



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message

LuAnne and I wish everyone Happy New Year. December was a very busy month for the Bel Air Knights of Columbus family. We started the year with a first degree ceremony on December 4. I want to welcome Keith Baker and Jim Preston as the newest members of the council. We'll formally introduce them at a future social as part of our Family of the Month program.

Santa for this event and did his usual fine job of spreading cheer. Earnie and Natalie Boyd did a splendid job with music and dancing. Chef Jerry



Figure 1: Joe Klein, Ross Liberati and Tom Sutera at First Friday luncheon

On December 7, the Council served the meal at the St. Margaret's First Friday luncheon. Thank you to Tom Sutera and Ross Liberati for leading this effort (Figure 1). In addition, Joe Klein, Mike Eaves, Tom Krista and LuAnne Belmonte served lunches and Paul Zarachowicz was Santa. The Catholic Ladies' Service Organization provided the dessert.

The next day Pete and Charlotte Kozak served as Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the children's Christmas party at St. Ignatius Church (Figure 2). Our brother knights Jerry Wagner and John Knapstein were busy in the kitchen helping to prepare breakfast.

On Thursday December 13, Al Kramer chaired the annual FIELD (Future Individual Education Learning Disability) Christmas party with plenty of help from Karen Warner and several men and women who are part of the Bel Air Knights family. Joe Klein played



Figure 2: Santa (Pete Kozak) with kids at the Children's Christmas Party

Wagner more than lived up to his culinary reputation! Towards the end of the event, I received a number of heartfelt expressions of thanks from our guests. This group has been together for twenty years to support kids with developmental and physical disabilities. Now those "kids" have grown and hold jobs in the community. Indeed it was an honor to celebrate Christmas with them. This event was also a great example of a collaborative project between the council and CLSO. Look for our story in Knights in Action at <http://www.kofc.org/knightsinaction> on or about Jan. 1, 2013.



Figure 3: Natalie Boyd leading the dancing

Bel Air Council 4714 Monthly Schedule of Events

January business meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 -7:30 pm

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



Figure 4: Santa giving an early Christmas gift



Figure 5: Karen Warner, Jerry Wagner, PGK Al Kramer and GK Dick Belmonte at FIELD party

On December 14, I had the pleasure of presenting the awards to the winners of our Keep Christ in Christmas contest at a St. Margaret's School assembly. The winners received \$50 and a Knights of Columbus Christmas ornament and second place

finishers received an ornament. Congratulations to all and thank you to all the entrants. Many thanks to Dennis Grzebien for chairing this program for the council this year.



Figure 6: Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners

Also on December 14, the bingo team led by Tom Rappold and Mark Zimmerman organized the annual bingo Christmas party for the bingo players. The hall was packed, Santa dropped by and the food was delicious. A big thank you to Tom, Mark and all the bingo workers who make the bingo program the big success that it is. It is the program that makes possible many of the charitable works and goods times that we are able to accomplish in the council.

On December 15, Jerry Wagner organized our sponsorship of the John Carroll school entry into the Battle of Bel Air wrestling match at the school. This gave us an opportunity to help the school and team and to re-introduce the Knights of Columbus to the school. In years past, we were involved almost every year in some event or program at the school. John Carroll out wrestled Bel Air High School 58 - 12. A highlight of the evening was witnessing Scott Strappelli, Cathy Strappelli's grandson win his 150th match. Cathy is one of our many VIP widows of the Bel Air Knights of Columbus family.



Figure 7: Santa (Pete Kozak) listens attentively

Santa and Mrs. Claus paid a visit at our social on December 18. I thank Pete and Charlotte Kozak for being our North Pole couple. We also hosted the Extreme Balloon Man who entertained all of us with his balloon magic. We also presented a check for \$1737 to Carol Maglov of Birthright. It was the money we raised as a result of the all-night bingo we held in October. I want to thank LuAnne who did a terrific job in organizing the food prep for the event. Special thanks to Sharon DiMatteo, Alicia Rappold, Bob Williams, Mary Jane and Paul Zarachowicz, Dorothy Higgins, Al DiCocco, John Knapstein for their outstanding assistance and to everyone who came and shared their "goodies". I counted around 80 attended the social. That's what I've been hoping for since July 2011. I'm hoping we can continue to have strong showings at the socials from here on out.



