



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message

One of the basic truths of our faith that we must know in order to be considered Practical Catholics can be downright disheartening to hear. It is difficult for the unaided human being to live up to the Commandments of God. Even though as Knights we swear to uphold God's sacred laws and by example inspire others to do the same, we are at the same time called to acknowledge that we are sinful creatures who, left to our own devices, will give into the temptations that lay in ambush for us.

It is for this reason that we have the sacraments, signs Christ instituted to give us grace. These seven sacraments, Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick, assist us in our journeys to become better, stronger Knights. Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders can only be received once, as they leave an indelible, or un-erasable, mark on our souls, a shining symbol that we belong to Christ.

What sort of mark are we leaving on our community? In ten, twenty, a hundred years, will people be able to look back and say "These men were Knights, and this is what they stood for?" Will they remember us as staunch believers in Jesus, who aided them in their day to day lives and brought them closer to God? The legacy we leave will be tied directly to the programs we offer, and the good works that we do. As a Knight in Bel Air Council, I urge you to keep that in mind when you think about the future of our Council and Order.

The names are too numerous to list but many in our Council have already stepped forward to make that mark and Create our Presence in our Community. Thanks go to all Men and Ladies that helped for the following events:

- 14 September Dinner at St. Margaret Church.
- The quick response of support to the St. Margaret Elementary School Fall Festival later this month.

- Meeting with The John Carroll School to initiate a Council sponsored Vocations Program.
 - Starting a new program for the Council raising funds for "Coats for Kids."
 - Supporting our Car Raffle Ticket Sale
 - Signing up for our Tootsie Roll drive
 - Enabling Veterans to attend Church at Perry Point and assisting as Eucharistic Ministers.
- How will you as a Bel Air Knight of Columbus make your mark and display what you stand for your legacy?

Vivat Jesus,

Stephen Conley, Grand Knight, 443-417-7538, knightsfc@gmail.com

District Deputy

My brother Knights,

We all know October is the month that Supreme Council asks us to conduct membership drives at our churches. Our goal of "One member per council per month" is not just a slogan. It's a recipe for success in achieving Star Council. I never met a Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight that didn't want to achieve Star Council. If you really strive to get a new member every month, you'll be almost assured to reach your membership goal, which is one third of your Star Council requirement, along with programs and insurance membership. So don't just wait for the membership drives to talk with an eligible man about the Knights. Use every activity (like Tootsie Roll distribution) and every interaction as an opportunity to start the conversation. Check the schedule below for your next opportunities to bring your candidate to a first degree in the district.

September and October are traditionally the months we distribute Tootsie Rolls to collect donations for the intellectually disabled. This is a program that demonstrates the core values of the Knights of Columbus. You should be proud to participate. Don't wait to be asked.

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

At the same time, you should be planning your Soccer Shoot-Out youth program for October. Please let me know the details about it when you have them. November is right around the corner, and should be the month we memorialize our deceased members. Be sure to plan a memorial mass for this purpose. I would be honored to attend, if invited. Your council's widows will, as well. Don't forget about the State sponsored Navy Football game (vs. Hawaii) on 9 November. A \$35 ticket gets you food and tailgating before the game as well as a ticket to the game itself. We should have several men from the district attending, so contact me or your Grand Knight if you're interested.

Upcoming district events:

- 29 September - Saint Ignatius fifth Sunday mass
- 5 October - Corpus Christi Octoberfest at Prince of Peace Church
- 5 October - Bel Air Alzheimer's walk
- 5-6 October - Bel Air membership blitz
- 7 October - District 2nd Degree at Bel Air Council home
- 12-13 October - Saint Ignatius membership blitz
- 15 October - Saint Ignatius 1st Degree exemplification
- 26 October - Bel Air Trunk or Treat
- 26 October - Bel Air Striking Out Homelessness bowling event
- 27 October - Corpus Christi Halloween Party at Holy Spirit Church
- 27 October - St. Francis Xavier Assembly
Installation of officers

Upcoming State Council events:

- 1 October - State Membership meeting at Bishop Becker Council
- 5 October - State Council Fall meeting (state officers, state program chairs, and DDs)
- 12 October - Columbus Day Ball
- 15 October - 1st Quarter reports due to State Program Director

Please pray for peace in Syria and the rest of the world, while reflecting upon our Worthy State Deputy's motto: "While proclaiming peace with your lips, have it even more fully in your heart".

