



COUNCILAIRS

Bel Air Council 4714



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Grand Knight's Message

LuAnne and I hope that everyone is settling in for 2012 and looking forward to the potential for good that lies ahead of us. I know that I'm looking forward to our February first degree when I expect that we will welcome at least three new members into our order. I encourage everyone to identify potential new members and either approach them or I'll be happy to give them a call. I should mention that the state has an on-going incentive program for recruitment. If you recruit a new member and sponsor him through the 3rd degree, you'll be entered into a monthly drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate to a restaurant of your choice.

I paid a visit to Jack Bauernschub on the day before he left for Tennessee. Jack is a Past Grand Knight and supported our council through his support for the Boy Scout troop that we charter and for his unique style of tending the bar and unique sense of humor. He was always there when needed. He will attain 50 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus in June of this year. In recognition of his superior accomplishments over many years, I presented Jack with the Knight of the Month award.

Speaking of Jack and the boy scouts, I paid a visit to the hall one Wednesday evening to meet the scout leader and Frank Gunning who is our scout liaison. I got a better sense of our role with the scouts and understand now that our chartering of the troop is essential. I got a sense that our sponsorship of the scouts by opening our building on Wednesday evenings and providing a place for them to store equipment outside is very much appreciated. Beyond the satisfaction of supporting the development of responsible young men, we are able to take credit for four quarters of youth program which goes a long way towards satisfying our program objectives. If any of our members would like to join with Frank Gunning in coordinating with the scouts or would like to pursue with the scouts the possibility of our helping a scout or scouts with a religious achievement medals, please contact me or Frank.

We had a nice turn-out for our January social and I was pleased to present letters to the ARC and Harford Center that they could use to obtain from the Maryland State Council the funds that we raised through the Tootsie Roll Drive. Many thanks to the chairman Paul Zarachowicz and all 80 people who helped him raise over \$5800 for the intellectually challenged people (Figure 1).



Figure 1: GK Dick Belmonte; Julie Chmura, ARC; Paul Zarachowicz, Program Chairmand; Rose Lane, Harford Center: Tootsie Roll Presentation



Figure 2: Paul Zarachowicz receives Certificate of Appreciation for Tootsie Roll Drive from GK Dick Belmonte

Bel Air Council 4714 Monthly Schedule of Events and Inclement Weather Policy

First Tuesday - **7:30 pm - Business meeting** - open to KC members only

(In case of inclement weather with the Harford County Schools being closed or closing early, the meeting will be rescheduled to the Thursday after the first Tuesday of the month.)

Second Tuesday - **7:00 pm- Home Corporation meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests

(In case of inclement weather with the Harford County Schools being closed or closing early, the meeting will be rescheduled to the Thursday after the second Tuesday of the month.)

Third Tuesday - **7:00 pm - Social Meeting** - open to general public (In case of inclement weather with the Harford County Schools being closed or closing early, the meeting will be cancelled.)

Fourth Tuesday - **7:00 pm - Officers' Meeting** - open to KC members and invited guests (In case of inclement weather with the Harford County Schools being closed or closing early, the meeting will be cancelled.)

All Fridays - **7:00 pm - Bingo** (board is lit) - open to the general public (In case of inclement weather with the Harford County Schools being closed or closing early, bingo will be cancelled.)

After the presentation, we held our first chili/soup/stew "Souper Bowl". All of the entries were delicious, and the attendees voted for their favorites. While the results were close our winners are shown in Figures 3-6. Everyone had a great time. This format looks like a keeper for next year.



Figure 3: Gilly McNamara ties for 3rd place in the "Souper Bowl"



Figure 4: Chuck Lasek ties for 3rd place in the "Souper Bowl"

Looking ahead to February, our social on February 21 at 7:00 pm will be a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Come on out and enjoy everyone's company and a last meal before Lent begins. Please give Al DiCocco a call or drop him a note to let him know if you'll be coming so he can plan.



Figure 5: Dee Kozlowski places second in the "Souper Bowl"

The following month, we'll be having our Community Service Awards Dinner where we recognize a Catholic teacher, firefighter/EMT and law enforcement person from Harford County. I want to fill the hall that evening. Tickets are only \$5 per person. We have a flyer. Please bring your payment to the next business or social meeting.

