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# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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### **Grand Knight**

Merry Christmas to all our brothers, our widows, our families and friends! First Lady Gilly-Ann and I hope that this is the holiest Christmas season of all.

Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Nicodemus Konza and Brian Bynion, who became brothers of Bel Air Council at our December business meeting. Fr. Nicodemus is familiar to those of us who attend St. Margaret as an associate pastor who arrived a few months before Fr. Mike's July retirement. Fr. Nicodemus was very excited to become a Knight; he even greeted me as "Brother" before the noon Mass at St. Margaret last Sunday. Brian was hoping to attend our Christmas party at the December social; unfortunately, there were so many traffic accidents in the Bel Air area that evening that Brian couldn't make it.

Our membership goal for the year is 20. We have admitted two new members; we need another 18. Today is a great day to recruit a good Knight. If you get his signature on a Form 100, please contact our membership chairman, Mike Mooney (443-386-9699, [mcmooney@gmail.com](mailto:mcmooney@gmail.com)), so your candidate can be brought before an admissions committee.

On the subject of socials, that brings up the following announcement, which will appear a little later in the Councilairs: Save the date Tuesday, January 17, 2017 for our annual Souper Bowl. Tom Rappold will chair this event again; thank you to Tom.

The officers are trying to figure out a way to reach those who do not have e-mail addresses so we can count the cost of producing a limited print run of the Councilairs. Our last run had too few pieces of mail to qualify for the use of our bulk mail permit, which means each piece would have to be mailed first class at \$0.46 each. This is why we decided to stop mailing copies of Councilairs. We are trying to update not only our mailing list, but also our e-mail list. Mark

Zimmerman, our Worthy Financial Secretary, has sent out a form with the dues notices asking every brother for complete contact information so that we can update not only our Councilairs lists, but also our Constant Contact account (the mechanism that I've used to announce socials and advise of brothers' passings). So please complete those forms and return them to Brother Mark with your dues.

As this is the January issue of the Councilairs, First Lady Gilly-Ann and I wish each and every one of you, and your families, the happiest and holiest of new years.

Please remember to wear orange, at least to Mass, in support of our persecuted brethren in the Middle East who are made to suffer, sometimes to the point of death, for their faith.

Vivat Jesus.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### **Council Chaplain**

Brothers, the civil New Year gives us pause to reflect upon the better way of God. To celebrate the civil event, people will rush around in an unconscious and maybe even inebriated state. At the start of Advent, God's New Year of grace was started with God asking us to stop rushing around, stop cramming our mouths with unneeded anything and to start to be with our Mother, Mary in pondering the ways of God in order to open up our lives to God's grace.

In the New Year, individuals make all kinds of decisions and promises to themselves. These steps to a new life are easily broken and discarded. Many, made in haste, are unwise and self-centered. At the start of a New Year of grace, God asks us to sit and listen to His wisdom come in Jesus Christ. Instead of going it alone, God wants to go it with us and gives us a whole People of God to stand with us and pray for us and our success!

## 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

With every passing year of failure to keep our resolutions, our strength of choice weakens and we slumber in the deadly sleep of acceptance of who we think we are. With every New Year of Grace, we come to know ourselves as the Creator knows us: in divine image and likeness. Growth in the Divine ways never rusts, gets old, or disappoints. It is always new life not just a New Year.

If you celebrate on January 1st, do so with the Spirit of thanks that God's timing is a deeper blessing than any civil power can give us.

*Fr. Michael*

### **Fraternal Benefits**

#### **Put Your Loved Ones First**

During the month of January, we spend a lot of time thinking about ourselves. What will our New Year's resolutions be? How will we change our lives? What will 2017 bring for us?

But what about the ones you love? Is protecting them part of your plan for 2017? Sure, there's a lot that you can and do to protect your loved ones. You make sure they're safe. You make sure they're taken care of. You do your best to make them happy. But what if you weren't there for them? What if you couldn't be?

Many are afraid to think about life insurance because they're afraid of their mortality. But life insurance isn't about dying, it's about helping your family to live if and when something should happen to you.

