



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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July 2017

Grand Knight

The elections were held at the June meeting and the results are listed below.

- 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

I solicit your support for the new officers. Many of the existing programs will continue, but several new endeavors are planned. The July social meeting will be a Christmas in July for Birthright. I will present a “state of the Council” presentation on the programs that I envision implementing. This will be followed by the traditional ice cream social.

The installation of officers is scheduled for the 12th of August. It will be after the 4 o’clock mass at St Margaret Church, with a reception dinner following at the Council home. Costs will be \$10 per person. Call 410-692-9823 to RSVP.

The Fourth of July falls on a Tuesday so our business meeting will be held on Thursday July 6th. At 7:30 pm. The Patriotic Rosary will be held on Saturday July 1st at 12:00 pm at Shamrock Park located across from St. Margaret Church.

Yours in Christ,
John Knapstein, Grand Knight

Council Chaplain

Having pride in America has become politically incorrect in the eyes of the far Left. They apologize not just for our sins but for anything they conceive to be inappropriate behavior. They are driven at best by one world ideals and worst by hatred for America.

While our country is not sinless, our foremothers and fathers believed that God called it into being to accomplish a divine purpose on the world stage. God gave our founding parents insights into a free society that lived responsibly with respect for others’ rights. The radical Left believes that their ideas allow them to violate the rights of others to achieve their ends. Many a despot has believed thus.

Our divinely inspired founders engineered a system of government that uses checks and balances to attempt to ensure the rights of all people. They declared for a nation where there would be no favored religion while freedom to practice one’s faith in the market place was honored. They believed that they could build upon such a system of mutual rights to honestly face all the problems that lay ahead of the country.

On July Fourth, we give God thanks for calling America into being and for inspiring our founders. We pray that God would protect those who lead us and protect us. We pray that moral men and women would answer the call to apply the principles of respect for mutual freedom and mutual rights to the social problems that we face today. God bless America!

Fr. Michael

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

Fraternal Benefits

Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death. The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly.

As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends. That's why we are excited to introduce the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook.

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is a no-cost tool available from me to you. The thirty-four page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

With the Personal Planning Workbook, you can:

- List medical information
- Identify your long-term care instructions and wishes
- Identify the location of records, documents, accounts, password, and other important concerns
- Identify charitable gifts
- Supplement your will with instructions and information on the distribution of your estate, as well as information on guardians, executors, and power of attorney

- Express your wishes for your funeral service, including identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement
- Prepare a Survivors' Action Items and Concerns listing for the settlement of your estate and the execution of your last wishes
- Establish a list of people to notify
- Record information on life insurance policies and other benefits
- Express your wishes for an obituary
- Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful.

In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones.

This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, tempus fugit memento mori reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when. So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable? You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

To get a complimentary copy of the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, contact me today.

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Council Activities

July Calendar

- 1 July Patriotic Rosary 12:00 pm Shamrock Park
- 4 July Independence Day
- 6 July Business meeting 7:30 pm
- 11 July Home Corp Meeting 7:00pm
- 18 July Social Meeting 7:00 pm Birthright, Program presentation and Ice Cream.
- 25 July Officers meeting 7:00 pm

Social meeting programs

Meetings start promptly at 7 pm. Following Council presentations and announcements guest presentations are expected to be up to an hour in length followed by a light dessert.

- 15 August Freedom Credit Union—Bank fraud and scams
- 19 September Harford Co. Sheriff—Hostage and terrorist situations
- 17 October Allstate Insurance—Reducing home claims and costs
- 21 November Memorial Mass
- 19 December Christmas Social—With “Just Having Fun Singers”
- 16 January Souper Bowl Social
- 13 February Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- 20 March Community Awards Program
- 17 April Harford County Office on Aging--Senior Center programs
- 15 May Marian devotion/Right to life
- 19 June Council Awards program

Family of the Month

Our June Family of the Month is Dick and Dee Kozlowski.

Dick was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, attending St. John Cantius Grammar School and St. John Kanty Preparatory School before crossing the Brooklyn Bridge to attend Pace College in New York City. Dee (Dolores, as her birth certificate has it) was born in Jersey City, NJ, and was raised in Carteret, NJ, attending St. Joseph's Grammar School and St. Mary's High School. They met through their jobs at Chubb and Sons Insurance Company in the subrogation department in 1965. Dick entered the US Army, taking basic training in May 1966. Dick and Dee married July 30, 1966.