The bingo program of the council has been our lifeline for countless years. It's made it possible to own our council home, help us contribute to many charities and subsidize many of our social events. Presently, the program is enjoying good, steady attendance and proceeds to go along with it. Unfortunately, our volunteer workforce is slowly diminishing as long-time faithful workers become unable to help out. New workers have started to come out, but not at a rate that adequately replaces our losses. We need help in all areas to include the kitchen, callers, floor workers who would be willing to work on a team every other Friday evening. Your

specific schedule would be sometime between the hours of 6:00 and 10:30. Come on out, enjoy the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment. This offer is open to all members and their families.

Speaking of bingo, last month we lost our long-time bingo chairman and past Grand Knight Rennie Bucci. Rennie was a moving force in the history of the council. He was instrumental in the building of our council home in Forest Hill and was able to ensure our being able to get it paid off this year through the long-term success of the bingo program. Rennie holds a special place in my heart as my "first Grand Knight". No doubt he holds a special place in the hearts of many members.

Be on the lookout for a letter from our Fraternal Benefits Advisor asking all members to identify prospective members for our council. Everyone who responds will be eligible to win a \$200 gift card from Target. What a great way for us to invite others to join us in Knighthood.

Starting last month, I kicked off the planning process for the 2012 - 2013 fraternal year. I put a "sign-up" sheet for positions in the council and circulated it at business meetings and in the Councilairs.



Figure 6: Al DiCocco wins first place in the "Souper Bowl"

As a result, we've filled in many of the vacant activity positions, but many remain vacant. A big thank you to Bob Jump for volunteering to work on the Councilairs distribution. The vacancies are primarily in the role of the six activity chairmen positions and we still have seven months with no one as yet signed up to organize the social for a particular month. My goal is to have every position and activity claimed by the March business meeting so that we can all see just where we stand in getting organized for next year and beyond. I need, and more importantly, the council needs your help. Volunteer now, don't wait to be asked! I should mention that there are many other state programs that we could be involved in if only we had volunteer such as soccer shootout, free throw contest, "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest, Christmas Card sales and the list goes on. In addition, perhaps you have an idea for a program, I encourage you to mention it to me or any officer and we'll see if we can make a go of it.

The sign-up sheet for activities, events and programs as of January 13 is in the right column on page 5. Please contact me about how you want to help your council. Now is the time for us to make that commitment that will put the council on solid footing for next year and years to come. I will be providing a monthly update of the progress at the business meetings and in the Councilairs.

Dick Belmonte, Grand Knight, 410-838-6329,
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Councilairs Distribution

In an effort to streamline our operations and save money, we would like to provide the Councilairs on our website <http://belairknights.org/councilairs> to as many people as possible as their only version. If you receive a printed copy and would agree to help us meet our goal please send an email to Tom Sutera (tsutera4240@gmail.com) so we can send you the Councilairs webpage link by email rather than mailing a paper copy. Thank you!

Social Schedule

- January 29, 10:00 AM - Fifth Sunday Breakfast. Let's get the New Year off to a great start. Come join us for breakfast after attending Mass on the

28th or 29th. It's a regular custom to have breakfast on every 5th Sunday in any given year, but it's a double blessing to share this meal at the start of a brand new year. Come join us. Breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy with biscuits, cereals, pastries, juice, coffee and milk will be served at 10:00 AM. We're looking forward to sharing this meal with all of you, your family and friends to celebrate the start of 2012. If you plan to attend, please contact John Knapstein at Jdk92048@aol.com so we can get a count.

- February 21, 7:00 PM - 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, 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!
- March 20, 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 Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Gravy, Potatoes, Sugar Snap Peas, Dessert, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Make reservations no later than March 13 by contacting Patrick Ruckle at mprbelair@aol.com. No tickets will be available at the door.
- Other upcoming events for which we hope to have more information shortly:
 - April 17, 7:00 PM - Pizza Night
 - May 15, 7:00 PM - May Procession

Albert DiCocco, DGK

Activity (Council, Church, Community, Family, Youth, Pro-life) Chairman responsibilities:

Activity chairmen are responsible to develop and oversee the execution of a series of events and activities that support their assigned program area (Council, Community, Church, Family, Youth, Pro-life) during a fraternal year. The activity director should provide a preliminary annual plan to the Program Director (Deputy Grand Knight) by July 1. Note that the monthly social programs are a great opportunity to fulfill an event requirement in one of the activity areas. Coordination of the entire program through the Program Director is critical so that program voids can be identified early and to best assign an event that may be applicable to more than one activity area to a particular area.

