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# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714

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### **Grand Knight**

Although it's May as I write this, it's for the June issue of the Councilairs. It's been an interesting two years as Grand Knight of Bel Air Council; and I thank you all for your support and friendship during this time. In particular, I want to thank the officers who supported the council and me during the year, who made the programs possible and who carried out more than was expected of them. As the slate of officers later in this issue indicates, it's time to turn over the reins of the council to another administration. I'm sure we are placing the council in very good, well-trained hands in John Knapstein. As always, I thank the brothers of the council who provided the manpower to make everything work, and who more often than not provided the ideas and then executed them.

Of course, I would not have been able to do anything without the love and support of my darling wife and our lovely First Lady Gilly-Ann. She is as supportive of the order and of anything this council does as any of the brothers. It is ever true, especially for those of us brothers who are married, that we cannot do anything without the support of our ladies, especially our wives. I love you, Hon.

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

It was very gratifying to see so many people at our May social. It was our annual Marian devotion; and we also turned over to Birthright of Bel Air the proceeds of the Baby Bottle Boomerang. For those who missed

the social, you'll read the final count in the report on the social later in this issue.

As promised last month, there will be a report on this year's convention later in this issue. Not only were the sessions nowhere near as interesting as last year's (which is a very good thing), but District 16 made some impressive presentations, which will be detailed later on.

Our election of council officers will take place at the June business meeting. The slate of officers presented at the May business meeting will be listed later; however, as always, 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**

June is the traditional month for weddings. Although nowadays, any month is a beautiful time for a couple to celebrate a covenant bond with each other in Jesus Christ. John's Gospel saves for us the older Book of Signs. The first sign Jesus works is at a wedding feast. Why is human marriage so important to God?

We need to start with the Genesis Creation Epic's theology of a creation covenant web of God ordained relationships. The stage of human life is marked by the Creator by relationships to Sun, air, water, earth, birds of the sky, creatures of the sea, animals that roam the earth, each other and ultimately to the Creator. God created the humans male and female in image and likeness to Himself. He warns Adam that it is not good for the human creature to be alone.

God helps the man to come to recognize that none of

## **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

the many animals that roam the earth will be a fitting “Helpmate” for him. When Adam sees the woman for the first time he accepts her as an equal and a cure for aloneness. She and he are together to help each other be in proper covenant relationship with the creator.

As Christians, Catholics do not just believe that a union that a man and a woman decide upon should be automatically recognized and blessed by God. We believe that the Creator must be a partner of the process of finding one’s helpmate from the beginning. In young relationships, many factors are at play. Some are healthy and some are unhealthy. Without God’s presence and help in seeking out the one to complete oneself in God the unhealthy attractions will guide a young adult down a false road. That is why divorce is so frequent in USA society.

A mission of the K of C in America should be to model healthy marriages to our youth. But it should also be to educate our children in God’s ways for marriage. There is much at stake. If we are the best image and likeness of God on earth, our false relationships, our unhealthy unions present a false image of God to the world. Maybe, poor marriages are the reason faith in God is so poorly wanted in American society today!

*Fr. Michael*

### **Fraternal Benefits**

#### **Life Insurance As a Gift?**

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive.. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a

family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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### **Council Activities**

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

Our May Family of the Month is Rick and Geraldine Finck, nominated by Brother Frank Cann. Rick was able to join us for the social; Geraldine was, let’s say, recovering from grandmother duties earlier in the day. Rick grew up in Rosedale and attended St. Clement’s Church and School. He attended Overlea High School. Geraldine grew up in Dublin, Ireland, and attended St. Louis High School and Our Lady of Refuge parish in Rathmines, a Dublin suburb. Rick and Geraldine met through Sr. Bernadette at St. Anthony Church in 1978; they married in 1982. They have two daughters: Risling, who works for CareFirst, and Jacqueline, who is a lawyer in Dublin. Rick is a third-degree Knight,

originally in Bishop Newman Council (which merged with another council). He has worked Tootsie Roll Drives and Las Vegas Nights, two of his council's major activities. As a parishioner at St. Margaret, Rick has helped feed the homeless, worked on the Thanksgiving dinner, and assisted with the Christmas gift drive. Rick, who works for Verizon, and Geraldine, who cares for their four grandchildren, both like to travel.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### **May Social**

Our May social was our annual Marian devotion. Our turnout was excellent, especially considering the fact that our parking lot was unavailable to us. But before we expressed our devotion to the Blessed Mother, there were some bits of business to which we needed to attend. Those of you who receive our Constant Contact messages know that Carol Carnahan, the mother of our Deputy Grand Knight John Knapstein, passed away on Saturday, May 12 (the day before Mother's Day) from a stroke she suffered the Monday prior. A prayer was said for the repose of her soul and for the comfort and consolation of John and his family.

In addition to our Family of the Month (see above), we were honored by the presence of Carol Maglov, executive director of Birthright of Bel Air, and many of her volunteers and board members, including Birthright's original executive director and current board member, Carol Murrow. And the reason we invited them was to present the proceeds of the St. Margaret parish Baby Bottle Boomerang.

