



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight

May your Easter season bring you lasting joy and peace as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I'll say it again: 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.

A little to my surprise, St. Margaret took it upon itself to collect on the Palm Sunday weekend the baby bottles we distributed for them on the weekend of the first Sunday of Lent. No matter: As President Ronald Reagan is supposed to have said, you can accomplish a lot if you don't care who gets the credit. I've been getting updates from the parish on how the count is proceeding...and when the count is finalized and the parish turns over a check to us, we're all going to be pleasantly surprised to say the least. Let me say this much: Father Kevin mentioned to me that at St. Joseph in Fullerton, his last assignment before St. Margaret, they started out collecting around \$8,800 and on his last campaign, they collected around \$10,000. Our first effort has already exceeded that number; and the parish is still counting...

I will be attending the state convention in May with IPGK and District Warden Steve Conley as your council delegates, with PGKs Bernie Classon and Wayne Davis as our alternates. This is "not an election year," as they say; in fact, we will vote for continuance in office of the current state officer corps. I haven't seen the resolutions to be presented at this year's convention, so I don't know if there will be anything as...*interesting* as there was last year, although I

wouldn't be surprised if there were. I will have a report on the convention in the June issue of the *Councilairs*.

Our election of council officers will take place at the June business meeting. Our nominating committee of Jeff Allen (jeffrey.allen2@mac.com), Dick Belmonte (rbbelmon@gmail.com), and Mike Mooney (mcmooney86@gmail.com) are searching for brothers willing to serve the council, the community, and the Church by being in the center of the action. Please consider taking an office in the council for the next fraternal year and contact Jeff, Dick, or Mike with your interest. The committee will present the slate of officers at the May business meeting; however, nominations can be made from the floor during the election.

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

April is resurrection time. All around us there are signs of new life. The scriptures tell us that the same God who creates all is the Lord of the resurrection events.

Within the Trinity God is a constant flow of life between the three. Each person of the Trinity eternally gives life to the others and receives life from the uniqueness of the others. Within the Trinity, life is inconstant flow of unity.

As we approach the Feast of the most Holy Trinity, do we need to read a book on it like Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance*. After all, if we believe that we are created in image and likeness to God, do we need to know more about the relationships in the Trinity?

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

Every time we sign ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, let's ask God to reveal that life to us in a deeper way.

Fr. Michael

Fraternal Benefits

A Founding Notion:

Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2017, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2015 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into

play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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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.

Thank You for your consideration,

Tony Lamancusa, Kay Cee Club President

Family of the Month

Our April Family of the Month is Don and Marie Dekowski. Until recently, Marie was head of adult faith formation at St. Margaret. She grew up in the Gardenville neighborhood of Baltimore City and attended St. Anthony's parish. Don grew up in Rosedale in Baltimore County and attended Annunciation parish. Don and Marie met in the parking lot at the Rosedale branch of the Baltimore County Library and were married on April 4, 1977. They have two sons: Daniel, 35, and Timothy, 25. Marie recently retired from 16 years as head of adult faith formation to care for her mother-in-law, who is suffering from serious health concerns. However, she and a group from St. Margaret to into Baltimore to feed the homeless. The group took the name the Dirty Shoes from Pope Francis, who as Cardinal Archbishop Bergoglio also had a group called the Dirty Shoes that fed the homeless in Buenos Aires, so called from getting their shoes dirty feeding the homeless. Don works in commercial heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, a field in which he has worked for 50 years. He also helps Marie with her outreach projects.

With Marie caring for her mother-in-law, she and Don were not available to join us for the social and receive their certificates.

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight

March Social

Pictures courtesy ***Tony Lamancusa***



April Social

Our April social concluded a little unfinished business from March's Community Service Awards dinner when our Catholic High School Teacher of the Year, Sean Connolly from John Carroll, accepted his plaque and honorarium. Sean started out life in the work world as a lawyer. He became a teacher of special-needs high schoolers before coming to John Carroll as a math teacher. He also created and mentored a mock trial team, a team that won its first competition in only its second year of existence.

The social was supposed to present an Easter-themed children's movie. However, first came the realization that the council's laptop computer doesn't have a DVD drive. Fortunately, the Worthy GK happened to have his personal laptop, which does have a DVD drive, at the hall. Unfortunately, we were unable to get the computer to play anything but the opening title sequence; we weren't able to get past that to start the movie. Our thanks regardless to Sheri Mooney, our brother Mike Mooney's lovely lady, who provided the DVD and assured us it did work in her van (I believe she said they overdosed on the movie).

