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Grand Knight

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families, Father's Day is just around the corner. To all our wonderful fathers in the Bel Air Council family, deepest thanks for the gift of life you've given to those of us who follow in your footsteps. For those of us whose fathers have gone on before us, we remember you always in our prayers.

The Worthy IPGK Stephen Conley and I represented the council at our state convention earlier this month, with assists from our alternates Bernie Classon, FDD, PGK, PFN, and Wayne Davis, PGK, PFN. It was...*interesting* to say the least. Congratulations to our Worthy State Deputy Steve Cohen, who was elected to lead the state council for the next year, and to all the state officers who were elected to office with him. For the record, Dale Trott moves up to State Secretary from State Treasurer; Vince Grauso replaces Dale at State Treasurer; Chris Powers replaces Vince at State Advocate; and Tony Salvemini was elected State Warden.

Also announced at the convention, our district's Formation Degree team received a third-place award for its overall performance, and every speaking part received an award as well, starting with PGK Tom Classon's first-place award for his performance as financial secretary on the team. Your humble correspondent received a second-place award for his role as chancellor.

Our proposed slate of officers was announced at our May business meeting. As always, the election will be the first order of new business at the June business meeting. And as always, nominations can be made from the floor at that time.

Many thanks to our outgoing district officer team of District Deputy Dick Belmonte and District Warden

Dave Meneghini. Their support and encouragement have been invaluable during this fraternal year. Dave will take over in July as district deputy; he'll announce to us his district warden.

Finally, 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

The state convention is over and we have elected a new state warden. Congratulations to Tony Salvemini. Tony has held a multitude of positions in the state. I can think of no one more experienced or better qualified than Tony to join the ranks of state officers. As usual, the convention provides a great time to catch up with brother Knights throughout the state and have some fun in the atrium. I want to thank Havre de Grace Council for organizing the hospitality room this year. You did an outstanding job. The theme was baseball. LuAnne and I appreciate any opportunity to wear our Red Sox paraphernalia. Bel Air Council did well in the Tootsie Roll competition placing 3rd in division A in total funds collected and 2nd in division A for per capita collections. If I'm not mistaken all councils earned the Surge for Service state award for doing 6 events in each of the reporting periods. I'm also happy to report that all of our Formation Degree participants with speaking roles won an award at the convention.

- Dave Meneghini - District Deputy
- Guy Williamson - Grand Knight
- Kevin McNamara - Chancellor
- Mike Linder - Warden
- Tom Classon - Financial Secretary, 1st place plaque

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

It's time for me to thank you all for making my time as District Deputy so fulfilling. I met many new brothers who I consider friends and I learned much from the experience that will serve me well in the years ahead. I want especially thank District Warden Dave Meneghini for his superlative and selfless support throughout the two years. It was a great experience working with him. To the Grand Knights that I served with during these past two years, thank you for your tireless pursuit of service to your council, churches and community. It made a difference. I also thank you and your members for warmly welcoming me to your council meetings. I believe that through the accomplishments and challenges, we never lost sight of our collective goal to serve those in need. Whether you are continuing as Grand Knight, or will conclude your service as GK, I wish you all the best.

I expect the roles of incoming state staff will be announced by WSD Cohen in the very near future. I wish all the council much success in holding their upcoming elections of officers. This is a serious responsibility that will significantly affect the success of the council in the coming year. I wish you all well and LuAnne and I look forward to seeing you at future Knights of Columbus functions.

Vivat Jesus,

Dick Belmonte, rbelmon@gmail.com

District Deputy #16

Fraternal Benefits

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those

who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 670 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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

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Council Activities

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.

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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 May meeting for \$25.00 was Kenneth Goedeke and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the June meeting will be \$30.00.

Tom Sutera

25th Anniversary Party

Thanks to all our members and guests that joined us for the 25th Anniversary party of our building. Nearly 100 attended the event and were treated to pit beef and ham, sausage with peppers and onions, salads, steamed shrimp and dessert. We had a singer that entertained us during the three hour event. The remarks that I received were very positive and I think a good time was had by all. Thanks to all of you that attended this event. Thanks to Jerry Wagner, Frank Cann, Charles Belli, Bob Williams, Karen Warner, and Al DiCocco for all their help during this event. Many others pitched in and helped as well and our sincere thanks to all.

Tom Sutera

Hall Steward's Message

Recent updates to the Coke system require that we turn off the air supply when not in use. If you are a bartender or work bingo please make sure the air is turned off when you are finished with the event. The air tank is located in the kitchen where the Coke syrup supply boxes are located.

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Admission Degree Team

The next Admission degree in Bel Air Council is tentatively scheduled for our August business meeting. However, our incoming District Deputy, Dave Meneghini, wants to see more coordination between our district and our neighbors in District 27; so that may change. I'll let you know when the final schedule is released. As always, new team members are always welcome.

Kevin McNamara, co-captain

Patriotic Degree

St. Francis Xavier Assembly meets at Newport Terrace on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 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, St. Francis Xavier Assembly

Program Chairs Needed

Interest has been expressed in taking leadership of our Church activities program; but we still need a chairman for Family activities. 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

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 May (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.

