



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### **Grand Knight**

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families,

We welcome Father Michael Buttner to Bel Air Council! Father Michael is a frequent celebrant at parishes in Harford County. Some of us (yours truly included) remember his tenure as an associate pastor at St. Margaret. We look forward to Father's contributions to the spiritual life of our council. And from talking to him, he is looking forward just as much to participating in the life of the council and raising our spiritual life.

It's been a crazy winter, hasn't it? We all remember how much snow we saw in January; it was only the beginning of the week (as I write this) where we got more snow, and ice on top of it; and as if that's not enough, I'm listening to the news as I'm writing — and hearing the weather folks talking about yet another winter storm next week, following the weekend's near-60 degree temperatures. I pray we all keep our health through these ups and downs. Don't forget to check on your neighbors, brother Knights and their families if the expected bad weather materializes.

Our attention has been riveted for more that a week upon the line-of-duty deaths of Senior Deputies Patrick Dailey and Mark Logsdon of the Harford County Sheriff's Office. You may perhaps have been surprised to learn that Deputies Dailey and Logsdon were the first HCSO deputies to die from gunfire in the line of duty in more than a century. Harford County is no longer the bucolic backwater it was when a lot of us moved here or, in some cases (such as my own), were born here. I was listening to one of the most heartbreaking features of a first responder's funeral, the final call. The police communication officer calling Deputy Dailey's end of watch barely made it through the brief ritual before breaking down on the air. As those in the council who are or who have been law enforcement officers can tell you, it's a job fraught with danger. Every day you go out, you know you may

not make it home. Our law officers not only deserve, but also need our prayers that they remain safe on the job, and that they continue to perform their duties competently and professionally. So I urge you: Please pray for our deputies and police officers, as well as our firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

This leads nicely into my next point: Next month's social is our annual Community Service Awards dinner. Generally speaking, over the last few years this has not been a very well attended event. Let's change that this year. Let's turn out in force to show our community service award recipients, especially our law enforcement officers, that we appreciate their service and their sacrifice. And let us pray that they are not required to make the ultimate sacrifice on the job. Our DGK John Knapstein has more information on this social event later in this issue.

Don't forget to encourage another practical Catholic to become a Knight today! We're conducting an Admission degree at our May business meeting.

As always, 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 Havre de Grace Council for hosting the Admission (first) degree in February. I welcome our newest brothers to the Order. Our next Admission degree will be held on March 1 at Corpus Christi Council at 7:30 p.m.

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 who

## 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

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 well underway. 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 Corpus Christi Council on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and St. Ignatius Council on Thursday, April 14 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

- March 10 - Fr. Abendschoen Council #11615 (Honoree Night), 5212 McCormick Ave, Baltimore, MD 21206
- April 14 - Past Chapter President Night - McGivney Council #7028 7025 McGivney Way, Glen Burnie, MD 21060  
January 14 - Bishop Sebastian Council #5058, 8 p.m. 7910 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21234

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

### Fraternal Benefits

#### Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies,

personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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

### Council Activities

#### March social meeting 15 March 2016

Community awards dinner for Elementary and High School Teacher of the year and Police officer of the year. Cost \$10 per person. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Dinner at 7:00 pm followed by awards program. Menu: Caesar Salad, Stuffed chicken, Irish potatoes, Glazed baby carrots and snap peas and dessert. A Gluten free and vegetarian option, Caramelized cauliflower steak with chick pea & olive relish, available. Ask when making reservations. More information and reservations call Pat Ruckle 410-905-6002 or John Knapstein 410-692-9823.

### ***April Social – 25th Anniversary Party***

The Bel Air Council No 4714 and the Kay Cee Club will be celebrating their 25th year in the building on Newport Drive. The event is in the planning stage, but we want you to hold the date.

The date of our party will be Sunday, April 24th. The time will be from 3 PM to 6 PM. This event will be in lieu of our April Social Meeting. The menu will hopefully be a “Bull and Shrimp Feast”. Since this is a celebration, and the Council will be picking up most of the expenses, you will need to reserve your spot by calling or sending a check for \$5.00 per person to the chairman. We are holding the event not to exceed 100 members and guests, so when the event is announced formally soon, please make sure you are on the list.

***Tom Sutera***, PGK

### ***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.

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

### ***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.

***John Knapstein*** 410-692-9823

### ***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 February meeting for \$10.00 was Richard Warner and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the March meeting will be \$15.00.

***Tom Sutera***

### ***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.

### **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 (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***

***Celebrate MOM Crafter's Fair***

Newport Terrace  
23 Newport Drive  
Forest Hill, 21050  
April 30th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Crafters/Vendors welcome  
Contact: [Sharon@luv2ktr.com](mailto:Sharon@luv2ktr.com)

***Shamrock N' Roll Dance***

Happy Lent  
I am still selling tickets to the Shamrock N' Roll Dance on March the 12<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in going. It is for the Homeless Shelter in Harford County and is a good cause. Details later in the newsletter. Please share this with your family and friends and come out and get your Irish On !!!!!!!  
God Bless,  
**Rick**

**Admission Degree**

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](mailto: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 Everybody!  
Spring is right around the corner. I am looking forward to nicer weather and Easter. I bet all your folks are too.

