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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,

It's only October. But this being the November issue of the Councilairs, our thoughts turn to a time of thanks.

No matter what stresses and strains we face on a daily basis, we have many reasons to be grateful. For one, we are grateful that God has granted us life. Even if we are suffering, we have the capacity to unite our suffering with brethren the world over who are suffering worse than we are. And we can be grateful that our suffering might be used to bring others to Christ.

We are grateful that Christ is our Lord and that we belong to His Holy Catholic Church. We are grateful for those faithful stewards, our priests, bishops, and religious, who minister on behalf of our Church and who make its sacraments available to us.

We are grateful, of course, for our families, for those present with us now, and for those who have gone before us, under our roofs and in our Knights of Columbus families

As I write this, our Soccer Challenge champions are preparing for the district contest on October 24. Congratulations to Youth Chairman Joe Pisani and to all who worked with him to make this happen. On to the Basketball Challenge!

We didn't get quite as much turnout for the St. Margaret Fall Festival as I had hoped. But the Fall Festival committee reached out to us to express their gratitude for those in our council family who helped out with their annual fund-raiser. This was also the first year we were able to sell tickets to the car raffle at the Fall Festival; so we are thankful to the committee for that. We should all be thankful for the

effort put forward by Brother Dick Kozlowski in running the raffle again this year.

Lastly, don't forget that our brothers and sisters in the Middle East are being persecuted for belonging to Jesus, driven from their ancient homelands, martyred for being believers. Let's continue to pray for them, for their safety, for their lives. I encourage you to wear orange to remember to pray for them.

Vivat Jesus.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### **District Deputy**

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Please consider attending a Thanksgiving Mass this year. Remember our departed brothers and sisters by attending one or more of the Memorial Masses being offered this month.

The District Deputy fall meeting in Cumberland was one of the better state-wide meetings that I have attended. Among the highlights, we learned that registration for the convention will be much improved this year. Details will be coming out soon. Father Jordan preached that we must be tolerant and understanding of others who might be "different". He was reflecting on Pope Francis' admonition, "Who am I to judge?" Fr. Jordan offered an example of how we might feel if at the Mass, he only offered the Eucharist to men with green ties.

Do you have someone in mind who would benefit from being a Knight? Have you let him know why you're a Knight? At a minimum, let your Grand Knight know who he is and perhaps someone else can approach him. As Knights we have a moral imperative to invite Catholic men to be Knights.

The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be holding its Memorial Mass on November 12, at John Paul the Great Council in Middle River at 7:00 pm.

## 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

On November 16, the state will be holding its annual Memorial Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Mitchellville at 1:30 p.m. Former District Deputy Walt Williams is chairing the event.

Remember that Tootsie Roll funds must be sent to the state with the applicable report by December 1.

### State Events

- State Memorial Mass to be held on November 8 at St. Matthias the Apostle Church in Lanham, MD beginning with the reading of the necrology at 1:30 p.m. More information is on the state website.

### District Events

- Third degree at St. Joan of Arc Church, 222 Law St., Aberdeen, MD on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. with candidates to report at 7:00 p.m.
- First degree at Havre de Grace Council, Good Shepherd School hall on November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

### Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knight Events

- November 12 - Chapter Memorial Mass at 7 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Rd., Middle River, MD 21220
- December 10 - Chapter Christmas Party at 7 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Peach Church, 10003 Bird River Rd., Middle River, MD 21220

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### Fraternal Benefits

#### Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great

benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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

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### Council Activities

#### *Club Steward*

Thanks to Dan Doyle who planted some Fall flowers and Chuck Lasek for more door repairs in the council home.

#### *Upcoming Social Meetings*

- Our November social will be our annual council memorial Mass. Please plan now to join us on November 17 for this commemoration.
- December-Christmas party, gifts for Birthright
- January-Souper bowl

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### ***Sick and Deceased***

Please remember in your prayers, Bernie Classon, Don Litz, Al Kramer, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Vernon West, Ray Caralle, Chuck DuVall and Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs. Please pray for the deceased son, Brad, of Mike Siptroth.

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### ***October Social***

Our October social was the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program. This was a beautiful prayer to Our Lady for the cause of life. Thanks to Brother Ted Kunkel, our Culture of Life chairman, for leading the rosary during the program. Thanks also to all who came and participated. The fire safety program also planned for October was pre-empted by the untimely passing of a former assistant chief of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Company, William "Bill" Frank, who only in September had become a member of the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company and who suddenly passed away at his place of work. His memorial service coincided with our social; and much like the Knights, when one fire company loses a member, they all treat it as if they lost a member. We hope we will be able to reschedule the fire safety program for a later social.

**Kevin McNamara**



The silver rose graces the display of the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The icon includes a second-class relic. (It's that small dot in the area on the bottom right of the frame.)

### ***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 October meeting was Jerry Valcik and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the November meeting will remain at \$50.00.

