



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### Grand Knight's Message

Congratulations to our most recent second degree members - Fred Langhans, Sal Tropea, Jim Preston, Keith Baker, Chris Perry and Evan Conley (Figure 1). They took their second degree on January 7 at the Council. It was an outstanding degree with nine candidates in all taking their degree.



Figure 1: Chris Perry, Jim Preston, Evan Conley (back: l to r); Fred Langhans, Keith Baker, Sal Tropea (front: l to r)

On January 15, we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Souper Bowl" hosted by Tom Rappold. We had 10 entrants to the contest and about 50 people in attendance. The top three prizes went to Al DiCocco for his crab soup, Betty Bourgeois for her shrimp soup and LuAnne Belmonte for her chili with corn muffins.



Figure 2: Al DiCocco wins first place in "Souper Bowl"



Figure 3: "Souper Bowl" - Let the competition begin



Figure 4: Betty Bourgeois takes 2nd place for shrimp soup

## Bel Air Council 4714 Monthly Schedule of Events

**FEBRUARY Social Meeting moved to Shrove Tuesday, 2/12; Home Corp Meeting moved to 2/19**

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 5: LuAnne Belmonte earns 3rd place for chili

As part of the January social, I presented vouchers for \$2352 each to representatives from the ARC (<http://www.arcncr.org>) and the Harford Center (<http://www.harfordcenter.org>) (Figure 6). These centers both support those in our community who face intellectual challenges. We raised these funds through the donated time of those who volunteered for the Tootsie Roll campaign.



Figure 6: Presentation of Tootsie Roll funds to ARC and Harford Center

During 2012, the Council and associated Charity Fund donated \$4000 to our supported churches for their capital campaigns,, \$1500 to three seminarians,

\$1000 and 600 pounds of food to our churches to supplement their Thanksgiving drives, \$1437 to Birthright, over \$1500 from the Council and personal donations to Alzheimer's Association, \$350 to John Carroll School, \$200 to St. Margaret School Home School Association for fall festival and \$100 to Catholic Charities. We also provided many of our unused, but fresh food products to Anna's House and prizes in support of St. Mark's Trunk or Treat and the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We can do even more if we have more members and their families willing to help.

As we look ahead to 2013, let's all take a look at who we might talk to about the Knights of Columbus. No doubt that all of us have friends and acquaintances who are practical Catholic men who are eligible. Do they know that you are a Knight? Ask them if they know about the Knights of Columbus. Regardless of their answer, you can tell them about your experiences with the Knights and why you are a Knight today. Don't overlook the spouses. More often than not, they are the "driving force" behind the decision for their husband to join the Knights. Engage with them and the whole family about the benefits of being part of a Catholic, fraternal organization. As I like to remind everyone, the Knights of Columbus is for men only for only one hour a month. It's for everyone all the rest of the time.

Another important thing for us to plan for in 2013 is the recruitment of officers and directors for the 2013-2014 council year and beyond. I just recently appointed an officers' nominating committee made up of Stephen Conley, PGK; Wayne Davis, PGK, PFN; Dick Kozlowski, PGK, PFN; and Vince Lagrotteria, PGK. I'm pleased that they accepted this crucial assignment. Their work and your openness to service possibilities will be important to the council for many years to come. While a slate of officers won't be

elected until June, it's essential that the 2013-2014 team be identified soon to start the planning process for the new year. Consider how you can help out and be open to an invitation to serve.

We've had a number of new members and transfers over the past few years come into the council. Their arrival is vitally important to the council as is having a large contingent of active members who are involved with officer, director and activity leadership. Recruiting new members and welcoming transfers is the only way I know of to maintain the health and vitality of the council and have a cadre of members who are able and willing to take on more responsibilities in the years ahead. From personal experience, I find that to volunteer for tasks, projects, leadership positions is the best way to learn, make a contribution that I feel good about. It then allowed me to be in a position to teach the next person how to do the job and move on to more responsible and rewarding positions or endeavors.

We have a number of members who have given the Knights of Columbus their best efforts for many, many years who are no less willing to give now, but, regrettably often due to health, are a bit less able to serve as compared to years past. We salute their selfless service and always welcome them as brothers. We also have a number of members who have given for many years and continue to give unselfishly in progressively more responsible and demanding roles. To them we offer our heartfelt thanks. We also have a number of members who may be able to give more to the Council and the churches and community it serves, but they don't have the time, inclination or motivation to become engaged or more engaged than they are now. To them, I offer an invitation to join us now to share your talents while you have the opportunity. My metaphor is that serving with the Knights of Columbus is like making deposits into a "social bank" while you are able so that when you are less able, you'll be able to make withdrawals from your "social bank" that you've contributed to for many years.

