



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### **Grand Knight**

My brothers all, lovely ladies and faithful families, Another fraternal year is on the horizon. My thanks to all the members whose time and talent have brought about whatever success this council has experienced throughout the past year. I would like especially to acknowledge those who willingly served as officers, helping to lead and guide our efforts to improve our serve; specifically:

- John Knapstein, Deputy Grand Knight, Program Director and Lecturer
- Eric Tiso, Chancellor and Vocations Director
- Bob Knorr, Warden
- Mark Zimmerman, Recorder
- Charlie Belli, Treasurer
- Al DiCocco, Financial Secretary
- Wayne Davis, PGK, PFN, Advocate
- Jack Fuchs, Inside Guard
- Matt Behrens, Outside Guard
- Dick Kozlowski, PGK, PFN, Trustee
- Tom Sutera, PGK, Trustee
- Tom Classon, PGK, Trustee

My thanks and congratulations also to those officers who will be serving the council with me this coming fraternal year; specifically:

- John Knapstein, Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director
- Eric Tiso, Chancellor and Vocations Director
- Bob Knorr, Warden
- LáMont Harbison, Recorder
- Charlie Belli, Treasurer
- Mark Zimmerman, Financial Secretary
- Wayne Davis, PGK, PFN, Advocate
- Bernie Classon, FDD, PGK, PFN, Lecturer
- Jack Fuchs, Inside Guard
- Jerry Wagner, Outside Guard
- Dick Kozlowski, PGK, PFN, Trustee
- Tom Sutera, PGK, Trustee
- Bob Cassilly, Trustee

Also, I thank the outgoing officers of the Catholic Ladies Service Organization for their dedication this past year; namely:

- Dee Kozlowski, President
- Virginia Berkowitz, Vice President
- Pat Rebbert, Secretary
- Karen Warner, Treasurer

The CLSO has a standard to exceed in its well-earned second-place certificate for best new activity! And I commend the incoming officers and wish them well in the coming year. They are:

- Dee Kozlowski, President
- Virginia Berkowitz, Vice President
- Sharon DiMatteo, Secretary
- Karen Warner, Treasurer

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

## **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

### **Fraternal Benefits**

#### **The Value of Life Insurance for Children**

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month? I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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

<http://okeefefinancialplanning.com>

### **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.

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

#### ***Hall Steward***

Paid Bartenders needed. We are renting the hall for more events now and bartenders are needed. If you want to bartend at parties or events let me know. Some parties are soda and coffee only. You will work with experienced bartenders and there is NO requirement to be trained in alcohol awareness before you can work.

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#### ***Fifth Tuesday repair party***

The fifth Tuesday traditionally was dedicated to "fixing" stuff around the council home. Tables need screws and chairs need repaired. If you can help, bring your drill driver and bit set and come to the fifth Tuesday in August at 7:00 pm. If you don't have a driver and bit set come anyway. Pizza and beer provided.

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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 June meeting for \$30.00 was Russell Cote and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the July meeting will be \$35.00.

***Tom Sutura***

### ***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***

We still need chairmen for Church and 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

### ***June Social***

Our June social saw the presentation of certificates of appreciation to all the officers and program chairmen for the 2015-2016 fraternal year, and the announcement of our Knight of the Year. Our honoree chaired our record-setting effort raising funds for the intellectually challenged, bringing in an amount that was third overall and second in per capita contributions in our division. We speak, of course, of none other than Paul Zarachowicz. Paul has put in extremely diligent effort over the years to make this drive work; and this year the drive exceeded all expectations. We now have a very high standard to reach for next year’s drive!

We also had another discussion, as we did last year at this time, of things that went well in the council this year, things that didn’t quite go as well as we had hoped and how we could improve them, and things that didn’t come to mind this year for council activities. We have some interesting things on the list; and the council officers and program chairs will be taking these under advisement for the coming year.

With respect to socials, our incoming Lecturer, Bernie Classon, has advised us of an intent to bring back the extensive programs for which Bel Air Council was once known, to the point of winning honors at the State Convention. So in addition to having things to say at the business meetings, Bernie will also be sharing with us at the socials this year. Make plans now to come to the socials to hear what Bernie has to say!

One of the first questions people ask about the socials is, “What’s to eat?” So make a note of this: The July social will be an ice cream social, as it was last year. You should probably eat dinner before you arrive this time.

***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 July (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.

Back in May, Nancy Conley (PGK Stephen Conley's Mom) played the piano for several hymns during Mass and Father Jonathon was delighted as was the congregation. Nancy did join us again during the June Mass. We welcome her any time she can join us. Thank you very much!

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***

### ***Veteran Affairs***

We are approaching the time of the year, July and August, when all registered volunteers must sign up for our annual training program. If you are not currently a registered volunteer and would like to become one please contact me at your earliest convenience and we will begin the process.

Effective immediately, the Fort Howard VA Facility is permanently closed. All patients using this facility are being seen at the Loch Raven VA Hospital.

There is a great need for drivers throughout the VA system. If you feel you can help in this area please get in touch with us.

At Perry Point Hospital there is a need for regular size personal items, i.e. shampoo, soap, tooth brushes and paste, skin lotion, body & foot powder, etc. If you can help with any of these contact your council representative.

The Annual Perry Point Hospital Carnival is scheduled for September 17th. Please plan to attend and assist at this wonderful event.

If you have any additional questions concerning Veteran Affairs contact your local office or me.

***W. Wayne Davis, Jr.***, PGK, PFN  
VAVS Representative Perry Point Hospital  
443-956-9572

### ***Community Events***

The St Ignatius Holy Name Society will present a Mystery Dinner Show on Oct. 15 in their Parish Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is catered by Two Rivers Restaurant and Catering. Tickets are \$50 each.

