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COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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Grand Knight

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families,

Within weeks of announcing to the council that we had a co-chaplain from St. Margaret, we learned that the Archdiocese was reassigning Fr. James Boric to St. John parish in Severna Park effective September 1. We need to pray for an influx of seminarians to become priests and minister the sacraments of the Church. I'm told there is one seminarian to be ordained to the priesthood next year. ONE. Fr. John Cunningham, also an associate pastor at St. Margaret, told me when Father James' transfer was announced that they didn't know if Fr. James would be replaced, so short are we on priests in the archdiocese. While it's certain that the missionary work of the Church is not conducted solely by the clergy — we laity, especially as Knights, assuredly have our place in the new evangelization — we need to pray that the Lord would send laborers into His harvest, especially into His seminaries.

The August social was rather well attended. The July and August families of the month were presented; those assembled prayed a pro-life rosary led by Culture of Life chair Ted Kunkle; and DGK and program director John Knapstein announced an impressive social program the likes of which haven't been seen in this council in years. Again, improving our serve, this time our service of the brethren and families that make up our council. Brother John's list of upcoming socials will appear later in this newsletter; please plan now to attend as many as you can.

The current first degree schedule does not have Bel Air Council hosting a degree until January. That doesn't mean we can hold off on recruiting new members. District 16, as has been announced in many other places, has scheduled at least one first degree each month of the fraternal year. There will always be a degree to which we can take a new member. Please remember also that the year's first second degree will

be held at the hall on Monday, October 5, with a third degree in our district at St. Joan of Arc parish in Aberdeen, under the sponsorship of Havre de Grace Council, on Friday, November 6. Our membership goals for the year are 19 new members and seven new insurance members. Let's exceed those goals.

Vivat Jesus.

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight

District Deputy

Installations will have been completed by August 29. It was truly an honor to install the officers of each council. Each installation ceremony was unique and special in its own way. Many thanks to the Grand Knights for organizing these events and a special thanks to DW Dave Meneghini for his superb planning and preparation for each event.

Now is the time to be preparing for your October membership event at your parish(es). Order your supplies now and get your chaplain or pastor's permission and intent well ahead of time.

Good luck with your car raffle and Tootsie Roll drives. Not only do they raise money, but they are terrific events to involve many members of the council in an activity and let your parish and community know that the Knights of Columbus are active.

State Events

- Special Olympics week from September 13 - 19. Plan an event now to support MD Special Olympics.

District Events

- First degree at Corpus Christi Council, September 1 at 7:30 p.m.
- Second degree at Bel Air Council, Monday October 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- District meeting at St. Ignatius parish center, October 10 from 10 - 12 a.m.
- Third degree at St. Joan of Arc Church, Law St. Aberdeen, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer shootout - TBD

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

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Events

•September 10 - Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521, 7 p.m., 4301 Klosterman Ave. Baltimore, MD 21236 - Shrimp Night and Ladies Activities

•October 8 - Resurrection Council #11341, 8 P.M. 3175 Paulskirk Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Fraternal Benefits

Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to

secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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Council Activities

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 August meeting was Mark DiCocco and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the September meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tom Sutera

First Degree

The next first degree in Bel Air Council is scheduled for our first business meeting of the new calendar year, January 5, 2016. Plan on a rehearsal between now and then. For brothers who are interested in taking a role in the degree, especially if you've already been approached by a team member to take a part or if you've already expressed interest in taking a part, watch this space for the announcement of the rehearsal date and time.

Kevin McNamara, Team Co-Captain

Fourth Degree

The next exemplification of the fourth degree is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Annapolis Council. If you would like to

become a fourth degree Knight, there's still time to get your application submitted — but not much. E-mail me at kgm4714@gmail.com so we can get a Form 4 into your hands and vote you in.

Kevin McNamara, PFN

Family Activities

Congratulations to our July Family of the Month, Al and Linda DiCocco, and to our August Family of the Month, Tom and Alicia Rappold. Their certificates were presented at the August social. Al is the council Financial Secretary, taking over this fraternal year from Tom Sutera, who resigned the post after six years of exemplary service. Al is also the treasurer of the Kay Cee Club, in addition to having served as DGK for current District Deputy Dick Belmonte during Dick's tenure as Grand Knight. Tom has also been a chair officer, having served as both Warden and Chancellor under a number of administrations, and for quite some time has been our efficient, effective, and energetic bingo chairman. Both brothers benefit from the unstinting support of their lovely ladies. We thank them for their service to and support of the council. Their Family of the Month selections come not only with the certificate, but with gift cards to their favorite restaurants. Enjoy! And thank you!



Tom Sutera presents the July Family of the Month certificate to Al and Linda DiCocco.



Tom Sutera presents the August Family of the Month certificate to Tom and Alicia Rappold.

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 September (6th) 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

I know you have all been waiting to hear who Our Wonderful Ladies selected as Lady of the Year. The winner was announced at the Catholic Ladies Service Organization Annual Birthday Party which was held at the Steelefish Grille on August 16, 2015. This year our well-deserved recipient is Sharon DiMatteo! Congratulations, Sharon!

The other ladies who also received recognition for their service to the group are: (in alphabetical order) Virginia Berkowitz, Betty Bourgeois, Natalie Boyd, Diane Custer, Patricia Lijewski, Marion Oliva, Pat Rebbert, Mary Sporney and Karen Warner. Additionally, all the ladies in attendance enjoyed birthday cake and received a small birthday surprise. Happy Birthday Ladies!

On August 18, Pat & Terry Lijewski, Dave & Diane Custer, Sharon DiMatteo and Dee & Dick Kozlowski and several other friends met at Perry Point VA Hospital to assist at a Bingo for the disabled resident veterans. Everyone had a great time and as always it is hard to tell who enjoyed it more - the Veterans or the volunteers.

Our next Business-Luncheon Meeting (Dutch treat with separate checks) will be September 8, 2015, 1PM at the Silver Spring Mining Company, Bel Air. Call Dee at 410-676-2862 for reservations.

Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO.

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