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COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714

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Grand Knight's Message



Happy St. Valentine's Day

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In February, it is the Holy Family, the perfect example of family life for all Christians. In our prayers to the Holy Family, we meditate on the example of the Holy Family and ask the Holy Family to intercede on behalf of our families.

Having a picture of the Holy Family in a prominent place in our house is a good way to create a presence, a reminder, that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should be the model in all things for our family life. A daily prayer before a picture of the Holy Family is a wonderful way for a family to participate in this devotion.

As a Council, over the next few months we will continue our efforts to create a presence with a few more new programs. On March 4th we are providing a Shrove Tuesday Dinner at St. Mark Church. Register today. This means our March meeting will slip to Thursday March 6th at 7:30pm. On March 25th, The Day of The Unborn, our Council and Birthright will join with The John Carroll School Right for Life Club and conduct a Culture of Life Event. On April 26th we are hosting "A Catholic Knight with the Orioles." We

have invited all 5 Councils in our District and will be working with all the Churches the District supports. With your support we could potentially see a few thousand Catholics attend this game and truly make a statement showing how the Knights of Columbus make a difference. Join us for this historic event.

We are looking to extend our Community presence by hosting a business seminar series at the hall. It is also time we focus some of our efforts and funding on "Creating a Presence" in the digital community. This means potentially revamping/updating our website and beginning to maintain a presence in places like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Supreme has a solid digital presence and our Council should follow suit. I am still challenging our Home Corporation to implement a marketing strategy along three lines of business to ensure we have enough rentals to fund the operations and maintenance of our beautiful hall.

To continue to create a presence takes members. Current members to support all our programs, but especially BINGO. Friday night BINGO is the program that provides most of the funds we use to conduct everything we do as well as support the operation and maintenance of our building. Creating a presence also means new members. We would like to see a minimum of another 12 new members before May. With your support we can make this happen. Change means new programs and new members to support those programs. Invite someone you know and let's make a difference together.

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 for all the great work you continue to do and the wonderful support you give to our Bel Air Council 4714.

Vivat Jesus,
Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,
knightsfc@gmail.com

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

District Deputy

My brother Knights,

Congratulations to Havre de Grace Council for holding a good first degree exemplification in January.

They brought two new members into the council! Our district second degree team also held an exemplification in January. Once again, we had a large crowd, including 16 new second degree Knights! As always, we're looking for people interested in joining that team. As I write this, we have at least 7 Knights from the district planning to attend their third degree exemplification at the end of January! All this activity gives me renewed hope that some of our councils in the district will achieve Star Council status this fraternal year. Don't stop recruiting in the winter. Begin planning your March church drive(s). Now's the time to make a big push toward meeting your membership goal by June.

The MD State KofC Convention is coming in May. Plans are already under way by Corpus Christi Council to host our district hospitality room. Please consider inviting your chaplain to the convention this year as your council's guest. As a reminder, you can begin reserving rooms at the Princess Royale hotel on 3 February at 7:00 am. The rooms go fast, so be on the phone at 7:00! Also, please send in your registration for the convention itself. After 1 April, there will be an additional fee of \$10. Delegates should not forget their credentials, or they will not be seated at the convention. (The FS should mail the credentials packet to the State Secretary by the end of February.) This is an election year and 7 candidates are running for State Warden, so it could be exciting!

With Lent coming in early March, let me remind you to support Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace Councils in their Fish Fry Fridays. You will help them, while also fulfilling your obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent. Running these events is a labor of love for the men and women involved, and

they usually don't make a lot of money. You can show them that their work is appreciated.

Upcoming district events:

15 Feb - St. Ignatius Council Winter Wonderland Dance.

16 Feb - Corpus Christi Council patriotic rosary at Holy Spirit Church in Joppatowne.

Upcoming State Council events:

3 Feb - First day for reserving rooms at the convention hotel.

23 Feb - State Free Throw championship at the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, MD.

Remember our Worthy State Deputy's motto for this year: "While proclaiming peace with your lips, have it even more fully in your heart."

