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Bel Air Council 4714

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Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year to all and thank you for the tremendous support you provide to our Bel Air Knights Council.

It may seem like there are at least a hundred holy days of obligation but, there are, in fact, only six that the church recognizes. As practical Catholics, we are asked to know them by heart and observe them, so here is a quick refresher: 1) Christmas 2) Solemnity of the Mother of God 3) Ascension of the Lord 4) Assumption of Mary 5) All Saints Day 6) Feast of the Immaculate Conception (You could see this as a future social meeting trivia question) Six extra days, out of a grand total of three hundred and sixty five, that the church asks us to spend time in God's house, and yet we still find ourselves complaining from time to time. Especially during the Christmas season when it seems like the Church asks us to go to mass every other day. We can't help but gripe about it.

But living up to our commitments, and doing things we know are right even when we're not terribly keen on it, is what separates us from other men. We are Knights, steadfast upholders of God's laws, and if we can't be looked at as an example for others, who can? Taking responsibility on ourselves and fulfilling our obligations with passion and fervor is what defines our order.

As a Knight in Bel Air Council the record shows you have lived up to your commitment; you have been an example; a quick update on the state of the Council displays that. The first half of this fraternal year has seen nothing but records set: record sales of Car Raffle Tickets and record funds raised during our Tootsie Roll campaign. Our Council campaign for "Creating a Presence" has been extremely successful thus far with new programs at St. Margaret's like Faith Formation Dinner, and the Fall Festival French Fries and Lemonade Stand while continuing programs like the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the December First Friday Luncheon. We have begun

"Creating a Presence" with new programs at St. Mark's like weekly Adoration support; an appearance at St. Mark's Winter Wonders; and the planning of new programs like a January Parish Breakfast and an Easter Basket Food Drive while continuing programs like Truck or Treat. Our Home Corporation is formalizing a marketing strategy along three lines of business to ensure we have enough rentals to fund the operations and maintenance of our beautiful hall. For the first time in about 10 years we have a First Degree Team ready with every speaking part being certified and a team prepared for State level competition. For the first time in about 10 years we are on track to be a Star Council. We have 7 new members and one candidate waiting for a first degree. With your support we will acquire the 12 additional members necessary. You can make this happen too!!! Change means new programs; new programs and new members to support those programs. Invite someone you know and let's make a difference together.

Let me list just some of the events that with your help enabled us (Bel Air Council) to make a difference in our community this Christmas Season alone.

- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at St. Margaret's School.
- Funds to both St. Margaret's and St. Mark's in support of their food drives.
- 1000 pounds of food between both St. Mark's and St. Margaret's.
- Lunch to approximately 250 people at St. Margaret's Parish.
- Blankets for St. Mark's Parish ministry.
- Breakfast with Santa at St. Ignatius Parish.
- Toys to our US Marines in support of their Toys for Tots program.
- 500 Keep Christ in Christmas buttons to the patrons of St. Mark's Winter Wonders event.
- Dozens of "Coats for Kids" to the Edgewood Boys and Girls Club
- And more.

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

Your efforts created a blessed and wonderful Christmas for many others in our community. What are you capable of this year? This is an exciting time of the year and now is an exciting time to be a part of our Council, the Bel Air Knight of Columbus. Thank you in advance for all the great work you will do and the wonderful support you will give to our Bel Air Council 4714. Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,

knightsfc@gmail.com

District Deputy

My brother Knights,

Well, it's hard to believe we're half way through the fraternal year! Many of our most prominent programs are behind us for this year, but there are many more programs left to do. You should always be adding new members to help you with those programs. I know some of the councils in the district are following the motto of "One member per council, per month", which has kept them on track toward Star Council. I have high hopes for all of our councils. There's plenty of time and opportunities to talk with a Catholic gentleman about the Knights. It's everyone's duty to keep the order alive.

Kudos to those councils that conducted a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, especially Bishop Becker council. They had two of their winners also win 1st place in their age categories at the state level. What a great program! What a great lesson for all of the kids involved.

We had a successful 1st degree in December, adding 5 new members to the order. There are opportunities to move those and other 1st degree members to full

Knighthood over the coming weeks. On 6 January, we have a 2nd degree at Bel Air Council home at 7:30. Candidates should arrive by 7:00. The next 3rd degree in the Baltimore metro area this year will be held on 30 January at Dundalk Council home. This fits nicely with the next scheduled 4th Degree exemplification on 8 March. So, you or your members can receive all four degrees in a very short period. Please contact your Grand Knight if you are interested. We will also have the district's monthly 1st degree at Havre de Grace Council on 14 January at 7:00. Please come out to any of these degree exemplifications to support your newest brothers.