Figure 8: Balloon Man tells a story with balloons

Now that 2012 is behind us, we continue with a brisk pace. On Monday, January 7 at 8:00 p.m., we will be hosting a second degree in our hall. Any first degree members who would like to participate should contact Tom Krista (410-877-7771) and plan to be at the hall by 7:30 p.m. There will be a third degree at

Dundalk council on January 31, so this is a great opportunity to achieve third degree status in the near future. Anyone interested in attending the third degree should also contact Tom Krista.

On Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m., we will have the second "Souper Bowl" hosted by Tom Rappold. Plan to bring a soup, stew or chili in a crock pot to share. More information can be found elsewhere in the Councilairs. At this event, I plan to present our Tootsie Roll money to leaders from ARC and the Harford Center.

On January 25, there will be buses from St. Margaret Church going to DC for the annual March for Life. This is something that I would encourage you to participate in if you are able to do so. If not, I would ask that you pray the rosary that day to support life.

As I mentioned last month, if you are reading a printed Councilairs, I encourage you to consider receiving it via email. You'll get the Councilairs about a week earlier and in color. You'll also be included in receiving more frequent, short updates during the month to keep you apprised of news and events involving the council. Lastly, you'll save the Council some money, If you care to do so, drop me or Tom Sutera a note. My email is: rbbelmon@gmail.com. Tom's email is: tsutera4240@gmail.com. Also, if you will be out of town for an extended period of time in the winter, let us know so we can send the Councilairs to the correct address. Without that, we pay to send the Councilairs to an incorrect address and again to have it returned to us.

Dick Belmonte, Grand Knight, 410-838-6329, rbbelmon@gmail.com

Upcoming MD State Council Events:

- Jan 25- March for Life Washington DC

Upcoming Baltimore Chapter Grand Knights Events:

- Jan 10 - Father Burggraff Council #6012 - 4110 1/2 Pine Hill Road, Perry Hall, MD 21128
- Feb 1 - Holy Trinity Council #3414 - 335 N. Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146 - Chapter Anniversary
- Feb 14 - St. Philip Neri Council @14612 6405 S. Orchard Rd., Linthicum, MD

District Deputy

If you have some prospective Knights that have not yet taken their first degree, you have a rare opportunity in the next month. Havre de Grace council will be hosting a first degree on Thursday, 27 December at Good Shepherd Church at 7:30 pm. We also have a second degree on Monday, 7 January at Bel Air Council at 7:30. Then on Thursday, 31 January, there's a third degree at Dundalk Council. This means you can get a new knight through all three degrees in about one month, AND he'll be eligible to take his fourth degree in March! If you've got current members who haven't made all their degrees, this is an opportunity for them to complete their journey to full Knighthood.

Please keep up your efforts to recruit one member, per council, per month! At this busy time of year, parishioners will see more of the good works of your council through your churches. They also tend to have more charity and good will in their hearts than other times of the year due to the proximity to Christmas. Is there any better time to appeal to a man's charitable heart and ask him to be a Knight? Recruiting is a year round responsibility.

Please plan a Culture of Life activity in January. This marks the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. If you can make it to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on 25 January, please do. Many local churches have busses you can take to the march. If you can't make it, please ask your pastor to allow the council to say the rosary before or after mass the weekend before the march. You could also serve donuts in the parish hall after mass and use that opportunity to educate parishioners about the Culture of Life. There are many things you can do, but please don't let this month go by without praying for those who have no voice.

Again this month I ask you to remember your council's widows. Please invite them to your social activities or just give them a call to let them know the council still cares about them. You'll be amazed at how happy it will make both of you feel.

Upcoming district events:

- 27 December - Havre de Grace 1st degree
- 30 December - Fifth Sunday Breakfast at Bel Air Council home (9-11 am)
- 7 January - 2nd degree at Bel Air Council home
- 19 January - Altar dedication with the Archbishop at Prince of Peace church
- 19 January - St. Ignatius Winter Wonderland Dance
- 26 January - Corpus Christi Denim and Diamonds Dance

Some state activities coming up:

- 5 January - Mid-term meeting (GK and DGK only) at Columbus Gardens
- 15 January - Second quarter activity reports are due to the State Program Chairman
- 25 January - March for Life in Washington D.C.