Vivat Jesus,

Walt Williams, District Deputy #16

Fraternal Benefits

Long-Term Care plans offers peace of mind.

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care clients in the United States, a Knights of Columbus Care policy brings added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care. This program is not available in Canada as of yet due to the limited number of providers.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children,

parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a home health care plan or one that covers facility only, benefit amounts and durations, and the length of the "waiting period" before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership.

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Council Activities

KayCee Club Notice

We are in need of several repairs at the Council. If you are involved in a trade; e.g. wallpapering, tile work, chair cleaning, we can direct work your way. Contact Jerry Wagner at 410-638-6489.

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 drawing at the January meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was **Daniel O'Neill** and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the February meeting will remain at \$50.00.

First Degree Team

As you may have noticed in my e-mail earlier this month, we had to reschedule our rehearsal for Wednesday, January 29. It will be at 7pm at the hall. Please advise ASAP if you will or will not attend, as we are scheduled to exemplify a degree at our February business meeting and these rehearsals are important to put not only the words, but also the mechanics of the degree into our minds before then.

Kevin McNamara, DGK, Team Captain

Fourth Degree News

St. Francis Xavier Assembly exemplified its Renewal of Obligations at its most recent meeting on January 20. As noted by Steven Thomas, Worthy Master of the Maryland District, it is the only time during the entire fraternal year when Sir Knights are afforded the opportunity to renew all the pledges they took during their four degrees. Not even during the exemplification of the individual degrees do Sir Knights get the opportunity to renew any pledge save for the one being presented to the candidates at that exemplification. So this is a very important ceremonial, and I thank all the Sir Knights who turned out to make it a very moving event. The exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place Saturday, March 8, at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick. We have one brother from Bel Air Council taking his Fourth Degree at this exemplification. For the brothers of the assembly, if you intend to attend, especially if you need a room or a banquet ticket or two, please contact Faithful Comptroller Pete Bogdan IMMEDIATELY at plblmb1@verizon.net or 410-671-6983 as he must ensure room reservations make it to the Master by February 2.

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
Compelling. Considerate. Uncompromising.

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!

Community Activities

Perry Point Program

The Bel Air Council and Corpus Christi Councils have switched Sundays. Bel Air will be volunteering on the 1st Sunday of the month and Corpus Christi will be volunteering on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please make note of the change.

Just a reminder about the Perry Point Program. For this year, the Bel Air Council is helping at Perry Point on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you would like to join us, meet at the McDonald's at Riverside on Rt. 543. We leave promptly at 9:30 AM. Mass is at 10:30

AM and we help wheel patients to the Chapel between 10 and 10:30 prior to Mass and return them after Mass. At the January Sunday, our Council supported the program with eight brother Knights and two Ladies that joined us also. My sincere thanks to all, for their support. See you on Sunday, February 2nd. If you would like more information, please call either Tom Sutera 410 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at 410 679-7058.

Tom Sutera

Veterans

February is National Salute to Veteran Patients Week which will be celebrated Feb. 9 – 15, 2014. With assistance from our ladies, CLSO, we will be distributing Valentines to patients at Perry Point. Volunteers are needed to assist at the Welcome Center located at the entrance of Perry Point. Also volunteers are needed as drivers at all VA facilities. If you are interested in these activities contact me or Susan Kerns at 410-642-1136.

W. Wayne Davis, Jr., PGK, VAVS Rep. Perry Point VA., 443-956-9572

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Hi Everyone!

Once again the weather has created havoc with our plans. While we had planned to socialize and enjoy a ‘souper’ night with the Knights last month, Mother Nature had other plans. Let's hope that February's plans proceed without a hitch.