The Supreme Council is collecting information about volunteer hours and money donated by our members around the world. This information is collected every year and a form is submitted by your GK. The information is used to promote the good works of the Knights of Columbus. Also, they are collecting information about time and money donated specifically to Special Olympics. Please contact your GK and tell him how much you've volunteered or donated to this great organization.

Soon your council's officers will begin planning for the next fraternal year. Please be generous with your time and talent. If you're asked to chair an activity, rise to the occasion and approach the assignment enthusiastically. We need everyone's help to keep doing the good work of those who came before us.

Upcoming district events:

25 Dec - Christmas mass at Perry Point (help needed)
10:30 am

6 Jan - 2nd Degree at Bel Air 7:30 pm

14 Jan - 1st degree at Havre de Grace council 7:00 pm

20 Jan - Renewal of Obligations at St. Francis Xavier Assembly meeting 7:30 pm

25 Jan - Denim and Diamonds dance at Corpus Christi council

Upcoming State Council events:

4 Jan - Mid-term meeting at Columbus Gardens

22 Jan - National March for Life in Washington DC

A very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year to all of my brother Knights and your families.

Vivat Jesus

Walt Williams, District Deputy #16

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; and
- Attraction and retention of valuable employees.

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

A Note from Your Financial Secretary

Early during the month of December, you should have received your dues invoices. If you have not taken care of it at this time, please try to do so. According to the rules from Supreme, I am required to send a second notice to those that have not paid by the middle of January. As you can see, delays in making your

payment will cost the Council for additional mailings. These rules are from Supreme and not the Councils'. Please try to be prompt. Once again, if you have a problem in making your payment, please call me to discuss and we may be able to work something out. My phone number is (410) 638-1096.

Tom Sutera, FS

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 December meeting was Michael Frankowiak and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the January meeting will remain at \$50.00.

First Degree Team

Team members, I hope you're working on your parts for our next degree in February. I would like to schedule at least one rehearsal for January; please advise if you can attend on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 7 pm at the hall. Also, our ceremonial DGK, John Gaughan, thanks all the members of the council for their prayers for his recent back surgery. The pain is gone, he is walking much better, and he knows the prayers were as effective as the surgery.

Kevin McNamara, DGK, Team Captain

Fourth Degree News

Congratulations to our newest Sir Knight, Dave Sanborn, who made his fourth degree in November at Newark, DE. Our next exemplification is Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Frederick, MD. John Majeski has already been approved for membership in the fourth degree and will make his degree in March. If you want to become a fourth degree Sir Knight, please see me, Color Corps Commander Wayne Davis, or any of the many fourth degree Sir Knights in the council. Any third degree Knight in good standing can become a fourth degree Sir Knight; there's no longer a waiting period.

Kevin McNamara, Faithful Navigator, St. Francis Xavier Assembly

Sick and Deceased

Please remember in your prayers all the Brothers, Ladies, Family Members and Friends who are experiencing serious health problems at this time, especially:

Brothers: Ray Caralle, Bernie Classon, David Custer Jr., Frank DiAngelo, William Edge. Sr., John Grigaliunas, Raymond Horney, Peter Kozak, Al Kramer, Vince Lagrotterria, Ross Liberati, Vernon West, and Bernie Sporney.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Jean DiAngelo, Kitty DiDio, Juliette Drouin, Joan Keenan, Charlotte Kozak, Owena Liberati, Jean Monohan, Marguerite Ward, Martha West, Mary Sporney, and Pat Wilhem.

Family and Friends: Dorothy Dimler, mother of LuAnne Belmonte; Bernice Wilhelm, daughter of Pat and Bill Wilhelm; Tom Ellis, son of Ann Stallings; Joe Fantacone, husband of CLSO Lady Dolores Fantacone; Barbara McMillan, daughter of Earl and Anna Marie McMillan; Molly Murphy, 25 years old in a coma and needs prayers, Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; Regina Pisani, wife of Joe Pisani; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Zito Jr., son of John Zito, Sr.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Every time you pick up a three leafed clover you behold the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity!
Victor V. Ferrara, 410-569-4171

Youth Activities



THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL
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Bel Air Council has been working to develop a closer relationship with The John Carroll School. One item to bring to your attention this month is their ongoing Welcome Wednesday program. Welcome to John Carroll School! From 8:30-10:30 a.m. each Wednesday throughout the year, we invite prospective families (and anyone interested in learning more about our school) to come to John Carroll at their convenience, without appointment, for conversation and a tour of our campus. This is a wonderful

opportunity for families to receive a personalized tour and see the school "in action." All prospective families who attend a Wonderful Wednesday session will have their enrollment application fee waived. For more information, please contact Susan Roarty in the Enrollment Office (sroarty@johncarroll.org). Help us spread the word to friends and neighbors who may also be interested! NOTE: No Welcome Wednesdays during the holidays. They will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Church Activities

Robert Jump of St. Mark's Church in Fallston is asking the Knights who are parishioners of St. Mark's Church to consider attending The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays. If interested please call Robert Jump at 410-879-6198.

