



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### Grand Knight's Message



Easter is April 20th this year and Pentecostal season is the 50 days after Easter leading to Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is known as the “Birthday of the Church,” and for good reason: it’s the day that the apostles began their ministry to the world. The classic image we all have in our heads is of God baptizing the apostles with the Holy Spirit and fire, and the apostles becoming so filled with holiness and purpose that they cried out in all tongues to the people, spreading the good news. That’s the flashy, miracle part that we tend to focus on, but all things said and done, multilingualism is not the most important thing the apostles received that day. No, the most important blessing of Pentecost was confidence.

Prior to this day, the apostles were in hiding, afraid to go out and preach Jesus’ word to the people, in fear of what retributions that they could, and as we know ultimately did, receive. But God’s blessing on Pentecost gave the apostles the inner strength necessary for the journey ahead, the determination to preach the truth in a world that would hate to hear it.

As Knights, we all hear that same calling, to preach the truths of our faith in a world that may find them unpopular or outdated. It is our duty and privilege to minister to all peoples, and fully live up to our name as the Catholic (meaning universal) church.

This year Bel Air Council has been focused on own ministry, our Journey of: “Creating a Presence” in our Catholic Community. With each successive event our Council conducts we are mimicking the Church’s

Easter and Pentecostal seasons; we are seeing a rebirth within our organization and we are confidently spreading the good news about Bel Air Council and the Knights of Columbus. The Shrove Tuesday Dinner at St. Mark’s was an amazing event. It brought the Parish and the Council closer together. If you looked in the kitchen that night you saw an incredible display of teamwork. The recent Community Service Awards Dinner again enabled our Council to spread the word about the Knights of Columbus and our Council as we honored local community servant leaders. The Day of the Unborn event at John Carroll with Birthright and Past State Deputy, Richard Siejack, with our Ultrasound program, left an indelible mark at our local Catholic High School. The upcoming Orioles game in April with St. Mark and St. Margaret’s Elementary School is weaving a tighter relationship with our local Catholic Elementary School and parish.

Our Council has displayed the confidence to reach out to our other Catholic organizations to speak up and be leaders in our community. Join us as during these exciting times.

Vivat Jesus,

**Stephen Conley**, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,  
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### District Deputy

The Knights of Columbus traditionally do a membership push in the month of March. Now that March is about over, you may think that you can sit back and relax a little. However, it’s now more important than ever to make that final push toward Star Council. Every Knight is expected to recruit new members. It’s not hard to talk with your friends, family, and fellow parishioners about the Knights. That will lead to a deeper conversation about joining. You owe it to your council to try. We have a second degree on 7 April at Bel Air Council home. We also have a first degree tentatively scheduled for 15 April at St. Ignatius church. If you need another degree scheduled, or would like to attend one outside the

## 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, let me know and I can help you. Don't let the lack of a conveniently scheduled degree keep you from bringing in a new Knight.

I hope to see you at the state convention on May 2nd. Our hospitality room this year has a military theme. It should be a lot of fun.

Consider attending the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights meeting at nearby Long Green Valley council on 10 April. I'll be happy to carpool with you.

Once again, let me remind you to support Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace councils in their Fish Fry Fridays for Lent. These fundraisers help the Knights and also help the churches. Not to mention helping you keep your obligations in Lent. Speaking of which, don't forget the Archdiocese of Baltimore is having a diocese wide penance night on Friday, 11 April from 3-7 pm.

### Upcoming district events:

7 Apr - Second Degree at Bel Air council home

15 Apr - First Degree at St. Ignatius council

26 Apr - "A Knight with the Orioles" with Bel Air Council

27 Apr - Diving Mercy Sunday with Bel Air Council at St. Mark

28 Apr - Living Rosary with Corpus Christi Council at Holy Spirit Church

### Upcoming State Council events:

10 Apr - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights meeting at Long Green Valley council.

2 May - MD State Convention in Ocean City

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**

### *Types of funds you can rollover/transfer to the Knights of Columbus*

Many Brother Knights are finding tremendous peace of mind by rolling over or transferring existing accounts to the Knights of Columbus. I'd like to highlight the types of funds you and your wife can safeguard with the Order:

- IRA Roth IRA 401k 403b 457 TSP (Thrift Savings Program)
- Cash balance pension funds, Simple IRA, SEP, Keogh Plans
- Any type of regular savings account, CD or mutual funds

The process is simple and the products are safe. Last year the Order took in almost \$700,000,000 on behalf of our members in retirement plans alone. We currently have \$93 Billion of insurance in force and \$20 Billion of assets under management. "Let's talk and see if the Knights of Columbus can help you with your retirement and savings plans.

