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COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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Grand Knight

The new year has begun. This makes a great time to introduce a relative or friend to Knighthood. We have an Admission Degree at our March 7 business meeting. Get those Form 100s in for the February business meeting so we can bring in those new brothers at our March meeting. Please don't forget to advise our membership chairman Mike Mooney (443-386-9699, mcmooney@gmail.com) if you get a signature on a Form 100 so an admissions committee can be arranged.

Thanks to Brother Tom Rappold, who organized another successful Souper Bowl for our January social. If you missed the social but were present at the business meeting, you may recall that I mentioned attending the state mid-term at the end of that week where I expected to bring home some good news for the council. Well, I did. More on that later in the newsletter.

On the subject of socials, one note I forgot to mention at the Souper Bowl: The February social will be February 28. This is the fourth Tuesday of the month instead of our usual third Tuesday of the month. The reason for this is that Lent begins on March 1, making Fat Tuesday February 28. We are hosting a pancake supper at St. Mark that evening; so we will all gather there for our monthly social.

As I mentioned last month, 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.

And if you have yet to return your dues, please do that as soon as possible. It helps greatly in keeping the fiscal house in order.

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

During the cold and bad weather of February, we pause on the Fourteenth to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. On it people are expected to express their love for and sense of worth of another person. Most do so by giving the other something that is a symbol of the depth of their love for them.

Most buy flowers, send candy, or take the other out to a movie or dinner. Those who can afford it, are able to give gold, diamonds or a fur. In many cases what is bought costs only money and some time. But St. Valentine's Day expresses a belief that, in Jesus Christ, God sent the most valuable gift He could to express His love for all people.

Here is the real definition of love. God who is all love alone can define what true love is. Love is not giving another what is affordable, but what is equal to the value one places on the other. The Father eternally sees us as divine children and so He sends the Son as the Valentine message and messenger. The Son enfleshed that message in complete union with all human experiences from birth to death, except for sin.

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

Most times, what is given on St. Valentine's Day is forgotten before long and something new and bright is expected for next year. God's true valentine is eternal. Through the church and sacraments we can enter into the expression of divine love over and over. We can experience that love and its power every day of the year.

Fr. Michael

Fraternal Benefits

Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to

secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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

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Council Activities

Family of the Month

Our January Family of the Month was our own Tony and MaryAnn Grato.



Tony Grato (right) and his wife MaryAnn join Grand Knight Kevin McNamara (second from right) and Family Activities Chairman Jack Fuchs (left) to receive their January Family of the Month certificate and gift certificate.

Tony and MaryAnn both grew up in Trenton, New Jersey, and both went to Trenton Central High School. Yentas to the end, Tony's mother and MaryAnn's mother wanted the couple to meet; Tony met MaryAnn after he left the service in 1970. They married October 2, 1971, at St. Joachim Church in Trenton. They have two children: a son, Carmen, 41, who lives in Abingdon, and a daughter, Sabrina, 38, who lives in Forest Hill. They also have two grandchildren: Scarlett, 6, and Syler, 4. Tony worked

for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for 30 years; he is now retired.

Tony has been a Knight since his days in Trenton, where he was Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy, and an assistant to the State Deputy. He and MaryAnn lived in Abingdon for a period of time, where Tony was involved with Father Maurice Wolfe Council at St. Francis de Sales parish. After moving to Bel Air in 2010, Tony transferred into Bel Air Council and St. Francis Xavier Assembly. Tony crafts in wood as a hobby.

January Social

Our January social was our annual Souper Bowl. Tom Rappold did his usual excellent job organizing the evening (and making sure there were enough outlets for all the crock pots!). This year's offerings even featured one dish better eaten with a fork (which many of us did), along with the wide variety of soups from seafood to chicken and egg to goulash soup. We look forward to next year's souper offerings!

Lecturer Bernie Classon reminded us (well, most of us, anyway) what growing up was like (such as actually going over to your friends' homes rather than texting them), and why those of us born between 1925 and 1955 don't seem to have as many certain health problems as children of today have — for one reason, because we were always outside playing instead of parked on the living room floor glued to video games. Your Grand Knight remembers growing up in the same manner, despite his 1956 birth.