Walt Williams, District Deputy #16

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 every product in our portfolio.

- We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.
- We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.
- 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.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 37 consecutive years. This shows our track record for excellence and security.

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 Knights of Columbus, 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.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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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 September meeting was worth \$50.00, and the name drawn was Ron Krebs and he was not in attendance. The drawing at the October meeting will remain at \$50.00.

Sick and Deceased

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

Ladies: Olga Barkkume, Jean DiAngelo, Kitty DiDio, Juliette Drouin, Joan Keenan, Charlotte Kozak, Owena Liberati, Jean Monohan, 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; Joe Fantacone, husband of CLSO Lady Dolores Fantacone; Barbara McMillan, daughter of Earl and Anna Marie McMillan; Jean Potter, wife of Joseph Potter; Regina Pisani, wife of Joe Pisani; John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois; and John Zito Jr., son of John Zito, Sr.

Please pray for all the faithful departed who 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

We have a first degree on November 5. The degree will start at our business meeting time of 7:30; candidates be here by 7:00. So if you have candidates to propose, make sure you bring their Form 100 to the October business meeting.

Team members: Please clear October 9 and 23 for rehearsals prior to the degree in November. Brothers: If you'd like to take on a role, please attend these rehearsals and watch the team in action.

V/J,

Kevin McNamara, DGK,

First Degree Team Captain

Fourth Degree News

There is no longer a waiting period for eligible brother Knights to become Fourth-Degree Sir Knights. Our next opportunity is the Delaware district exemplification on Saturday, November 23 in Newark. So if you're looking to achieve the Patriotic Degree, see your nearest Sir Knight for a Form 4. If we get your application in time for the October business meeting on October 21, we can get you to Newark. Otherwise, the Maryland district will conduct its big exemplification on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Frederick. Think of this one as the Fourth-Degree equivalent of the state convention, but there's only one business meeting, the exemplification on Saturday. That gives you Friday to meet and greet brothers of the assembly and those who will take the degree with you. There's an activity for your ladies while you receive the degree on Saturday, followed by a banquet in your honor that evening. Cap it off with Mass on Sunday and you're ready to take on the world as a new Sir Knight! So see me or any Fourth-Degree Sir Knight (there are a lot of us in the council!).

V/J,

Kevin McNamara, Faithful Navigator, St. Francis Xavier Assembly

Community Activities

Perry Point Program

The Bel Air Council had another excellent turnout for the second Sunday of September at Perry Point. The program, with each Council taking one Sunday a month, is working very well with our Council. It seems a great deal easier asking for help once a month than asking for support each Sunday for a month at a time.

will once again be looking for help on the second Sunday of October (13th) for our turn to aid the patients at Perry Point.

Father has requested us and the other Councils in the District to help at Perry Point on Christmas Day. I told Father that I would try to get some support for our Veterans this Christmas. Please give it some thought.

Tom Sutera

Alzheimer's Walk

On Saturday, October 5, the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a walk-a-thon to raise funds. We are fielding a team of walkers on that day. The course is at the Equestrian Center on Tollgate Road and is around 2.5 miles round trip over mostly level terrain. Consider joining our team or make a contribution to our team through one of the walkers. Information about joining the team or making a donation can be found at http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/MD-GreaterMaryland?team_id=96031&pg=team&fr_id=3410. Or if you will be attending a KC between now and then, make out a check to Alzheimer's Association and leave it with me. I'll see to it that it is donated at the walk. If you'd like more information about the walk, please contact me. (Dick Belmonte, PGK-Trustee; rbbelmon@gmail.com or 410-838-6329)

Dick Belmonte, PGK, Trustee

Soccer Shootout

Just in. A date and time for our Soccer Shootout. October 6th at 2:00. Details will provided be via e-mail.

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Autumn Greetings,

Isn't autumn the most beautiful season? Of course it passes too quickly and before we know it we will be focusing on the holidays.

But in the meantime the CLSO will be having a Dining to Donate Special Event Fund Raiser at Applebee's on November 4, 2013. Come join us, enjoy a delicious dinner and help us raise some much needed funds for our charity work. Applebee's will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchase. **YOU MUST BRING THE FLYER AND PRESENT IT TO YOUR SERVER** for CLSO to get the donation. One flyer is needed for each table. You can print out as many copies as you want by visiting the following site: <http://www.rosegroupdining.com/ni/dd.asp?dd=o5ov07>. Share it with your family and friends. Please join us!