Our February CLSO business meeting will be held on the 11th. Our Saint of the Month is St. Valentine and our color is Red. Pat Rebbert, our Secretary, will present the meeting night ‘extra’ which will be “All About Football.” We were hoping the Ravens would be participating in the Super Bowl, but even though they aren't, Pat's presentation should be very interesting and fun. February is also American Heart Association's Heart Health Month. Wear RED on Feb, 7th to celebrate National Wear Red Day and to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women.

The CLSO is going to help out at the February Social Feb. 18. The entertainment will be “Let's Make a Deal.” You don't have to wear a silly costume like they did on the TV show or bring your unpaid utility bills because we don't have that kind of budget but

there will be a few laughs, some prizes and maybe even a “Zonk.”

Hope to see you there.

Dee Kozlowski –President CLSO 410-676-2862

Parting Thought: Keep warm and drive safely.

Reflections by Lawrence P. Grayson

From Acquiescence to Support of Immorality

In the past 50 years, the Supreme Court has systematically and consistently ruled to disestablish the legal basis for a moral society. The Court legalized the use of contraception for married couples in 1965, for unmarried persons in 1972, and then made abortion a right in *Roe v. Wade* in January 1973. The judicial instrument for this statutory disassembly was a created “right to privacy,” an amorphous concept that has been continually expanded to legalize more and more formerly illicit acts.

The enlargement did not end with *Roe*. In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, in 1992, the Court, addressing a woman’s right to an abortion, stated: “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and the mystery of human life.” This statement is so all-encompassing and open to interpretation that Judge Robert Bork believed that, if followed, the courts could invalidate all laws regulating individual behavior.

And so it was. The judicial logic was taken to the next step in *Compassion in Dying v. Washington*, in 1996. If a woman has the right to kill her unborn child, does she not have the right to take her own life? In its majority opinion, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals wrote, “every man has the liberty to determine the time and manner of his death,” a statement without limitations, such as a person being terminally ill. Assisted suicide and euthanasia were given legitimacy.

Then, sodomy laws were challenged. These primarily were state statutes understood by the courts to outlaw any sexual act, typically between persons of the same sex, deemed to be “unnatural” or immoral. In 1962, every state had laws making sodomy illegal, although soon after individual states began to repeal those bans. If sex is viewed strictly for pleasure with no procreative aspect, there is no reason why it should be

limited to persons of the opposite gender. The Supreme Court in 2003, ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, followed the trend and invalidated all sodomy laws.

With homosexual acts legalized and the marital act’s focus on pleasure, it was natural to redefine the meaning of marriage. In the 1990s, virtually all states statutorily banned same-sex marriages, although some were moving in the direction of recognition. To limit the movement, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 1996, which defined marriage solely as a union between a man and a woman for federal purposes. This was to prove a temporary hindrance.

Massachusetts, by a ruling of its Supreme Judicial Court in 2004, legalized same-sex marriage, making it the first state to do so. DOMA was then assailed. In June 2013, in *United States v. Windsor*, the Supreme Court ruled that DOMA was unconstitutional as it restricted the interpretation of the terms “marriage” and “spouse” to heterosexual couples. The same day, the Court allowed a lower court decision to stand, which overturned an amendment to the California State Constitution limiting marriage to one man and one woman. Today, 17 states allow same-sex marriage, with Illinois to become the 18th on June 1, 2014; 10 others recognize same-sex unions. These changes have been accomplished through court rulings, legislative changes, or direct popular vote.

The definition of marriage was now open to further dilution. Kody Brown and his four wives, members of a fundamentalist Mormon sect who star in the reality TV show, *Sister Wives*, contended that Utah’s law banning polygamy violated their right to privacy and religious freedom. In December 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Clark Waddoups ruled that the prohibition was unconstitutional. In his ruling, he cited *Lawrence*, in which Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy stated that the Constitution guarantees people “an autonomy of self that includes freedom of thought, belief, expression and certain intimate conduct.”