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## **Council Activities**

### ***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 names drawn at the March meeting were Michael Massarelli, and Robert DiCocco and neither was in attendance. The drawing at the April meeting will remain at \$50.00.

## **Youth Activities**

### ***Cub Pack 999***

On February 23, the Cub Pack celebrated the annual Blue and Gold anniversary. The dinner was followed up with each den performing a short skit. The food was delicious and the skits were fun to watch. The Pack raised about \$500 with their silent auction. Each den provided a basket with various sundry products ranging from lotions to candy. Awards were given out to the scouts for various achievements. Brother knight Tom McHugh received the Adult Volunteer of the Year Award for all of his services provided throughout

the year in support of scouting. Congratulations Tom! Also in attendance was Grand Knight Steve Conley.

Upcoming events: Tour of the Battleship New Jersey, March 22.



### ***Scout Troop 999***

On March 12, a board of review was held for candidate Samuel Bearman. This young man presented himself in a very congenial and articulate manner. He was very poised and spoke in a clear and distinct voice. His project included building benches and some landscaping at Camp Conowingo. As a result of his presentation and the timely completion of the project he was promoted to Eagle Scout.

A Court of Honor will be held on March 26 to recognize the scouts for merit badges earned and awarded to them.

Also upcoming the weekend of March 29-30 and April 5, the scouts (both pack 999 and troop 999) will be participating in the Scouting for Food Campaign which is an effort to collect food for the needy.

## **Community Activities**

### ***Perry Point Program***

Now that the first three months have gone by, we should be over the confusing part of our schedule. The Bel Air Council will resume 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 April (6th) 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 with Father Jonathon. If you want more information call Tom Sutera at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 679-7058.

***Tom Sutera***

### ***Community Service Award Dinner***

On Behalf of Pat Ruckle I would like to thank all who participated in the Community Service Awards dinner. Many thanks to those who made it a success. The kitchen staff, Richard and Dee Kozlowski, Guy and Sharon DiMateo, Karen Warner and the John Carroll students, prepared and served an excellent dinner to over 80 people. Thanks go out to Jerry Wagner for setting up the hall and bartending and to our resident photographer Mike Eaves for documenting the event. "Without pictures it didn't happen". Tom Sutera followed up with fellow Knights and collected fees for the dinner and made a timely delivery of the American flag. As with any Knight's event there are always the "behind the scenes" guys and gals who step in to help out and make the event a success. You know who you are, THANKS! The Church has added greeters to meet people at Mass, We have Bernie Classon who performed that task for us looking out for any State dignitaries. (I am sure he will wear a tie next time) Thanks to the Grand Knight for his opening remarks and especially to the awardees; Rob Claridge, firefighter of the year, Jake Hollin, HS teacher of the year, Lisa Komondor, elementary teacher of the year, and Grant Krulock, Deputy Sheriff of the year. A classy event, again thanks to all who made it a success!

***John Knapstein***

## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating Easter and the return of milder weather. I bet I'm not the only one who can't wait for nicer weather. Although our harsh winter weather caused us to change some of our plans, we still managed to accomplish a lot of positive things.

In March CLSO members assisted the Knights in preparing for and presenting two major events, The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St Mark's and their Annual Awards Dinner at the council home. We also passed a motion to buy the Vet's at Perry Point a popcorn machine. Our Bagged lunch committee prepared and distributed about 112 lunches. We also supported St. Margaret's and St. Mark's Confirmation programs with a donation of \$250 to each parish.

In March we bid a sad farewell to two of our former members, Bernice Wilhelm and Kitty Di Dido, may they rest in peace. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving family members.