Community Activities

Perry Point Program

As we approach a New Year, we will retain the same rotation with other Councils in our District. The second Sunday of the month will be our time to help the veterans get to the Mass in the Chapel. We will once again be looking for help on the second Sunday of January (12th) for our turn to aid the patients at Perry Point. I would also encourage our Brother Knights to join us at 10:30 AM Mass on our next Sunday in the Chapel at Perry Point. Father Jonathon and his homilies are very interesting and enjoyable. He would love to see a larger attendance at Mass. We can also use your help if you are a Eucharistic Minister to take Holy Communion to those Catholics that cannot make it to Mass.

Anyone interested in helping us on these Sundays may meet us at the McDonalds on 543 in Riverside at 9:30 AM. You may ride up with us or you can meet us at the Chapel in Perry Point at 10:00 AM. If you have any questions about the program you may call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058.

Tom Sutera

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

I hope everyone enjoyed a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now that all the excitement is over we can sigh with relief and relax. I hope 2014 will be a year of happiness, health and blessings for us all.

The CLSO Dinner with Santa Bob Evans fundraiser on Dec 16th was a smashing success! The two baskets of Bob Evans products were won by Jim Bishop and Tim Mallory. (Tim is Sharon DiMatteo's son-in-law) Thank you all for your tremendous support. A big thank you goes to Pat Lijewski for chairing and organizing this event. Thanks and gratitude to all our wonderful ladies who volunteered to sell raffle tickets, make telephone calls, greet the guests and be Santa's helpers, we could never have had such a successful outcome without you! It was fun.

Card Night is January 13. It isn't only for the ladies, our men play cards too. We all share some snacks and play some cards. Come join us and have some fun. Our regular business meeting will be January 14. The meeting extra for January is – Soup! Be sure to heat up your crock pots and bring your best soup and an appetite. Hot, delicious soup sounds like a great treat on a cold January night! We will be singing Valentines for the vets. So please bring a few with you to sign.

Dee Kozlowski –President CLSO 410-676-2862

Parting Thought: Keep warm and be happy!

Reflections by Lawrence P. Grayson

The Route to National Immorality

For most of its history, the United States has had a legal system that promoted a Christian moral culture. As recently as the early 1960s, it was illegal in the United States to have or to provide an abortion, to engage in homosexual acts, and in many states even to disseminate information about contraceptives. Then, with a heightened sensitivity toward discrimination and an errant notion of equality, the courts discovered an unstated right to privacy and used it in a continually expanding fashion to invalidate laws prohibiting many immoral behaviors. In less than fifty years, actions that were illegal have become not only lawful, but personal rights.

Privacy is a concept that was virtually unknown in early America. It is not mentioned in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. The primary, privacy-related protection provided was the Fourth Amendment's guarantee against "unreasonable searches and seizures." With expanding populations and improvements in technology and communications, intrusions into the lives and assaults on the reputations

of individuals began to increase. In an article titled, "The Right to Privacy," published in 1890, Samuel D. Warren and Louis D. Brandeis addressed the issue and spoke of a person's right "to be let alone."

A legal concept of privacy soon began to take shape. It developed mainly as an extension of the common law, with the legal definition of the interest to be protected being created like a jigsaw puzzle, a piece at a time. Privacy violations through the early 1960s were categorized by one scholar in four ways: intrusion into a person's solitude or private affairs; public disclosure of embarrassing facts about an individual; publicity placing a person in a false light in public; and appropriation of a person's name or likeness for business purposes. For the most part, judicial findings were defined narrowly, and did not set forth general principles to cover unforeseen circumstances.

Then, a situation came to the fore which focused on a moral issue. Since 1873, when Congress enacted an anti-vice statute, known as the Comstock Law, it was illegal to mail material promoting contraception or contraceptives, for these related to a man and his mistress or a prostitute, not his wife. Although by the 1960s most states had legalized birth control, many state laws still prohibited the dissemination of information about contraception, and some even prohibited the possession of contraceptives. Connecticut was one such state, although its prohibition was rarely enforced.

