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## Bel Air Council 4714



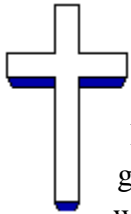
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### Chaplain's Corner



With our celebration of All Saints Day, we are reminded that each one of us is called by God to be a saint. But what makes a human a saint? The quick answer is God's grace. But we should ask where in our lives can we seek God's grace at work within us?

We might think that a saint is a perfect human being. Only God is perfect. Every saint is first and foremost very aware that s/he is a sinner. There is never a time when a real saint thinks that s/he is beyond sinning. In fact, as they mature in faith, their sense of their sinfulness grows.

We might think that a saint is very strong and independent. But Saint Paul tells us that only when he knows his weakness does the strength of God glory in him.

We might think that a saint makes all kinds of good decisions out of the power of his/her own will. Jesus tells us that those who hear the word of God and en flesh it are members of His holy family. Our will alone is never strong enough to e holy as God is holy. We always need God's word to know the path of righteous and God's grace to choose the path of the cross, and that payers of the saints to be faithful to that path.

Lastly, every saint doesn't insist that anyone follow him/her to holiness. They ask that we follow Christ in the unique path God chooses only for us. We can learn from the saints but we must never copy them. Each saint is as unique as each sunrise or sunset to the glory of God.

**Fr. Michael**

### Grand Knight

We move into November, the month of remembrance and thanksgiving. I remember when we used to take Thanksgiving groceries to needy homes. We donate food to the parishes, but it is food donated by the bingo players, very little comes from us. We can start an initiative to bring at least one can good to each meeting. It will make a big difference in our food donation to Anna's House. Think about it and try to remember.

Our Memorial Mass will be on November 21 at 7 pm. Chancellor Bob Knorr is making all the arrangements. The Tootsie roll program is all but done and the numbers are not available as we go to press, but I know they will be good.

The October social meeting was an excellent presentation on homeowner's insurance. Chip Schilling answered many questions and several went away vowing to check their coverages.



**Chip Schilling and Grand Knight**

Be thankful for all the blessing the Lord has given us. He has given me the opportunity to make people aware of organ donations and how so many people can be helped. Make positives out of negatives and thank the Lord for every day.

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## 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**

#### **The Pitfalls of Replacing Coverage**

You know the old saying, “the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence,” but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the “greener” grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less green in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old adage, “Read the fine print.”

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it’s unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for

you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

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### **Council Activities**

#### ***Sick and Deceased***

Please continued to pray for the following brothers and sisters: Pat Ruckle; Al Kramer; Chuck Duvall; Ray Caralle; Vernon West; Edie Krebs, wife of brother Ron Krebs; Tony Grato; Pete Kozak; Margie Mack; Gilly Ann McNamara, wife of BGK Kevin McNamara; and Father Michael Buttner, our Chaplin. Please pray for brother David Lavin. His wife informed me that he is not doing well, but did not get into specifics about his health.

Also please continue to offer your prays for those who have suffered loss of life, destruction of property in the recent hurricanes and devastating fires in the west. May God shed His Grace and Mercy on them. Amen. If anyone knows of a change in status for any of our members, please contact me so that I may advise the membership.

Thank you.

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#### ***Alive and Well***

“Brothers Helping Brothers”. If you need transportation to a doctor’s office or hospital, call me. I will make every effort to find someone in our council to provide that transportation. Also, if you are available and can provide transportation to a fellow brother, please let me know. Your help is needed and will be greatly rewarded. [joelbluegrass@hotmail.com](mailto:joelbluegrass@hotmail.com), please sign up to help.

**Joe Pisani**, 443-955-9428

### ***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 October meeting for \$20.00 was Pete Kozak and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the November meeting will be \$25.00.

***Tom Sutera***

### ***Entertainment Night - 2***

It's hard to believe how fast time flies. Last March we held the first Entertainment Night which was such a hit that we agreed to hold a second Entertainment Night this October. It seemed we had so much time but before I knew it, it was here.

