



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight

Membership, membership, membership! There, I've said it. But it's vital that we find and talk to upstanding Catholic gentlemen and share with them the benefits of being Knights. So make sure you carry a Form 100 with you at all times. And once you get a friend, a relative, a coworker, or whomever to agree to become a Knight, please don't forget to advise our membership chairman Mike Mooney (443-386-9699, mcmooney@gmail.com) so an admissions committee can be arranged.

As I write this, our February social has yet to take place. That's because it's a pancake supper on February 28, Shrove Tuesday (or, if you prefer, Fat Tuesday — Mardi Gras, as the French would say), at St. Mark parish. It runs from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. So if you missed all the other announcements (such as the one made here last month), please remember to join us at the McCall Hall for the pancake supper...maybe make some new friends...maybe convince one or two to become Knights.

As I mentioned the last two months, 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). If you have yet to do 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

For anyone who has read the Hebrew Scriptures, the term, "Sack cloth and ashes" rings a bell. For example, in the Book of the Prophet Jonah, the King of Nineveh upon hearing the prophet's half-hearted first day's announcement of God's wrath, immediately rules that all in the kingdom wear sack cloth and ashes.

This new dress of rough garment and itchy ashes, was a sign of an inner change of attitude and an outer change of whatever behavior God was upset with. In order to put on the new garb, decoration, attitude and behaviors, the whole kingdom must hear, obey and take off the old garb, decorations, attitudes and behaviors.

On Ash Wednesday, as the whole church begins Lent, we, together as the Kingdom of God on earth, hear God, obey God and make an effort to take off the sinful self in order to put on the new garb, new decoration, new attitude, and new behaviors of God's adopted Children.

We do so for a divine purpose. Since the early church, the final stage of the RCIA has been Lent. As those waiting to become one with Christ in Baptism with His death, burial and resurrection at the Easter Vigil, go through this final Lenten retreat, the whole church prepares for their joining the Body of Christ, by a

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

Lenten time of sack cloth and ashes in response to God's Word.

I wish you all a great Lent. May your ashes itch! May you yearn and ache for the new life God offers us all at Easter!

Fr. Michael

Fraternal Benefits

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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Council Activities

Family of the Month

Our February Family of the Month will be announced at the pancake supper. What, you didn't think we'd give that away now, did you?

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight

February Social

As mentioned above, our February social takes place at St. Mark parish in the McCall Hall on Shrove Tuesday, February 28, from 5 to 7 pm. Come and enjoy the pancake supper and fellowship.

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

April 18 Social Meeting

This meeting will have an Easter theme and will have activities for children and grandchildren.

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

Night of Entertainment

The Night of Entertainment is sold out!! Congratulations to Brother Dick Kozlowski for coming up with the idea, planning the night, and executing all the operations involved in making it a success. Thank you to all who bought tickets to the event, and to all who helped in any way to make this happen. We know it's going to be a great time!

Spring Craft Fair

April 1st -- at the Council Home 9-2pm
Vendors, crafters & artisans offering free raffles and special spring promotions
Food by Luv 2 KTR ~ samples & purchase
2 Egg Hunts ~ \$1 per child Registration required ~ 10 am for ages 2-5 // 11:30 am for ages 6-12
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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. Pray for recently deceased brothers Danford Silva and Arthur "George" Naused.
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Hall Steward

Work party on the fifth Tuesday of January was very successful. Many tables were "tightened up". Next event is fifth Tuesday in May the 30th at 7 pm.
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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 February meeting for \$10.00 was Jacob Swinding and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the March meeting will be \$15.00.

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

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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 March (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 help us aid our veterans each month. God Bless All of You.

Tom Sutera

Admission Degree Team

Our next degree is scheduled for our March 7 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

Hi Everyone!

We held our February meeting at the Silver Spring Mining Company Restaurant on Valentine's Day Feb. 14th. Six members were present. We enjoyed great fellowship, good food and some Valentine goodies.

We are working on plans for our annual CLSO Birthday party. It will be held August 6th 1 pm. at Mamies' Restaurant at Beard's Hill. Aberdeen. Cost is \$15.pp this includes entrée, beverage and dessert. Please contact Sharon DiMatteo – 410-879-7633.

Sharon has also agreed to chair the CLSO Annual Christmas Party which will be held at Giovanni's, December 10, at 2 PM. All are welcome. We will have more details next month.

The next Veterans' Bingo Party at Perry Point will be held April 5. Please contact Pat Lijewski if you plan to volunteer. We will also be collecting religious goods to donate to their chaplain for distribution to the Veterans. Any Catholic religious item is acceptable— except Cord rosaries. Chain rosaries are ok.

Happy Birthday to Betty Bourgeois March 5, Joan Keenan March 20 and Wanda Hershy March 24.

Please pray for the health of Joan Keenan and Earnie Boyd and the soul and family of George Naused.

Our Saint of the month for March is St Francis Assisi and our color is Brown.

Our upcoming events are:

- March 13 7 PM Card Night at the council home - come and join us!
- March 14 12:30 PM CLSO Business meeting at the Silver Spring Mining Company
- April 5 Perry Point Veteran's Bingo Party – we meet at the gate at 12:00(noon)
- August 6 – 1 PM CLSO Annual Birthday Party

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A one day Lenten Retreat for Men, (The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available to all.)

Theme: "Rise up, O Men of God"

Register now for the **Catholic Men's Fellowship ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Saturday, March 25, 2017**, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (includes lunch) at Morgan State University, Murphy Fine Arts Center, 2201 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218. Speakers are Dr. Scott Hahn, Deacon Paul Shelton and Officer Alex Zunca. Closing Mass celebrated at 3:00 PM with Archbishop William Lori, as Celebrant. Because of expected participation of 2200 Men early registration is highly recommended to avoid long lines at the registration area. For more details or to register, go to www.catholicmensfellowship.com, or call Gil Hoffman 410-252-5737 or Tony Boehk 410-456-6790. **Space is limited, register now at the website.** Onsite registration starts at 7 AM at Morgan State (coffee & donuts available).

St. Margaret Parish is sponsoring a bus with 56 seats to and from the conference. The bus will depart Saint Mary Magdalen Mission (SMMM) parking lot at 6:15 AM sharp and will return to SMMM by 6 PM. Seating is on a first come first served basis. Do not call the parish office for reservations of a seat on the bus. After registering for the conference, please call our bus coordinator, Jack Dempsey to reserve a space on the bus at (410) 803-2111. All financially supported individuals will also be afforded a seat on the bus but must also be sure to register and request a seat by calling the number above.

The St. Margaret Catholic Men's Fellowship meets at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Sunday evenings in the AEC join us anytime.

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- > Called to Holiness Not Perfection

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- > God Blessed Me Then Saved My Heart

REGISTRATION

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(Full program overview available online)

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REGISTER TODAY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 | ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT



Dr. Scott Hahn



Deacon Paul Shelton



Officer Alex Zunca

REGISTRATION

7:00 A.M., coffee and donuts

CONFERENCE

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., includes lunch

CLOSING MASS

3:00 P.M. - Celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori



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Complimentary tickets available

Event Contacts:

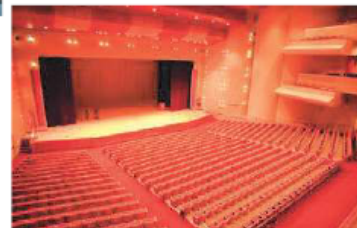
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FEE: \$40.00 PER PERSON, STUDENT \$20.00

Registration fee includes lunch.

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Please consider a donation to help defray the cost of clergy and men in need.

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

\$40.00 x _____ = \$ _____

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