



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message

I would like to thank the members of the council who have encouraged me leading to my election as Grand Knight. It is truly an honor to serve you again in this capacity. Your trust and support are treasured assets. I would also like to thank and congratulate the Catholic Gentlemen, our Brothers, who have stepped up to take a leadership role as an officer in our Council this year.

I will reintroduce myself, my family, and provide a snippet of the vision for this fraternal year. I retired in 2006 after 20 years of service in the US Army and now work as an Army civilian employee on Aberdeen Proving Ground. I was born in Bergenfield, NJ, and raised a diehard NY Giants fan. I met my wife Cindy while attending Lafayette College and married her in 1986. Cindy and I have two boys, Evan, a member in our council, and Troy a student at Harford Technical High School. We have resided in Harford County since 2003; and I'm still a NY Giants fan.

Your officers this year will challenge you and every other member of our Council to assist in one thing; the creation of a Bel Air Knights of Columbus presence in our Catholic Community. Our Catholic Community is defined as the churches of St. Mark and St. Margaret and the Catholic schools of St. Margaret and John Carroll. It is through the development of a well-known active viable presence in our Catholic Community that our Council will continue to flourish and make a difference.

You are a Knight because you have been blessed with a call to serve. You know that one of the most fundamental truths that we as practical Catholics

swear to abide by is the Apostle's creed. This is our basic profession of faith, the outlining of divine reality as our church understands it. While you surely know the words; are you familiar with the inherent call to fellowship and fraternity the creed represents? The word 'creed' comes from the Latin *credo*, meaning 'I believe.' But although we say 'I', Catechism tells us: "Whoever says 'I believe' says 'I pledge myself to what *we* believe. Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith." The creed is also called our 'symbol of faith', symbol coming from the Greek *symbolon* meaning 'half a broken object.' Our faith is not a "broken object," but our seal of recognition. In the past, people would objects to identify each other: if the two pieces fit together, it was sure that each person was who they said they were. Today, the creed is our mark of identity: it shows who we are as Catholics.

What is the *symbolon* of our council? What is our 'seal of recognition' that tells our Catholic community who we are and what we stand for? As Knights and as Practical Catholics, it is our duty to answer these questions: to stand strong in the sacred truths of our faith, call others to fellowship, and offer our ministry wherever it is needed.

So your mission, our mission is; the creation of a Bel Air Knights of Columbus presence in our Catholic Community. Following our faith together, with your support, and the support of our two hundred plus members, we can make this vision, reality, and continue the great work, the success of our Bel Air Knights of Columbus Council.

Vivat Jesus,
Stephen Conley
Grand Knight
Bel Air Council 4714
Knights of Columbus

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

Fraternal Benefits

A founding notion: protecting the breadwinner's income

While jobs are safer in 2013, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income. Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. While Father McGivney likely never imagined such a product in 1882, I'm sure he would wholeheartedly endorse the protection it can provide to a family. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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Council Activities

2012 - 2013 Fraternal Awards Ceremony

Many awards were given to out to the men and women who made the 2012 -2013 fraternal year a success. Awards were prepared and given to those present at the awards ceremony who contributed to several programs over the course of the year. These individuals supported the following programs: Car Raffle, Tootsie Roll, FIELD party, Thanksgiving, First Friday, Boy Scout, Golf outing, Perry Point, cards and poinsettias, Councilairs production and distribution, home corporation officers, first degree members with speaking parts, round table coordinators and activity directors. A huge thank you goes to the men and women who gave selflessly of themselves to make the bingo program a huge success over the course of the last year. Without their weekly or biweekly commitment, our council would be much different. The bingo team is led by Tom Rappold with Mark Zimmerman the lead for the B team. The bingo team members in alphabetical order include

Charlie Belli, Dick Belmonte, Bernie Classon, Tom Classon, Dave Custer, Wayne Davis, Frank DiAngelo, Al DiCocco, Vic Ferrara, Jack Fuchs, Ana Grigaliunus, John Grigaliunus, Joe Klein, Dick Kozlowski, Ron Krebs, Chuck Lasek, Terry Lijewski, Buddy Littlefield, Charlie Mack, Joe Novad, Tom Rappold, Tom Sutera, Sal Tropea, Bob Williams, Mary Jane Zarachowicz, Paul Zarachowicz, Mark Zimmerman.

A Shining Armor Award was presented to Brother George Gambichler (Figure 1). This award is presented to a member during their first year of membership provided they achieve third degree status, meet with the benefits advisor, participate in three council activities and recruit a new member. This is a relatively new award instituted by Supreme and I believe it is the first one presented within our council. Congratulations George and keep up the good work!



Figure 1: Shining Armor Award - George Gambichler

The Knight of the Year Award was presented to Brother Tom Krista (Figure 3) for his outstanding performance as membership director and round table coordinator with St. Mark's Church. During this past year, Tom has flawlessly overseen our recruitment and retention programs and the advancement of members through the degrees. We did well in attracting ten new members over the course of the year and having about the same number advance to become third degree members. Tom also coordinated recruitment drives at St. Mark's church, coordinated our support to their Trunk or Treat program and collected food for their Thanksgiving Drive. Tom, thank you for accepting the challenge of these positions and contributing in a significant way to the success of our council.