Several of our ladies met recently to brainstorm and came up with some ideas for a new brochure presenting the Catholic Ladies Service Organization. Pat Lijewski graciously pulled all the ideas together and using her computer skills designed the final product. I think it is lovely. I can't wait for all of you to see it.

Our Grand Knight Steve Conley was our guest at the March meeting. Steve thanked the ladies for all our help with and support of the Council Activities. He also invited the CLSO to participate with the Knights at St Mark's Ministry Fair March 29 and 30.

It's that time of year again. The nominating committee is busy calling our members seeking ladies to run for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you've ever thought about running for office now is the time to act!

Our next meeting will be April 8, 014 and our card night will be April 14th. Mark your calendars – because this is a reversal of the usual order. Hope to see you there.

Parting thought: 'and that's all I have to say about that'  
~ Forest Gump

**Dee Kozlowski** –President CLSO 410-676-2862

## **Reflections**

### **The Day Our Lord Died**

**Lawrence P. Grayson**

We are now in the liturgical season of Lent, a 40-day preparatory period for the remembrance of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. The last day of Our Lord's existence as man -- from the early evening (the Jewish day began at sundown) on what we now call Holy Thursday, when the Passover began, until late in the afternoon the following day at the start of the Sabbath -- was one of the most significant in history. It is rich in people, places and events. Emotions ran the gamut: joy, sorrow, humility, fear, repentance, greed, guilt, remorse, love, hate, despair, ridicule, suffering, forgiveness.

There was the gathering in the upper room, the ritual meal, the washing of feet, the initiation of the Eucharist, the charge to the Apostles, the betrayal, the agonized praying, the kiss, the arrest, the denial, the artful dodging of a decision among the high priest, procurator and tetrarch, the staged reactions of the people, the attempts to find a basis to free Jesus, the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the sentence, the washing of the judge's hands, the final walk, the crucifixion, the seven last words, the death and burial. As consequential as the happenings of that day were for the future of mankind, it is humbling to realize that all of these actions took place within a period of 24 hours, within an area of less than one square mile.

How many times in your life have you attended the Holy Thursday re-enactment of the Last Supper and listened to the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday? Is it 10 times? 20? 40? 80? Did you watch the final episode of the cable series *The Bible*, see the newly-released movie *Son of God* or Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* or, for those who are older, the epics: *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, and *King of Kings*? Have you read Jim Bishop's classic, *The Day Christ Died*, Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich's *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, Archbishop Fulton Sheen's *Life of Christ*, or any of the many other works describing the events of that day?

Did any of these make an impression? How many details of the final hours of Our Lord's earthly life do you remember? To test your retention, try matching the persons and places listed in Column A of the following table with the descriptions in Column B. The answers follow.

### Column A – People & Places

1. Pontius Pilate
2. Joseph of Arimathea
3. Caiaphas
4. Gethsemane
5. Lazarus
6. Sanhedrin
7. Veronica
8. Mary of Magdala
9. Herod Antipas
10. Cenacle
11. The Cyrenian
12. Golgotha
13. Cephas
14. Annas
15. Nicodemus
16. Claudia
17. Longinus
18. Mary of Cleophas
19. Gabbatha
20. Dismas
21. Malchus
22. Iscariot
23. Abenadar
24. Women of Jerusalem
25. John

### Column B - Descriptions

- A. Wiped the face of Jesus
- B. Had an ear cut off by Peter
- C. Tetrarch of Galilee
- D. Denied he knew Jesus
- E. Helped carry the cross
- F. Brought spices and balm to prepare Jesus for burial
- G. Good thief
- H. Room where Last Supper was held
- I. Location of olive oil press near where Jesus prayed
- J. Asked Pilate for body of Jesus
- K. Roman Procurator
- L. Soldier who pierced the side of Jesus with a spear
- M. Jesus' Mother was at his home on Thursday night
- N. Roman centurion in charge of soldiers at Calvary
- O. Jewish body that condemned Jesus
- P. Was at foot of cross when Jesus died
- Q. Wept for Jesus
- R. Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver
- S. Sat next to Jesus at the Last Supper
- T. High priest
- U. Father-in-law of high priest
- V. Sister-in-law of Blessed Virgin
- W. Place of Skull, where Jesus was crucified
- X. Stone Place, where Pilate sat to judge Jesus
- Y. Had a dream that Pilate should not judge Jesus