**Dick Belmonte**, Grand Knight, 410-838-6329,  
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### **Upcoming MD State Council Events:**

- March 2 Maryland District 4th Degree Exemplification, Frederick
- March 24 Founder's Day Mass and Reception, Cardinal Gibbons Council

### **Upcoming Baltimore Chapter Grand Knights Events:**

- 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 21090
- Mar 14 - Pope John Paul the Great Council #13859  
10003 Bird River Neck Rd, Middle River, MD 21220

### **District Deputy**

My brother Knights,

If you're unfamiliar with our district's Perry Point veterans program, you're missing out. Each week, a group of dedicated Knights from one of our councils goes to Perry Point Veteran's Administration Hospital to help the patients get to mass. They escort the patients to the chapel, attend mass with them, and escort them back to their rooms. Many of the patients eagerly anticipate this each week because they rarely get to leave their ward. We are now on a weekly schedule, so each council takes one week of each month. See your Grand Knight for your council's schedule. If you haven't done this, I guarantee it will be rewarding for you. Bring your wife and children, too! You were going to mass anyway, right? Why not help a veteran at the same time?

It's time to re-double your efforts to bring more good men into the order. There are lots of events going on in our district. Use these events as a way to find qualified men and their families who would be a good fit for the Knights of Columbus. Every activity, every event is a recruiting opportunity. There's a first degree on 5 February at Bel Air and on 5 March at Corpus Christi. If you're looking for a second degree, there's one at nearby Fr. Maurice Wolfe council in Abingdon on 12 February. Consider bringing your chaplains to the next third degree in March as an observer.

Congratulations and thank you to all the councils for raising, in some cases, record amounts of money for the Intellectually Disabled (Tootsie Roll) program. That money will go a long way to help the organizations in Harford and Cecil counties that benefit the intellectually disabled.

In the last month, we have had two applications for the state Charity Fund come from this district. Over the last several years I've seen many more. Times are tough out there and a lot of people are out of work. It could easily be one of us. So I'm asking you again to contribute to the Charity Fund, even if it's only five dollars. The money you contribute goes directly to help people who are having big problems paying their bills. Charity is the first principle of our order, and we have a duty to exercise this virtue. Remember the lesson of the first degree.

#### **Upcoming district events:**

- 5 February - First degree at Bel Air Council home
- 12 February - Second degree at Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council (Abingdon)
- 15 February - Fish fries begin (Fridays in Lent) at Corpus Christi and Havre de Grace councils

#### **Some state activities coming up:**

- 17 February - State Basketball Free Throw competition
- 2-3 March - Fourth Degree Exemplification in Frederick, MD

Please don't forget to pay your dues as soon as possible if you haven't already. The Financial Secretary will have to send out second notices. If you've mailed a letter lately, you know the cost of postage is going up, and that money could be used by the council for other things.

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

**Walt Williams**, District Deputy #16



## **Social Schedule**

- February 12, 7:00 PM – **(Please note the date, it will be the second Tuesday of the month, switched with the Kay Cee Club Meeting)**  
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, Fruit 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, which used to be forbidden during Lent. Eat up and Enjoy! Please contact Al DiCocco at [adicocco@verizon.net](mailto:adicocco@verizon.net) by Feb. 5th if you are planning to attend. I don't want to run out of food. Hosted by Al DiCocco.
- March 19, 7:00 PM - Community Service Awards dinner. This is the evening that we come together to recognize the best of law enforcement, emergency service providers and Catholic teachers in Harford County. Here is our chance to honor the best of those who serve us, our children and our grandchildren. The evening will begin with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and there will be an after-dinner awards presentation. The dinner menu - provided at a nominal fee of \$5 per person - will include Roasted Pork Loin, Rosemary or garlic roasted small whole potatoes, mixed vegetables (peas-carrots-corn) dessert cheese cake, rolls/butter, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Make reservations no later than March 12 by contacting Patrick Ruckle at [mprbelair@aol.com](mailto:mprbelair@aol.com). No tickets will be available at the door.
- April 16, 7:00 PM - April social meeting will be a presentation by a local beekeeper from Harford County. Weather permitting he will bring live bees in a demonstration hive for all to look at. Might be an opportunity to bring children or grandchildren. Following the presentation everyone will be treated to ice cream made with honey. Another ice cream social!! Hosted by John Knapstein.
- May 21, 7:00 PM - May Procession, we hope to have more information shortly – Hosted by Tom Sutura and Vic Ferrara.

**Albert DiCocco**, DGK

## **Fraternal Benefits**

### **Insurance check-up for 2013**

Where did 2012 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2012. Now, the first quarter of 2013 is speeding by. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

**Edward A. O'Keefe**, CLU, ChFC, CASL  
Chartered Financial Consultant  
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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 January meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was Maurice Jones and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the February meeting will remain at \$50.00.

### ***A Word from Your Financial Secretary***

As we enter the month of February, if you are arrears in your dues payment, you have probably received a second notice. Please try to keep your membership current. Additional mailings are becoming very expensive with the current rates for postage. If you have a problem in making your payment or have other problems with your membership, please call me at (410) 638-1096 to discuss some options. We value your membership and hope that you will remain a member and by all means, try to become more active and see what the Bel Air Council is doing.

