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# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050



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### **Grand Knight's Message**

I want to thank the Council for having faith in my abilities to lead this Council. It is an honor to serve you as your Grand Knight. I also want to thank each Brother who has stepped forward to take a position as an Officer, Activity Chairman, or chair for a specific event. It is this personal commitment this personal leadership that makes our Council great.

Last fraternal year our theme was: "Creating a Presence in our Catholic Community." Forming our efforts around this premise enabled us to have an extremely productive and successful year and I believe with the momentum that has started we can do even better this year. We are going to hold fast to this theme again this year and in addition, we are going to "Create a Presence" in the digital environment. We are working to update our website and develop the social media tools to improve Council communication both within the Council and external to the Council.

At our June Social meeting, our pizza party, we gathered a number of new ideas for programs like hosting a barbeque after Mass or hosting parties for the Council at the hall. Both are quite plausible. Your Council leadership is always looking for new ideas so please contact any officer and we will talk about how to implement the idea.

Bringing religious and social life into unity is the goal of our order, and what makes the Knights of Columbus the organization it is. By reaching out to our community by volunteering our time and sweat, we spread a message of Catholic love that praises and exalts our Lord. By offering to help in one of our many programs, we establish a presence in our particular Catholic community and that lets other people, and our Lord, know that we as Knights truly live out our faith. How are you living out your faith? How are you helping us Create a presence in our Catholic Community?

Vivat Jesus,

*Stephen Conley*, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538,  
[knightsfc@gmail.com](mailto:knightsfc@gmail.com)

### **District Deputy**

My brother Knights,

On behalf of the entire district, I want to thank Walt Williams, FDD, PGK and Tom Classon, PGK for their selfless service to District 16 over the past two years. Their service built on the tremendous leadership of previous district leaders and established a great foundation going forward. Dave Meneghini, District Warden, and I pledge to do our best to continue in this tradition of service. With the election of Stephen J. Adamczyk as the State Deputy we have an energetic, outgoing leader who will undoubtedly put his imprint on the Maryland state jurisdiction. Let's follow his example and lead this council forward consistent with his vision. I've noticed that SD Adamczyk puts a special emphasis on us carrying our rosary that was given to each of us Knights at our first degree. Let's follow his example and carry ours as well. It should help us all to live up to the motto he has chosen for this year. His motto is "Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage". That motto challenges each of us to not be afraid to ask someone if they know about the Knights of Columbus. It can be an effective way of opening a dialogue that may lead to an invitation to join us.

July begins with an important leadership seminar for District Deputies, District Wardens and Grand Knights throughout the jurisdiction on the weekend of July 11-13 at Solomon's Island, MD. This is a departure from the traditional meeting place of Mount Saint Mary's. This is but one sign that things will be different under the direction of SD Adamczyk. Later in July, we've been invited to attend a program seminar at Columbus Gardens on July 24. I urge Grand Knights, Program Directors and Activity Directors to attend this session to help flesh out your program for the year. Participation in state activities as a council group is one way of fulfilling the program requirement in a particular area. I also encourage Grand Knights,

## 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

Deputy Grand Knights and Past Grand Knights to attend Baltimore Chapter Grand Knight meetings. Please take a look at their website (<http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore>) to find the location of all future meetings. All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Let me know if you are interested in attending, we can carpool.

Now that new fraternal year is upon us, I encourage Grand Knights to communicate clearly and regularly their overarching goal for the upcoming year. This common challenging goal can make all the difference between thriving or just getting by in the year ahead. SD Adamczyk wants us to be successful and thrive. We can all work together to make it a reality. From July through September, there will be five installations in the district. I'm eager to attend each of them with my wife, LuAnne to begin to experience the fraternity that is common across the order, but special to each council. We will also begin our schedule of first degrees in the district with the first one scheduled at Bel Air Council 4714 on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.. If you have candidates for this degree, let GK Stephen Conley and FS Tom Sutera know in advance.