On behalf of Worthy District Warden Tom, his wife Nancy, and my wife Pam, I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Reflect upon our Worthy State Deputy's motto: "Strengthening the bonds of faith and fraternity".

Walt Williams, District Deputy #16

Social Schedule

- January 15, 7:00 PM – January Social - The "Souper Bowl" -- as it's being dubbed -- will include a Chili contest. So start thinking now about your favorite Chili or Soup recipes and plan to bring them on the 15th. Prizes will be awarded! Mark your calendars to join your fellow council members on January 15 for a fun-and-good-food-filled evening. Tom Rappold will head this up.
- February 12, 7:00 PM – February Social – Shrove Tuesday. Known also as 'Fat Tuesday' and appropriately so, because we plan to celebrate in a big way with a special dinner to include Pancakes, Waffles, French Toast Sausage, Bacon and Juice, enough food to help keep you going through the leaner months of Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs that used to be forbidden during Lent. Eat up and Enjoy! Al DiCocco will head up this event.

May this year of 2013 be

A year of Health & Happiness..

A year of Wealth & Wisdom...

A year of Peace & Prosperity..

A year of Glee & Glow...

And also a year of Love & Laughter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Albert DiCocco, DGK

Fraternal Benefits

Our guarantees set us apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can — guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's what we offer with our Shield for Life.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

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We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

You don't have to take my word for it. The Order consistently earns the highest ratings for strength and security from AM Best. There is no more highly rated life insurance provider in North America. When you couple this with all the charitable and volunteer work of the Order, it's hard to beat the value of Knights of Columbus Insurance.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Order, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. These principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: —In all my

professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

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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 drawing at the December meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was Mike Frankowiak and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the January meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Tootsie Roll Program

Once again, we would like to thank all members that participated in the program this past year. As sometimes happens, there was at least one name that was omitted from the last Councillairs. We apologize to Nick Miele for not including him on the list.

We would like to invite all members to attend the January Social meeting (Tuesday, January 15th) as we will be presenting checks of \$2,352.00 each to representatives of the Arc and Harford Center as a result of the funds collected through your efforts. It would be great to see many of you that spent the hours at the various locations handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting money to help these organizations. Thanks again to all, and please try to attend this meeting!

Paul Zarachowicz, Chairman

Special Election

Brother Vince Lagrotteria resigned from the Home Corporation board due to personal reasons leaving one director's position vacant. We will conduct a special election at the January business meeting to fill the position. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote. To this point, Brother Tony Lamancusa has indicated a willingness to fill the position, if nominated and elected. Anyone having questions about the position, should contact Tom Rappold, board president.

A Note From Your Financial Secretary

Early during the month of December, I sent out your dues invoices. Dues this year remain at the same \$32.00 as it was for the last several years. I encourage you to return the upper portion of the invoice with your payment as soon as possible. Between 30 and 45 days following that invoice, if your account has not been paid up, a second notice will be sent. About a month following the second notice, a Knight Alert Letter will be sent out. 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.

One other item I want to mention is Knights of Columbus clothing, hats and the like. I ordered some nice blue corduroy, 3rd degree emblem hats which are being awarded to some members by the Grand Knight. If you have not been awarded one of these, you may purchase one for \$12.00. We also have some nice car magnets with the 3rd degree emblem and we are selling them for \$5.00 each. You may call me to discuss some clothing items and prices or to order a hat or magnet. My phone number is (410) 638-1096.

Tom Sutera, FS

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: Bernie Classon; David Custer Jr.; James Fenhagen; Frank DiAngelo; John Grigaliunas;

Raymond Horney; Peter Kozak; Al Kramer; Vince Lagrotteria; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Vernon West; Bernie Sporney, who had surgery on his nose to remove a cancerous growth; and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Georgia Classon, Jean DiAngelo, Kitty DiDio, Juliette Drouin, Joan Keenan, Charlotte Kozak, Owena Liberati, Jean Monahan, Marguerite Ward, Ann Stallings, Martha West, and Pat Wilhelm.