Life insurance allows you to continue providing for your family after you're gone, by seeing to it that they have the money they need to be as safe and secure as they have always been. It can provide mortgage protection, income replacement, retirement income, final expenses, and so much more.

And life insurance doesn't need to be a gift that you'll never see given. Your family can benefit from your policy while you're still here to see them enjoy it.

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

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### **Council Activities**

#### ***Family of the Month***

Our November Family of the Month was our own Ron and Beverly Munley.



Ron Munley (second from left) and his wife Beverly join Grand Knight Kevin McNamara (right) to receive their December Family of the Month certificate and gift card. Joining them (far left) is their son David.

Ron grew up in Archibald, Pennsylvania, and moved to Baltimore in 1954. He met Beverly at the 5 and 10 in Waverly. They married at St. Bernard Church in Waverly in 1957. Ron and Beverly have four adult children: David, Philip, Paul, and Anne. David joined Ron and Beverly at our social and was with them on stage for the FOM presentation. Ron and Beverly have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ron and Beverly lived in the Woodlawn area before moving to Ocean City in 1997. While in OC, Ron was a member of Ocean City Council, which met at St. Luke parish. Ron worked their bingo games and Tootsie Roll drives, helped out at council dinners, and

created the council's advertising. He worked for the Social Security Administration for 30 years; Beverly was employed by Sears. Ron and Beverly came to Bel Air in 2014 and began attending St. Margaret Church. Ron transferred into Bel Air Council where, once again, he works with the bingo program.

### ***December Social***

Our December social was our annual Christmas party. Sharon Potocki of Luv2Ktr provided a feast of ham and turkey with all the trimmings and at least four different deserts. As mentioned above, Ron and Beverly Munley were our Family of the Month; they were joined by their son David.

Lecturer Bernie Classon provided two poems to remind us of the reason for the season. After dinner, DGK John Knapstein provided us with another brain-teasing Christmas quiz.



Bel Air Council presented letters from the State Council to representatives of ARC Northern Chesapeake and the Harford Center advising them they each were the recipients of \$4,974.44, proceeds of the council's 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive. From left: Chairman Paul Zarachowicz, Sara Garbarino from ARC Northern Chesapeake, Grand Knight Kevin McNamara, Tim Battaglia and Ginny Toy from the Harford Center, Co-chairman Tony Lamancusa.

Sara Garabino from ARC Northern Chesapeake and Ginny Toy and Tim Battaglia from the Harford Center joined us so the council could give Christmas presents to their respective organizations: letters from the State Council advising each of them that they were the recipients of \$4,974.44 from our 2016 Tootsie Roll campaign. Our beneficiaries were shocked and overwhelmed by the outpouring that came from the efforts of our very determined co-chairmen and the

many brothers and others who worked the various stations to produce this year's record collection.

Our social will be our annual Souper Bowl. If you wish to have an entry in the Souper Bowl, please contact Tom Rappold at [tomnalia@comcast.net](mailto:tomnalia@comcast.net) or 443-371-6862. Even if you don't plan to enter, please plan to attend.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### ***Night of Entertainment***

Brother Dick Kozlowski has worked to bring us a night of entertainment featuring "Mr. Charisma," Cameron Roberts. Mr. Roberts, though only 23, has been performing professionally for ten years already. His act features the familiar music of many decades past and vocal icons such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Buddy Holly, and Ronnie Dove, to name but a few. The Night of Entertainment also features dinner, the whole package costs only \$30 per person, and you can bring old Aunt Nellie and not worry she'll hear something objectionable. See the flyer in the Councilairs for more information.

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

Please remember in your prayers, Al Kramer, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Vernon West, Ray Caralle, Chuck DuVall, John Grigaliunas, Edie Krebs wife of Ron Krebs, Jean Potter and Frank Kresslein. Pray for Gerry Gunning the deceased wife of brother Frank Gunning.

