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# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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### **Grand Knight's Message**



Happy St. Patrick's Day – and more!! There are many things to be grateful for and celebrate in March:

- March is also the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. The date of the solemnity of St. Joseph dates to the end of the 15th century; within a few centuries, the entire month, as a

time for

devotion to St. Joseph, became a tradition.

- The best known Saint in March is St. Patrick (389460 AD). We celebrate his martyrdom on March 17 each year because of his spirit of Christ-centered determination to see the knowledge of Christ prevail over the pagan strongholds of his day.
- March 29th is also the Knights of Columbus Founder's Day. Father McGivney was a priest quite familiar at every level with the indebtedness of the human condition. He was determined to address both the spiritual and financial debts with which the people he served were often bogged down. Thus was his goal of founding a fraternal benefit society born. From the start, he saw charity, unity, and a bit later, fraternity, as key principles for addressing and overcoming the spiritual and financial debts of Catholic families.

March is the month to focus on the importance of marriage and fatherhood. The Knights of Columbus has an initiative for Men entitled FATHERS FOR GOOD: <http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>. Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about

fatherhood, this Web site is for you. Take some time this month, honor St. Joseph, and checkout [FATHERS FOR GOOD](#). There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, the Knights wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking March 2015

without them. We also welcome wives who want to support their husbands in becoming the best fathers they can be.

We are in the last quarter of our fraternal year. We have been creating a presence but to continue our works means new members. We would like to see a minimum of another 20 new members before May. With your support we can make this happen. Change means new programs and new members to support those programs. Invite someone you know and let's make a difference together.

This is an exciting time of the year and now is an exciting time to be a part of our Council, the Bel Air Knight of Columbus. Thank you for all the great work you continue to do and the wonderful support you give to our Bel Air Council 4714.

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

I want to thank everyone who is supporting this year's activities while planning for next fraternal year. So far, I am impressed with the planning that I'm seeing

and I'm sure that I'm only aware of the tip of the iceberg. This will pay great dividends starting in July. The district free throw contest will be hosted by Bishop Becker Council on March 1 at Immaculate Conception school from 12 - 4. We have medals to present to the winners. Thank you to Tom Mulkern for keeping this activity going. Congratulations to those brother Knights who will become Sir Knights at the fourth degree exemplification on March 7. There will be a second degree held on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Bel Air Council. Let's plan to have a large contingent for this degree. A third degree will be held nearby at Fr. Abendschoen Council on Friday, March 20. Please support your council and parishes during Lent.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

**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

There are so many opportunities to enjoy fraternity with brother Knights and to let others know about the benefits of being a Knight. Wear your name badge at church events so people can see that you're a Knight.

**State Events**

- 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification - March 7 in Frederick •
  - State Spring Meeting - March 14 in Westminster.
  - State free throw contest - March 15
  - State Founder's Day Mass - March 22 - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Middle River, MD 21220, John Paul the Great Council 13859
- District Events**
- Sunday, March 1 - free throw contest hosted by Bishop Becker Council
  - Tuesday, March 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> degree at Corpus Christi Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, March 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at Bel Air Council - Candidates at 7:00 p.m.

**Richard Belmonte**, District Deputy #16, [rbbelmon@gmail.com](mailto:rbbelmon@gmail.com)

**Fraternal Benefits**

*Insurance Check-Up for 2015* Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

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

**Council Activities**

***Pot of Gold***

The name drawn at the February meeting was Martin Buchanan and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the March 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 Mary Doyle, mother of Brother Dan Doyle.

*John Knapstein*, 410-692-9823, [jdk92048@aol.com](mailto:jdk92048@aol.com)

## **Youth Activities**

### ***CUB PACK 999***

The Pack was recognized for having the 3rd highest popcorn sales in the district. Sales totaled a whopping \$17,719. Forty-seven scouts participated in this year's fund raiser. Dens 3, 5 and 7 had 100% participation and earned a pizza party for their respective dens.

The three top popcorn sellers were: Mason Denny, Den 7 with \$1215 in sales, Aidan Folmer, Den 7 with \$933, and in 3rd place Ethan Card, Den 7, with 920 in sales. Money earned in the popcorn drive go toward future scout projects and events.

Sunday March 1, the pack will celebrate the Annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Richlin Ballroom. This event will include rank advancement, skits, silent auction, and awards in addition to a delicious meal. This event is the cub scouts annual birthday party.

Wednesday March 18, the pack will participate in the annual Arrow of Light ceremony at the Council. This is the event where webeloes will be promoted to tenderfoot rank in the boy scouts. It is anticipated that 6 webeloes will cross over to Troop 999.

### ***Troop 999***

The troop spent 4 glorious days on the lakes in Minnesota. This is the Northern Tier trip which the troop had planned. They traveled by air to Minnesota on February 4 and returned on February 8. Five adults and 5 scouts enjoyed the winter wonderland dog sledding, ice fishing, and various other activities.

On Wednesday, 2/11, the webeloes and their parents from pack 999 met with the Scout Master Marshall Burkins from Troop 999. He gave an overview of current troop activities and some of the future plans for the troop and how the new scouts and their parents can participate in these activities. Seven webeloes from pack 999 will be joining the troop in the Crossover Ceremony on March 18.

The troop took part in Operation Icicle held at Broad Creek. Of the thirty-six scout troops participating, Troop 999 placed 10th in the overall competition. This event was held on January 23-25.

*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 March (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**

What can I say? This has been a very uneventful winter season for CLSO because of all the unpleasant weather. We canceled our January meeting due to inclement weather and planned to cover all our bases in February, but old Mother Nature had other plans! She sure hasn't been very ladylike lately. Therefore I don't have much to report. On the other hand we have been busy with the prayer chain and telephone tree updates. I extend thanks to our wonderful ladies who jumped in and made phone calls for our sisters who were sick. Also many thanks for keeping the prayers coming. Great job!

We have had some good news along the way. Maria Vigliante, our emerita, successfully battled serious illness with a hospital stay and rehab, but is now home. That's the result of prayer and a strong will at work. God bless you, Maria. Several of our other members have been under the weather but I think everyone is on the mend and hopefully there will be no more serious illness. Thank You, Jesus, prayers are in order.

More good news: We have also finally (!) put our tax reporting woes behind us. This has been a demanding, exasperating, experience which has spanned many months. Pat L. put a lot of effort into trying to get this all straightened out last fraternal year. Everyone was relieved and happy. But we were not done yet. The IRS made several more requests for information and documentation. So our treasurer, Karen W, jumped into the ring for Round Two with the IRS. Thank you so much.

Let's hope we March doesn't present us with more difficulties. Cross your fingers. Our next meeting will be March 10th, at 7 PM. We will be signing Easter Cards for the Veterans and celebrating an early St Patrick's Day. Wear or wear something GREEN. Till then, stay warm, be safe and God bless you all.

Parting Thought: I'm tired of winter. I wish we could fast forward to complaining about how hot it is.

***Dee Kozlowski***, President CLSO

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