



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families,

Our annual Community Service Awards dinner was excellently attended! My thanks to all who joined us. If you missed it, we had more awards than usual this year. For one thing, January's blizzard and three feet of snow canceled so many basketball games at John Carroll that it did in our plan to present our Free Throw Challenge winners with their district champion medals at halftime of a Patriot hoop game. Better luck next year. There are photos in this issue of those who were honored by receiving our Community Service Awards.

I was privileged to present a check to Col. Steven Bodway of the Harford County Sheriff's Office at the dinner. This was the product of Brother Frank Cann's suggestion that we conduct a bingo for the families of the deputies who were murdered in the line of duty in February. The decision was made to conduct this bingo as soon as we could; we picked the regularly scheduled March 11 bingo. And what a night that was! Considering we gave ourselves roughly four weeks of promotion, the place was just about full. Combined with a raffle and some straight donations, we collected \$1,011 for the Harford County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Fund on behalf of the families of the fallen. To all who participated, and especially to the brothers who served that night, my deepest thanks.

Unfortunately, we lost another brother on March 11. Vic Ferrara and his lovely lady Millie moved to Pennsylvania two years ago to live with their daughter; but they never left our hearts. Vic was our Alive and Well chairman for the longest time; and it usually fell to Vic to conduct memorial services for our council brothers who had passed. He was 93 and a World War II veteran. I had a chance to speak with Millie at the funeral home; she told me Vic left the military when he married her. They were husband and wife for 65

years. If you ever heard Vic proclaim the Word of God at St. Margaret, you'll never forget it.

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

LuAnne and I wish everyone a Blessed Easter season.

I want to thank Corpus Christi Council for conducting the Admission (first) degree on March 8 and Havre de Grace Council on March 28. I welcome our newest brothers to the Order. Our next Admission degree will be held on April 14 at St. Ignatius Council at 7:30 p.m.

Now is the time to work on planning for the next fraternal year and getting your SP-7 prepared and submitted to be eligible for the Columbian Award and potentially the Star Council Award.

District Events

The next Admission degree will be at St. Ignatius Council on Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The next district meeting will be held at Havre de Grace Council (Good Shepherd Church on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 10 a.m. to noon). Plan ahead to hold a Holy Family icon program at your church or council. The district has the icon from May 8 through June 4.

Maryland State Event

Day at Hershey Park, April 24 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$30. Your GK has the flyer. Don't forget to register for the convention if you plan to attend.

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 Knight events

- April 14 - Past Chapter President Night -
McGivney Council #7028 7025 McGivney Way,
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
- May 19 - Nominations, Holy Trinity Council
#3416, 335 N. Ritchie Hy, Severna Park, MD
21146

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Fraternal Benefits

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care

needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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

Council Activities

March social meeting 15 March 2016

Brothers Pat Ruckle and John Knapstein co-chaired this year's annual Community Service Awards. Awards were presented to Catholic elementary and high school teachers of the year, as well as a police officer of the year.



Honorees and agency representatives join Grand Knight Kevin McNamara with their plaques from the 2016 Community Awards Dinner. From left: Ms. Patty Kinnucane, St. Margaret School, Catholic Elementary Teacher of the Year; Ms. Madeleine Hobik, principal St. Margaret School; Deputy John Deasel II, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Police Officer of the Year; Lt. Daniel Staniewicz, HCSO; GK McNamara; Ms. Tara Milburn, John Carroll School, Catholic High School Teacher of the Year; Ms. Madeleine Ball, principal, John Carroll School.

Prior to presenting the CSAs, Brother Joe Pisani presented district champion medals to Cooper Rey, age 9, who made nine of 15 free throws, first in his age group and second highest for the day, and to his brother Zachery, age 10, who led all participants by sinking 12 out of 15 free throws. Zach and Cooper go on to represent District 16 at the state championships in Gambrills, MD, on Saturday, March 19.

Also prior to the CSA presentations, a check for \$1,011 was presented to Col. Steven Bodway of the Harford County Sheriff's Office for the Harford County Deputy Sheriffs' Benevolent Fund toward the families of Senior Deputy Pat Dailey and DFC Mark Logsdon, who were murdered in the line of duty in February. A "Bingo for Our HEROES" was held at the regularly scheduled March 11 bingo. Between the proceeds of the bingo itself, the proceeds of a raffle on a Ravens bag generously donated to the cause, and some unsolicited donations, an impressive amount of money was raised at a regular bingo that was not promoted much beyond the usual players. Nevertheless, attendance was higher than usual; but as bingo chairman Tom Rappold said at one point, "Can you imagine what would have happened if 300 people showed up? We'd have had no place to put them!"