It was a memorable night, our caterer Sharon of Luv2KTR prepared a meal of beef, chicken, and veggies that was outstanding and the dessert topped it off nicely. The moment we were all waiting for finally arrived. It was "Show Time" featuring two acts. The first act was an encore performance of Camron Robertson, (Mr. Charisma) doing his impersonation of Buddy Holly, Frank Sinatra, Elvis, Ronnie Dove and many others. Of course his lively mingling with the audience got everyone into the act - singing, dancing in their seats and even forming a conga line. The second act featured The Sensations, a two man Doo Wop act who sang many hit songs from the 50's and early 60's. Their excitement carried over to the audience who also joined in the singing.

This event could not have taken place without a great support team, Pat and Terry Lijewski efforts were instrumental in this event. They designed the flyer, handled the advertising, obtained door prizes, furnished the decorations for the tables, and assisted in the setting up and dismantling the hall. My wife Dolores and Wanda Hersey collected tickets at the door, directing the seating and also helped in the setting up and dismantling the hall. Karen Warner, performed her magic selling the 50/50 tickets. Karen sold \$ 625. in raffle tickets, this netted us an additional \$ 313. We also wish to thank our two bartenders, Tom Classon, and Paul Roeger, and a final thanks to our

G.K. John Knapstein, and Mark Zimmerman, who stayed after bingo to help take down the bingo tables and arrange the hall for this event.

We had a sellout, everyone had a great time and any Knight in our council wishing to know the financial numbers for this event is invited to come to the next business meeting. It would be great seeing you there.

***Dick Kozlowski***

### **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 November (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***

#### **Youth Activities**

The first round judging for "The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" will be held at our November Social Meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in the judging. The second round of judging will take place at our Officers Meeting and awards will be given at the St. Margaret Christmas Assembly. As in past years there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each grade 2 through 8.

We will be holding the 2nd Annual Altar Server Celebration at St. Mark on January 13. Because this is being held in the winter, a back up date is planned for March 3. Each Altar server will receive a \$10 gift card for ice cream. The families of the altar servers are also invited to this event.

***Joe Pisani***

## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Hello Everybody,

I have good news to share! Karen Warner has a new granddaughter! Cassidy Jade was born 10/10/17. Congratulations Karen! God bless all three generations - Cassidy, Mom and Grandma!

Please mark your calendars! CLSO will be having a Craft Night on Monday, December 11, 2017. This is ordinarily our Card Night. This month instead of playing cards we will be making Christmas Reindeer Goodie Jars. We will supply all materials except the goodies. Cost is \$5. Per person. This event is open to all CLSO ladies and their guests.

Our next Business Meeting will be held on November 10th (the second Friday of the Month) at Bob Evans Restaurant 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, Bel Air (Rt.24) – at 12:30. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Giovanni's 2101 Pulaski Hwy, Edgewood, Dec.10th at 2PM. The menu is the same as last year. Cost is \$33.00 per person. Contact Pat L. for reservations – 410- 879-5872. Make your checks payable to Sharon Di Matteo.

Our November Saint of the Month is St Theresa, the Little Flower and our Color is Blue. This is not a typo and yes, we had the same saint and color for October. After reading a brief outline of St Theresa's life story, the ladies were so enamored with her 'small' but enormous achievements that we voted to do the unprecedented and keep St Theresa on the job, so to speak, for another month. So please wear or carry something Blue to the November meeting. We will share more information about this amazing young Carmelite who became a Doctor of the Church. St. Theresa pray for us!

Our November Birthday Ladies are: Helen Iardella 11/2, Dolores Fantacone 11/8, and Natalie Boyd 11/18 Happy Birthdays!

Our November Anniversary couple is Pat and Terry Lijewski - 11/25/19 Happy 25th!

Pray the Rosary Daily.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **News from Supreme**

### ***Pence Pledges Aid to Christians***

Vice President Mike Pence pledged that the U.S. government will provide direct aid to Christians in the Middle East, singling out the Knights of Columbus for “extraordinary work caring for the persecuted around the world.”

U.S. aid had previously been given to the United Nations for distribution in the troubled region. Speaking at the In Defense of Christians Fourth Annual Solidarity Dinner in Washington, Pence said that the aid had been ineffective in helping Christians who have suffered at the hands of ISIS and other terrorist groups.