*Answers: 1-K; 2-J; 3-T; 4-I; 5-M; 6-O; 7-A; 8-P; 9-C; 10-H; 11-E; 12-W; 13-D; 14-U; 15-F; 16- Y; 17-L; 18-V; 19-X; 20-G; 21-B; 22-R; 23-N; 24-Q; 25-S*

How did you do? Are you prepared for the coming remembrance of the Holy Week events, or should you first reread the various accounts of that consequential day by the Evangelists Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John? Our Lord died so that we might be saved. Should we not know what He went through and prayerfully dwell on the His sacrifice – especially during this period of Lent?

## Council Calendar

	<b>APR</b>	<b>Event</b>
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew
Tue	<b>1</b>	Business Meeting
Mon	<b>7</b>	2nd Degree - Candidates
Mon	<b>7</b>	2nd Degree - Degree Begins
Tue	<b>8</b>	Home Corps Meeting
Sun	<b>TBD</b>	Perry Point
Tue	<b>15</b>	Social Meeting -John Carroll presents – “Parenting Teens”
Tue	<b>15</b>	Family of the Month
Tue	<b>22</b>	Officer's Meeting
Sat	<b>26</b>	A Catholic Knight with the Orioles
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Devine Mercy Sunday (Devine Mercy Chaplet Prayer @ St. Marks)</b>

	<b>MAY</b>	<b>Event</b>
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew
Tue	<b>6</b>	Business Meeting / <b>Council Nominations</b>
Sun	<b>TBD</b>	Perry Point
Tue	<b>13</b>	Home Corps Meeting
Tue	<b>20</b>	Social Meeting - MAY PROCESSION
Tue	<b>20</b>	Family of the Month
Tue	<b>27</b>	Officer's Meeting

	<b>JUN</b>	<b>Event</b>
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew
Tue	<b>3</b>	Business Meeting / <b>Council Elections</b>
Sun	<b>TBD</b>	Perry Point
Tue	<b>10</b>	Home Corps Meeting
Tue	<b>17</b>	Social Meeting -55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
Tue	<b>17</b>	Family of the Month
Tue	<b>24</b>	Officer's Meeting

## Knights of Columbus Named a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company by Ethisphere Institute

3/20/2014



### **K of C sees commitment to Catholic values as key to its ethical, sustainable, successful business model**

The Knights of Columbus announced today that it has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center of research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance, as a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company.®

This is the first time that the Knights of Columbus has been honored with this award, which recognizes organizations that continue to raise the bar on ethical leadership and corporate behavior. World's Most Ethical Company honorees understand the correlation between ethics, reputation and daily interactions with their brand and that the award belongs as much to their associates as it does to them. The Knights is one of only two companies in the life insurance category honored this year.

“The Knights of Columbus was founded more than 130 years ago to protect the financial future of Catholic families in the event of the tragic death of a breadwinner and to provide charity to those on the margins of society,” said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson.

“Today, those same founding principles are at work in every aspect of our business, guiding our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations. It is this continued commitment to our foundational, Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable and successful business model.”

“The entire community of World's Most Ethical Companies believe that customers, employees, investors and regulators place a high premium on trust and that ethics and good governance are key in earning it,” said Ethisphere Chief Executive Officer Timothy Erbllich. “The Knights of Columbus join an exclusive community committed to driving performance through leading business practices. We congratulate everyone at Knights of Columbus for this extraordinary achievement.”

The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient™ framework. The Ethics Quotient framework has been developed over years of effort to provide a means to assess an organization's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics. The Ethics Quotient framework and methodology was determined, vetted and refined by the expert advice and insights gleaned from Ethisphere's network of thought leaders and from the World's Most Ethical Company [Methodology Advisory Panel](#).

Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program (25%), reputation, leadership and innovation (20%), governance (10%), corporate citizenship and responsibility (25%) and culture of ethics (20%).

The full list of the 2014 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at <http://ethisphere.com/worlds-most-ethical/wme-honorees/>.

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