**Tom Sutera**

### **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 November (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**

#### ***Breakfast with Santa***

Our cooperative Breakfast with Santa with the St. Ignatius Holy Name Society will be held at the St. Ignatius Parish Center on December 12. There will be two servings: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7 and children under 7 are free. Sausage and Pancakes will be served at the two servings. For ticket information call Pete Kozak at 410-638-6106. Pete has made arrangements with Santa to be there with Christmas gifts for the kids.

**John Knapstein**

## **Youth Activities**

### ***Troop 999***

Life Scout Ven Widder of Troop 999 completed his Eagle Project on October 19/20. A retaining wall was built behind the shed to eliminate the erosion caused

by cutting into the embankment to accommodate the shed. Originally Ven was going to build the wall out of landscape timbers, but decided to use stone to improve the design and durability. A drain pipe which was placed under the wall caused some erosion, washing soil into the parking lot. The troop will place stone in the area where the water exits the pipe to prevent further erosion.

Also on 9/18, the troop not involved in the construction of the retaining wall ventured on a tubing expedition on the Gunpowder. The river expedition started at Camp Wood on Bunker Hill Road and ended at Monkton Station. Seven scouts enjoyed the adventure. All were instructed in water safety at the troop meeting on 9/16 and again before the expedition. All scouts were equipped with floatation devises.

### ***Pack 999***

Pack 999 had 6 scouts attend STEM DAY at APG on 9/12. This year marked the first time the event was open to all girl scout troops. During the opening ceremony, J. D. Hewitt, deputy director for US Army Research, Development & Engineering Command, challenged the scouts to use the opportunity to network and learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) careers. Scouts worked on various merit badges and during lunch break scouts, parents and volunteers rotated through exhibits set up around the Shore Park Picnic Area. Assisting in this event were 10 Navy Midshipmen from the US Navy Academy, all are Eagle Scouts.

The Cub Pack will hold their annual Cubmobile Races on Sunday 11/8 from 9:30am – 1:00pm on Newport Drive. The road will be blocked to traffic during that time frame. A representative from the pack will obtain the required permits for the road closing. In order to prepare for the cubmobile event, Pit Day will be held on Sunday, 10/18 at 11:00am until all work on the cars is completed.

Harford District will hold its Cub Fun Day at Camp Oest in Darlington. Included in this outing are such activities as rocket launching, target practice with BB guns, archery, and nature hikes.

### ***Other Youth Activities***

The annual soccer challenge was held on Saturday 9/19 at The John Carroll School. Although only 9 youngsters participated in the event it was considered a success since this was the first such event sponsored by the Council in about 10 years. Five of the participants made champion in their respective age groups and their names were forwarded to district for the next round in the challenge. Many thanks to all the Council members who assisted me in carrying out this event. In particular, I would like to thank Greg Kacher who was instrumental in getting the Council onto the John Carroll campus. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank Steve Conley for his very capable help and guidance in getting this event started again.

Finally, a few months ago at our business meeting, I was handed a Youth Activity Package. One of the activities listed was the donation of rosaries to the children taking their 1st communion. I explored this possibility with St. Mark, but found that Faith Formation Administrator Bridgit Goedeke had already provided rosaries for this group. So I inquired about the youngsters who are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next May and Megan Quaranta graciously accepted my offer. As a result the Bel Air Council will donate 50 rosaries to the children of St Mark Parish who will be confirmed next May.

***Joseph Pisani***

### **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

### **Third Degree**

Brothers! Don't forget that there is a third degree scheduled in our district for the first time in more than a few years. Our brothers at Havre de Grace Council are hosting this degree. Pencil this into your calendar: Friday, November 6, at St. Joan of Arc parish in Aberdeen. If you're only a second-degree Knight, please plan on making your third at this degree; contact me or Membership Chairman Tom Krista so we can advise the District Deputy. And you third-degree Knights: If you haven't been to a third degree in, say, the last five years, please avail yourself of this opportunity to see the latest version of the ceremonial. Candidates please arrive by 7:00pm; third-degree Knights, please plan to arrive by 7:15pm. Jacket and tie strongly encouraged for all in attendance.

**Kevin McNamara**

### **Fourth Degree**

The next exemplification of the fourth degree is scheduled for March 2016 at the Francis Scott Key Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick (details when they become available). If you would like to become a fourth degree Knight, there's still time to get your application submitted. E-mail me at kgm4714@gmail.com so we can get a Form 4 into your hands and vote you in.

**Kevin McNamara**, PFN

### **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Hello Everyone!

*The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.*  
Robert Burns.

These words were written long ago but they are still true. Mother Nature had other plans for October 3rd, the day we planned to hold the Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's. The threatened hurricane never materialized (thank God) but to err on the side of safety for our ladies and our benefactors seemed like

the best course. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of many of our wonderful ladies and friends who donated the price of their tickets we were able to credit our treasury with \$374.50 in spite of canceling the event. Thank you all so much.