A new phase of cleansing the culture of traditional behavioral values has now begun. For 50 years, as the courts have increasingly legitimized immorality, the public has acquiesced. Now the courts are forcing people to be not only accepting, but supportive of acts

that oppose their religious beliefs. Small businesses, such as bakeries and photographers, are being sued for not providing their services to celebrate homosexual marriages, even when those marriages violate the consciences of the business owners. The American Civil Liberties Union has brought suit against the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, claiming that the bishops' pro-life health directives prevented a Catholic hospital in Michigan from providing a woman with adequate health care, that is, an abortion. Catholic social agencies have been forced to close for not providing adoption services to homosexual couples.

The string of rulings legitimizing immoral behavior is endless. Justice Antonin Scalia, dissenting in Lawrence, said that morals legislation is now constitutionally impermissible. With an end to virtually all legislative constraints on immorality, can the courts continue to rule against incest, pedophilia, bestiality, group marriages, and other erotic fantasies? Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, published in 1968, described the consequences that would follow the widespread acceptance of contraception. He warned:

Consider also the dangerous weapon that would thus be placed in the hands of those public authorities who

have no concern for the requirements of morality...Who will stop rulers from favoring and even imposing upon their peoples, if they should consider it necessary, the method of contraception that they judge to be most efficacious?"

How perceptive Pope Paul VI was. Now four-and-a-half decades after he expressed his concern, we have a president who is mandating that virtually all employers – including religious groups such as Priests for Life and Little Sisters of the Poor -- provide their employees with insurance for contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.

If this country and its people are to halt the rush into national licentiousness and return to a morals-based culture, there must be a recognition throughout society that God exists, that He set forth Commandments on how we should live our lives, that marriage has a procreative purpose, that human life must be respected and protected from conception to natural death, and that we will be judged by Him to account for how we live our lives. This re-evangelization must begin with Catholics through the Church, from the pulpit. It can be accomplished, but only with God's help through prayer. Let it begin with us – and now.

	FEB	Event	Time
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Sun	2	Perry Point	
Tue	4	1st Degree - Candidates Arrive (Complete form 450C)	7:00 PM
Tue	4	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	7 (T)	Bingo for Babies (Ultrasound)	7:00 PM
Tue	11	Home Corp. Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri	14	Report 1295 – Semi-annual Audit Due	
Tue	18	Social Meeting - Let's Make a Deal (CLSO)	7:00 PM
Tue	18	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	25	Officers' Meeting	7:00 PM

	MAR	Event	Time
	TBD	Lenten Devotion at St. Mark Church	TBD
	TBD	40 Cans for Lent	TBD
	TBD	Membership Drive (15-16) St. Mark & St. Margaret	TBD
	TBD	Initiate Nominating Committee	TBD
Sun	2	Perry Point	

	MAR		Time
Tue	4	Shrove Tuesday Dinner at St. Mark Church	6-8 PM
Thu	6	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	11	Home Corp. 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	Officers' Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	25	Day of the Unborn at The John Carroll School	11AM-1PM

	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
Sun	6	Perry Point	
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Candidates	7:00 PM
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Degree Begins	7:30 PM
Tue	8	Home Corp. Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	15	Social Meeting - 55th Anniversary Party	7:00 PM
Tue	15	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	22	Officers' Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat	26	A Catholic Knight with the Orioles	1:30 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	
Sun	4	Perry Point	
Tue	6	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	6	Council Elections	TBD
Tue	13	Home Corp. Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	20	Social Meeting - MAY PROCESSION	7:00 PM
Tue	20	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	27	Officers' Meeting	7:00 PM

	JUN	Event	Time
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Sun	1	Perry Point	
Tue	3	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	10	Home Corp. Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue	17	Social Meeting - PICNIC & AWARDS	7:00 PM
Tue	17	Family of the Month	7:00 PM
Tue	24	Officers' Meeting	7:00 PM

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