We are scheduled to conduct our annual Marian devotion at the May social. Please mark your calendars for May 16 and plan to attend. Thank you.

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight

Night of Entertainment

Mark your calendars now: Bel Air Council will present another Night of Entertainment on Saturday, October 21. Details as they become available. If you missed the last one, you won't want to miss this one!!

Kevin McNamara, Grand Knight



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 Earnie Boyd.

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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 March meeting for \$15.00 was Lawrence Dietrick and he was not in attendance. The name drawn at the April meeting for \$20.00 was Chris Seling and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the May meeting will be \$25.00.

Tom Sutera

Slate of Officers for June 2017 Election

The nominating committee consists of Richard Belmonte, Michael Mooney and Jeffrey Allen. The nominations for council officers are:

Grand Knight	John Knapstein
Deputy Grand Knight	Eric Tiso
Chancellor	Robert Knorr
Warden	Jeffrey Allen
Treasurer	Thomas Rappold
Recorder	Paul Roeger
Advocate	W. Wayne Davis Jr.
Inside Guard	John Fuchs
Outside Guard	Jerome Wagner
Trustee 3 yr	Kevin McNamara
Trustee 2 yr	Robert Cassilly
Trustee 1 yr	Richard Kozlowski

Delegates and Alternates to Convention

Delegate	John Knapstein
Delegate	Kevin McNamara
Delegate	Eric Tiso
Alternate	Stephen Conley

5 Home Corporation Directors vacancies need to be filled - if interested contact:

Tony Lamancusa

Community Activities

Food Collection

Anna’s House is expanding their programs and will be in need of nonperishable 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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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 May (7th) 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

Plans are being made with our Worthy District Deputy to create a schedule of Admission degrees for District 16 for the next fraternal year. 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 is conducting a seafood raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5; the prize is a \$150 gift certificate from Seafood Festival (locations in Bel Air and Forest Hill). The drawing will be May 15 at the assembly's May meeting. There are tickets at the hall; contact Kevin McNamara at 443-409-4186 or kgm4714@gmail.com to buy yours. 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!

Isn't May the nicest month of all? Look at all of nature's beauty displayed. I think that is why May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

Our April meeting was well attended but we would like to see more of our members in attendance. Our Life Members now equal almost half of our membership. While we are aware how very blessed we are to have so many loyal members with years of dedicated service, we are hard pressed to meet our expenses since we depend on members' dues to make up a good portion of our budget (and life members are exempt from paying dues). Therefore, we have found to necessary to increase our annual dues to \$25.00. Dues are payable in June. Please send your check to Karen Warner, Treasurer – 1021 Barrymore Dr. Bel Air, MD 21014. Any Life Member who wishes to voluntarily donate part or all of her dues to CLSO will be greatly appreciated.

Five of our ladies and several friends of CLSO participated at the recent Veteran's Bingo held at Perry Point on April 5th. We entertained about 20 veterans with socializing, tasty treats and beverages, bingo games and loads of very nice prizes. As usual everyone had fun - Volunteers and Vets alike. We will be attending and volunteering at the Annual Car Show and Picnic June 11, 2017. Please contact Pat Lijewski 410-879-5872 for more details.

Our May Birthday Ladies are

- Marguerite Ward – 5/10
- Jean Hess – 5/13.

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Our May Anniversary couple is

- Dolores and Joseph Fantacone – 5/5/1957

Happy Sixtieth Anniversary!

Our May meeting will be held at Silver Spring Mining Company at 12:30 Tuesday, May 11th.

Our Saint for the Month of May is Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady appeared for the first time at Fatima 100 years ago on May 13, 1917. She asked us to pray the Rosary every day for world peace. Let's all honor her request. If you know anyone who needs a rosary please call me – 410-676-2862.

Our color of the month is Blue and White. Wear or carry something blue or white to our next meeting.

Our May Prayer Tree this month includes Maria Vigliante, Joan Keenan, Diane Custer, Pat Wilhelm and Pat R.'s 23 year old grandson, Andy and John Johnson. Pray for their health and healing.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Luncheon meeting.

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