



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### **Grand Knight**

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families,

So how's your winter going? As I write this, we're all watching out for a potentially huge snowstorm approaching the area. It brings up a point: Not only be prepared for the worst, but also check on your brothers and sisters, especially the ones who don't get out much. Make sure they're OK, not only in the wake of the expected storm, but throughout the year. Charity is, after all, the first principle of our Order.

Those of you who missed our annual Souper Bowl not only missed out on ten different soups and chilis — all of which were delicious — but also missed the announcement that our Tootsie Roll efforts — spearheaded once again by Paul Zarachowicz, with an able assist from Tony Lamancusa — brought us some notice at the state level. Specifically, our \$6700+ gave us third place in total collections for our division and second in our division for per capita collection. The two councils who pulled in more money than we did each pulled in just over \$10,000. There's a goal for next year!

Congratulations to Brothers John Cerino and John Messler, who both made both their first and second degrees in January. Oh, wait, we don't call them first and second degrees now. In fact, it was decided, and we were told about it at the mid-term meeting earlier in January, that the degrees will now have names; specifically, the Admission, Formation, Knighthood, and Patriotic Degrees. Now, for as long as I can remember (and I've been a Knight for 22 years now), the fourth degree was always known as the Patriotic Degree. But when the names were announced at the mid-term, brothers who have been in the order a lot longer than I spoke up to say that these were the names they remember. So we're recovering a bit of our history to use these names for the degrees.

If you attended our last business meeting, where we conducted an Admission degree, you will recall that we named Msgr. Michael Schlepner, pastor of St. Margaret, as our honoree. I had the opportunity not long thereafter to present Father Mike with his certificate. He was genuinely surprised and pleased by the honor; and he not only indicated he was aware of the honor thus accorded him, but he also thanked the Knights, individually and as a council, for all the service we render to the parish. This is precisely what we've been trying to do for the last two and a half years: creating a presence in our parishes, improving our serve there. Additionally, Supreme Council has announced an initiative designed to integrate council activities throughout the order more fully into the lives of the parishes we support. Details are still being worked out at all levels. It should be noted, though, that Fr. McGivney's original vision was for a council in every parish.

I would be remiss if I did not make note of the fact that we lost a lot of brothers and sisters since the last issue of the Councilairs. Brothers Bernie Sporney and Ross Liberati died within three days of each other, with Ross passing away on Christmas night. Bernie was bereft of his loving wife Mary only 20 days prior to his own passing. Additionally, our widow Olga Barkkume went to be with her husband and our brother Richard; Donnell Balmert, PGK of a Florida council but a member of our council, passed around the same time as Olga; and of course, Charlie Mack passed away near the beginning of January. A lot of reasons to keep our brothers and sisters in prayer. This newsletter does not have enough room to provide each of these beloved brothers and sisters a proper memorial. Just keep their memory alive in your hearts as you pray for the families they leave behind.

It was called to my attention that the January Councilairs misidentified the jazz ensemble that performed for the December First Friday at St. Margaret, for which Brothers Tom Sutera and the late

## **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

Ross Liberati (boy, that reads strangely) coordinated the effort. While I personally might have been interested to listen to the Edgewood High jazz ensemble, being an EHS alumnus and a former member of their jazz ensemble, the jazz band that graced our luncheon was from Havre de Grace High School, under the direction of Mr. Richard Hauf. I've known Rick for more than a decade; I even covered for him more than once when I was substitute teaching. It was something of a rush job for Rick and his band that day: They had to get back to school so they could rejoin the larger concert/marching band to play a pep rally for the Warrior football team, which was playing in the State championship the next day in Baltimore. (Spoiler alert: they lost.)

Once again, I encourage you to wear orange in honor of our persecuted and martyred brethren to remember to pray for them, and to encourage others to do the same.

Vivat Jesus.

*Kevin McNamara*, Grand Knight

### **District Deputy**

I want to thank Bel Air Council for hosting the Admission (first) degree in January. As a result of the degree, the district has 3 new members, two from Bel Air and one from Havre de Grace Council. This was one of the best degrees I've attended in some time just from the standpoint of support by the members. Havre de Grace had its members of their first degree team at the degree, Bel Air had a good turn out and District 27 with Mason-Dixon Council had a strong showing as well. There had to be 40 brother Knights in attendance that evening. Great way to start 2016! I appreciate the support of the district in conducting the Formation (second) degree on January 11 with 14 brothers advancing. Again, we had more than 40 brothers at the exemplification for that degree. The team did a great job in the presentation of the degree.