Dick Belmonte, PGK, Trustee

The Lady of the Year Award was presented to Karen Warner (Figure 2) for her unwavering support to the council and unceasing willingness to volunteer to help with projects throughout the year. Her most noteworthy example is her willingness to co-chair the FIELD party with Brother Al Kramer who instituted the event about 20 years ago. Karen organized the event recruited the required help and saw to it that the event turned out flawlessly. Because of her hard work and devotion, the FIELD party tradition continued and many people enjoyed an evening that they've come anticipate throughout the year. Congratulations Karen and thank you!

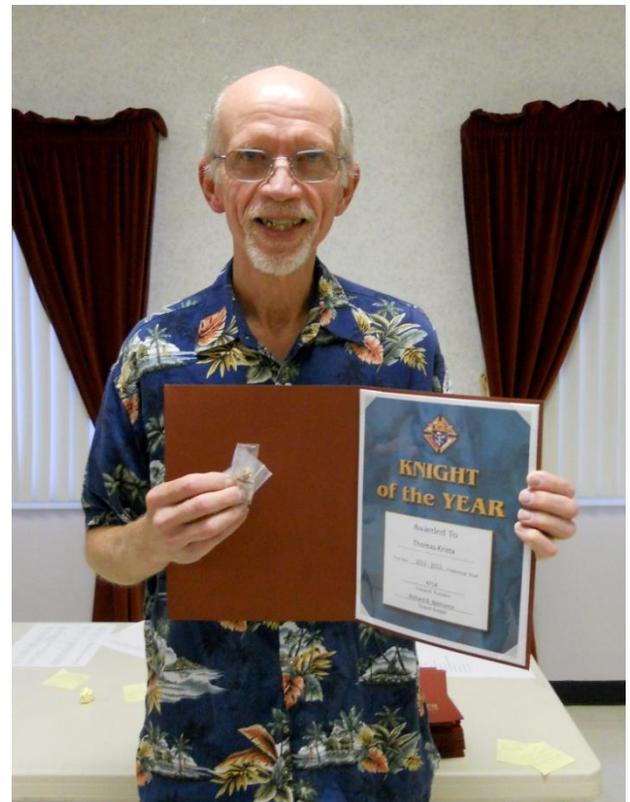


Figure 3: Knight of the Year 2012 - 2013 - Tom Krista



Figure 2: Lady of Year 2012 - 2013 - Karen Warner

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 June meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was Eugene Roecker and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the July meeting will remain at \$50.00.

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: Ray Caralle, Bernie Classon, David Custer Jr., Frank DiAngelo, John Grigaliunas, Raymond Horney, Peter Kozak, Al Kramer, Vince Lagrotterria, Ross Liberati, Vernon West, Bernie Sporney, and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Jean DiAngelo, Kitty DiDio who is scheduled to enter Lorien in Bel Air, Juliette Drouin, Joan Keenan, Charlotte Kozak, Owena Liberati, Jean Monahan, Marguerite Ward, 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 Stallings; Barbara McMillan, daughter of Earl and Anna Marie McMillan; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Zito Jr., son of John Zito, Sr.

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

We are scheduled to exemplify a first degree at our August business meeting (August 6). Brothers of the team, please review your parts. I'll be contacting you about rehearsals prior to that date. If you're interested in taking a part, especially in becoming a backup on the speaking parts, please contact me at kgm4714@gmail.com.

Kevin McNamara, DGK, Team Captain

Fourth Degree

While we were hoping to reschedule the exemplification that didn't come off last October, we've been told that a ceremonial for us in the first half of the fraternal year is not likely. I will announce the location of the fall exemplification when I learn it. However, there is always the major exemplification in Frederick. I expect this to be on or about March 1, 2014; details will be announced as they are provided to the assembly. Remember, there is no longer a waiting period to become a fourth-degree Knight. If you want to join us, contact me or any fourth-degree Knight in the council so you can fill out a membership form.

Kevin McNamara

Faithful Navigator, St. Francis Xavier Assembly

Culture of Life

We won a few recently when the State of Maryland lifted the licenses of four abortion mills. However, the state reinstated the medical license of an abortionist they had taken out of service. Please keep our state in your prayers, that we would see a return to a respect for all human life from natural conception to natural death.

It has been my privilege to be your Culture of Life chairman for the past four years. But with the added responsibilities of being your Deputy Grand Knight, I will be resigning the chairman position. If you're interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact me at kgm4714@gmail.com.

Kevin McNamara, DGK

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

Governance without God

Religious convictions, traditional notions of opposite-sex marriage and moral disapproval of homosexuality should not be the basis for establishing public law. So stated a federal district judge in 2010, as he overrode the will of California's electorate. Voters had approved Proposition 8, a ballot measure to amend the state constitution and negate the state's Supreme Court ruling which legalized marriage between same-sex couples. The judge stated that the voters enacted "a private moral view" and which he deemed to be unconstitutional. The decision was stayed, and the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard testimony in March 2013, will soon render a judgment.