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

Family Activities

Our May Family of the Month, who won't realize it's them until they read this, is Guy and Sharon DiMatteo. Guy left Italy and came to the United States in 1956 at the age of 18 with \$20 in his pocket and no English on his lips. It wasn't long before he started work in the field where you can still find him today, produce. In fact, Guy spends most of his working days at the Giant store in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Guy met Sharon in, no surprise, a grocery store, where Sharon had come with a girlfriend who was meeting her boyfriend. Guy and Sharon have three daughters, each of whom has three children, making nine grandchildren for Guy and Sharon. There's at least one pair of twins among the grandchildren. Carrying twins is one of those things that tends to skip a generation; so it's no surprise to work backwards and learn that Guy has a twin brother. Guy and Sharon have been exceedingly helpful around the council for years; in fact, it took a lot of convincing to get Sharon just to sit back and enjoy the last installation of officers, as she kept wanting to contribute. They've been constant and welcomed contributors to council activities over many years; your humble Grand Knight is most especially thankful for all their support. Our May Family of the Month: Guy and Sharon DiMatteo.

Since our April social took place after last month's Councilairs deadline, we note that our April Family of the Month was Tom and Flora Sutera. Tom, of course, is a Past Grand Knight as well as a former Financial Secretary. He was instrumental in the planning of our hall, whose 25th anniversary we celebrated at the April social, which was chaired by Tom (and if you missed that party, you missed a great party!). Tom's contributions have been too numerous to mention here; but they include chairing or co-chairing our annual May Marian devotion; and for the longest time Tom was Family activities chairman, usually handing out Family of the Month awards instead of receiving them. Flora has been his quiet support (quiet, at least, since this writer returned to Bel Air Council) throughout his Columbian life. As was said in announcing their selection in April, we thank Flora for letting Tom come out and play with us. Tom and Flora have also been very active in the Order of the Sons of

Italy chapter that meets at Newport Terrace. Our April Family of the Month: Tom and Flora Sutera.

One last note: The patriotic rosary, which was explained to us at the May social, now has a Facebook page. If you're on Facebook, you can view it by clicking

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1299218233425070/>.

You may even be able to see it if you're not on Facebook; sometimes it happens that way.

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight

Youth Activities

Pack 999

The pack enjoyed a fishing derby on Sunday, May 1 at the Sportsman IWLA Club in Pylesville. The cubs competed for prizes for largest fish, largest number of fish caught, and other fishing awards.

Troop 999

The troop camped out on the weekend of April 23-25 at Rising Sun's Camp Horseshoe. Six scouts and 3 adults attended. During the campout, scout leaders concentrated on improving scout skills in camping, cooking, knots and lashing and rank advancement.

In other scouting news, Mr. Nathan Cole has taken over the Committee Chair position. He is also an assistant scout leader. This seat was recently vacated by Mr. Ken Tarcza who was transferred to a new job in Tennessee. Mr. Tarcza is employed as a civilian by the Army, recently retired from the Army. We wish him success in his new position.

On the weekend of May 20-21, the troop will team up with the cub pack at Broad Creek Camp Grounds. The troop will build a catapult using the lashing method. Then use the catapults to launch projectiles, competing for distance. In addition, the troop will assist the cub pack with other camping activities.

Other Youth/Church Related Activities

St. Mark held its' First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 7. Council members, Jeff Allen, Ted Kunkel, and Tony Lamancusa assisted at the Mass as Ushers. They also handed out Mass Programs and greeted Mass attendees as they entered the church.

St. Mark's Confirmation Mass will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00pm. Frank Gunning, Ted Kunkel and Tony Lamancuse will assist as ushers at

this Mass. Many thanks to these brothers who stepped up to help out at these very important Masses. Their efforts have made a big impact on St. Mark's church activities.

Joe Pisani

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everybody,

It is hard to believe that the 2015-16 fraternal year will soon be coming to a close. We certainly had a year to remember. There were highs and lows, cheers and tears. We will miss our dear friends Jean DiAngelo and Mary Sporney who were called home by our Lord, Jesus. May their souls rest in peace.

Bad weather disrupted our plans and we had to cancel a fundraiser at Applebee's due to a threatened hurricane and skip our February meeting due to a record snowfall. But despite Mother Nature's antics we were able to overcome these setbacks, reach our budget, honor our promises and meet our goals. YEAH!

We were surprised and delighted to learn that we won the second place in the Ladies Auxiliary Awards in May for Best New Activity Award in Division A with our 'Autumn Harvest Basket.' The proceeds of the basket were used to fund FOCUS. FOCUS, stands for 'Fellowship of Catholic University Students.' Their missionaries minister to young people who are at university away from home and on their own, often for the first time in their lives. They assist young people in adjusting to the demands and challenges of college life while guiding them in strengthening their Catholic

faith. When we heard what they do, our members were impressed and wanted to support this ministry.

We enjoyed luncheon meetings during the winter months but we will be returning to the Newport Room for the months of June, July and August. Our regular business meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. There will be light refreshments after the meeting.