Many thanks to Walt Williams, PGK, FDD for leading the team this year.

Some of the highlights from the mid-term meeting were listening to a video of the Supreme Knight delivering his remarks about "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish". Simply put, we are being challenged to find ways for us to work with our pastors to support them in their parish ministries with emphasis on families and youth. This will NOT be an overnight change, rather one that is built on relationships and a record of being there to help. Another change is that the first degree will be referred to as the Admission Degree; second degree as the Formation Degree and third degree as the Knighthood Degree. More to come in the coming weeks and months.

If you are planning to attend the MD state convention in mid-May, now is the time to go to the MD state website and register for the convention and reserve your room. It would be nice to see many of you from the district attend this year and we'll find out who will be the next state warden. Havre de Grace Council is leading the organization of the hospitality room for the district this year.

It's hard to believe that Lent is already just about upon us. It's a great time to ask ourselves how we can make a difference to our church, community and council.

**District Events** The next two Admission degrees will be at Havre de Grace Council on February 18 at 7:30 p.m. and at Corpus Christi Council on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. There are fish fries on Friday nights during Lent at Havre de Grace Council and Corpus Christi Council. I can personally recommend both.

## **Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knight Events**

- February 11 - Patapsco Council #1960, 7 p.m. (Ladies Night), 1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228
- March 10 - Fr. Abendschoen Council #11615 (Honoree Night), 5212 McCormick Ave, Baltimore, MD 21206

**Richard Belmonte**, District Deputy #16,  
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## **Fraternal Benefits**

### **Protecting Your Family... Business?**

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## **Council Activities**

### **Social Meetings**

Our January social was our annual and ever-popular Souper Bowl. Many thanks to Brother Tom Rappold, who coordinated this year's event. We had ten different soups and chilis; and almost everyone sampled almost every one. It was so difficult to pick a winner, Brother Tom decided from the start that this

year's Souper Bowl would be non-competitive. Everyone's a winner! (Sounds like a song cue...) And every one was.

Our February social will be ... well, right now, we don't know for sure. So stay tuned! It'll be a surprise!  
**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### ***Program Chairs Needed***

We need chairmen for our Family program and our Church program. Please step up. Contact any chair officer (GK Kevin McNamara, DGK John Knapstein, Chancellor Eric Tiso, Warden Bob Knorr) to volunteer.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

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

Please remember in your prayers, Al Kramer, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Vernon West, Ray Caralle, Chuck DuVall, Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs, and Jean Potter. Pray for the recently deceased brothers Donnell Balmart, Charlie Mack, Ross Liberati, and Bernie Sporney.

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### ***Inclement Weather Policy***

This policy is set forth to give guidance on The K of C hall closures when inclement weather is present. All youth activities and bingo will follow the closures established by the Harford County School system for SNOW events only.

Closures for other meetings and events will follow the policy for Harford County Government. The County web site [www.harfordcountymd.gov](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov) will give the latest closure information. The Harford County Government closure phone line is 410-638-3484 and has the same information as the website.

The Constant Contact System will also be used to disseminate information about meetings via email. For those who do not have computers or email capability, smoke signals will be sent from the council home 2 hours prior to the meeting

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### ***Hall Steward***

I do not pay attention to notes left on the marker board in the kitchen like Jerry did. I prefer a phone call to discuss the actual problem and what has been done or tried to fix it. This eliminates duplication of effort. I

am old fashioned, I like to talk on the phone rather than getting an email or a text.

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### ***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 for \$5.00 was John Fitch, Sr. and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the February meeting will be \$10.00.

**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 February (7th) 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**

### ***Annual Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland***

Calling all Council 4714 Knights, sons, male friends and relatives to Eexperience a one day Lenten Retreat locally held in association with the Evangelization Arm of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and in collaboration with the Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Annual Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland "***Trust and Mercy***"

If any doubt view the "Call to Battle" video sponsored by Archdioces of Phoenix at [www.intothebreach.net](http://www.intothebreach.net) or at the youtube link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=20&v=9mDzNm7cylw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=20&v=9mDzNm7cylw)

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Advance registration recommended at

[www.catholicmensfellowship.com](http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com)

Car pooling recommended

For more information, if needed, contact parish captains:

- St. Margaret: Frank Cann, [yhpcwg@comcast.net](mailto:yhpcwg@comcast.net)
- St. Mark: Paul Melka, [pgmelka32@aol.com](mailto:pgmelka32@aol.com)
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- St. Ignatius: Dennis Morrison

Just Do It - SomethingSpecial for Lent, register now, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

## **Youth Activities**

### ***Pack 999***

The Cub Pack visited the folks at the Forest Hill Heights Nursing Home on December 17, greeting the elderly folks, handing out Christmas cards and sand Christmas Carols. The entertainment was well received and made the day a lot brighter for the folks.

