Columbus Department of Scholarships by March 1 of the following year.

John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/mcdevitt.htm>



The Knights of Columbus awards John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships annually. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the earnings of the scholarship trust.

An applicant must be:

A U.S. student entering freshman year of undergraduate study at a Catholic college or Catholic university in the United States.

A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus or the wife, widow, son or daughter of such a member or deceased member. (Fourth Degree membership is not a qualification for scholarship eligibility).

These academic-based scholarships of \$1,500 each are administered in conformance with the rules governing the Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships. Applications are designed for either Pro Deo and Pro Patria or John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) scholarships. Incoming freshmen planning to attend a Catholic college or Catholic university may obtain an application after Oct. 1 by using this application order form.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/scholarships.html>

Completed applications must be received by the Knights of Columbus Department of Scholarships by March 1 of the following year.

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships are also reserved for freshmen entering The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and are administered by the university's Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Other Scholarship Programs

Endowed Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of endowed scholarships provided from earnings of funds established in the donors' names. In accepting these gifts, the Order's Board of Directors voted to administer endowed scholarships in conformance with the rules of the Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship program, subject to the donors' wishes.

Percy J. Johnson Endowed Scholarships

In 1990, a bequest was received from the estate of Percy J. Johnson of Seville Council 93 in Brockton, Mass. Mr. Johnson stipulated that scholarships be awarded to young men who demonstrate financial need. Accordingly, a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) is required in addition to the application.

Anthony J. LaBella Endowed Scholarships

Between 1995-97, a bequest was received from the estate of Anthony J. LaBella. Having received kindness as a youth from Knights, Mr. LaBella provided that, similarly, his benevolence would assist others through his bequest.

Frank L. Goularte Endowed Scholarships

In 2000, Frank L. Goularte gave a monetary gift to provide scholarships based on need to deserving students. To be considered for this scholarship, an applicant should submit a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) with the application.

Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Scholarships Delegates to the 62nd Supreme Council Meeting in August, 1944 voted to establish an Educational Trust Fund by the raising of \$1 million through a special per capita tax on the members of the Order.

Vocations Scholarships

The Supreme Council administers two scholarship programs for students in the first four years of theology pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.

Fellowships at The Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., provides Knights of Columbus Fellowships for graduate study leading to a master's degree or doctorate.

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships

Established in 1973, the Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowship Trust offers fellowships for full-time graduate study leading to a master's degree in a program designed for the preparation of classroom teachers for people with intellectual disabilities.

Mexico, Philippines and Puerto Rico Scholarships

Scholarships for students attending colleges and universities in these areas are administered by the respective jurisdiction, not by the Department of Scholarships in New Haven. Please contact your local jurisdiction for more information.



On Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, His Holiness Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a private audience at the Vatican.

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