Col. Steven Bodway, Harford County Sheriff's Office, accepts a check for \$1,011 from Grand Knight Kevin McNamara for the Harford County Deputy Sheriffs' Benevolent Fund. The donation came from a Bingo for Our Heroes on March 11.

Ms. Patty Kinnucane, a teacher at St. Margaret School, received the first of the night's Community Service Awards. Noted for her musical talents and for her ability to get students involved in her classes, Ms. Kinnucane was our elementary teacher of the year. Ms. Tara Milburn of the John Carroll School was our high school teacher of the year. Ms. Milburn was noted for her availability to her students and her willingness to go the extra mile. Police officer of the year went to Deputy John Deasel II of the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Special mention was made of Dep. Deasel's heroic effort to save an eight-year-old child from a burning residence, convincing the child to jump from an upper-story window into his arms, using his own body to cushion their fall onto a rear deck of the house. We commend all our award recipients, and express our

thanks to them and to all those who work with them for their tireless work to make our community a better place to live. It should be noted that the Sheriff's Office shared the love by posting a mention, a fairly long paragraph with photos, to their Facebook page!

Our April social will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our building, now known as Newport Terrace. Details will be coming out as we get closer; but the plan is for a good old-fashioned cookout. Brother Tom Sutera is chairing this event. It's only \$5 per person. So what's happening on the third Tuesday? We're looking at the prospect of an informational evening. More information as this develops; so keep watching.

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 date of our party will be Sunday, April 24th. The time will be from 3 PM to 6 PM. This event will be our April Social Meeting, however, there may be an informational meeting on the third Tuesday. Information on that event may be found elsewhere in this addition of the newsletter. The menu will hopefully be a "Bull and Shrimp Feast". Presently, we will supply pit beef and hopefully turkey as well as Italian Sausage with peppers and onions. Steamed shrimp with cocktail sauce will also be provided. There will be salads, chips and desserts. 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. Please make checks payable to Bel Air K of C. We are holding the event not to exceed 100 members and guests, please make you reservations now. This event will be a first come, first served. Presently, there are about 20 paid reservations, so act promptly. The cutoff date is April 15th. There will be no reservations made after that time. There will not be tickets issued but we will have a list of those who made reservations. Please make sure you are on the list. Send checks and reservations to Tom Sutera, 1304 F Scottsdale Drive, Bel Air, MD 21015. If you have questions, call me at 410 638-1096.

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. Please remember our deceased brother Vic Ferrera who recently passed away

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

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 March meeting for \$15.00 was Ricky Hamilton and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the April meeting will be \$20.00.

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 April (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.

If you are a cantor who could help with a few hymns. The contract for the organist was not renewed and singing is acappella. Please help, if you can!

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

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



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order.

Congratulations to three brothers of Bel Air Council — Terry Speiss, LáMont Harbison, and our Warden, Bob Knorr — who took their Patriotic Degree at Frederick on March 5 and are now members of St. Francis Xavier Assembly. 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

Youth Activities

PACK 999: The pack celebrated its’ birthday, The Blue & Gold Banquet, at the Richlin Ballroom on Sunday, February 21. The menu consisted of garden salad, chicken tenders, mac & cheese, along with other side dishes and ice cream. Invited guests were Grand knight Kevin McNamara and former charter representative, Frank Gunning.

For entertainment, each den performed a skit.

Awards given out to acknowledge work performed throughout the year: Jen Evans received Volunteer of the Year Award for her involvement and organization of many of the pack’s events. Kyle and his wife received Family of the Year Award for stepping up to

fill the vacant positions of Cub Scout Master and Committee Chairperson respectively.

Kyle Cavileer presented the Cub Pack charter to Grand Knight Kevin McNamara and myself.

The next big event for the pack is the crossover to be held on March 16. This is the event where the senior Webeloes cross over to the boy scouts. The Webeloes will be joining various scout troop in the area. Troop 999 is expected to pick up to new scouts.

TROOP 999: On February 5, the troop spent the weekend at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Camp on the annual Icicle Campout. Two adults and 6 scouts attended the venture. Some of the activities included knot tying, building campfires and first aid.

On the weekend of February 21, the troop went Cabin camping at Camp Hidden Valley in Street, Md. Four adults and 7 scouts enjoyed this adventure. No electronics were allowed on this trip. Instead the scouts played board games and enjoyed a movie approved by the adult team.

