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# 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](mailto:mcmooney@gmail.com)) so an admissions committee can be arranged.

There have been two social meetings since the last issue of Councilairs. I'll report on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at St. Mark later in this issue; Deputy Grand Knight John Knapstein reports on the March Community Service Awards Dinner. And Dick Kozlowski reports on the Night of Entertainment that took place on March 4. Hats off to Dick for producing this evening of fun and food that brought the council almost \$2200!!

Council brothers and others provided considerable service to St. Margaret parish recently. At the end of February, the parish's Catholic Men's Fellowship chapter asked us to help them recruit men to attend their conference in March at Morgan State University. The practice came in handy for the following week, when the brothers, with some help from lovely ladies and perhaps a few CMF members, started the Baby Bottle Boomerang in the parish, where we distributed empty baby bottles for people to load up with change — or as Father Kevin was suggesting, cash, checks or negotiable instruments — to return on the Palm Sunday weekend as a contribution to Birthright. We need to remain active, because a particular malaise creeps over councils around now...

We are entering the last quarter of the fraternal year. It's natural to think of slowing things down, winding things up, closing up shop. Natural, but counterproductive. We need to keep up our

recruitment, charitable, and service activities to hand off to the next administration a council that is firing on all cylinders. To that end, I asked Membership Chairman Mike Mooney, FDD and PGK, to head up the nomination committee for the next election. Our election will take place at the June business meeting, as usual. If you wish to be considered for an office, please contact Mike ([mcmooney86@gmail.com](mailto:mcmooney86@gmail.com), 443-310-2748). Good Lord willing, a full nominating committee will be in place by the April business meeting. And as always, nominations from the floor are permitted.

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**

Every spring should remind us of our future, if we like nature serves the Creator. One of the themes of the Creation Epic in Genesis is that in the very act of divine creation God makes a promise, an agreement, and a covenant with all creation. If it serves God's purpose, God sustains it in being.

With the human creatures, God covenants a special relationship. If they live on the stage of life God calls into being for humans, they will live forever in God's being. Part of that agreement is that the humans are stewards of some of the rest of creation. As stewards, humans are to "walk in the garden" with God every day. The purpose of this time with God is not that we tell Him what to do, but that God tells His human servants what he has for them to do that day.

In spring, every flower, every tree serves God by imaging divine beauty. When we make choices that image God's life-giving ones, we serve our Creator. We, like the flowers, give others an idea of God's goodness.

## **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

Have a blessed spring: praise God by looking up His wisdom for you in Sacred Scripture today. The Word Among us or another tool can help. Then with the Psalmist, we will pray: : “Let all God’s creatures praise the Lord!”

*Fr. Michael*

### **Fraternal Benefits**

**Permanent Life Insurance – Insure Your Life for Life**

Permanent Life Insurance is our signature product. Why? Because it provides guaranteed protection for your loved ones until the day you die. And, while you’re still alive, it builds cash value. It’s the total package.

Permanent Life Insurance is a great solution for many basic needs, such as final expenses, income replacement, and debt protection, and it can also serve specialized purposes such as estate planning and charitable giving.

Whatever the planned use, permanent life insurance is reliable. It will be there when you won’t be, regardless of when that happens.

Put simply: as long as you pay your premiums, when you die, whenever you die, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

There is one exception, though. Should you be fortunate enough to live to the ripe old age of 120, your Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policy will pay you your death benefit. It wouldn’t be the worst 120th birthday present you receive.

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### **Council Activities**

#### ***Kay Cee Club***

The Bel Air Kay Cee Club Inc. is asking council members to volunteer to be Board Members, currently we are two Board Members short. If anyone is interested to help, your obligation would only be one meeting per month, please call Tony Lamancusa at (410) 322-3272 or email me at

[Lamancusat@msn.com](mailto:Lamancusat@msn.com).

Thank You for your consideration,

**Tony Lamancusa**, Kay Cee Club President

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

Our February Family of the Month was the family of Mike and Julie Tomko of St. Mark parish. Mike and Julie met in the workplace. Mike still works there; Julie works as mother of three very busy sons. In fact, the Tomko family was unable to attend the social at St. Mark, as their sons’ Boy Scout troop was providing a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in another parish! (Answer to a question no one has asked, by the way: The reason Bel Air Council has not put on a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in St. Margaret parish is because the parish Boy Scouts have been doing that for years.) Both Mike and Julie are involved in the parish’s SPARK ministry as well as Natural Family Planning.

Our March Family of the Month earned a repeat honor (what would you call that, Eric, an oak leaf cluster?), as Eric and Roxanne Tiso were honored for their service and execution of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at St. Mark, for which, see below.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

#### ***February Social***

As mentioned above, our February social took place at St. Mark parish in the McCall Hall on Shrove Tuesday, February 28. A wonderful time was had by all. Our extremely hard-working kitchen crew was run by Roxanne Tiso, lovely lady of our Chancellor Eric Tiso — and, boy, did she make that kitchen run!! In

addition to Roxanne and Eric, the kitchen crew included John Knapstein, Tom Sutera, Mark Zimmerman, Bernie Classon, Mike Mooney, Joe Pisani, Charlie Belli, Ted Kunkel, and Jeff Allen. We served about 250 people, according to estimates. We're looking forward to doing it again next year. Shrove Tuesday comes a lot earlier next year: Valentine's Day, February 14!!

