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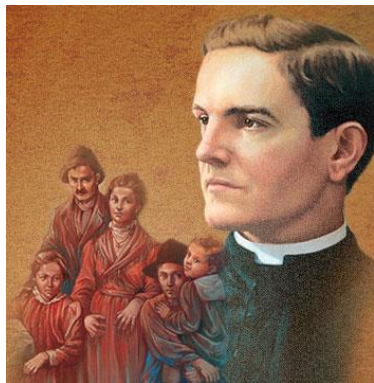
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Grand Knight's Message



In February, secular society focuses on the Valentine's Day celebration while the Catholic Church dedicates February, to the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the perfect example of family life for all Christians. In our prayers to the Holy

Family, we meditate on the example of the Holy Family and ask the Holy Family to intercede on behalf of our families.

Families, like the Knights of Columbus, take care of each other in times of need. When his own father died suddenly, Fr. McGivney interrupted his seminary studies to help care for his mother and siblings. Throughout the immigrant community, he saw families be split apart and devastated by the untimely death of a breadwinner. These tragedies and his experience as pastor had a deep effect on him, leading him to found the Knights of Columbus to aid widows and orphans, thus protecting Catholic families, and to engage in acts of charity and strengthen the faith of its members.

Charity is a Knight's guiding principle. To continue Fr. McGivney's work Maryland State Council manages a [State Charity Fund \(http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/committees/charity_fund.asp\)](http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/committees/charity_fund.asp). A number of families within Bel Air Council's District (District 16) have received funds. I will give you two examples. A single pregnant mother whose boyfriend left her because she refused to have an abortion received funds to keep her new family afloat. Today there is a child in school because of her decision and the State Charity fund. A Knight and his family who found themselves unemployed and unable to pay rent

faced eviction. They received funds covering the arrears and are in their home today. Maryland State has given out \$20,000 more in charitable donations than it has taken in this year. Please consider giving to the State Charity Fund by using the enclosed envelope. If you did not receive an envelope you can get one at the Council Hall.

Bel Air Council also has a Charity Fund. We are just getting organized but this fund will eventually be able to assist families in the Council and God-Willing one day enable Bel Air Council to assist with tuition to a Catholic Grammar School like St. Margaret's. Today, a Catholic grade school education in our area costs in excess of \$5000 per year.

So as you prepare your tax returns over the next few months. Remember that donations to both funds are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law as both organizations are 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

No family other than the Holy Family is perfect. At times every family goes through hard-times. I pray that your family is doing well and I hope you can find a few charitable dollars to spare to help another family who needs help.

Vivat Jesus,
Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,
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District Deputy

I want to thank each of the Grand Knights and many others from the district for attending the mid-term meeting in early January. While it was a long day, it helped us all to focus on the tasks we have to fulfill and opportunities we have at hand to serve our churches, communities and each other. Hard as it is to believe, it's time that we start turning our attention to preparing for the fraternal year ahead while we make the rest of 2014-2015 successful. One of the key district objectives that District Warden Dave

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

Meneghini and I will be focused on during the next six months is to provide support to GKs and prospective incoming GKs to be well prepared for the next year. We're also quite interested and committed to having our first degree teams be the best that they can be. This is the way we make our "first impression" with new brother Knights. We should all do all we can to make the degree a memorable event - for all the right reasons.

One of our prime challenges and opportunities is to identify our brothers who may have fallen away from the council for any number of reasons. A phone call might be just the thing to rekindle interest of a brother Knight in re-engaging with the council. An active Knight is priceless.

District Events

- Tuesday, February 3 - 1st degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m. (State judging is anticipated)
- Be on the look-out for Friday fish-fries at area churches.

Richard Belmonte, District Deputy #16,
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Fraternal Benefits

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs. **Edward A. O'Keefe**, CLU, ChFC, CASL

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Council Activities

Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) Class

Maryland TAM is the leading alcohol awareness training program in Maryland and has been approved by the Comptroller for meeting the requirements of the alcohol awareness training law. Establishments in Harford County are required to have a certified licensee or a certified person employed in a supervisory capacity designated by the licensee present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold. The council will have a TAM training session on Feb. 9, 6 - 10 pm

Jerry Wagner

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 January meeting was Pete Kozak 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, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Vernon West, Nick Miele, and Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs. Pray for the recently deceased Brother Ernest Borowski, Brother Tom McCubbin, and Brother Anthony DiMateo brother of Guy DiMateo. Also pray for Dorthy Dimler, the mother of Luanne Belmonte who recently passed away.