To America's founders, the district court's opinion that religious convictions should not influence public law would have been perverse. These early leaders opened the sessions of the first Continental Congress with a prayer from a clergyman, declared their independence "with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence," frequently proclaimed, in the words of George Washington, national days of "prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations," hired chaplains to provide spiritual guidance to the members of the legislature, and from 1801 to the Civil War held Sunday church services in the House of Representatives which Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison regularly attended. James Wilson, one of the original justices of the Supreme Court and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, epitomized the thinking of the day, stating: "Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is divine."

But the religious convictions of the nation have been changing and with it legal opinions. The American public and the politicians who represent them are conducting their lives more and more as if God does not exist – *etsi Deus non daretur*. A principal effect of this trend is a continuing effort to remove all influence of religion on public life, to limit religious freedom and restrict religious beliefs to private practice.

As late as the 1990, only 8 percent of Americans said they had no religious affiliation. In 2012, 20 percent reported they had "None." More ominous for the future is that one-third of the people under 30 reported identification with no religious denomination. Catholics are in the vanguard of this shift. While they represent one-quarter of the U.S. population, 35 percent of the Nones were raised Catholic. Based on adherence to a denominational teaching and religious behavior, the number of people in the None category is probably much higher. As an indicator of this, consider the large number of politicians who claim a religious affiliation – Catholics are a prime example – but do not act in accord with the teachings of their faith.

The public mores, which affect political action and shape the nation's laws, are becoming, if not atheistic, at least agnostic. America's leaders are operating with disregard for the limits set by a Creator-God, without reference to a higher order that curbs the excesses of human nature. A democracy, that is, a government of the people, is no less immune from tyrannical actions than is a dictatorship or an oligarchy. It is religion that provides a transcendent authority for the rights of man that makes them unalienable and not dependent on the state or political system.

It was a duly-elected parliament, the Reichstag, that allowed Hitler to rise to power and which gave him the authority to invade Poland, establish concentration camps, and carry out the Holocaust. In recent America, it was a duly-appointed Supreme Court that legalized the willful destruction of 55 million (and still counting) unborn children, regularly-elected state legislatures that are sanctioning same-sex marriage and approving physician-assisted suicide, and businesses operating within the law that are promoting the scourge of pornography. The evils of our time are not external threats to a moral society, but are becoming ingrained, built into the nation's political, economic and cultural structures.

As dark as the future may appear, there is no need for despair. Pope John Paul II, in his book, *Memory and Identity*, reminds us: "There is no evil from which God cannot draw forth a greater good. There is no suffering which he cannot transform into a path leading to him... In the love that pours forth from the heart of Christ, we find hope for the future of the world."

For thousands of years, the Jewish people have survived dispersion, suffering and persecution. They endured the Babylonian exile, slavery by the Egyptians, 40 years of wandering in the desert, discrimination in the Middle Ages, the Nazi's final solution, and presently threats of annihilation from their neighboring nations. Similarly, for the last eight centuries, Poland has been overrun from the east and from the west, partitioned several times, occupied by foreign powers, subjected to efforts to destroy its culture, and even ceased to officially exist for 123 years, but it still continues. The Jewish people and the Polish nation have survived not because of military prowess, diplomatic finesse, or organizational strength, but because of strong religious convictions which permeated their cultures. This is the essence of the long-term survival of a people.

Regardless of present efforts to make America a secular nation and the trials that may ensue, we should be confident about the future, placing our faith in God and relying on his grace. Pope Francis, through example and exhortation, is showing us the way to live. In his homily on Palm Sunday, 2013, he counseled: "Never give way to discouragement! Our is not a joy of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable...Christ's Cross embraced with love never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and doing a little of what he did on the day of his death."



Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Summer has finally arrived with all of its heat. Hope everyone has working air conditioning.

I would like thank all of you that helped me during my term in office. The CLSO gave to numerous charities and performed good deeds. You should all be proud of yourselves.

The new officers of the CLSO are Dee Kozlowski – president, Maria Vigliante – vice president, Karen Warner- treasurer, and Pat Rebbert – recording secretary.

The luau in July has been canceled due to poor ticket sales. Perhaps in September we will try again.

Card night is July 8th, and the meeting is on July 9th. I hope to see everyone at the installation of officers on Sunday, July 14th at 3 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$5.00 each. Please notify and pay Dick Belmonte.

Thought of the Day: A fool and his money can throw one heck of a party
Sharon DiMatteo, CLSO President, 410-879-7633





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Installation of Officers



Sunday, July 14, 2013

Newport Terrace

23 Newport Drive

Forest Hill, Maryland

3:00 - Installation Mass

4:30 - Social

5:00 - Dinner and Program

\$5.00 per person

Please make your reservation and send payment before July 3 to:

Dick Belmonte

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Preferred dress for the event is jacket and tie for gentlemen and similar attire for women

Menu

Assorted Cheese & Veggie Platter

Fruit Display

Crackers & Dip/Hawaiian Meatballs

Garden Salad / Choice of Two Dressings

Sliced Roast Beef and Gravy

Chicken Marsala with Fresh Mushrooms

Buttered Mashed Potato, Corn, Rolls & Butter

Sheet Cake

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