A Planned Parenthood executive brought suit challenging the state law, and in 1965 in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the U.S. Supreme Court found that although the Bill of Rights does not explicitly mention privacy, that right can be inferred from "penumbras" and "emanations" of other constitutional protections. It overturned the Connecticut law insofar as it applied to married persons. From a moral perspective, the Court thus allowed a couple to block the procreative aspect of the marital act and focus solely on the pleasure involved. This separation would lead to future judicial declarations and greater moral decline.

In its ruling, the Court not only established a Constitutional basis for the right of privacy, but expanded the right to include an individual's self-determination in making decisions about his or her

life. While a right to privacy to this point in time dealt with protecting a person's non-material properties from abuse by an outside party, it now was extended to cover autonomous behavior by the individual. The ruling was not without an expressed concern. In a dissenting opinion, Justice Hugo Black found privacy to be "a broad, abstract and ambiguous concept" that could allow the Court "to invalidate any legislative act which the judges find irrational, unreasonable, or offensive."

And that is precisely what happened. In 1972, the Supreme Court, so as not to discriminate against the unmarried, extended the contraceptive right to single persons. It ruled in *Eisenstadt v. Baird* that a Massachusetts law was unconstitutional, violating the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, since it allowed only married couples to receive contraception. Further, while *Griswold* spoke of the "marital right to privacy" and the "sacred precincts of the bedroom," *Eisenstadt* spoke of "reproductive rights" and a person's "decision whether to bear or beget a child." With this language, the Court provided the foundation for allowing the mother to determine whether the child she bears should continue to live.

Then, on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court overturned a Texas law banning abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, citing *Griswold* and *Eisenstadt* in support of its decision. This judgment legalized abortion for any reason through the first trimester, with restrictions -- themselves limited by an exception for maternal health -- applied after that period. The same day, in *Doe v. Bolton*, the Court defined maternal health to include the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of the mother. The rulings in these two cases made

abortion licit almost without limitation. As a result, in the 41 years since that date, some 55 million children have been exterminated in the womb, many in brutal, barbaric ways.

It took less than eight years from *Griswold* to *Roe* to cause a significant deconstruction of America's moral legislation. First, contraception was made legal for married couples, then for single persons, and then abortion was approved. The principal legal tool for these changes was the creation of a right to privacy, a right not enacted, but inferred from various constitutional protections.

A right to privacy may appear to be self-evident to the modern mind, especially with recent abuses, such as the mass accumulation of telephone records by a technologically-rich, control-focused government. The right, however, has been so loosely defined that no one knows its limits. It developed out of a concern for one's non-material property and reputation, but soon expanded to include autonomous life-style choices.

Soon after the *Griswold* decision, the use of contraceptives soared. It is estimated that within the first year, 6.5 million women in America used the Pill. Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, published in 1968, described the consequences that would follow the widespread acceptance of contraception. He stated, "How wide and easy a road would thus be opened to conjugal infidelity and to a general lowering of morality." As perceptive as he was, the Pope fell short of the continued moral degradation that would take place in the United States in the years ahead.

	JAN	Event	Time
Sat	4 (T)	Mid-Term Meeting	9-9 PM
Mon	6	2nd Degree - Candidates	7:00 PM
Mon	6	2nd Degree - Degree Begins	7:30 PM
Tue	7	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	12	Perry Point	
Tue	14	Home Corps Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	21	Social Meeting -SOUPER BOWL	7:00 PM
Tue	21	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	28	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM

	FEB	Event	Time
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Tue	4	1st Degree - Candidates Arrive (Complete form 450C)	7:00 PM
Tue	4	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	7 (T)	Bingo for Babies (Ultrasound)	7:00 PM
Fri	9	Perry Point	
Sun	11	Home Corps Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	18	Social Meeting - Let's Make a Deal	7:00 PM
Tue	18	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	25	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM
	MAR	Event	Time
Tue	4	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	9	Perry Point	
Tue	11	Home Corps Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	18	Social Meeting -COMMUNITY SERVICE DINNER	7:00 PM
Tue	18	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	25	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	25	Day of the Unborn	TBD
	APR	Event	Time
	TBD	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest at SMS & JC	TBD
	TBD	Flag Essay Contest at SMS & JC	TBD
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Tue	1	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Candidates	7:00 PM
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Degree Begins	7:30 PM
Tue	8	Home Corps Meeting	7:00 PM
Sun	13	Perry Point	
Tue	15	Social Meeting -55th Anniversary Party	7:00 PM
Tue	15	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	22	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM
	MAY	Event	Time
	TBD	Marian Hour of Prayer	TBD
	TBD	Decade of the Rosary before all Masses	TBD
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Tue	6	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	6	Council Elections	TBD
Sun	11	Perry Point	
Tue	13	Home Corps Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	20	Social Meeting - MAY PROCESSION	7:00 PM
Tue	20	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	27	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM

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