



# COUNCILAIRS

## Bel Air Council 4714



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### **Grand Knight's Message**

Brother Knights, I would like to introduce you to our Youth

Activity Chair, John Welsh and his family. John is pictured here with his family; his wife, their seven children and



eight grandchildren. John has spent his life mentoring and teaching children. He is a career Catholic School educator with over forty years of service. John has recently retired after 38 years on the faculty of The John Carroll School. Teaching was not his only passion. Out of the classroom John focused on football as freshman, line, and Head Coach for John Carroll football.

You would think that after 40+ years of working with kids retirement would find John relaxing and enjoying time with his family. Not exactly, John uses his time to support Harford County as a Juvenile Drug Court Addiction Counselor. This is a man truly dedicated to helping youth. This is a man dedicated to helping our youth.

I have asked John to focus our Youth program efforts on developing relationships with John Carroll and St. Margaret's schools. Being known in our Catholic Schools is imperative to remaining a strong Council. Our substance abuse poster program fits the freshman class curriculum and it is an easy program to execute. I would like to see something like this for the sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

A similar effort needs to be focused on St. Margaret's schools. We could hang a Keep Christ in Christmas poster or the KofC posters on Abortion in the school. Something simple that could act as the beginnings of

what should be a long term relationship with our Catholic grade schools.

This is a huge missed opportunity for getting our Council and the Knights exposure to our Catholic community. Success is focusing our attention on developing a working relationship with both schools, becoming a known organization that supports our Catholic schools.

I ask you to help John Welsh in the development of programs that support our Catholic Schools. If you are interested in supporting the Youth of our Community, contact John or I. If you have children of your own and they attend St. Margaret's or John Carroll, contact John or I.

We are called to serve. Together we can make our Council successful this year and for the next 50 years.

***Stephen Conley, Grand Knight***  
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### **District Deputy Message**

Thank The Knights of Columbus will observe a World Day of Prayer for Peace on September 11. Each council of our Order is asked to observe this important day in a special way. As members of a Catholic fraternal Order, we must seek peace from the only one who can give true and lasting peace – Jesus Christ. The Grand Knights have received a prayer and poster.

The wheelchair program is alive and well. In the past we would send money to buy one or two chairs at a time. By doing it this way we could not designate who received the chairs. This year we are looking to raise \$16,500 to buy a full container, this way the chairs will be delivered to us and we will distribute the wheelchairs ourselves. While we are looking for the councils to contribute, any individual member can contribute any amount he so desires. All checks for the wheelchair should be sent to Bernie Classon 1304 H Scottsdale Drive Bel Air, MD 21015.

Save the date for the annual Light the Night Walk. This year the walk will be held on Oct. 25, starting at 5:30pm. I do not have a location yet but will let you know where at a later date. As Knights we normally help set up, blow up balloons, and light the walk way for those walking.

We have a 1st Degree coming up on Sept. 2nd at Corpus Christi Council. This will be followed by a 2nd Degree on Monday Sept. 8th at Bel Air Council. Keep in mind that Corpus Christi Council meeting time is 7:30pm, therefore candidates should be there at 7:00pm. The 2nd degree will start at 8:00pm, candidates by 7:30pm.

We are still looking for ideas for District Activities. Some of the ideas brought up are – Communion Breakfast, dinner cruise, dinner theater. We are looking for an activity that will interest you. Please contact your council officers with your ideas.

The annual Columbus Day Ball is just around the corner, October 11. It would be nice if District 16 could be well represented. This will be followed by the Columbus Day Parade on October 12. If at all possible everyone should plan on attending the parade.

The quarterly reports are due to the State by October 15th. This means they should be turned in by October 5th, so they can be mailed to the State Program Director.

The State is holding its annual Picnic on Sunday August 31, at Patapsco State Park. This year the DD's under Ron White have challenged the current DD's to a tug of war. We all know how this will end up.

Councils should be thinking about the upcoming Membership Blitz. You should be making arrangements with the churches as to when you can do your Blitz, I need this information so I can pass it on to the State. The Membership Blitz is to be held sometime in September or the first part of October.

We are Called to Serve.  
*Mike Clemens, DD District #16*

### **Fraternal Benefits**

The late Will Rogers once said, "I'm not so much interested in the rate of return on my money as I am the return of my money." Understood in the context of this time period this was a real issue. There is another saying,

"The more things change, the more they stay the same." Such is the case today.

Today's market environment is challenging for even the most seasoned investor. The ups and downs are frequent and can be intimidating. If you are at a station in life where you need to make sure your capital is preserved ... consider the Knights of Columbus. Why?

One can judge the Knights of Columbus by our values and integrity ... all of our assets must conform to a Christian litmus test. One can also judge us by what the rating agencies say about us. We are one of only five out of 1800 insurance companies in North America with the top rating from A.M. Best, Standard and Poor's and the IMSA certification for customer satisfaction.

I think the evidence that is most compelling to do business with the Knights of Columbus though is that Standard and Poor's has said that, "The Knights of Columbus is the #1 capitalized insurance company in North America." It really doesn't get any safer than that. See me for a great return both on your money and of your money. Even Will Rogers would appreciate that!

*Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC*  
[edward.okeefe@kofc.org](mailto:edward.okeefe@kofc.org) (410) 569-6141

### **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: Richard Barkkume, Jack Bauernschub; Bernie Classon; William Collins; Sam DiDio; Frank DiAngelo; Ross Liberati; Paul Manager; Robert Michels; Jerry Shoul; Vernon West; and Bill Wilhelm.

Ladies: Olga Barkkume; Kit Belli; Georgia Classon; Jean DiAngelo; Doris Harrison (recovering from carotid artery angioplasty); Martha West; and Pat Rebbert.

Family Members and Friends: Mildred Herold's great-grandchildren, Sophia and Anna Belle; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings; and John Wills, grandson of Betty Bourgeois.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Family Members and Friends: Your prayers are always requested for all our Brothers, Ladies, Relatives and Friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray the Holy Rosary every day. We ask that you join us at 7:30 at our Business Meeting (first Tuesday of every month). Please join us!

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

**Victor V. Ferrara** (410) 569-4171

## **Programs**

### **Council Activities**



#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

50th Anniversary thank you to everyone who has made their reservations. The Council warmly invites and welcomes all members and especially those who we may have not seen for a time. Join us

for an enjoyable afternoon with delicious food and a terrific 5-piece dance band. You're encouraged to get a table together of family and friends to enjoy this special event. See the flyer for more information.

**Dick Belmonte**, Co-chair, 50th anniversary gala,  
[rbbelmon@gmail.com](mailto:rbbelmon@gmail.com) (410) 838-6329

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Council Apparel**

There will be samples of 50th anniversary clothing at the September social. The apparel will bear the distinctive 50th anniversary logo of Bel Air Council. Clothing will include men's and women's polo shirts, lightweight jackets, heavy weight jackets and windshirts. Place your orders at the meeting.

**Dick Belmonte**, [rbbelmon@gmail.com](mailto:rbbelmon@gmail.com) (410) 838-6329

#### **Ceremonial Team**

Brothers, your Council is still looking for a few good men. We have an immediate opening for a speaking part on the first degree team. In addition some non-speaking parts need filling. If you would like to learn a speaking part as a back up I can accommodate you as well.

There is no better way to welcome a new brother knight into the order than to perform a dignified and efficient

first degree. Won't you consider lending your time and talent to this most noble activity?

The District second degree team is also in the rebuilding phase and could use members for both speaking and non-speaking parts.

**Tom Classon, PGK** [teclasson@comcast.net](mailto:teclasson@comcast.net)  
(410) 838-0378

#### **Bull and Oyster Roast**

The annual Bull and Oyster Roast will be held at the Council on Sunday September 21, 2008. Food service will be from 1-5pm, with music provided by "DO IT" With Music DJ Bill Marsteller from 2-6pm. This event will be catered by Atlantic Catering, so everyone can enjoy their evening. The extensive menu includes pit beef, ham and turkey, oyster stew, fried oysters, oysters on a half shell, lasagna, fried chicken, kielbasa and sauerkraut and much more. The cost of the Roast is \$37, and tickets will be on a first come first serve basis, so collect the moneys and get your tickets NOW. Tickets will be distributed when money is received.

For additional information please contact Chairman Terry Lijewski. Your support of this event would be greatly appreciated

**Terry Lijewski** [tlij@comcast.net](mailto:tlij@comcast.net) (410) 879-5872

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Please support the Council in our fund raising efforts by purchasing tickets for the dining establishments raffle to be drawn at the Bull & Oyster Roast on September 21. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The first prize winner will receive gift certificates/cards for local dining establishments with a value of at least \$250. The 2nd place winner will win a \$50 gift certificate for Liberatores Restaurant, and the 3rd place winner will get a \$25 gift card for Bob Evans Restaurant. You do not have to be present to win. If not present at the Roast the winners will be contacted by phone. Thanks again for your support. For tickets please contact Terry Lijewski or Ed Staniewicz, 410-529-7114.

**Terry Lijewski** [tlij@comcast.net](mailto:tlij@comcast.net) (410) 879-5872

#### **Club Steward Message**

The walls in the Newport need to be washed because the furring strips behind the wall board have attracted a shadow. This will take 10 people about two hours. We will need some ladders and buckets. Call Jerry if you want to help.

St. Ignatius Holy Name Society is have a speaker/breakfast at the hall on Sept. 14, 2008. More info is on the bulletin board.

**Jerry Wagner, Club Steward** (410) 638-6489

### **Family Activities**

Congratulations to Ross and Owena Liberati for being selected as Family of the Month for August.

**Terry Lijewski** [tlij@comcast.net](mailto:tlij@comcast.net) (410) 879-5872

### **Ladies Korner**

Hello Ladies,

Summer is almost over (alas) and school will soon be in session. Thank you to all the ladies who brought school supplies in support of the Knight's needy student activity. Thanks for your faithful support of Anna's House as well.

At our August Meeting we announced that we needed at chair lady for the Quarter Auction to be held October 22. Pat Reppert will not be able to continue the project because of health issues. The officers have decided to share the responsibility for this project. Be sure to get your tickets because there is a limited number of tickets available. Also please remember Pat in your prayers.