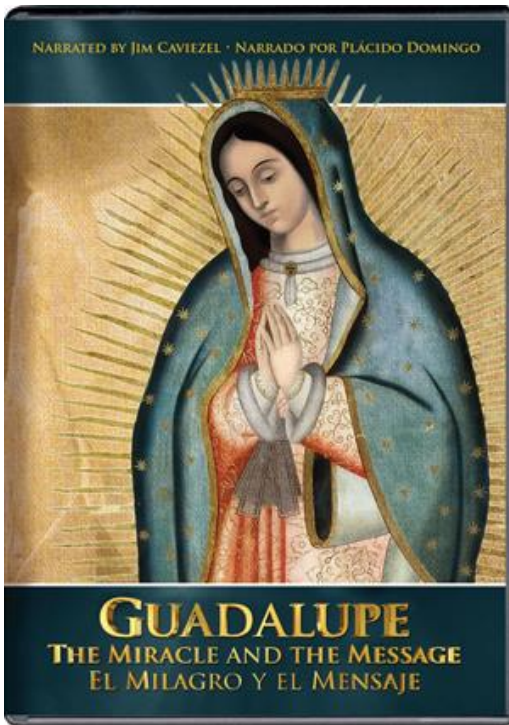
Karen Warner is selling tickets for our beautiful Autumn Harvest Treasures Basket. Chances are \$1. Please be sure to send your ticket stubs and money to Karen - the drawing will be Friday Nov. 20 after the Ladies' Game at Bingo. You do not have to be present to win.

Which reminds me - . I want to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to the Tom Rappold and the entire Bingo Committee for the thoughtfulness, generosity and help they extend to CLSO every month and particularly with our Bingo Caddy Raffle and the Autumn Harvest Treasures Basket Raffle. Thank you, Gentlemen! You are the greatest.

**IMPORTANT!! THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE MADE TO THE MEETING TIME AND PLACE OF OUR NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE AT 7PM - NOVEMBER 10 AT THE NEWPORT ROOM (COUNCIL HOME).** Our original plans had to be changed because of the time conflict with the Veteran's Bingo which will be held at 1:30 at Perry Point VA Hospital.

We will be participating with the Knights in collecting nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving. Please bring your donation to the next meeting or to the Friday night bingo. If you bring a food item to bingo you will receive a free bingo card. The annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on November 17th at the Social.

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Trailer

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**New Documentary on Our Lady of Guadalupe to Air on ABC  
between Oct. 11 and Dec. 10**

<http://www.guadalupefilm.com>

A new documentary film narrated by actor Jim Caviezel offers original insights into the details, story and impact of the 16th century apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe — one of the most recognizable religious icons in the American hemisphere.

The Knights of Columbus-produced film, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*, paints a comprehensive and inspiring picture of the history, facts and legacy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Being aired as part of ABC’s Visions and Values Series, the documentary will have a broadcast window from Oct. 11 to Dec. 10.

The film delves into the inexplicable existence of the image that appeared on the tilma (cloak) of an indigenous convert named Juan Diego, who, over the course of four days in December 1531, received a series of visions of the Virgin Mary. The indigenous people were amazed how the image revealed important elements of the Christian faith through native symbols — an actual codex — that they could understand. Most experts and historians affirm that the image miraculously imprinted on the tilma resulted in the conversion of millions to the Catholic faith.

“The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to build bridges between cultures and worlds and began the transformation of our continent into a Christian continent of hope,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, executive producer of the film. “The apparition helped to unite the entire continent in a way that didn’t exist before. Through her intercession, then and now, those throughout this hemisphere have found a deep and shared sense of faith, hope and identity.”

The image itself has long been puzzling to the scientific community, since it has been shown to exist without having been painted, has survived despite extreme age, adverse conditions and a bombing. The image also exhibits features reminiscent of photographs, such as reflections in the image’s eyes, even though it appeared hundreds of years before photography.

*Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* brings this remarkable history to life through modern reenactments, 3D animations which allow viewers an unprecedented glimpse into the intricacies of the centuries-old wonder and interviews with leading theologians, historians and scientists.

The film also dispels popular myths, including that the image’s impact does not extend past Mexico’s border.

“Some see Our Lady of Guadalupe as a Mexican or as a Latin American, Hispanic phenomenon,” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “However, this understanding is incomplete. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of all of America and of the Philippines as well. She is loved and embraced across cultural lines throughout this continent and beyond.”

For more information about the film, including broadcast times and the DVD release, visit [www.guadalupefilm.com](http://www.guadalupefilm.com) or follow the hashtag #guadalupefilm.

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**Knights of Columbus presents**

# ***The Return of All Night Bingo***

***Date: Saturday, November 21, 2015***

**Time: Doors open at 3:30 pm**

**All proceeds to be donated to “Birthright”**

**Numbers posted for first Silent Bingo game at 4:30 pm**

**Regular Bingo begins at 5:00 pm**

**54 games plus Silent Bingo, Specials, Quickie and Player’s Jackpot  
finale – 63 games total**

**Admission: \$30 for full set of cards**

**\$15 for additional sets**

**Silent Bingo, Specials, Quickie and Player’s Jackpot not included in admission  
price – Advance Ticket Sales \$25 for full set**

**Dinner & Dessert provided with paid admission**

**Contact Tom Rappold at 443-371-6862 for additional information**

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