The Boomerang started on the weekend of March 4-5, the first weekend of Lent, with Knights, family members, and others distributing specially made baby bottles to the congregations at the eight Masses then on the St. Margaret schedule. The bottles were collected on April 8-9, the Palm Sunday weekend, and the parish counted the change, in addition to the cash and checks that were written to the parish. St. Margaret presented a check to Bel Air Council for \$21,011.36. Seventy dollars in checks were written directly to the council; and \$1,807 in checks were written directly to Birthright, making up a whopper of a payout!



**Carol Maglov (second from left), Executive Director of Birthright of Bel Air, along with board members Carol Murrow (left), Christopher Yeung (second from right), and Jim DeCapite (right), flank Grand Knight Kevin McNamara as he presents a ceremonial check to Birthright for \$22,888.36, the total proceeds of St. Margaret parish's Baby Bottle Boomerang, which the Knights assisted the parish to collect. The total combines a number of checks sent directly to Birthright and to the council, plus the total counted at the parish and given to the council.**

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Grand Knight Kevin McNamara, who dressed in a tuxedo for the presentation, told the assembly, "This is the most fun part of my job: I get to act like a game show host and give away a lot of someone else's money!" That lot came to \$22,888.36!! According to Karen Saccenti, St. Margaret's executive assistant, Rev. Msgr. Kevin Schenning, St. Margaret pastor and one of Bel Air Council's three chaplains, who brought the Boomerang from his prior parish of St. Joseph in Fullerton, was expecting to collect perhaps \$5,000 from this first attempt. Deacon Jim DeCapite, who is also a member of Birthright's board and its accountant, assured Father Kevin that \$5,000 was too low an expectation. "If you tell these people the reason you want the money," Jim told Father, referring to the parish congregation, "they will respond by opening



their wallets.” And they certainly did! In fact, the parish’s first report to the council on the count indicated more than \$11,000 in coin and an additional \$5,000 in cash, with bottles still rolling in, all the way to the final total of \$22,888.36.

The bottles are saved in the parish basement, waiting for February 17-18, 2018, the first weekend of Lent next year, and the next Baby Bottle Boomerang. The council should prepare for needing more brothers and others to distribute bottles, as many of the St. Mark parishioners in attendance at the social said they were taking the Boomerang idea back to Fr. Jerry, St. Mark pastor and another of the council’s chaplains.

Of course, the main focus of our May social was our annual Marian devotion. Brother Ted Kunkel, our Culture of Life Activities chairman, prepared and conducted the devotional with the assistance of Brother Tom Sutera, who so ably led this service for so many years.



Sharon DiMatteo, Secretary of the Catholic Ladies Service Organization, places the crown on the statue of the Blessed Mother, the high point of Bel Air Council's annual Marian devotion. Along with Sharon are CLSO officers Karen Warner, Treasurer (to Sharon's left), President Dee Koszowski (beside Karen), and Betty Bourgeois. Not pictured: Vice President Virginia Berkowitz.

Following the devotional, a selection of light snacks and desserts was provided by Sharon Potocki of Luv2Ktr. Aside from the general impression that the offerings were more than mouthwatering, many attendees were surprised to realize that the table represented light snacks, saying they were sorry they had taken time to eat dinner before coming to the hall. Truth be told, the reminders for the social used the

term “light snacks and desserts,” so the pleasant confusion was understandable — and delicious! Our June social will be our annual presentation of council awards and suggestions for the next fraternal year.

**Kevin McNamara**, Grand Knight

### **2017 State Convention**

Grand Knight Kevin McNamara and District Warden Stephen Conley attended the 2017 convention as delegates representing Bel Air Council, with PGKs Bernie Classon and Wayne Davis as alternates. The convention sessions were quite uneventful compared to last year, with one resolution in particular being completely rewritten so as to comport both with Church teaching and with federal law, with the result that the resolution was passed. All the current state officers were re-elected to another year in office.

Perhaps the more interesting aspects of the convention were the awards brought home by District 16. For the first time in memory, District 16 took third place in the annual Grand Knight Olympics, where the grand knights and District Deputy of all the districts in Maryland take part in some weekend-warrior games, with the highest-scoring teams winning money for their respective charities.



Blasters!! Ron Zwicke, Grand Knight of Corpus Christi Council 6188, takes aim with a pop gun in the first round of the Grand Knight Olympics on Friday afternoon before the first convention session. District 16 came in third, its best finish in recent memory.

The District 16 team decided as the games started to donate its winnings to Perry Point VAMC. We’re still trying to figure out why it was announced at the convention session that our donation was going to the State Charity Fund.

The other major award for District 16 was the State Deputy's Cup for the best hospitality room. This covers more than just the food: It takes into consideration the room's theme and how well that theme was executed.