Coincidentally, it was noticed that the back of Roxanne's T-shirt bore the direction "Try and keep up," which was not exactly easy for the men in the kitchen to do, or so it appeared. It wasn't until late in the evening that it was noticed that the front of her shirt bore the statement "I run like a girl." Ironically, Roxanne admits to being a very slow runner. (Don't get any ideas, kids!)

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### ***April 18 Social Meeting***

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

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

The Night of Entertainment was a sellout, and a fantastic success!! Brother Dick Kozlowski reports on the evening:

March 4th was an evening that we will long remember. It was an evening reminiscent of the social events held by the KofC of yesteryear: good food, great entertainment and eager audience participation joining in song and dance.

We had a near-capacity turnout of 158 people with many asking us to invite them to a similar event in the near future.

The dinner was a catered buffet prepared by Sharon Potocki (Luv2Ktr), which consisted of salad, grilled chicken, top sirloin, steamed vegetables, buttered potatoes, with dessert served after the show. The council provided an open bar of soft drinks, beer and wine.

The evening's entertainment was presented by Cameron Roberts, better known as "Mr. Charisma." This young man is only 24 years old and has been entertaining professionally since he was 13 years old.

He did impersonations of some of the greats — e.g., Ronnie Dove, Buddy Holly, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra — and had some of the guests "rocking and rolling" in their seats while getting others up to dance in the aisles.

Hopefully we will do another entertainment night; and for those who did not attend this one, we hope to see you there next time.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### ***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, Pat Ruckle, 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 brother Richard Banz Sr.

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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!

**Tom Sutera**

## **Community Activities**

The Social meeting for March featured the Community Service awards. Receiving awards were Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski, Elementary School teacher of the year; Sean Connolly, High School Teacher of the year; Todd Schlossnagle, Firefighter of the year; and Senior Deputy Nicholas McGowan, Deputy sheriff of the year. Approximately 60 people attended the dinner which was served by confirmation student from St Ignatius parish. Keep the social meeting for March in mind as this is an annual event to honor the outstanding teachers, firefighter and deputy of the year from our local community.

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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 450 pounds has already been donated.

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## **Church Activities**

St. Mark will be holding a special Blood Drive on Friday, May 5 from 12:30pm until 6:00pm at the White Hall Building. We will need help in registering potential blood donors after the Saturday and Sunday Masses on April 22/23 and April 29/30. We will also need help with registering the donors and providing refreshments during the actual blood drive. The American Red Cross is requesting this special drive due to a shortage of blood. If you can, please volunteer to donate a unit of blood. Each unit can save up to three lives. This is one way we, as Bel Air Council members can support the Parish of St. Mark. This drive is in addition to the annual summer drive which will be held on Sunday, July 30.

*Joe Pisani*

## **Youth Activities**

We have delivered all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Rosaries to St. Mark and St. Margaret Parishes. The recipients are very pleased with the council's gift to them. A total of 412 rosaries were made by the Ladies Catholic Organization, led by Mrs. Dee Kozlowski and her family. The Bel Air Council deeply appreciates their hard work and diligence in

making this project possible. Making rosaries can be tedious and requires much patience. Thanks to the ladies auxiliary and the Kozlowski family and may God bless them one and all.

St. Mark will require ushers for the First Holy Communion Mass which will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00am and the Confirmation Mass which will be held on Thursday evening, May 18 at 7:00pm. I will be contacting council members to help support these Masses as ushers. Volunteers to help with the blood drives and First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses may contact me at 443-299-6211 or 443-955-9428.

*Joe Pisani*, Youth Activity Chairman

## **Admission Degree Team**

Unfortunately, our latest candidate for the Admission Degree had a family commitment preclude his attendance at our March business meeting. We're working on finding a convenient time to exemplify the degree to him, preferable with a live team. Our calendar for the next fraternal year is being formulated as this is written. 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**

Congratulations to Bel Air Council's newest Sir Knight, Bob Cassilly. Remember, St. Francis Xavier Assembly meets at Newport Terrace on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 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 get you to an exemplification.

*Kevin McNamara*, PFN

## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Hello Everybody!

Happy April! As you know, our March meeting was cancelled due to the snowstorm. In February snow flurries keep most of our ladies home, so we have a lot to catch up on but not too much to report.

We will be going to Perry Point Veterans' Hospital to hold a BINGO for the patients on Wednesday, April 5th. We will meet at 1:30PM at the gate. If you plan to attend please contact Pat Lijewski 410-879-5872. Don't forget to bring your saved religious goods because we will stop at the Chaplains office to restock their supply of rosaries, prayer cards, etc.

In March we sent our annual donations to St. Margaret and St. Mark in support of their Confirmation program. We also sent our budgeted donation to FOCUS. There isn't much other news, but we have a lot to talk about and plan, so please be sure to come to the April meeting at Silver Spring Mining Company 12:30 Tuesday April 11th. I hope the weather will be pleasant.

Our birthdays for April are

- Rita Fay – 4/11
- Jean Monahan – 4/2
- Marion Oliva – 4/28

Our Saint for the Month is St. Genna Galgani and our Color of the month is Pink. Wear or carry something pink to our next meeting.

Our Prayer Tree this month includes Maria Vigliante, Joan Keenan, Diane Custer, Pat Wilhelm and Pat R.'s 23 year old grandson Andy. May God bless them all.

I hope to see you at the Luncheon meeting. It's been a long winter. Miss you all.

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