Dick and Dee Kozlowski accept the June family of the Month certificate from Grand Knight Kevin McNamara

Dick served 12 months in Vietnam, May '67 to May '68, during which time Dee lived with her mother in Carteret. After Dick's tour ended, Dick and Dee moved to East Brunswick, NJ, until Dick's job was transferred to the Baltimore branch of the Marine Insurance Co., where he was branch manager.

Their family consists of four boys, Richard, Charles, Edward, and Frank (and since it caused one particular person a little consternation, we will refrain from mentioning their ages here), and five grandchildren, four boys and a girl.

Dick joined the Knights of Columbus on February 6, 1996. He took his second degree on February 12, 1996, his third on February 17, 1996, and his fourth on April 4, 1998. He was Grand Knight of Corpus Christi Council from 2004 to 2006, and Faithful Navigator of St. Francis Xavier Assembly from 2006 to 2008. For Bel Air Council Dick has initiated and served as program chairman for the St. Mark Shrove Tuesday dinner and the Night of Entertainment, as well as chairing the car raffle for several years.

Dee principally was a stay-at-home mother raising the boys. She has been a member of the Catholic Ladies Service Organization, where she has held the offices of Secretary and, currently, President.

They attend Holy Spirit Parish in Joppatowne, when both Dick and Dee are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Dick is a Lector.

Kevin McNamara

June Social

Our June social was our annual council awards and, to use PGK Steve Conley's term for it, after-action review. Dick Kozlowski shared with us the details on the October 21 Night of Entertainment II, which will feature the return of Mr. Charisma, Camron Roberts, joined by the Sensations, a doo-wop duo. Beer, wine, soda, coffee, and water will be supplied by the council; Sharon Potocki of Luv2Ktr will provide the dinner. Tickets are \$35 each. Call Dick at 410-676-2862 to order.

The AAR followed, with those in attendance sharing those projects that worked for them (such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, the St. Margaret School Fall Festival, and the Baby Bottle Boomerang), those that could have been better, and those that hadn't been considered during the past year. This was followed by the presentation of council awards. All council officers in attendance were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their service over the preceding year.



Joe Pisani, Youth Activities Director, is awarded Knight of the Year for 2017 by Grand Knight Kevin McNamara.

Treasurer Charlie Belli, who declined to run for reelection as Treasurer after 20 years in office, received a special Certificate of Merit from Grand Knight Kevin McNamara. Playing up (or down, as the case may be) to Charlie's tendency to estimate the council's balance in his report at every officers meeting, the certificate recognized Charlie for his "20 years (more or less)" of valued and invaluable service to the Council. He will surely be missed.

In presenting the Knight of the Year for 2017, Grand Knight Kevin began by recounting how Grand Knight-



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elect John Knapstein asked him if he had decided on a Knight of the Year after the June business meeting. When in response Kevin indicated Joe Pisani among the brothers fellowshipping at the bar, John said he would have recommended Joe for the honor. Any why not? As Kevin mentioned in presenting the award, Joe is a brother who has taken initiative in planning his program activities, to the extent that he not only suggests the activities, he recruits the workers, calculates the costs, executes the activities, and most importantly to a Grand Knight, writes the activity reports, all without any pushing or prodding on the part of the GK. What our council could accomplish with but a few more brothers like Joe!

Our July social will be Back-to-School night and our usual (OK, we've only done it for the last two or three years) ice cream social.

Sick and Deceased

Please remember the following brothers and sisters in your prayers; Pat Ruckle, Al Kramer, Bill Edge, Tom Krista, Chuck DuVall, Ray Caralle, Vernon West, Edie Krebs, wife of brother Ron Krebs, Tony Grato, Pete Kozak, Margie Mack and Diane Lamancusa, wife of Tony Lamancusa. Also, please remember Mrs. Mary Jean Potter, recently deceased wife of Brother Joseph Potter. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mark Roman Catholic Church on Saturday June 17.

If you know of any Brother Knight who is ill or in need of help, please notify me. Thank you and God bless.