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

A Note from Your Financial Secretary

Brothers; We are approaching the time when your 2014 Membership cards will no longer let you enter the Council Chamber. I have recently sent out a 2nd Notice to members that have not responded to the initial notice. Please check the date on your card. If you do not have a 2015 Membership card, you probably have not paid your dues. Please send your invoice with a check to me as soon as possible and I will return a receipt and your current membership card. Soon, members that have not paid their dues for 2015 will soon be receiving a "Knight Alert Letter", which is an indication that you are in jeopardy of suspension. Please remember, if you have a problem in sending a check, or paying your dues, please call me and we can discuss your situation privately. We do not want to lose any of our members. If you no longer want to belong to this Council or no longer wish to be a member of the Knights of Columbus, please send me a note indicating the same, and be sure to sign it. This will allow us to send it to Supreme and they will remove your name from our roles. Try to attend a meeting (Business or Social) soon. The Council is doing well and some exciting things are happening. God Bless All Our Brother Knights!

Tom Sutera, FS

Youth Activities

CUB PACK 999

On January 10, the Cub Pack held its annual Pine Wood Car Derby at the Church of the Nazarene. Twenty-eight cub scouts participated in the event. Elimination heats were run leaving the top three

winners. Repeating his winning ways from last year was T. J. McHugh, son of brother knight Tom McHugh. T. J. won first place with Zach Cornman second and Jacob Gensel in third place. Congratulations to all. (Run times were not available at press time. Eagle Scouts Josh Card and Cameron Blomquist from Troop 999 were in attendance, observing the hot action.

On January 24 the pack will be attending the Baltimore Blast game. During the pregame events the cubs will have an opportunity to earn their soccer belt loop by practicing soccer skills, learning the rules of the game and participating in a short game. At half time, the Pack will march on the field as a unit. Eagle Scouts will act as honor guard during the National Anthem.

The annual Blue and Gold Ceremony is scheduled for March 1 at the Graceland Ballroom. This is the cub scout's birthday celebration.

Troop 999

The troop hosted webeloes from Pack 999 during their meeting of January 7. The scouts demonstrated tent pitching. The webeloes set up the tent under the direction of the scouts. The cubs also received instruction on cooking equipment and what types of food should be packed for various camping and hiking events.

During their meeting of January 14, the troop finalized their plans for Operation Icicle which will be held at Broad Creek Scout Camp. The event will consist of various programs to test the skill and capabilities of the scouts. Some of the typical contests will include ring toss, knots, archery, fire building, spelling and citizenship questions. Operation icicle is schedule for January 23-25.

Congratulations to the following new Eagle Scouts: Matt Able, December 14; Cameron Blomquist, December 15; and Austin Gusler, January 8. All passed their Eagle Board of Reviews and now join their fellow Eagles of Troop 999. These young men are Eagle Scouts for life!

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 February (1st) 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

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everyone!

Once again Mother Nature stepped in and prevented us from holding our scheduled January Meeting. Because of the severe cold and so many of our wonderful ladies being under the weather, we cancelled. Our February meeting is scheduled for February 10th. Our Saint for January was the Holy Spirit and our color was White. Since we didn't meet in January we will continue to honor the Holy Spirit and wear our color (white) in February.

February is National Heart Month and Friday February 6th is "Wear Red for Women's Heart Health Day." Be sure to wear something RED on Feb. 6th. It's not only an easy way to raise awareness of women's heart health, but it is fun too.

February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We recite a decade of the rosary at our meetings for world peace. In February in addition to reciting the rosary, we will give a rosary to anyone who would like one.

The Knights will be holding their free Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Mark's on Feb. 17. Several of our ladies have volunteered to participate. Last year we had a lot of fun helping with this dinner and it was a huge success with the parishioners of St. Mark. Help keep this tradition alive - drop by and have dinner with us.

Please keep all our wonderful ladies and our Knights in your prayers. We have had a lot of illness and several of our members have been hospitalized. Your prayers can make a difference! Stay well, keep warm and I hope to see you all in February.

Parting Thought: Humor is an antidote to all ills.
Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO

Knights Among Hundreds of Thousands at March for Life

1/22/2015



Supreme Knight addresses participants at rally

On Jan. 22, braving the winter chill of Washington, D.C., hundreds of thousands gathered to witness to the sanctity of every human life by participating in the 2015 March for Life. Joining them was Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who addressed the marchers — including thousands of Knights and their families — and thanked them for their support of the culture of life.

"Thank you for your witness and your stand for life!" Supreme Knight Anderson said to the crowd. "We face new threats this year — new efforts to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. But we will stand up for all those at the end of life, as we do for those at the beginning of life. We must build a culture of life for all those who are vulnerable or who suffer — their life is a gift! Today, we celebrate the gift of every life."