“While faith-based groups with proven track records and deep roots in these communities are more than willing to assist, the United Nations too often denies their funding requests,” Pence said. “My friends, those days are over. This is the moment. This is the time. And America will support these people in their hour of need.”

The news was a milestone for the Knights of Columbus, which has led the effort to protect Christians amid a genocide in the Middle East.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson introduced Pence at the dinner, stating that now was the time to “rededicate ourselves to the defense of our brothers and sisters in faith — and to defending them in a Christian way with the ethics of love.”

“Despite the efforts of so many, the world witnesses again and again the crimes against humanity that we now describe as genocide,” Anderson told an audience that included elected officials, bishops, priests and prelates from the U.S. and throughout the Middle East. “Today that word is rightly applied to what is happening to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East.”

In August, the Knights announced plans to raise \$2 million to rebuild Karamles, a predominantly Christian town in Iraq that was destroyed by ISIS. The Knights' drive will enable hundreds of families from Christian and other minority communities, who were evicted by ISIS in 2014, to move back to their homes.

The Knights are urging K of C councils, along with parishes and other Church groups, to donate \$2,000, the approximate cost of resettling one family.

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$17 million for humanitarian assistance in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region. The Knights' documentation of ISIS atrocities and its advocacy efforts were instrumental in the 2016 decision by then-Secretary of State John Kerry to declare the treatment of Christians and other religious minorities in the region as genocide. Current Secretary of State Rex Tillerson reaffirmed that designation earlier this year.

Vice President Pence praised the Knights, saying the organization's efforts had been instrumental in raising awareness of the genocide in the region.

In Defense of Christians also honored U.S. Representative Chris Smith for his extensive work on behalf of Christians in the Middle East. Smith, a representative from New Jersey, is a key ally of the Knights of Columbus.

In Defense of Christians is a nonprofit, nonpartisan human rights advocacy group based in Washington. The dinner was part of a multiday summit that included meetings about the issues in the Middle East, along with lobbying of members of Congress.

"Scripture tells us that those who lead many to righteousness shall 'shine like the stars forever,'" Supreme Knight Anderson said in his introduction of the vice president. "There has never been a more righteous cause than the defense of those helpless ones being led to slaughter."

### ***K of C Films Nominated***

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Knights of Columbus have been honored with three Emmy Nominations for video shorts produced for World Youth Day 2016 in Kraków, Poland.

The Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences nominated the following videos:

Outstanding Achievement for Interview/Discussion Programming

The Testimony of Fr. Donald Calloway

Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest Programming

Program/Special/Series/Segment

Witness of Mercy: The Story of Jennifer Trapuzzano

Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs

Feature/Segment

From Pro Soccer to the Priesthood

The videos were produced by Chicago-based Spirit Juice Studios and were featured at the Mercy Centre, the Knights of Columbus-sponsored international English-language catechetical and youth festival site at the Tauron Arena Kraków. The Mercy Centre held the largest World Youth Day gatherings outside of the papal events.

### ***The Witness of Fraternal Communion***



THROUGH OUR PRACTICE OF CHARITY AND FRATERNITY, WE ARE CALLED TO BRING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS

In July, approximately 3,000 Catholic leaders from organizations and dioceses around the country met on the topic of "The Joy of the Gospel in America." The convocation was inspired by the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis titled *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

There were many impressive aspects of the convocation. But to me, one of the most important was the evidence that the Knights of Columbus in every diocese throughout the country is already bringing the "joy of the Gospel" to millions of our fellow Catholics and to those outside our Church through our works of charity.

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls Catholics to be "an evangelizing community" that is "filled with joy" (24), a community that is "permanently in a state of mission" (25), and a community that practices a "fraternal communion and missionary fruitfulness" (89).

We don't often think of our local councils in precisely these terms. But if we do, we can see how our councils meet these criteria in so many different ways.

Elsewhere in *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis urges Catholics to "live in fraternity" (91) and to share "a fraternal love capable of seeing the sacred grandeur of our neighbor, of finding God in every human being" (92).

He writes: "I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another" (99).