We will be updating the telephone tree. Pat R. will contact the key ladies and those who wish to continue calling will get new assignments. We will all get updated copies.

We will be saying a decade of the rosary at our meetings to honor Pope Francis' request that all people of good will pray for peace.

Our October business meeting will be a luncheon meeting at Bob Evans on Route 24 across from the Festival Shopping Center on October 8, 2013 at 1 PM. We are hoping that some of our members who are unable to join us in the evening will be able to come for lunch and participate in the fun and planning. If the luncheon meeting is well received we may plan more of them in the future.

Our Color for October is Orange - please wear or carry an orange item. Our Saint for October is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Our meeting 'extra event' for October will be a report on Halloween. What do you really know about Halloween? It isn't just ghosts, giving away candy and spooky stuff. I'll bet you will be surprised at what you don't know about this day. We've planned a few 'unadvertised' surprises for the meetings so mark your calendars and come join us.

Dee Kozlowski, President CLSO, 410-676-2862

Parting thought: One day, I was approached by a man holding a glass of water. He asked, "Is this glass half full? Or half empty?" I took the glass from his hand and drank the water. No more problem.

Reflections

The Desensitized American Conscience

by **Lawrence P. Grayson**

Every 26 seconds, around the clock, every day of the year, on average, another child is aborted. With the ready-availability of the “morning-after pill” and the promise of free abortifacients under Obamacare, the slaughter is no doubt greater and poised to increase.

Is the American conscience so numbed that since 1973, when abortion was legalized in this country, we could wipe out the equivalent of the combined populations of California and New York and call it a “woman’s choice?” In the United States, which has the highest healthcare expenditures per person of any nation in the world and where an overwhelming proportion of the world’s medical advances are made, could the lives of 55 million women have been at risk if they carried their children to term? We are deluding ourselves.

And what happens to the children who survive attempted abortions. It is conservatively estimated that at least 1,200 children in the United States are born alive during these procedures. The number is likely to be much higher, as abortionists are not inclined to report their “failures.” Many abortionists will simply kill the child, which is what they are paid to do. Each has his preferred method – suffocate the infant, twist its head off, cut its spinal cord, place it in a jar of toxic liquid, or other brutish technique. Then, the lifeless bodies are disposed of as medical waste, incinerated, or left as garbage. When the police investigated the clinic of Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia late-term abortionist, they found body parts stuffed in cat food containers, in jars of toxic fluid, ground in garbage disposals, flushed down toilets, and stored along with employees’ lunches in a refrigerator. The impassivity of the abortionist rivals that of Josef Mengele, the SS doctor who carried out medical experiments on concentration camp prisoners.

The veil over the abortion industry is slowly being lifted, thanks to the undercover efforts of groups such as Live Action, Operation Rescue, and Life Dynamics, the persistent, conscience-disturbing, public demonstrations of Defend Life, Created Equal, and Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, and the prayerful

vigils of 40 Days for Life, Christian Defense Coalition, and innumerable local and national faith groups. The most egregious of the abortionists – those who are totally insensitivity toward human life and routinely kill, not only children in the womb, but infants delivered alive -- are slowly being exposed and brought before their state medical boards or in the most extreme cases to trial.

Yet, the legal onslaught continues. Sanctioned abortionists soon reopen their clinics or move to another state to continue their lucrative practices. They can do so because the public does not admit to the barbarity of abortion. The people in Nazi Germany who lived close to Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Dachau must have seen the smoke rising from the chimneys, but they could not deal with the depth of evil taking place inside the walls of the camps and ignored their consciences. The neighbors of Kermit Gosnell, Douglas Karper, LeRoy Carhart, Stephen Brigham, and other late-term abortionists must see the nearby pro-life demonstrations, graphic images, and prayerful vigils, but apparently they do not want to admit that killing is happening in their communities and so ignore their consciences.

But it is not only abortionists who anesthetize their minds to the reality of their actions. An increasing number of cases are being reported of women who give birth unattended and treat their children as trash. In this year alone: Several boys in New Jersey were playing near an apartment building when they heard sounds coming from a nearby dumpster; upon investigating, they found a newborn baby with its umbilical cord still attached struggling in a plastic bag. A woman in Pennsylvania was in a sports bar watching TV with friends when she had the onset of labor; she went to the bathroom, gave birth, suffocated the child, stuffed it into the toilet tank, and returned to her friends to continue watching TV. A Virginia woman gave birth in a toilet, put the baby in a garbage bag and threw the bag into a dumpster. A high school girl in Pennsylvania gave birth in her school bathroom, and then attempted to flush her child down the toilet; when that did not work, she left it in a trash can and went about her day as if nothing unusual had happened.