The Webeloes enjoyed a weekend of camping at Broad Creek, Camp Oest, January 8 through the 10. There were contests which included making garlic bread in a Dutch Oven. The Webeloes' skills were tested in knot tying competitions which included knot tying relays, and using forged wood to make a chair or stool capable of holding a person. The purpose of the stool/chair event was to develop lashing skills. Included in this campout was a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The Pinewood Derby was held at the Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, January 16. There was a large turnout with 29 cub scouts participating in the races. The top three winners were: Eric Hurte, 3rd place with a speed of 221.63 mph; Tristan Darcey, 2nd place with a speed of 223.86 mph, and in 1st place, Jacob Evans hitting a top speed of 225.16. Jacob and Eric are Junior Webeloes and Tristan is a Tiger. Congratulations to all the youngster who participated in this event. Fun was had by all.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

The Annual Free Throw Championship was held on Saturday, January 16 at The John Carroll School. Although there was a sparse turnout, the youngsters proved to be full of energy and competitive spirit. This was the first Free Throw Championship held in several years and was worth the effort to put it together. All participants received a Free Throw Championship Patch and a Participation Certificate. We had three Council champions: Will Pape, age 12 division, Zachary Rey, age 10 division, and Cooper Rey, age 9 division. These lads received the Free Throw Championship Certificate. Congratulations to the champions as well as all those who participated in this year's event. Special thanks to brother Knights Steve Conley, Joe Novad, and Matt Behrens for helping out with this event.

**Joseph Pisani**

### **Admission Degree**

Congratulations to the brothers who exemplified the Admission degree at our January business meeting. The next Admission degree in Bel Air Council is scheduled for our May business meeting, May 3, 2016. Brothers on the team, and brothers who would like to take a role, please be alert for a rehearsal prior to that date. New team members are always welcome.

**Kevin McNamara**, Team Co-Captain

### **Patriotic Degree**

The next exemplification of the Patriotic degree is scheduled for March 5, 2016, at the Francis Scott Key Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick. Three brothers of Bel Air Council already have been accepted by St. Francis Xavier Assembly and are preparing for the upcoming ceremonial. If you would like to become a fourth degree Knight, 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**

Happy February. I have always thought that February is the meanest month of the year because it is capable of being so pleasant that you feel spring is right around the corner and then WHAM! a blizzard

or a cold snap jars you back to reality. Also Lent always begins in February and that is sobering.

Speaking of Lent, Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Since Pope Francis had declared this is a special Year of Mercy, it is probably a good idea to observe Lent in a more focused way this year. May I suggest that you add the Chaplet of Mercy to your daily prayer list. This is how to say the Chalet of Mercy (recited on ordinary rosary beads *If anyone needs a rosary please let me know and I can supply you with as many as you need.*)

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- The Apostle's Creed
- On the Large Beads at the beginning of each decade: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- Repeat for the remaining decades.
- Conclude with: (Repeat Three Times) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Due to deadline requirements, some of the 'news' here is old. Please pray for the repose of the souls and family of Bernard Sporney, Ross Liberati and Charlie Mack who all passed during the Christmas holiday season.

Our next Luncheon Meeting will be held at on Tuesday February 9th at 12:30 pm at the Silver Spring Mining Company. Hope to see all of you Ladies there. We have some exciting ideas to share with you and some interesting activities planned. Come join us. We'll have a nice meal, great fellowship and some fun. Only you can make our plans happen!

God Bless,

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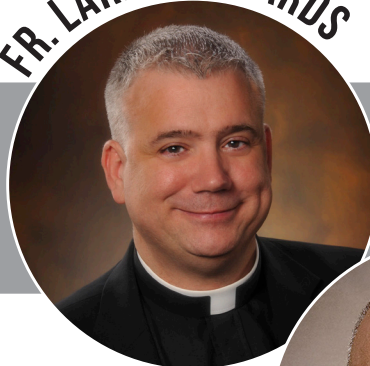
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