Knights and their families, including many college Knights from throughout the country, gathered for the march, which this year focused on the theme "Every Life is a Gift." Many carried council banners and flags,

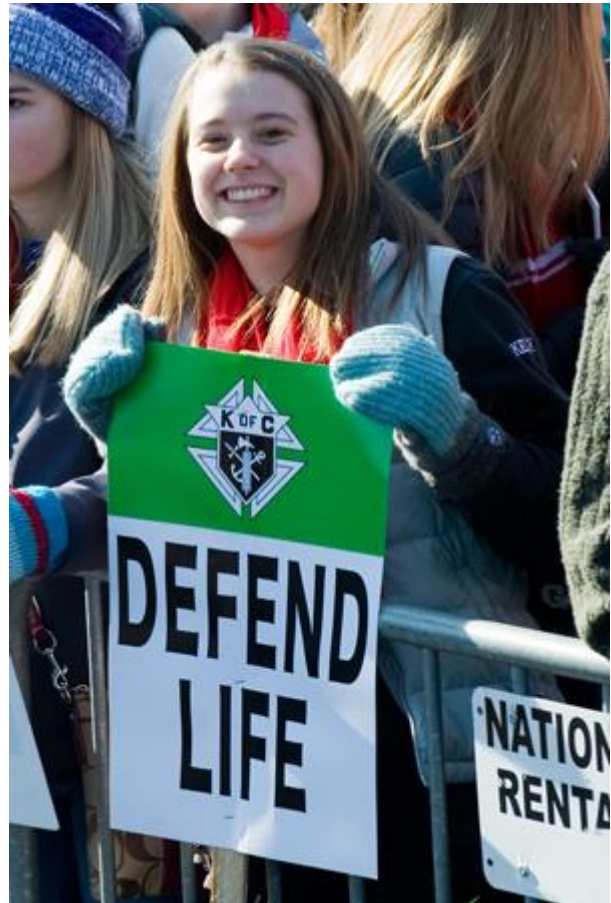
but these were just one indication of the Order's presence. Scattered among the crowd were also thousands of K of C "Defend Life" signs, which the D.C. State Council distributed to marchers.

Along with the supreme knight, several other speakers addressed the crowd, including Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and members of congress from both parties. The march was led by Jeanne Monahan Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

During his remarks, Supreme Knight Anderson told participants that the latest Knights of Columbus-Marist polling shows that more Americans are embracing the culture of life. The January 2015 poll results indicated that:

- 84 percent of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion.
 - 84 percent say laws can protect both a mother and her unborn child.
 - Two-thirds of Americans say our abortion rate is too high.
 - And 60 percent of Americans say abortion is morally wrong.
- "Why is public opinion turning toward life?" Supreme Knight Anderson asked. "Because you stand up for life! Because no amount of propaganda can cover up the pain of women who regret their abortion. And because when women know the truth they choose life!"

He also spoke about the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, through which, over the past five years, councils have put more than 500 ultrasound machines into pregnancy resource centers throughout all 50 States. "The number of machines is more than 500. The number of children these machines save per year is at least 50,000.



The cost of each machine is \$30,000. So the cost to save each life is \$300," the Supreme Knight said. "And the value of each of those lives?" he added. "You and I know that every life is priceless."

The March for Life Education and Defense Fund was born out of a grassroots movement that gathered on the first anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in all three trimesters of pregnancy throughout the United States. The flagship program of the organization is the annual March for Life (MFL), which has taken place in Washington, D.C., every January since 1974. The MFL rally on the National Mall is an opportunity for people to gather from all over the country to unite and show their support for a culture of life. Following the rally, the hundreds of thousands of participants, the majority of whom are young people, march up Constitution Avenue and past the U.S. Capitol to the Supreme Court in peaceful protest of Roe v. Wade and as a witness to the sanctity of every human life.

Silver Rose Presented to the Pope



Pope Francis accepts the silver rose from Msgr. Chávez.

A Knights of Columbus Silver Rose was presented to Pope Francis during a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

At the conclusion of a special Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Eduardo Chávez, a Canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and brother Knight, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose. The silver rose was hand-carried from Canada, through the United States to Mexico City by Knights of Columbus as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life and honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, with whom Pope Francis met earlier in the day in a private audience, was also at the Mass.

The Silver Rose program began in 1960 as an initiative of the Columbian Squires, the youth program of the Knights of Columbus. In the mid-1990s, the program was adopted as a Supreme Council program which grew to encompass routes for three silver roses. Last year, five silver roses made their way across North America.

This year, six silver roses traveled from Canada to Mexico to symbolize unity among the peoples in the Americas. The rose is also a symbol of the pro-life movement, which recognizes Our Lady of Guadalupe as its patroness.

The roses began their journey in Canada in May, and for six months were carried by Knights of Columbus throughout the western, central and eastern corridors of North America. The journey concluded on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the basilica bearing that name in Mexico City. The roses were presented before an image of Our Lady.

The Silver Rose program is replete with symbolism. The seven guides carrying the roses represent the sacraments of the Catholic faith and the ways to approach God. The thorns represent all the efforts and sacrifices of the Columbian Squires and Knights of Columbus along the way. Lastly, the strong stem represents faith.

In 2001, Supreme Knight Anderson dedicated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since that time, the Order has organized and supported numerous spiritual initiatives and academic conferences to promote devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe



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