Those of you who were present at the January business meeting heard Grand Knight Kevin McNamara say that he was going to the State Mid-term Meeting expecting to bring home some good news. GK McNamara called up onto the stage Paul Zarachowicz and Tony Lamancusa, chair and co-chair, respectively, of this year's Tootsie Roll campaign effort, and presented to them the plaques he received from the mid-term indicating that Bel Air Council had collected both the greatest total amount of money in our division (Division A) as well as the greatest average amount per member for the division. For the record, as was indicated before, we pulled in \$10,843 for the intellectually disabled through the efforts of the brothers and others who participated in the campaign. That \$10,843 works out by the State's calculations to

\$36.26 per member. While our average per member wasn't the largest in the state (a council in Division D pulled in over \$40 per member), our \$10,843 was the largest total in the state. We've set the bar very, very high for next year's Tootsie Roll drive.



Tootsie Roll Chairman Paul Zarachowicz, left, and Co-chairman Tony Lamancusa, right, join Grand Knight Kevin McNamara to accept on behalf of the council and all who worked on the Tootsie Roll campaign the plaques awarded to Bel Air Council for achieving both highest total money collected for the Tootsie Roll campaign and highest average amount per member.

Our February social is scheduled for February 28, the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please notice the date change, as this is not our usual third Tuesday of the month. The reason for this is that February 28 is Fat Tuesday; Lent begins on March 1. We are scheduled to host a pancake supper at St. Mark Church on February 28; so we have decided for February only to change from the usual week of the social meeting.

Also, please keep March 21 open on your calendar. March 21 is the usual social meeting date. It is also our annual Community Awards Dinner. Last year we had a great turnout for the Community Awards Dinner. Unfortunately, the biggest reason for that was that it was barely a month after two Harford County Sheriff's Deputies were murdered in the line of duty. To date, thanks be to God, there has been no such loss of life among Harford County law enforcement; and we pray none such will happen in the future. But please plan to attend this social and give tribute to our law enforcement officer of the year, Catholic elementary school teacher of the year, and Catholic high school teacher of the year.

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 deceased brother Frank Kresslein.

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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. January 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! The name drawn at the January meeting for \$5.00 was Dan Silva and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the February meeting will be \$10.00.

Tom Sutera

Community Activities

Community Service Awards Dinner

Tuesday March 21, 2017 7:00 PM
Seated Dinner & Awards Presentation

- Police Officer of Year
- Fire Fighter of Year
- Teacher of the Year

Tickets deadline March 17, 2017

Cost \$12.00 per person

Contact John Knapstein 410-692-9823 or
Patrick Ruckle 410-905-6002

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 February (5th) 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. Please try to give us a hand if you can.

Tom Sutera

Admission Degree Team

Our next degree is scheduled for our March 6 business meeting. 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.

Kevin McNamara, PFN

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hello Everybody!

Happy Valentine's Day! Hearts, flowers and candy are the symbols of the day. Another symbol for CLSO members this year is a luncheon place setting. Yes, you guessed it! Our next business meeting will be February 14th (St Valentine's Day) at the Silver Spring Mining Company at 12:30 pm. Hope to see you there. The snow flurries last month kept most of our members home. That was wise of our wonderful ladies because we certainly don't want anyone to take chances or get caught in bad weather. Nut we still missed you. Luckily the snow stopped and five of us braved the weather and had a fine time. Let's hope the weather will hold this month so that everyone can attend.

Our Saint for February is St Blaise and our color is Red. Remember having your throat blessed with crossed candles on St Blaise Day? That was because he is the Patron of Throat illnesses. St Blaise was a doctor and treated people and animals. He was a bishop, a hermit living in a cave, and a martyr. His feast day is Feb. 3.

There are still a few tickets available for the Knight's 'Entrainment Night' on March 4th. Mr., Charisma will be there with his golden voice and sparkling charm. For those of you who have seen him perform no more need be said. He is really a gem! If you haven't seen and heard him perform you need to come and treat yourself. There will also be a delicious meal prepared by our house caterer Luv 2KTR and even wine and beer included in the price of the ticket - \$30 pp. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, call Dick or Dee Kozlowski 410-676-2862 - a.s.a.p. - Tickets really are going fast.

Our February Birthdays are:

- Maria Vigliante – 2/2,
- Ana Grigliunas – 2/6,
- Dee Kozlowski – 2/8,
- Pat Bucci – 2/15,
- Karen Warner – 2/18
- Pat LIjewski – 2/26.

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Our February Wedding Anniversary is Natalie and Earnie Boyd, who will be celebrating their 61st on February 11 (1956). Congratulations!

Again, our Business Luncheon Meeting will be held at on Tuesday February 14th at 12:30 pm at the Silver Spring Mining Company. Hope you can all make it. We want to see you there!

Dee Kozlowski, President Catholic Ladies Service Organization, 410-676-2862 mtmama624@aol.com

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****

Ronnie
Dove
Frank Sinatra



Buddy Holly
Dean Martin

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
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