Pat Lijewski has agreed to be the Point Of Contact person for the Apostleship of the Sea ministry.

This is a (new to us) ministry for seamen who come to the port of Baltimore. This ministry is an outreach that provides the men with rosaries, prayer books, Catholic magazines, prayer cards, holy pictures and other religious goods free of charge. These men do not have access to church and the sacraments during the long months they are out to sea. If you have any unused religious items please consider donating to this excellent cause. It is a great way to put surplus religious to good use.

Welcome to our new member Ann Stallings. Ann explained the State Blanket Project. The State Ladies have asked that every auxiliary member donate an afghan or lap blanket for hospitalized returning Veterans. The blankets can be crocheted, knitted, quilted, made of fleece or store bought - they must be washable. The size should be approximately 45 inches X 60 inches. Please consider either buying or making a blanket for our returning Servicemen. Bring your blanket to any meeting. Any color or material is welcome.

We will be having our November meeting at the council home on November 11. Please mark your calendars.

Plans are under way for the Council 50th Anniversary Gala. If you know any past member please invite them to come celebrate with us. More details later.

Betty Bougeois, our lector, gave us a sobering but informative bit of information on how to protect ourselves from rape and/or abduction. We all pray none of us will ever need the information - but it is good to know. Because being forewarned is good.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, September 16, 7 P.M. If you have been away for a while please come on back we miss you.

*Dee*

### **Dates to Remember**

Sep 1	Labor Day
Sep 2	Business Meeting
Sep 5	BINGO
Sep 8	Card Party 7-11 PM
Sep 9	KC Club Meeting
Sep 12	BINGO
Sep 16	Ladies/Social Meeting
Sep 19	BINGO
Sep 21	Bull and Oyster Roast
Sep 23	Officers Meeting
Sep 26	BINGO
Oct 3	BINGO
Oct 7	Business Meeting
Oct 10	BINGO
Oct 13	Columbus Day
Oct 13	Card Party 7-11 PM
Oct 14	KC Club Meeting
Oct 17	BINGO
Oct 21	Ladies/Social Meeting
Oct 24	BINGO
Oct 28	Officers Meeting
Oct 31	BINGO



Photo of Father John Rapisarda, giving a blessing to Pat Bucci, after saying his first Mass at St. Margret Church. Father John is the son of Decon Greg Rapisarda, our associate chaplain.



**Apostleship of the Sea Ministry**

One of Monsignor Fitzgerald's Catholic Ministry to "the people of the sea" missions is to provide Mass as well as religious articles to the visiting Seamen of Baltimore harbor. To support Msgr. Fitzgerald's ongoing efforts to provide religious items to the visiting Seamen, Bernie Classon, Faithful Navigator of St. Francis Xavier Assembly #380, has instituted a program to collect religious items to assist Msgr. Fitzgerald in accomplishing this wonderful endeavor.

All of us receive rosaries, prayer books and cards, pictures etc. from numerous religious organizations. By collecting them and presenting them to the Monsignor we are supporting this ministry as well as practicing our Catholic faith.

The Monsignor is also in need of magazines, paperback books, English dictionaries and men's clean used clothing.

Boxes will be available at all meetings to collect these items. If you have any questions please contact Bernie Classon 410-638-8074 or Pat Lijewski, 410-879-5872.





# ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance***

Sunday, January 18, 2009  
1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Richlin Ballroom  
1700 Van Bibber Road  
Edgewood, Maryland

Featuring:

Hot crab and cheese fondue, vegetables with dip,  
assorted cheeses and crackers  
Sliced Roast Beef Bordelaise & Salmon w/Foccacia Crust  
Garden salad, vegetables, rolls and butter  
Ice cream sundae with Anniversary Cake  
Beer, wine, soda and juices included  
Cash bar available

Music by ***The MONALDI BROTHERS***

*\$35 per person until October 21, 2008  
\$40 per person paid between October 22 and December 16, 2008  
(please make check payable to Bel Air Council #4714)*

For information, please contact Dick Belmonte at 410-838-6329  
or by e-mail at [rbbelmon@gmail.com](mailto:rbbelmon@gmail.com)

**\*Bring your Quarters to the Bel Air Knights Ladies\*\*\*\*  
Quarter Auction Oct. 23, 2008**



**Vendors include:**

**\*Pampered Chef / Tastefully Simple / Avon  
Home Interiors /\*Longeberger / Daisy Design / Boyd's  
Shure Pets / Private Quarters /Sun Frog Originals  
"Vendors subject to change without notice"**

**Where: 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, Md.**

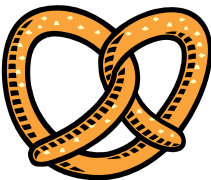
**Time: Doors open at 6 PM auction starts at 7 PM**

**Cost: \$3 for the first Paddle \$1 for each additional paddle**

**Proceeds to benefit the charities of the Knights Ladies.**

**For information, please contact Mary Sporney 410-638-1015.**

**Hot Dogs and drinks will be available for you to purchase.**



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