Last month, I wrote that this is a special responsibility for every Knights of Columbus council throughout the world.

It is a special responsibility in two ways.

First, the pope's words are a good way for us to measure how our councils are living up to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. We should ask ourselves just how our councils offer "a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion" and how we care for each other as brother Knights and for our families. Many of our councils offer such a witness, but for others there may be room for improvement. In any event, every Knight should take these words of Pope Francis to heart as he approaches the work of his local council.

Second, we must make a greater effort to demonstrate within our parishes how the Knights of Columbus offers an authentic model of fraternal communion. We can offer a witness of fraternity to show how all of us as Catholics can do a better job of caring for one another and how we can encourage and accompany one another in our parishes.

It might be too much to say that Knights of Columbus are experts in building fraternal communities, but for more than 135 years, Knights have experienced a fraternal communion based upon the principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The insights of *Evangelii Gaudium* can help us live those principles as brother Knights in a more profound and authentic way.

The convocation was a historic opportunity given to us by our bishops to respond to the pope's call for "a new chapter of evangelization." But its lasting importance will only be realized if enough Catholics respond to this opportunity and write a new page in the history of Catholicism.

Let each of us do our part in the days ahead.

Vivat Jesus!

***Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson***

### ***A Tribute to Timeless Teachings***

On the anniversary of St. John Paul II's election as pope, October 16, a bust of the saint was dedicated at a Mass held at the St. John Paul II Sanctuary in Kraków, Poland. The bust, a gift from the Knights of Columbus, had been presented to Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop emeritus of Kraków, by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 135th Supreme Convention in St. Louis.



**BUST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, A GIFT FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, DEDICATED AT THE ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE IN KRAKÓW**

Andrzej Gut-Mostowy, the first territorial deputy of Poland, attended the Mass. Also present were Polish state officers, a 20-member Fourth Degree honor guard and other Polish Knights.

During the Mass, Cardinal Dziwisz expressed his happiness that so many Knights were present at the shrine to commemorate the occasion. He also thanked the Knights for their dedication to the work of both the Church and the Order, especially during the 2016 World Youth Day in Kraków.

Archbishop Wacław Tomasz Depo of Częstochowa, state chaplain of Poland, joined the cardinal in blessing the bust. In addition, Poland State Deputy Tomasz Wawrzakowicz read a letter from the supreme knight to the cardinal.

“May this gift from the Knights of Columbus also affirm our commitment to future collaboration and friendship between our two important institutions whose shared mission is to promote devotion to St. John Paul II and to transmit to future generations the timeless teachings he proclaimed and lived,” the supreme knight wrote.

The Mass was broadcast live on Poland national TV and covered by other media, including Catholic News Agency and Poland’s bishops’ conference website.

The bust is modeled after the statue displayed inside the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Both the bust and the statue were sculpted by renowned artist Chas Fagan.

### ***A Beautiful Reality***

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson led the Knights of Columbus in hosting the 2017 Special Olympics Unified Football (Soccer) Tournament in Rome, Oct. 11-15. Held at the Knights of Columbus Pius XI Athletic Center, the Order’s premier sports center overlooking St. Peter’s Basilica, the event brought together 200 Special Olympics athletes to further support, respect and dignity for all.

Supreme Knight Anderson joined Special Olympics Chairman Timothy Shriver at the “Let’s Change the Game” forum, which was attended by more than 400 athletes, family members, school representatives, volunteers and team managers. At the forum, participants discussed the value of having athletes with and without intellectual disabilities participate together in unified sports.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN ROME**

Nine countries took part in the tournament, namely, Lithuania, France, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Romania and Italy. On the first day of the tournament, Pope Francis received Special Olympics athletes and officials in a private audience at the Vatican.

“In these days you will have the opportunity to reaffirm the importance of ‘unified’ sport,” said the Holy Father. “This beautiful reality, which you carry out with commitment and conviction, nourishes the hope of a positive and fruitful future of sport, because it makes it a real opportunity for inclusion and involvement.”

Following the games, Supreme Knight Anderson joined in congratulating the athletes and presenting medals at the awards ceremony.