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Bel Air Council 4714

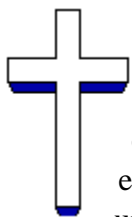
23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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Chaplain's Corner



Christmas can be a very hectic time in our society. It has become so commercial and competitive. We are encouraged to buy everyone an expensive gift that fulfills their every wish. This is not only unrealistic: it is unchristian. We are encouraged to outdo our neighbors and family in our decorations and buying. This is also unrealistic and unchristian. We are encouraged to put our focus on things rather than people and their real needs.

When God sent a love present to earth, the Father sent a beloved Son, the very Word of all creation. As far above creation as DE Vinci's painting is above my crude scrawling, God's artful calling to existence is far, far beyond the greatest work of art. God's gift of Jesus is what we need and yet beyond our ability to obtain.

Yet the Son came down to earth as a gift in the flesh among human creation. Maybe this year we could, stop the rush to shop and think about a gift of our "real presence". It would be a gift determined by the needs of the other person and not our needs. It would be decorated with our real attention and not a rushed visit. It would be valued not by cost but by the love it shows the other.

Our pagan society urges us to give gifts like Hollywood. The child in the manger invites us to give gifts like God. How about it this year?!

Blessed Christmas everyone!

Fr. Michael

Grand Knight

I want to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. 'Tis the giving season, so make a point to give this Christmas season. Toys for Tots, Birthright, and Anna's House are the opportunities the council has to give locally. Toys can be dropped off at bingo on Friday night. They don't have to be wrapped. We will be collecting donations for Birthright at our next social meeting. Any time you come to the council bring a can good for donation to Anna's house.

Following the Memorial Mass at the Social meeting the Keep Christ in Christmas posters were judged. Thanks to Tom Krista and Joe Pisani for setting up the display of posters. Our Christmas social will include a program by the Just for Fun Singers; guaranteed to be entertaining.

Yours in Christ

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December Dates

- Dec 1 Saint Margaret Senior Lunch
- Dec 9 Breakfast with Santa
- Dec 19 Christmas Social
- Dec 21 FIELD (Future Independence & Education for Learning) Christmas party
- Dec 31 Fifth Sunday



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

Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

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Council Activities

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 in Heaven.

Joe Pisani, 443-955-9428

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, David Lavin Tom Krista.

Thank you.

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 November meeting for \$25.00 was Ron Krebs and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the December meeting will be \$30.00. Being the last drawing of the year, we will continue to pull names until a winner is in attendance.

Tom Sutera

Tootsie Roll Program

I would like to thank all Brother Knights who participated in the October 2017 program. It took 75 brothers to fill one or more of the 120 two spaces. Our total collection for 2017 was \$9578.00, to be divided between the "Arc" and the "Harford Center", after expenses.

Monies collected as follows:

Double T Diner, \$2757, 28.8% (3 weekends and 9-1 Sundays)

Redner's, \$2032, 21.2% (2 weekends)

St. Margaret Church and Mission, \$2017, 21.1% (1 weekend)

Harvest Fare, \$1369, 14.3% (2 weekends)
Rock Spring Giant, \$698, 7.3% (1 weekend)
St. Mark Church, \$557, 5.8% (1 weekend)
Miscellaneous, \$148, 1.5%

A special thank you to all weekly captains: Jack Fuchs – 3 weeks, Tom Krista and John Schaefer – 2 weeks each, plus Bob Jump – 1 week. Thanks also to Charles Belli and Al DiCocco who made reminder calls plus Bob Cassilly who worked all 3 Sundays from 9 to 1 at Double T. Last but not least my Co-Chairman Tony Lamancusa.

May God bless and keep us all in His good graces.

Paul Zarachowicz, Chairman

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 December (3rd) 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

St. Mark Blood Drive

St. Mark will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, December 21 from 12:00pm until 7:00pm. Joe Pisani will be calling on members to sign up parishioners after the Masses on Saturdays and Sundays preceding the actual blood drive. Also, if you are in good health and available please consider donating.

Joe Pisani, 443-955-9428

Youth Activities

We will be holding the 2nd Annual Altar Server Celebration at St. Mark on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

An inclement weather back up date has been scheduled for Saturday, March 3 should Mother Nature misbehave. Each altar server will receive a \$10 gift card and a “Family Prayer Card”. The families, including siblings are also invited to this event.

Joe Pisani

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hello Everybody,

Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. CLSO has a full schedule in preparation for Christmas.

Our next business meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month, December 8th at Bob Evan’s Restaurant (Bel Air) at 12:30 pm. Our Saint of the month is St. Juan Diego and our color is Red. Please come to the meeting to learn more about St. Juan Diego and wear or carry something red.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Giovanni’s Restaurant in Edgewood, Rt. 40 on Sunday, December 10th, at 1pm. Reservations are required and if you have not made yours please contact Sharon DiMatteo, ASAP!

Our Christmas Craft night will be held on Monday, December 11th at 7 pm at the Council Home. Cost is \$5 per person. All members are invited and may bring guests. We will be making Christmas Reindeer snack bottles and other decorative Christmas items. December 11 is the second Monday of the month and is usually Card Night, but this month we will be making crafts. Mark your calendars, it should be a lot of fun!

The FIELD Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 21st. If you are planning on participating in this fabulous event, please arrive at the Council Home by 5 PM. We will be helping with the serving line at dinner. There will be dancing, singing and best of all Santa will stop by! It is always a fun event and everyone goes home happy! Hope to see you there.

Our December Birthday Lady is Diane Custer – 12/13

Pray the Rosary Daily during Advent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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