Activity chairmen are responsible for verbally reporting at each business meeting on the status of their activity area and publicize upcoming events. Likewise they should prepare or have prepared for the Councilairs information about events sufficiently in advance to inform the general membership of an event and increase the level of participation. Activity chairmen are also responsible for being aware of state and national programs in their areas and assess the council's ability and willingness to perform or support one or more of these programs. For the purposes of written program reporting, at least one activity or event must be conducted during each of the four quarters of the fraternal year (Jul - Sep; Oct - Dec; Jan - Mar; Apr - Jun). Each program activity must have a written report that identifies:

- Activity Chairman
- Activity Date(s)
- Description of the activity, event or program.
- Approximate number of members involved in the activity.
- Who is benefitting from the activity, event or program?
- Methods/examples of advertising the event
- approximate cost of the event.
- If a fundraiser, how much was raised?
- Digital photos (not required, but highly desirable)

Activity/Program	Director
Community Activities	
Council Activities	
Church Activities	
Family Activities	
Youth Activities	
Pro-Life Activities	
Membership	Krista
Retention	
First Degree Team Captain	Tom Classon
Round Table - St. Margaret	Liberati
Round Table - St. Mark	Krista
Program/Event	Chairman
Installation	Belmonte
Car Raffle	
Golf Outing	Caralle
Perry Point Veterans	Sutera/Dolan
Tootsie Roll Drive	Zarachowicz
Thanksgiving Support - St. Mark	Krista
Thanksgiving Support – St. Margaret	Liberati
Fields Christmas Party	Kramer
Children's Christmas Party	Kozak
Birthright Fundraiser	Belmonte
Trunk or Treat at St. Mark's	Krista
Family of the Month Program	
December First Friday, St. Margaret	Liberati
Lenten Souper at St. Margaret	Liberati
Bingo Program Chairman	Rappold
Councilairs Editing/Publishing	Redding
Councilairs Distribution	Jump
Investment Club	Taking off for 2012-13
Boy Scouts	Gunning
Poinsettia Sale	Davis
Fourth Degree	Davis
Monthly Socials	
July Social (Ice Cream Social)	Belmonte
August Social (Chairman's Choice)	
September Social (Chairman's Choice)	
October Social (Chairman's Choice)	
November Social (Memorial Mass)	V. Ferrara
December Social (Christmas)	Belmonte
January Social (Chairman's Choice)	
February Social (Chairman's Choice)	
March Social (Community Service)	
April Social (Chairman's Choice)	Knapstein
May social (May Procession)	Sutera and V. Ferrara
June social (Chairman's Choice)	
Bar Coordinator for Socials	DiCocco

Fraternal Benefits

Insurance check-up for 2012

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

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? And I'll come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL
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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!

Catholic Ladies Service Organization

Ladies,

With the New Year along comes lots of new ideas and plans for the Ladies of CLSO, wouldn't you join us? Please make every effort to attend our monthly business meeting; it's the second Tuesday of the month. You will have the opportunity to socialize with a few friends, work to serve our Lord and you just may learn a few new things too. So come join us.

Our "soup night" was a wonderful success. Thanks to Sharon and a few other Ladies I tasted soups that I had never tried before. The soups warmed our bellies but the socializing warmed our hearts, a great combination.

With all of the successes we have had this past year we need to take a breath and start the second half of this term. There are a number of special guest speakers and presentations on our "List of Activities" and a few that will be special surprises. To mention a few: our annual retreat is scheduled, with Fr. Jesse, for March 24, hopefully we will be baking bread for the first Communion class at St. Margaret's church, we will be working with the Confirmation classes at St. Margaret and St. Marks churches, Mary Ann Jung, Lady historian, will be making a presentation on April 30th along with the best smorgasbord around plus we all will be preparing for Lent. If that does not make you tired I am sure we can always add a few more things that will be just what you want to do.

I look forward to seeing all of you during the next cold months so with friendship we can all warm up.

Please remember we are seeking Ladies to take Officer Positions for CLSO. Now is the time to think and pray about this opportunity for every Lady.

February's special event is Pat R celebrating the RAVENS. She has a number of surprises in store for us along with a bit of education for some of us, including me. I hope to see you there.

May God bless all of us.

Pat Lijewski, CLSO President



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Community Service Awards Dinner

Recognizing Harford County Catholic teachers,
law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMT personnel

March 20, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Menu

Stuffed Chicken Breast w/gravy

Broiled roasted Irish potato

Sugar snap peas

Assorted cream filled cakes 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 13, 2012 by contacting:

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All are welcome and encouraged to attend

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