

Bishop McNamara Council #1622
Frederick, MD
E. Allen Harris - Grand Knight
1998-1999 Fraternal Year

Meet 1st and 3rd Monday, each month, 7:30 pm, St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall, Frederick, MD

On July 20, 1998, the officers of Bishop McNamara Council were installed after Mass celebrated by Chaplain Father Marvin Archuleta at St. John the Evangelist Church. The installation was exemplified by District 4 Deputy Martin Luchanski and District Warden William Cooney. A dinner followed. State Deputy Philip Asplen, Jr. and his wife Teresa were among the dignitaries. The officers were Rev. Marvin Archuleta - Chaplain, E. Allen Harris - GK, William Kinsella – DGK, Neil Durso - Chancellor, Michael Czarnecki - Warden, Thomas Defibaugh - Advocate, William Schenkel - Financial Secretary, David Shumway - Treasurer, David Wilson - Recorder, Paul Zambito - Inside Guard, Michael Smith and Matthew Meadows - Outside Guards, Ernie Musser - Delegate, George Williams, Joseph Brashears and David Satterfield - Trustee. Office changes during the year included Philip (Pete) Sterner - Inside Guard and Peter Cody - Second Outside Guard. In April 1999, the Council was presented with the Star Council Award. Under the Programs Director, DGK William Kinsella, the following activities were conducted:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES - David Satterfield, PGK

Each meeting a decade of the rosary is recited. We are currently supporting through RSVP a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's College, Mr. Collin Poston. A Memorial Mass was celebrated in November by Chaplain Father Marvin Archuleta at St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall, followed by a potluck meal supported by special foods donated by local restaurants, coordinated by David Wilson. Beginning in October 1998, our Council ran a Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Council and the KofC scholarship fund at St. Johns Institute at Prospect Hall. The St. Johns Round Table helped decorated St. John the Evangelist Church for Christmas 98 and Easter 99. On January 18, 1999, under the direction of Round Table Chairman Larry Lindner, the St. John's Round Table co-sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive with the Catholic Daughters, Court of Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Council had a group of men participate in the Washington DC Pro-Life March on January 22, 1999.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Bernie Litchfield, Jr.

In May 1998, we conducted a Bingo as part of the St. John Regional School Fair with all proceeds going to the school. In June 1998, our annual letters and cash awards were presented to the Outstanding Graduating Male Student at St. Johns Regional (primary) School and St. Johns Literary Institute, in conjunction with a Catholic Daughter's award to girls. We also made a cash award to the Valedictorian of St. Johns Literary Institute. We continued to build a Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund for deserving Catholic Students at St. Johns Literary Institute (SJPH) with proceeds from our monthly pancake breakfasts, SJPH Bingo support and other fundraising events. In October 1998, coordinated by John Moberly, we raised almost \$3000.00 for ARC of Frederick in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. On the fourth Saturday of every month, our Council sponsored a "Share of Baltimore" food cooperative site Frederick to assist residents in obtaining food at reduced cost. In February 1999, we started providing two men each Saturday night to assist SJPH in their weekly Bingo.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – Neil Durso

A pro-life Christmas party was held where guests were asked to donate a newborn item, which was presented to Birthright of Frederick. The Christmas party included cookie decoration and painting for the children by Mrs. Kathleen O'Neil. The Council continued to encourage participation through our newsletter mailing, council internet webpage, and phone news message recording. In July 1998, the council held a joint picnic with the Bishop McNamara Assembly. Our First Degree team conducted a six degrees for our council. Approximately 18 knights, ladies and friends acted as Preakness ushers in May 98 as a Council fundraiser. The Council conducted a strong and successful car raffle under committee chairman Larry Mattivi.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Ernest Musser , Sr., PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP

Our council conducted a Family of the Month Program and one family was selected by Supreme to receive a statue of Mary. We sold discount tickets as a fundraiser for the Council and the KofC Scholarship Fund at SJPH which culminated in a Family Night at a Frederick Keys Baseball Game on August 7, 1998.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Sean O'Neil

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest was chaired by Julius Pellegrino and drew almost 500 entries from local Parishes and Catholic Schools. The Council winners of the Poster Contest were awarded cash prizes and their posters are displayed on the Council's internet webpage. Our annual Youth Basketball Freethrow was chaired by Sean O'Neil and conducted on January 17, 1999 at the St. John's Literary Institute. Freethrow winners were presented with plaques and their picture was displayed on the Council's webpage. They went on to compete at the District and State levels, with one winning First Place at the MD State level.

MEMBERSHIP - William Brown, PGK, PFN

The Council held some very successful membership drives which permitted us in meeting our membership quota.