Family and Friends: Dorothy Dimler, mother of LuAnne Belmonte; Bernice Wilhelm, daughter of Pat and Bill Wilhelm; Tom Ellis, son of Ann Stalling; Barbara McMillan, daughter of Earl and Anna Marie McMillan; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Zito Jr., son of John Zito, Sr.

Deceased Brothers, Ladies and Family Members & Friends: James Fenhagen passed away two weeks ago. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!!!

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers, please get in touch with me.

Every time you pick up a three leafed clover you behold the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity!

Victor V. Ferrara, 410-569-4171

First Degree Team

Our next degree will be conducted at our February business meeting. Please make every effort to attend and support our candidates making their first degree. If you are interested in taking a role on the first degree team, especially a speaking role, please contact me.

Kevin McNamara, PGK, km2002@catholic.org

First Degree Team Captain

Fourth Degree News

BIG NEWS! There's no longer a waiting period to join the Fourth Degree! Any Third Degree Knight who wants to become Fourth Degree is eligible to join, regardless of how recently he made his First Degree! For those who have applied to join the assembly, or for those who are thinking about it, the next exemplification in the Maryland District is

Saturday, March 2, 2013 in Frederick, MD. Plan to spend the weekend with us! There are activities for the ladies, too, during the exemplification. So get those applications in as soon as you can, so that the assembly can vote on your application and get you ready for March! If you have any questions about the Fourth Degree, please feel free to contact me **Kevin McNamara**, PGK, km2002@catholic.org
Faithful Navigator
St. Francis Xavier Assembly

Culture of Life

The National March for Life is Friday, January 25, 2013 in Washington, D.C. We need a huge turnout of Knights, family members, and friends to show our government that life is the true American dream, that without life there is no liberty, nor pursuit of happiness. Please keep an eye on your parish bulletins for announcements of buses to the march.

Please join with the St. Joseph's Fullerton pro-life group every third Saturday morning at approx. 9:10 a.m., at the Belair Road Beltway Plaza, to pray the rosary outside the abortion clinic there. The prayer vigil takes about 45 minutes. The shopping center is just below the I-695 Beltway (Overlea exit) on Belair Road, near the Carrabba's Italian Grill. For more information, call Jim Anderson, 410-569-7887/410-515-9012.

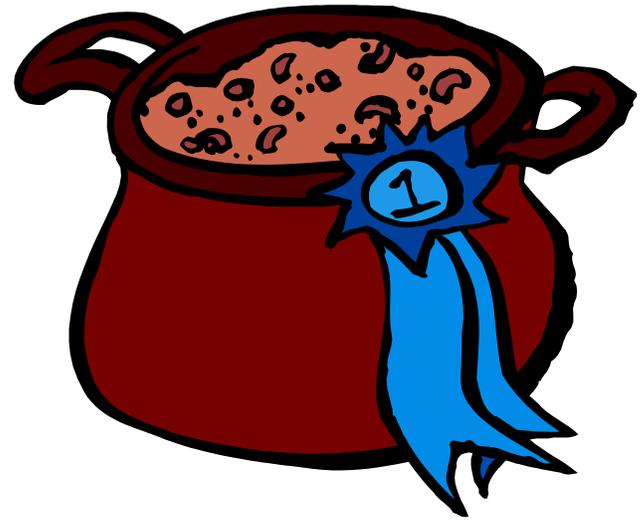
Kevin McNamara, PGK, Culture of Life Chair

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

The Catholic Ladies Service Organization has been busy spreading Christmas cheer by donating Christmas gifts to the veterans at Perry Point. Several of us helped the Veterans by pushing their wheelchairs back and forth between their rooms and the bowling alley located at the facility. Others helped the veterans bowl. A fun time was had by all.

Guy and I want to wish everyone a blessed new year full of health and friendship. God bless us all, and God bless America,
Sharon DiMatteo, CLSO President, 410-879-7633

Bel Air Council "Souper Bowl"



January 15, 2013 - 7:00 pm
**Come share your favorite
soup, chili or stew**

Prizes will be awarded
(If 10 or more entries are confirmed by Jan 10)

Confirm your intent to enter your "Bowl"
with Tom Rappold – 443-371-6862

I plan to enter the "Souper Bowl"

Name: _____

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