Do these women not have any maternal feelings for children born of their own flesh and blood? Virtually every woman who has an abortion today was born

after Roe v. Wade became law. Can they be so ungrateful, so callous, so deluded that although their mothers chose life for them, they are willing to kill their own children?

Can any couple who truly believes in God think that the embryo she carries is nothing but a blob of cells, some genetic material, a “thing” that must not be allowed to infringe on their rights, their pleasures, their life style? With the advances in science and the widespread availability of sonograms, it has been visibly shown that the “thing” is a human being from the earliest stages of development. Are people so selfish that they must exercise their right of self-determination to the detriment of the life of an innocent child – one who is voiceless and hidden in the womb – whose rights are never taken into consideration?

America, as Europe, is evolving into a society that totally excludes God from public awareness, and with it from private consciousness. As a result, children are seen as a restriction on a person’s lifestyle, as a threat to personal pleasure, rather than as a gift from God made in His image and likeness. The nation is moving towards a moral abyss, akin to that of the pre-Christian pagan societies, with a widespread belief that there is no future – so the culture says, enjoy the now. Society can be returned to the moral values upon which it was founded—but only with the help of God, through our public action and prayers.



Council Calendar

	OCT	Event	Time
		Car Raffle (Need end date)	
		Tootsie Roll Drive	
		Thanksgiving Food Collection	
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999 and Venture Crew	

	OCT	Event	Time
Tue	1	Business Meeting	7:30
Sat	5	Alzheimer's Walk	9:00
Sat	5	St. Mark Membership Blitz	4:00
Sun	6	St. Mark Membership Blitz	8-11
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Candidates	7:00
Mon	7	2nd Degree - Degree Begins	7:30
Tue	8	Home Corps Meeting	7:00
Sat	12	Columbus Day Ball	7:30
Sun	13	Perry Point	
Tue	15	Social Meeting - FIRE PREVENTION	7:00
Tue	15	Family of the Month	7:00
Tue	22	Officers' Meeting	7:00
Fri	25	BINGO for Birthright	3-12
Sat	26	St. Mark Trunk or Treat	6-10
Sat	26	Striking out for Hunger - Forest Hill Lanes)	3:30-
	NOV	Event	Time
		Tootsie Roll	
		Thanksgiving Food Collection	
		Pointsetta Sale	
		Christmas Card Sale	
		Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Tue	5	1st Degree - Candidates Arrive (Complete	7:00
Tue	5	Business Meeting	7:30
Sun	10	Perry Point	
Tue	12	Home Corps Meeting	7:00
Tue	19	Social Meeting - Memorial Mass	7:00
Tue	19	Family of the Month	7:00
Tue	26	Officers' Meeting	7:00
	DEC	Event	Time
		Children Christmas Party	8:30
		FIELD Christmas Party	6:30
		Wrestling at John Carroll	6:30
		BSA Units, Troop 999, Cub Pack 999, and Venture Crew	
Tue	3	Business Meeting	7:30
Fri	6	St. Margaret First Friday Lunch	11:00
Sun	8	Perry Point	
Tue	10	Home Corps Meeting	7:00
Tue	17	Social Meeting Christmas Party Movie Trivia	7:00
Tue	17	Family of the Month	7:00
Tue	17	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Awards	7:00
Tue	24	No Officers' Meeting - Christmas Eve	7:00



Bel Air Council 4714
Knights of Columbus presents

The Return of All Night Bingo

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2013

Time: Doors open at 3:30 pm

All proceeds to be donated to “Birthright”

Numbers posted for first Silent Bingo game at 4:30 pm

Regular Bingo begins at 5:00 pm

54 games plus Silent Bingo, Specials, Quickie and
Player’s Jackpot finale – 63 games total

Admission: \$30 for full set of cards

Advanced Sales \$25 for full set

\$15 for additional sets

*Silent Bingo, Specials, Quickie and Player’s Jackpot not included in
admission price*

Dinner & Dessert provided with paid admission
Contact Tom Rappold at 443-371-6862 for additional information

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