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Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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Grand Knight's Message

Happy Mother's Day!! In May, as sons and fathers we honor our Mothers and Wives at Mother's Day; as Knights we also honor Mary; Mother of Jesus.

Motherhood is the world's most difficult and rewarding job. It requires the woman to accept change as it is a calling of ultimate sacrifice, a mandate to give entirely of the self for one's children. To all our ladies and all our Mothers: thank you accepting change, for choosing life and for choosing to be a Mother.

Change is upon our Council as well. We have been supporting change for two years, working to "Create a Presence" in our community. However, the change our Council is currently facing is much larger. If you go to the Newport Room (not Council Hall) you will find a professional Caterer managing our kitchen and rentals. You will also find the building freshly painted, and much more. Our Bel Air Kay Cee Club Inc. the "Home Corps." has been doing an excellent job adapting to a changing managerial situation.

At the April business meeting you voted to allow the Grand Knight to enter into a contract with our Bel Air Kay Cee Club Inc. legally separating the "Home Corps" from the "Council" creating/requiring a more business-like relationship. This is being driven by Supreme and is a 20 year contract. It is a five year contract with three automatic five year extensions. This could potentially cause enormous change and is something you should think about, talk over, comment on, and ensure your opinion is heard.

Although there are a number of outcomes there are really only a two potential paths. Do we model our new relationship after "Columbus Gardens" asking our members who have accepted the task to manage the Home Corp to run a for profit business: or do we retain the original purpose for building the Newport Room which was a place for the Council to meet?

In May, discussions between the Council (lead by Kevin McNamera, DKG) and the "Home Corps" (lead by Tony Lamencusa Kay Cee President) will occur to work out the details on how these two organizations made up of the same fraternal group of men will work together? What direction do you think should be taken? What Change is acceptable? What is not? Vivat Jesus,

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

District Deputy

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk whose motto is ***Be not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage.***

Our next first degree will be held at Havre de Grace Council on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Please inform the GK Luke Lakatta and FS Matthias Andrelewicz if you have candidates. The district will hold a 2nd degree at Bel Air Council on Monday, June 8 with candidates arriving at 7:00 p.m. and the degree starting at 7:30 p.m. A 3rd degree will be held on Friday, June 5 at Patapsco Council.

Our next district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 10 - 12 at Bel Air Council in Forest Hill. Current and incoming Grand Knights for 2015 - 2016 are expected to attend. Any council officer is welcome to attend, especially chair officers.

From May 17 - June 6, we'll have the Immaculate Conception Icon in the district. If your council would like to use it along with instructions and prayer books, let me know soon so we can schedule your turn with the icon. Best wishes for a successful Columbian year. Vivat Jesus,

Dick Belmonte, District Deputy and,
Dave Meneghini, District Warden

Fraternal Benefits

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL

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Council Activities

Club Steward

Anyone who is interested in bartending events contact John Knapstein 410-692-9823. There will be an alcohol awareness training session on June 3rd. If interested contact John for additional info.

Knight with the Orioles

The date is June 28, 2015 against the Cleveland Indians at 135 PM. \$14 per ticket. If anyone is interested in going, please have them contact me at 410-652-5514 or at frostymatt@msn.com.

Matt Behrens

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 April meeting was Roger Broadwater and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the May meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tom Sutera

Marian Devotion

The May Social (Tuesday, May 19th) will be our annual Marian Devotion. Please join us for a few prayers, hymns, and possibly an Icon that is traveling through the District. We will also include crowning the Blessed Mother statue in the hall. All of this will be indoors. We will also have another Family of the Month to honor. After the devotion there will be sandwiches and dessert.

Tom Sutera

Sick and Deceased

Please remember in your prayers, David Kerber son-in-law of Paul Zarachowicz, Martin Buchanan, Al Kramer, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Vernon West, and Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs. Pray for all members of the council and the Ladies and especially the recent deceased.

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

First Degree News

Congratulations to Brothers Jerry Wagner, John Knapstein, and Tom Krista, who were recently certified in their roles on the First Degree team. Cards and medallions marking their certification were presented at our April business meeting. Those of you who are not members of the team, please consider taking a role. Contact me at kgm4714@gmail.com or 443-409-4186.

The First Degree will be exemplified at our June business meeting. In addition, the district First Degree schedule for the next fraternal year has been submitted to State. First Degrees at Bel Air Council are scheduled for these dates:

- August 4, 2015
- January 5, 2016
- May 3, 2016

Kevin McNamara, Team Captain

Fourth Degree News

The Fourth Degree will be exemplified on Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Annapolis Council. Any Third Degree Knight in good standing is eligible to

join the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and experience the Patriotic Degree.

Kevin McNamara, DGK, PFN

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 May (3rd) 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

Youth Activities

PACK 999: The Blue & Gold was held on Saturday 3/21 at the Richland Ballroom. The cub scouts performed various skits and songs. Awards were presented to the scouts for various achievements.

The pack celebrated National Arbor Day by planting trees in Darlington. About 6 cubs with parents participated in the tree plantings. Despite the rain, they were joined by various other groups who also enjoyed food and refreshments, a petting zoo for the youngsters and other festive activities.

On 4/19, the cub pack will venture on a 3 mile hike and scavenger hunt at Eden Mill.

TROOP 999: On 3/18, 7 new scouts joined the troop in a crossover ceremony. Senior scouts dressed in Native American dress for the occasion. Four of the scouts represented the 4 winds acknowledging the webelos accomplishments and encouraging them to continue their journey in scouting.

During the meeting of 4/1 SPL Josh Card conducted various exercises with the 7 new scouts, who were drilled on the scout salute, scout law, scout oath and

slogan. The new scouts were tested on physical stamina.

On 4/18, the troop participated in the youth sports opening day ceremonies at the Forest Hill Rec Center. The troop presented the colors and led the parade as the honor guard.

Troop meeting of 4/15 included practice for the honor guard which included some of the new scouts. They were shown how to hold the flags and march. The meeting also included preparation for the overnight camping trip scheduled for May 2 and 3. Ven Widder, Life Scout, explained what gear should be carried in a typical duffle bag for the outdoor venture.

Joseph Pisani

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

I am delighted to report that our Bob Evans Christmas Fund Raiser netted us \$367.00. Thank you, Sharon DiMatteo, Great job!

We are trying to arrange a Luncheon Meeting for May to include the ladies who find it inconvenient to attend the meetings at night. You will get a call soon to confirm time and date. We miss you!

CLSO sent out donations to St Margaret's and St Mark's for their Confirmation Programs and we also made a donation to The Sharing Table. CLSO is also actively participating with 'Bagged Lunches' for the homeless.

We have been making significant income with the weekly "Ladies Game" each Friday at Bingo. Thank you, Mary Sporney, Virginia Birkowitz, Karen Warner, and Pat Rebbert for your faithful assistance with this fundraising effort.

Ladies, please be sure to let me know if you have any special prayer requests. It's really nice to say a 'Thank You, Jesus' prayer now and then.

Our Saint of the Month for May is Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and our color is White and Blue. May is the month of the ROSARY. Strive to say the rosary every day during May in honor of the Our Lady. If anyone needs a rosary please call me.

Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO

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