**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, (inflamed sciatic nerve), David Custer Jr., Frank DiAngelo, John Grigaliunas, Raymond Horney, Peter Kozak, Al Kramer, Vince Lagrotterria, Ross Liberati, Paul Manager, Vernon West, Bernie Sporney, 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: May their souls 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. The Flu Season is upon us; take all the necessary precautions.

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***

We are scheduled for a first degree at our February meeting. I believe we have one potential candidate at this point. Please consider taking a role on the team; we can always use understudies. Congratulations to John Gaughan (DGK), Eric Tiso (FS), and Mark Zimmerman (IG), who were certified on their parts at our last degree in November.

**Kevin McNamara**, PGK, [km2002@catholic.org](mailto:km2002@catholic.org)  
First Degree Team Captain

### ***Fourth Degree News***

The next exemplification of the Fourth Degree is March 3, 2013, in Frederick, MD. All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree must reach the Master of the Maryland District by February 10, 2013 and banquet reservations must be made by February 17, 2013. Payment in full must accompany all banquet reservations. Room reservations must be made through Faithful Comptroller Pete Bogdan by January 27, 2013. This means that any Third Degree member in good standing who wishes to participate in the March exemplification and has not yet submitted an application for membership needs to get an application submitted to St. Francis Xavier Assembly by Monday, January 21.

We are hoping that a one-day exemplification will be scheduled for Bel Air Council this coming October, replacing the ceremonial that was being planned for last October but that did not come to pass. This will be announced as soon as information is available.

If you have any questions about the Fourth Degree or to submit an application, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Kevin McNamara**, PGK, [km2002@catholic.org](mailto:km2002@catholic.org)  
Faithful Navigator  
St. Francis Xavier Assembly

## **Community**

### ***Perry Point***

Starting at the beginning of this year, the Perry Point Program has changed from 3 full months of the year to one Sunday a month. Our turn during this year will be the second Sunday of each month. There may be some modifications during months with 5 Sundays. These details are presently being worked out. If you would like to join us in helping veterans get to Mass on one of these Sundays you may call me at (410) 638-1096 or Pat Dolan at (410) 879-7058. We meet by the McDonalds at Riverside and leave there at 9:30 AM on our scheduled Sundays. Please try to join us!

Tom Sutera

## **Culture of Life**

The March for Life is Friday, January 25, 2013. Please check with your parish about a bus if you want to go; please let me know if you do go so that the council can get credit for it. If you can't make it to the March, please consider Bingo for Babies that evening; proceeds will go to the State Council's ultrasound program. This program buys ultrasound machines for use in pregnancy support centers. Whatever you are able to do on that day, please pray to the Lord to restore a culture of life to the United States and to Maryland.

Please join the St. Joseph's Fullerton pro-life group every third Saturday morning at approx. 9:10 a.m., at the Belair Rd. Beltway Plaza, as we pray the rosary outside the Abortion Clinic there. Usually we are only there for about 45 minutes. It's the shopping center just below the 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

Let us work to build a Culture of Life.

**Kevin McNamara**, PGK, Culture of Life Chair



## **Catholic Ladies Service Organization**

Happy Valentine's Day!! January came and went so quickly that I am still taking down the Christmas decorations.

Please remember that our February meeting will be held on February 19th. Our usual meeting date is Shrove Tuesday, and the men are having a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at the hall.

Do not forget the fundraiser at Applebee's pancake and sausage breakfast on April 27th, 8 to 10 am. \$6.00 a person. Applebee's is not open to the public for breakfast, so you must have tickets to attend. If each of our members could buy/sell at least 10 tickets, or more, we could realize a decent profit. Tickets for this event are available by contacting Karen Warner who is chairing the event. You may contact Karen, or call me for tickets.

On Monday, April 29th, "Julia Child" will make an appearance at the hall. Mary Ann Jung will portray Julia Child. You have seen Mary Ann in the past as Amelia Earhardt and Queen Bess. The tickets are \$7 a person plus a covered dish. Pat Lijewski is chairing this event and will keep track of the dishes so we do not have a lot of the same item. Buy your tickets early. This event is always a sellout.

Don't forget card night on February 11th. You do not have to be a card shark. In fact, you do not even have to know how to count. Someone will always tell you what to do. A lot of fun is had by all. Men play poker, changing the rules as they go, and the women play Tripoly and Rummikub. We also eat a lot – everyone brings something to nosh on.

**Sharon DiMatteo**, CLSO President, 410-879-7633



## **Bel Air Knights of Columbus Council 4714**

23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050

## **Community Service Awards Dinner**

Recognizing Harford County Catholic School Teachers,  
Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and EMT Personnel

**March 19, 2013 7:00PM**

### **Menu**

Roasted Pork Loin, rosemary or garlic roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables (peas, carrots corn),  
dessert cheese cake with coffee, tea and soda. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Cost is \$5 per person. Reservations and payment must be made in advance.

No tickets will be available at the door.

Make reservations **no later than** March 12, 2013 by contacting:

Patrick Ruckle, [psrbelair@aol.com](mailto:psrbelair@aol.com), 410-905-6002

1005J Running Creek Way, Bel Air MD 21014

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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