There isn't much news this month because we were clobbered by the weather last month. Our February Business/luncheon meeting had to be cancelled due to snow. Most of the CLSO members thought Shrove Tuesday was going to be a lot of fun with a lunch at Silver Spring Mining Co. and a pancake supper prepared by the Knights at the Council Home. But the weather changed all our plans.

We will try again and plan to hold our next meeting at the Silver Spring Mining Co on Tuesday March 8th at 12:30. Say a little prayer that the weather behaves and we can get together as planned. Our Saint for the month will still be St Maximilian Kolbe and our color will be red and/or black. Keep Joan Keenan in your prayers as she recovers from a double knee replacement and all our dearly departed members too.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all. Stay well, keep warm and God bless.  
**Dee Kozlowski**, President CLSO, 410-676-2862  
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Saturday, March 12, 2016  
6 to 10 PM  
Saint Margaret Parish  
Callahan Center  
1716 Churchville Road  
Bel Air 21015

Advanced Tickets \$30 per person  
At the Door \$35 per person

**Admission includes: Music, Dancing and Food  
Cash Bar Available**

All proceeds go directly to the  
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& The Havens of Hope Housing Program

For Tickets call:  
Bonnie Prater at 410.404.8747  
Lynda Bruner at 410.420.2486  
Marie Dekowski 410.371.5825

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Green on!*





## Stop the Christian Genocide

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/stop-christian-genocide.html>

2/22/2016



A new petition is urging U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry not to exclude Christians from a declaration of genocide at the hands of ISIS. Co-sponsored by In Defense of Christians and the Knights of Columbus, the petition can be signed

at [www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org](http://www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org)

The petition calls on the State Department to “end its silence about the ongoing genocide against Christians and other minority groups in Iraq and Syria.” The State Department is required by law to make a designation one way or the other on the matter by mid-March.

“Christians in Iraq and Syria have suffered injustice after injustice by being kidnapped, killed, having their homes and churches confiscated or destroyed, and being forced to flee for their lives. Because of jihadist hit squads, they fear to enter UN refugee camps and, as a result, are then often excluded from immigration to the West,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who testified on the matter before a congressional subcommittee in December. “After all of this, these people deserve to have the U.S. State Department call what has happened to them by its rightful name: genocide — just as the European Parliament, Pope Francis, USCIRF and so many other prominent individuals and institutions have already done.” The USCIRF, or United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, is an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission created by the 1998 International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) that monitors the universal right to freedom of religion or belief abroad.

The petition notes that the issue is not a partisan one and that elected leaders and presidential candidates of both parties and other prominent individuals and institutions have identified the atrocities committed against Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as “genocide.”

“Extensive and irrefutable evidence supports a finding that the so-called Islamic State’s mistreatment of Iraqi and Syrian Christians, as well as Yazidis and other vulnerable minorities, meets this definition,” the petition reads. It then names some of the evidence including:

- assassinations of Church leaders
- mass murders and deportations
- torture
- kidnapping for ransom
- sexual enslavement and systematic rape of girls and women
- forcible conversions to Islam
- destruction of Christian churches, monasteries, cemeteries and artifacts

The petition also notes that ISIS’ own public statements take “credit” for the murder of Christians precisely because they are Christian and express its intent to wholly eradicate Christian and other minority communities from its “Islamic State.”

Addressing Secretary Kerry, the signers “implore” him “to speak up on behalf of these brutalized minority populations.” They conclude by urging him “to declare that Christians, along with Yazidis and other minorities, are targets of ongoing genocide.”

The Knights of Columbus has been engaged in providing humanitarian relief in the Middle East for nearly two years. The organization began its Christian Refugee Relief Fund in 2014, with a particular focus on Christians being persecuted in the Middle East. To date, more than \$8 million has been raised to provide housing, food, medical aid, education and general relief to persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially from Iraq and Syria, and to raise awareness about their plight. Additional information is available at [www.ChristiansAtRisk.org](http://www.ChristiansAtRisk.org)

# Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.2 million to 552 students.

Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward bachelor's degrees at Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

These figures include \$285,000 in grants to 116 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

The Order's largest scholarship programs for college undergraduates are:

- **Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships**
- **John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships**
- **Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria (Canada) Scholarships.**

Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships are also reserved for freshmen entering The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and are administered by the university's Office of Financial Assistance.

Other Scholarship Programs

## **Endowed Scholarships**

The Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of endowed scholarships provided from earnings of funds established in the donors' names. In accepting these gifts, the Order's Board of Directors voted to administer endowed scholarships in conformance with the rules of the Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship program, subject to the donors' wishes.

## **Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Scholarships**

Delegates to the 62nd Supreme Council Meeting in August 1944 voted to establish an Educational Trust Fund by the raising of \$1 million through a special per capita tax on the members of the Order.

## **Vocations Scholarships**

The Supreme Council administers two scholarship programs for students in the first four years of theology pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.

## **Fellowships at The Catholic University of America**

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., provides Knights of Columbus Fellowships for graduate study leading to a master's degree or doctorate.

## **Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships**

Established in 1973, the Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowship Trust offers fellowships for full-time graduate study leading to a master's degree in a program designed for the preparation of classroom teachers for people with intellectual disabilities.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/articles/scholarships.html>

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