Joe Pisani, 443-955-9428,
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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 June meeting for \$5.00 was Tony Lamancusa and he was in attendance. He donated the winnings to the Charity Fund. The drawing at the July meeting will be \$5.00.

Tom Sutera

Community Activities

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 July (2nd) 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

St. Mark will be holding its' annual summer blood drive on July 30. If you are able, please plan to donate a pint of blood next month. Each unit can save up to 3 lives. I will be calling on our brothers to assist in this drive by signing up potential donors after the Masses on the 2 weekends preceding the actual drive as well as volunteers to assist in the actual drive. Coffee and donuts will be served in addition to other refreshments.

Joe Pisani Youth Activity Chair, 443-955-9428

Youth Activities

The altar Server Celebration was held, as scheduled, on Saturday June 10. Although the turnout was low in attendance, it was well received. A total of 8 altar servers and their families, (including siblings), attended the dinner which consisted of salad, spaghetti, meatballs, drinks and desert. Forty-eight adults and children attended the dinner. Many thanks to the brother knights who made this affair a big success, especially Tom Sutera, Dick Kozlowski, George Hector, Charlie Belli, Troy Conley, and Steve Conley who acted as the MC for the dinner.

This Altar Server Celebration was the first of its' kind held in our district. Father Jerry and the altar server's families were very enthusiastic about this event.

The left-over food, including salad, meat balls/spaghetti, and desert was donated to Anna's House.

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. There will be two exemplifications this fraternal year. A one-day exemplification for candidates and Sir Knights only is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, at St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown. A weekend exemplification, which will include a ladies activity as well as assembly hospitality rooms, is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. For this you can bring the family. Get there on Friday night and you can experience

fellowship with Sir Knights and other candidates before the ceremonial on Saturday.

Kevin McNamara, PFN

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hello everybody!

Congratulations to our new Grand Knight, John D. Knapstein, and all you great guys in the Chairs. CLSO wishes you a blessed, productive and happy fraternal year. We are looking forward to working with you.

CLSO has a lot of items on the calendar and there are many details to cover, so I will list them here for your convenience. Please mark your calendars.

- July 10, 2017 7PM Card Night, Newport room. Join us for a night of fun, snacks, laughter and cards.
- July 11, 2017-7PM, August 8, 2017-7PM, September 12, 2017-7PM - Business meetings at the Newport Room.
- August 9, 2017 - Bingo, Veteran's Project, Perry Point. Contact Pat Lijewski for details - 410-879-5872
- August 12, 2017 – 4PM St. Margaret's Church, Installation Of Officers. Dinner at Newport room. \$10 pp.
- NOTE DATE CHANGE - August 13, 2017 – 1PM, CLSO birthday Party luncheon at 510 Johnny's, cost is \$20 per person, covers the main entree - no appetizer. The CLSO will cover cost of dessert. Please contact Sharon D. 410-879-7633 - ASAP.
- August 30, 2017 - Deadline for Dues is August 30.

Dues have been raised to \$25. Please pay promptly. Send your check - Attention: Karen Warner (treasurer) to 23 Newport Dr., Forest Hill, MD 21050 (Life Members are exempt from paying dues, but voluntary donations to the treasury are welcome)

- September 16, 2017 – Fall Picnic, Veteran's Project, Perry Point VA Hospital. Please contact Pat Lijewski if attending. (necessary for security purposes) Also collecting religious goods (chain rosaries only)
- October 21, 2017 – Entertainment Night Two, Mr. Charisma, The Sensations, Dinner, beer, wine and door prizes. \$35 pp. Don't miss this one! Get your tickets now! Dick Kozlowski – 410-676-2862
- December 10, 2017- 1PM Christmas Party at Giovanni's, \$33.00 pp. Contact Sharon D. - 410-879-7633.

Our Saint for July is St. Martha and our color is Pink. Wear pink to the July meeting. Prayer Chain: Jack- Pat R's nephew, Diane Custer, Jessie and Dorothy, for the soul and family of Russel Kott.

Our July birthday girls are Cathy Strappelli 7/8 and Pat Wilhelm 7/20 - Happy Birthday Ladies! July Anniversary is Dee & Richard Kozlowski 7/30/1966.

Have a safe happy summer.

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

EMBLEM OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.

A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.

A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.