### State events:

- Thursday, July 24 - Program seminar at Columbus Gardens
- September 5 - 7 - Trip to Boston (Red Sox game), Cooperstown NY (Baseball Hall of Fame) and Camden, NJ (minor league game)
- Saturday, September 27 - State Special Olympics Day
- Saturday, October 11 - Columbus Day Ball at BWI Marriott

### District Events:

- Saturday, September 20 (10am - 12 pm) - District Meeting at Bishop Becker
- Sunday, October 5 (12 pm) - Golf Tournament at Exton Golf Course - tentative schedule

### Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Events:

- Thursday, July 10 (8:00 p.m.) - Monthly meeting at Bethlehem Council, 7401 Bay Front Road, Edgemere, MD 21219

**Richard Belmonte**, District Deputy #16

## **Fraternal Benefits**

***Think you are too old for coverage? Maybe not***

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply.

This change came in response to a question I've heard before: "My wife and I are almost 80, do the Knights offer anything to take care of our final expenses?" And it can also help the members who thought they were "too old" to attain our coverage.

This extension of our coverage ages allows me to help members I couldn't help before. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

**Edward A. O'Keefe**, CLU, ChFC, CASL

<http://okeefefinancialplanning.com>

## **Council Activities**

### ***Pot of Gold***

The name drawn at the June meeting was Ron Krebs and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the July meeting will remain at \$50.00.

**Tom Sutera**

## **Youth Activities**

A belated note: Many thanks to Brother Frank Gunning and his wife Geraldine for planting flowers

in Mary's Garden. They added the perfect finishing touch to the weeding and mulching which the scouts completed in April.

On May 10, the cub pack held its Rain Gutter Regatta in the Council parking lot. The top four winners were: Zachery Cornman-1st place, Tyler Gnade-2nd place, T. J. McHugh-3rd place, and Jacob Evans-4th.

Ten scouts from Troop 999 participated in a 50 mile hike on the weekend of May 17-19. They hiked the NCR trail from Ashland to Seitzland, PA. Of the 10 scouts taking part in this adventure, 5 scouts completed the entire 50 mile walk. The distances completed will count toward a 100 mile merit badge.

On June 4, a Court of Honor was held. These scouts achieved the rank of Life Scout: Cameron Blomquist, Aaron Tarcza, Ven Widder. Other awards included Josh Card receiving merit badges for Electricity and for Electronics. Ian Heinecke received a merit badge for Communications.

Our Troop 999 will be back-packing the Appalachian Trail in the Harpers Ferry area. The distance expected to be traveled will be 10 to 15 miles.

**Joe Pisani**

## **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 July (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**

### **Blood Drive**

Our council is sponsoring a blood drive on July 27 at the McCall Center from 7:30am until 1:00pm. Please donate and recruit others to donate. Sign up tables will

be available outside the church before and after the 4:00pm mass on Saturday, 7/12 and 7/19; and Sunday 7/13 and 7/20 before and after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am masses. This is an opportunity to interact with St. Mark parish, and possibly recruit some new candidates for our council. We will also need help on July 27 in the McCall Center providing donors with reading material and refreshments. Anyone interested contact Joe Pisani at 443-955-9428 or 443-299-6211. Thank you for your support.

## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

The results of the Election of officers at our June 10th meeting are: Dee Kozlowski - President, Patricia Lijewski - Vice President, Patricia Rebbert - Secretary, Karen Warner - Treasurer. WE also voted on our Lady of the Year. The results will be announced and the winner will be recognized at our CLSO Birthday Party August 10.

The CLSO Birthday Party will be held August 10th at Mamie's Restaurant at Beard's Hill Shopping Center, Aberdeen, MD at 1 P.M. All are welcome to attend. The cost is for members in good standing will be \$20 per person. All others will be required to ask for separate checks and pay the full cost of their meal. Please contact Sharon Di Matteo 410-879-7633 for reservations.

The Car Show and Cook Out at Perry Point VA Hospital was a lot of fun. Karen Warner, Pat Rebbert, Pat and Terry Lijewski, Dee and Dick Kozlowski and Diane and Dave Custer attended and served beverages and Rita's Ice to the Vets and other participants. I think we volunteers had as much fun as the veterans.

Our Saint of the Month for July is St. Mark and our color is green. Be sure to pray to St. Mark in July and to wear or carry a something green to the July meeting.

Our executive committee will be meeting to finalize our plans for the 204-205 fraternal year. If you would like to serve on the executive committee please call me. If you would like to offer suggestions for fundraisers and activities please contact one of the officers. All suggestions will be given consideration.

Our next meeting will be July 8th and card night will be July 14th. Hope to see you there.

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

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