**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 <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***

Work party on the fifth Tuesday of January. The 31st at 7pm. Bring your drill and nut drivers to repair and fix tables. 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! Since there has not been a winner in quite some time, the officers decided that at the December meeting, names would be drawn until a winner was drawn. There were many names drawn at the December meeting and none were not in attendance. A decision was made to donate the \$50.00 to Birthrite. The drawing at the January meeting will begin at \$5.00.

**Tom Sutera**

## **Community Activities**

### ***Food Collection***

Anna's House is expanding their programs and will be in need of non perishable food supplies. The Knights of Columbus has a food donation program that this will fit into. Whenever you come to a meeting at the council home bring a can good. Over 400 pounds has already been donated.

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### ***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 January (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.

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. If you want more information call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058. Our thanks to all of our members, wives, and friends that have helped us aid our veterans this past year. God Bless All of You.

Yes, the next time to Perry Point is New Year's Day. Please try to give us a hand if you can.

**Tom Sutera**

### ***FIELD Party***

The Bel Air Council #4714 and the Catholic Ladies' Service Organization (CLSO) hosted the FIELD (Future Individual and Education Learning Disability) group on December 15. For more than twenty years running, the council has funded, organized and run the group's Christmas party. This group of adults with learning disabilities has relied on us to host the party that includes social time, a warm meal, a visit from Santa Claus, gifts, dancing and singing Christmas carols. The Knights of Columbus prides itself on supporting people with special needs. Bel Air Council and the CLSO are proud to continue this long standing tradition. Special thanks go to Karen Warner, Jerry Wagner, Sharon DiMatteo, John Knapstein, Virginia Berkowitz, Pat Rebbert, Dick and Dee Kozlowski, Dick and LuAnne Belmonte and Mary Lasek for organizing and conducting the event. Combined with the more than \$10,000 collected through the Tootsie Roll Drive lead by Paul Zarachowicz and supported by 80 Knights, the Bel Air Council has been a leading supporter of people with intellectual challenges for many years.



**R. Belmonte**, PGK, FDD; [rbbelmon@gmail.com](mailto:rbbelmon@gmail.com)

## **Youth Activities**

This month we say goodbye to Troop/Pack 999. Our council will no longer charter these units. Wednesday, December 21 was the last meeting the troop held at the council. In January, they will be meeting at the Mount Ararat Masonic lodge on Gordon St. in Bel Air. It was a pleasure to serve as their Charter Representative for the past several years. On behalf of the Bel Air Council, I wish them success in the future.

In other youth activity, rosaries were distributed to the St. Mark Confirmation Class of 2017 on Sunday, December 11. The class consists of 54 members. This is the second year for this program and we have expanded it to include the First Communion Class of St. Mark and the First Communion and Confirmation Classes of St. Margaret.

On Monday December 19, 21 gift card awards were given out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Keep Christ In Christmas Contest at St. Margaret Church. There were 310 contestants including grades 2 through 8. Brother Tony Lamancusa provided a certificate of participation for all contestants which includes a free kids' meal at the Texas Road House. Brother Tom Krista conducted this program which was well received by the school. Our committee received a very warm reception.

The St. Mark blood drive was held on Thursday, December 22. At the time of this report, we had 30 potential donors. Our goal is 34 units, however we expect to have walk ins' which should put us over our goal. Many thanks to the brothers of our council who helped to sign up potential donors. More information on this event will be provided in the January issue of the Councilairs.

I wish a Merry Christmas to all and a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. God bless.

***Joe Pisani, Youth Activity***

## ***Scholarships***

MD State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards 3 Catholic high school scholarship grants to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and 3 Catholic High school scholarship grants to Catholic students in general. Application period is from October 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. See the website:

<http://www.kofc-md.org>

***Anthony Lamancusa***

## **Admission Degree Team**

We are always looking for understudies to cover our speaking parts. Please see Kevin McNamara or Tom Classon to volunteer for this team.