Both the pack and troop took part in the Scouting for Food Campaign during the weekends of March 5 and March 12. The cub pack distributed plastic bags in the Forest Hill neighborhoods on the first Saturday and the troop picked up the food on Saturday March 12.

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES: The Bel Air Council will be represented at the State Free Throw Championships with 3 winners qualifying in their respective age groups. Cooper Rey, (age 9) qualified with a score of 9 of 15 shots, his brother (age 10) qualified with a score of 12 out of 15 goals and Will Pape (age 12) scored 6 of 15 goals. These youngsters will go on to compete in the State Free Throw Championship which will take place at the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, Md. On Saturday, March 19.

Joe Pisani

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everyone, Happy Easter!

We held our March meeting at the Silver Spring Mining Company Restaurant. There was a lot to catch up on due to the cancelation of our February meeting because of bad weather.

Our old news included: an update on FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) the outreach ministry which we support, our semiannual \$200 donation to The Sharing Table, the Veterans' Bingo at Perry Point which was held March 22 and our ongoing donation of religious goods to their chaplain for distribution to the Veteran's. We can donate any Catholic religious item – except Cord rosaries. Cord rosaries are unacceptable because they unfortunately pose a safety threat. Since most of the vet's wear their rosaries around their necks, in the case of a scuffle they could cause choking. Chain rosaries are acceptable.

CLSO donated the income from our weekly Ladies' game March 11, in the amount of \$50.00 in union with the Knights' fundraiser for the fallen Sheriffs.

Sharon Di Matteo has volunteered to be our Chair lady for our CLSO Annual Birthday Party again! Thank you, Sharon! We will hold the Birthday Party on August 14 - 2 P.M. at Mamie's Restaurant in Beard's Hill Shopping Center in Aberdeen. We will have more info next month. Keep the date open.

Sharon has also agreed to chair the CLSO Annual Christmas Party which will be held at Giovanni's, December 11, at 2 PM. I realize it is early to discuss Christmas but it is necessary to plan ahead.

Our Saint of the month for April is the Risen Christ and our color is White.

Our upcoming events are:

- April 11 7:00 PM-Card Night at the council home - come and join us!
- April 12 12:30 PM CLSO Business meeting at the Silver Spring Mining Company
- August 14 2:00 PM CLSO Annual Birthday Party (more details next month)

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**118th ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Registration Process Changed Slightly – Please Read Carefully to Avoid Confusion

Dear Brother Knight:

The 118th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort, Ocean City, Maryland, May 13, 14, & 15, 2016. Registration for both the convention and the hotel are simplified through the online process described below. The online registrations will be available beginning Tuesday, December 1st, 2015, and will provide you with immediate feedback. Note that you must register for the Convention BEFORE you will be able to register for your hotel room. Both registrations must be made on line.

To make reservations for the convention and hotel beginning on, go online to this link:

<https://www.mdkocconvention.org/>

The costs for convention registration, banquet tickets, and souvenir shirts are the same as last year's convention. (ALL HOTEL RATES ARE PLUS 10.5% TAX PER NIGHT) Suite rates are as follows:

- Ocean/Pool View Suite \$119.00 per night
- Ocean Front Suite \$163.00 per night
- 2 Bedroom / 2 Bath Condo \$259.00 per night
- 3 Bedroom / 3 Bath Condo \$279.00 per night

Rates are based on single or double occupancy. Children under 17 years of age stay free in parents' room. Additional Adults will be charged \$20.00 per person. In order to qualify for this room rate, everyone staying in the room must be registered for the convention, otherwise the reservation will be assessed the prevailing hotel rates for May.

Ocean View Suites have a view of the ocean but are not directly oceanfront. To request a room overlooking the atrium request a "POOL VIEW" room. A credit card will be necessary to register for the convention and to reserve your hotel room.

Convention registration fees will be charged to your credit card during the first registration step. You will receive a confirmation from the KofC Convention Committee after completing this step.

After completing your convention registration, you will have the opportunity to request a hotel reservation based upon availability. The hotel will charge your credit card for the first night, including all taxes, when your room is assigned. Be sure to examine the confirmation very carefully when you receive it to avoid any confusion. If you don't receive a hotel reservation confirmation, call the Princess to follow up. Convention and Hotel Room Cancellation Requests must be made no later than Saturday, May 7, 2016, to be honored.

Should you have any questions, you can call me at 410-897-0670.

Fraternally,
Tony Salvemini
Convention Chairman

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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