I want to thank the Knight's Bingo Team for their support and help with our fundraiser, 'The Ladies' Game', and our various 'Bingo Baskets'. Thank you, Gentlemen. You are sweethearts. I also wish to thank our CLSO Bingo Team, Virginia Berkowitz, Karen Warner, and Patricia Rebbert, who faithfully sell the games ea Next Fraternal year should be fun. I'm looking forward to the adventure. Be sure to come to the next business meeting and help us plan, set goals and move forward.

Our Saint of the month is ST. ANTHONY and our color is RED. Be sure to wear or carry something red to the meeting.

Important dates:

- June 13 – Card Night at the Newport Room – 7 pm
- June 14 - CLSO Regular Business Meeting
- August 14 - CLSO Birthday Party at Mamie's Restaurant - Beard's Hill Shopping Center, Aberdeen 2-PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Kozlowski – President, Catholics Ladies Service Organization



News from Supreme **A JOURNEY OF HEALING**



Participants from the U.S. delegation – in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus – will organize the closing ceremonies at the 58th annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) to Lourdes, France. The ceremony will include prayers, readings and musical pieces, and will feature some American musical selections.

The American/K of C effort will be supported by the U.K. Military Band and the Luxembourg Chorale.

Together with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., the Knights of Columbus sponsor an American contingent, known as “Warriors to Lourdes,” as part of the PMI – an international gathering of military personnel and veterans from countries around the world.

Accompanied by seven Catholic priests and four non-Catholic ministers, the Warriors to Lourdes will take part in a five-day retreat, from May 17 to 23, which will include daily Mass, Eucharistic processions and other services.

The theme for this year’s PMI is “The Door to God’s Mercy is Always Open.” In addition to visits to the baths at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, pilgrims this year will have the opportunity to enter the famed sanctuary through a Holy Door in order to gain the blessings associated with the Jubilee of Mercy.

“Each year, we find that this pilgrimage to Lourdes brings our warriors spiritual renewal and a deep inner peace,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “In a special way, during this Year of Mercy, we look forward to praying together with these brave men and women, who have done so much for their country, and to helping coordinate the PMI’s closing ceremony.”

The PMI initially began as an effort to foster reconciliation between the warring countries of the Second World War, and “has become a truly international celebration of our Catholic faith and an intense moment of prayer for peace,” said U.S. Military Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio. He also noted that the event affords “pilgrims an opportunity to share culture, exchange military insignia and keepsakes, and deepen the unity in faith which surpasses national boundaries.”

Sponsorship of the Lourdes pilgrimage is part of the long Knights of Columbus tradition of providing hospitality and spiritual resources for the military. During the First World War, prior to the advent of the USO, the Knights ran hospitality centers for troops at home and in Europe, from England and France to Germany and Siberia. The K of C also organized a military pilgrimage to the Marian shrine at Lourdes immediately following the end of World War I. Since the First World War, the Knights has continued to assist America’s men and women in uniform and veterans through a variety of programs designed to support their faith and other needs.

OUR DOMESTIC CHURCH GUIDEBOOK **by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**



LAST MONTH, Pope Francis released one of the most important documents of his pontificate: *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). In the coming days, much will be written about this post-synodal apostolic exhortation, but this much can be said now: *Amoris Laetitia* is our guidebook to building up the Catholic family as a domestic church. Moreover, it is the guidebook for our Order’s new initiative, *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish*.

In the document, Pope Francis reminds us to view the family as that sanctuary of life and love which is at the heart of the domestic church: “The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses,” he writes. “Seen this way, the couple’s fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. St. John Paul II shed light on this when he said, ‘Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit’” (Amoris Laetitia, 11).

Pope Francis also strongly reaffirmed the teaching of Blessed Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae* on “the intrinsic bond between conjugal love and the generation of life” (68).

The Holy Father further recalled the teaching of St. John Paul II, in his catecheses on human love, in his Letter to Families and in *Familiaris Consortio*, saying that through these documents his predecessor had “defined the family as ‘the way of the Church’” (69).

Clearly, Pope Francis, too, is presenting the family as “the way of the Church” while also emphasizing the need for greater pastoral care of families.

In *Amoris Laetitia*, he describes the Church as “a family of families” (87). This is especially true of our parish churches, and this is the fundamental premise underlying our Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative.

Last December, when the supreme chaplain and I discussed our Building the Domestic Church program with Pope Francis, he encouraged us to continue this initiative to strengthen family life, especially by encouraging more families to be active in their parishes.

Knights of Columbus parish-based councils are ideally positioned to do this. *Amoris Laetitia* calls us to a new “family apostolate” based upon families’ “joy-filled witness as domestic churches” (200). This is especially important for young husbands and fathers.

Pope Francis is encouraging all of us to redouble our efforts to strengthen family life. Central to those efforts is our new initiative of family consecration to the Holy Family.

Amoris Laetitia concludes with this prayer:

“Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

“Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

“Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan.”

I ask that we make this prayer our own and also add: “Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Knights of Columbus may be a place where families experience the joy of the Gospel, grow as sanctuaries of love and life, and as true domestic churches witness to the beauty of the family in God’s plan.”

Vivat Jesus!

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