***Kevin McNamara***, Team Co-Captain

## **Patriotic Degree**

St. Francis Xavier Assembly meets at Newport Terrace on the third Monday of every month. All you need to become a member of the Patriotic Degree is to be a third-degree Knight in good standing and to put a completed Form 4 into the hands of any assembly member so the assembly can vote upon your application and help you prepare for the next exemplification of the degree. The next scheduled exemplification is Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Princess Royale in Ocean City. Per the Worthy District Marshal, applications for new Sir Knights must be submitted by February 17, 2017 at the latest. If you desire to attain the Patriotic Degree, then, St. Francis Xavier Assembly must have your application in time for its January 16 meeting. See any Sir Knight in the council to obtain an application!

***Kevin McNamara***, PFN

## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Hi Everybody! Happy New Year!

Just about everybody says, "I can't believe Christmas is over already!" Me too. It does seem the season goes by too fast. Doesn't it? But we can keep Christmas alive in our hearts. Let's all strive for that – say the rosary daily.

Our January Luncheon Business meeting will be January 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM at Silver Spring Mining Company. Please plan to join us, weather permitting. The rule of thumb is: If school is closed we will not have a meeting. Our Saint for January is St. Marianne Cope\* and our color is White. (Wear of carry something white to the luncheon meeting.)

To bring you all up to date with what we have been doing lately: Our 'Wine and Dine' Basket was a fantastic success. Thank you Sharon and all who participated in this fundraiser by working or buying tickets, (We made over \$750) The Bingo for the Veterans at Perry Point was fun for all and once again it is hard to know who enjoyed it more the Vets

or volunteers. Finally, the Fields Christmas Party was a huge success judging by their smiles, singing and dancing.

\* Since our saint of the month is a relatively new saint, I thought you might like to know a little bit about St. Marianne Cope.

Saint Marianne Cope, O.S.F. is also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i. She was born in Germany on January 23, 1838. She was baptized Maria Anna Barbara Koob, which was later changed to Cope. When she was a year old, her family immigrated to the United States, settling in Utica, NY.

She joined the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis based in Syracuse, New York and became a teacher and later a principal at a school for immigrant children. She also helped direct the opening of the first two Catholic hospitals in central New York. By 1883, she was the Superior General of her congregation. Soon after, she received a letter from King Kalakaua of Hawaii, asking for aid in treating leprosy patients who were isolated on the

island of Moloka'i. The King had already been declined by more than 50 other religious institutes.

Mother Marianne left Syracuse with six sisters and arrived on November 8, 1883. Mother Marianne helped establish the Malulani hospital on the island of Maui and spent much of her life work in Hawai'i caring for lepers on the island of Moloka'i. Eventually, Mother Marianne's was confined to a wheelchair. Despite this, she continued to work tirelessly. Despite all her years of work she never contracted leprosy herself, which many regarded as a miracle in itself.

Mother Marianne passed away on August 9, 1918 of natural causes at the age of 80. She was beautified in 2005 and declared a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. Her feast day is January 23.  
St Marianne Cope pray for us!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Kozlowski, President  
Catholic Ladies Service Organization  
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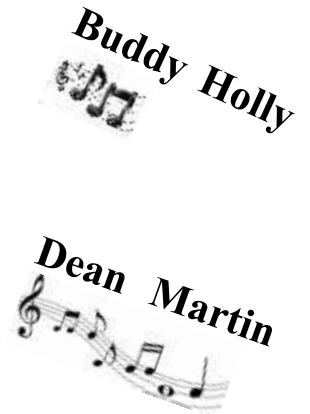


Knights of Columbus  
Bel Air Council #4714  
23 Newport Dr. Forest Hill 21050

**Presents**

**An Evening of Entertainment  
Saturday March 4, 2017**

**\*\*Starring Mr. Charisma/Cameron Roberts\*\***



**Be prepared to be entertained by his impersonations of some of the greats.**

**Total Cost is \$30**

Doors Open at **5PM** Dinner at **6PM**

Price includes dinner **catered by Luv2Ktr**; salad, grilled chicken, top sirloin, steamed vegetables, redskin potatoes, and rolls and butter. Also includes beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Dessert served after the show.

**For tickets and additional information contact: Dick or Dee Kozlowski  
410-676-2862**