The Baltimore Archdiocese Holy Name Union invites all Catholic Men to join them on Oct 21-23 for a three day retreat to St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern Pa.

For info in either of the above events call  
**Jerry Wagner**, 410-638-6489

### **Church Activities**

The St. Mark Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, July 31. Council members will be contacted to help with sign ups after the Masses two weeks prior to the drive. Members will also be needed to help with the blood drive by providing donors with refreshments.

**Joe Pisani**

### **Youth Activities**

I am looking for someone to assist me with the youth activity programs. With the scouts going away, I hope to get more involved with Church Youth Activity Programs. This is an important part of our council's mission to support our parish churches.

**Joe Pisani**

### ***Soccer Challenge***

John Carroll School has approved our council's use of the field known as the Glenn for our September Soccer Challenge. Joe Oriccio is setting up our web site to sign up participants for the soccer challenge as well as the free throw to be held in January.

Troop and cub pack 999 and 238 will be invited to participate in this event. I plan to contact troop 801 from St. Mark and the troop from St. Margaret.

Flyers/announcements are to be distributed to St. Mark, St. Margaret School, Harford County Parks & Rec, 4-H Club, YMCA.

### ***Pack 999***

The pack held its annual Yogurt Mountain fund raiser on May 25. Results are not available at this time.

The cub pack camped out overnight at Broad Creek on the weekend of May 20-22nd. The Troop also camped with them. They assisted the cubs with activities such as cooking, knots and other camping activities. The troop built a catapult and demonstrated its' ability to launch various projectiles.

At the committee meeting this month, the pack planned their itinerary for the upcoming year. The rain gutter regalia will be held in July and the annual bike rodeo will be held in August at the Advent Lutheran Church. The troop will assist the pack with bike safety and inspections.

The pack committee voted to hold the pack meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month and the committee meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This change was made to expedite information coming out of the Round Table discussions which are held by the district on the 2nd Monday of each month.

### ***Troop 999***

The troop leadership continues to work with the newer scouts to improve various skills such as knot tying, cooking, and leadership such as patrol leader where each scout gets the opportunity to lead a meeting. They also are required to build camping skills such as cooking where each scout takes turns as grub master which includes preparing menus for camp outs, purchasing food and cooking for the troop.

June 15 was the last meeting before summer camp. A Court of Honor was held for several scouts who were promoted to 1st class. Summer camp will be held at Cunningham Falls, located in the Catoctin Mountains. The scouts will learn water skills such as canoeing, kayaking, and fishing.

The next scheduled troop meeting will be held on August 31.

The Harford District CEO, Brandon Gething does not have a new chatter organization for the pack/troop as of this date. We will probably be hosting the scouts through year end.

**Joe Pisani**

## **News from Supreme**

### **IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIANS AT RISK**

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ACT NOW TO STOP THE GENOCIDE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE WORLD'S greatest humanitarian crisis since World War II is unfolding in the Middle East. Hundreds of thousands of people in Syria and Iraq have lost their lives, and entire communities have been displaced or wiped out, while neighboring communities and cultures strain to accept millions of people fleeing years of war and terrorism.

We face the very real prospect of the extinction of many communities indigenous to the region. This crisis implores all people of good will to unite to build a worldwide effort to save these historic, indigenous minority communities regardless of race, ethnicity or religion.

The Knights of Columbus is committed to this great cause. We submitted to the State Department on March 9, and subsequently to members of Congress, a nearly 300-page report that documented the atrocities and laid out the legal analysis supporting the conclusion that genocide is occurring.

Our recent fact-finding mission to Iraq found evidence of widespread rape, kidnapping, forced conversions, slavery, murder, property confiscation and forced expulsion. Many of these incidents had not been previously reported.

The State Department's declaration of genocide on March 17 marked only the second time that such a determination has been made by the U.S. government while the crime is ongoing.

It is our impression that what we know today is likely to be only the tip of the iceberg. A concerted, sustained effort now needs to be undertaken to document the extent of this tragedy.

ISIS and the victims we interviewed agree on one thing: Many of those targeted were targeted because of their Christian faith.

We know that ISIS has killed thousands of Christians in Iraq, Syria and Libya. Mass graves have been

reported in Syria, and the desert between Mosul and Erbil was littered with bodies as Christians who fled had no time to bury neighbors and family members.

Syriac Catholic Patriarch Ignatius Joseph III Younan, and archbishops from Aleppo, Erbil and Mosul, have all called what is happening to their people genocide.

The declaration of genocide has special meaning for Christians in the Middle East. Almost a century ago, Raphael Lemkin formulated the concept he would later call genocide to address the killing of Christians in the region during and after World War I.

Today the stakes are even higher. The number of Christians in Iraq has plummeted from more than 1.5 million to as few as 200,000. In Syria, the Christian community has been reduced by two thirds, from 1.5 million to 500,000.

These people are among the longeststanding ethnic and religious communities, not only in the region, but in the world. The United Nations must act to ensure that these ancient and vulnerable indigenous groups do not face extinction.

We cannot accept one standard for human rights in this region and another standard for the rest of the world. If Christianity disappears in this region, so does the opportunity for pluralism; and the likelihood of majoritarian theocracy, or something worse, is increased.

We have a unique opportunity to change things for the better. Never before has the world's attention been so focused on the suffering of these minorities. Never has their plight been so high on the agenda of the world's governments, the vast majority of the world's Muslims, and all people of good will.

The United Nations can play a vital role by protecting the victims and refugees, by ensuring the survival of these ancient indigenous and religious communities, by punishing the perpetrators and by supporting the establishment of internationally agreed-upon standards of justice, equality, rule of law and religious freedom.

Vivat Jesus!

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