Bob Gorman, Grand Knight of Bishop Becker Council 2427 (extreme left, with light saber) and PGK Joe Malkoski (extreme right, in front of State Deputy Steve Cohen) portray Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi for the District 16 hospitality room at the State Convention. Partially visible to Joe's left is Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Supreme Representative at this year's convention.

The room was decorated with star-filled deep, dark space. One side of the room was dedicated to the Force, the other to the Dark Side. At the back of the room was an interior cockpit view of the Millennium Falcon, with cutouts so the stars could be seen through the forward view. Members of Bishop Becker Council, who were the Force behind this year's hospitality room, prepared meals for Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday breakfast. Fare such as Jar-Jar Links, Princess Leia Cupcakes, Banta Dip, and others graced the tables throughout the weekend. The room was guarded by a large BB-8 inflatable yard decoration and an AT-AT cleverly made from scrap materials: diaper boxes for the legs and head, mailing tubes for cannons, a refrigerator box for the crew compartment, even nozzles from baby food squeeze packages separated and planted on as exposed bolts. They also procured a legitimate Stormtrooper helmet, which was raffled off on Saturday night. The level of detail in the hospitality room was exquisite and extreme. The State Deputy's Cup was well earned by Bishop Becker Council on behalf of District 16.

And for one last chuckle from the ocean, Tom Greul, Master of the Maryland District for the Fourth Degree, displayed his minion...although he hasn't yet determined whether he has minions or he is a minion.



Tom Greul, Master of the Maryland District, with his minion.

### *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, and Pete Kozak. Pray for recently deceased Carol Carnahan, mother of Brother John Knapstein.

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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 May meeting for \$25.00 was Ted Kunkel and he was in attendance. The drawing at the June meeting will be \$5.00.

### ***Tom Sutera***

### ***Slate of Officers***

Our nominating committee of Mike Mooney, Dick Belmonte, and Jeff Allen presented the following slate of officers for 2017-2018 at the May business meeting:

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

***Kevin McNamara***, Grand Knight

### **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 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 June (4th) 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***

### **Church Activities**

The St. Mark blood drive was held on Thursday, May 5 at the White Hall Building. This was a special drive requested by the American Red Cross to offset a shortage of the blood supply caused by the severe winter weather to the North and South of our area. Donors provided 19 units of blood. Each unit can save up to 3 lives. Many thanks to brothers Joseph Potter, Bob Jump, Dick Kozlowski, Charlie Belli, Tom Krista and Al Dicoco who helped with this event.

### ***Joe Pisani***

### **Youth Activities**

A total of 36 children received their First Holy Communion at St. Mark on Saturday, May 6. Twelve more children will receive their Communion in separate Masses in the coming weeks. The Mass was well attended by friends and family of the Communicants. Thank you to brothers Ted Kunkle, Tony Lamancusa, and John Knapstein for ushering at this mass.

***Joe Pisani***, Youth Activity Chair



## **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 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!

It's official! Our award folder says: The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Hereby Awards Catholic Ladies Service Organization 3rd Place in Division A, for 2016-2017 Best Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you to all our wonderful ladies who participated organized and supported our projects with prayer, labor, enthusiasm, and finances. CLSO is a team! A WINNING TEAM! YEA CLSO!

At our May business meeting a vote of affirmation was accepted in lieu of a formal election as the current officers have agreed to serve for another fraternal year. For the record, the officers for 2017-2018 will be;

Dee Kozlowski	President
Virginia Berkowitz	Vice President
Sharon Di Matteo	Secretary
Karen Warner	Treasurer

Dues were raised to \$25 per person. Dues are payable in June. Please send your dues to Karen Warner as soon as possible. While Life Members are exempt

from paying dues, donations to the treasury are welcome and helpful in making our charitable projects possible.

Veteran's Project at Perry Point VA Hospital are:

- Bingo 8/9, and 11/29.
- Car Show 6/11 – the theme this year is patriotic.
- Fall Picnic 9/16.

Please mark your calendars and tell Pay L. if you plan to attend. This is necessary for security purposes. We are also collecting religious good for the Catholic Chaplain to give to our Veterans.

The CLSO birthday luncheon will be held on August 6th, 1pm at 510 Johnny's, cost is \$20 per person, this covers the main entree - no appetizer. The CLSO will cover the difference between money collected and actual bill, and the dessert. Please contact Sharon D. 410-879-7633 ASAP if you plan to attend.

The CLSO Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 10th, 1pm at Giovanni's. Contact Sharon D., 410-879-7633.

Our Saint for June is St. Joseph and our color is based on the 'coat of many colors'. Wear your prettiest, colorful patterned blouses, hand bags etc.

Prayer Chain –Laura – Pat R's daughter, for the soul and family of Carol Carnahan - John K's mother, Diane Custer, John Johnson, Roy Gambino – Dee K's brother.

Important Dates:

- Cards - June 12th
- Next meeting June 13th
- Executive meeting June 21st at home of Sharon D. 12:30pm

Our June birthday girl is Pat Rebbert – 6/1-Happy Birthday Pat!!

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