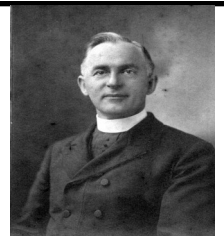




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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### "Mom, I am New" In Jesus' Resurrection

"Mom I am new," said a child last Saturday morning after his first confession performed in our parish for almost 50 children. The child wanted his mother to be the first to know. This beautiful gift recalls that wonderful Sunday morning when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark. According to the Gospel of John, Peter and John running to the tomb were the first ones to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God, we are new in Jesus' Resurrection as the child said to his mother, "I am new."

### Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you did merit to bear,  
alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,  
alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.  
Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the  
world through the resurrection of Thy  
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we  
beseech Thee, that through the interces-  
sion of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we  
may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Dear Knights of Columbus, Happy  
Easter. May the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ dominate our new being in Christ.

Fr. Ettore Ferrario

## A POSTING FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Upon receipt of this newsletter Rosensteel has over 100 members who are not in good standing as they are not current with their membership dues. You know who you are: please make every effort to submit payment as soon as possible. Members who are not in good standing are not allowed to enter the Council. If you have financial difficulty and need more time or assistance, please reach out to myself or PGK Rob Seubert at [robseubert@gmail.com](mailto:robseubert@gmail.com).



### Did you know?

- 18 Days A baby's heart begins to beat
- 43 Days Brain coordinates movements
- 8 Weeks All organs are functioning
- 9 Weeks Has permanent, individual fingerprints
- 10 Wks Sense of touch (comfort/pain)
- 12 Wks A baby can smile, suck his/her thumb and make a fist

- Adoption: Over 2 million couples wait to adopt—and that includes children of all races and those with special needs.

Any textbook will confirm what every doctor knows:

## LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

## Grand Knight's Station

Terrence Moore

Rosensteel's Lenten season was full of personal sacrifices and it was also a great time of giving. We celebrated our faith and held true to our order. Just prior to the Lenten Season we held the St Joseph's House Fundraiser; once again it was a packed house and attendees showed their support for this wonderful home. On February 13, Susan Brady and her Bible Study Club met at the council and enjoyed a meal along with its normal agenda. March 6 was the First Sunday Breakfast which had a crowd of over 120; part of the proceeds went to our very own Squires/Roses group. On March 12 several of our members worked another Cup of Joe event at the Lanham location. The Catholic Terps were the recipients of the food and efforts of our council on March 9; over a dozen members provided dinner for over 200 students. The St Patrick's Day Party was one of the most successful and well attended events ever held downstairs at the council. The following day several of our council officers, members and our District Deputy prepared the food for the Christ the King Fish fry, where over 150 parishioners enjoyed cod fillets, french fries, hush puppies, homemade cole slaw and kale salad

We have struggled with attendance and volunteers in recent years, but you wouldn't know it by reading the above paragraph. The events mentioned above were attended by over 1,100 people and the organization, planning, cooking and serving for these events was done by over 110 volunteers. Can we do more? Of course, but we can also be very proud of what we do on a regular basis.

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## The Warden's Take

From our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, we foster programs in Church, **Community**, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth.

Communities have unique needs. Knights of Columbus Councils, including us at Rosensteel, find ways in the community to help those in need a mission its members embrace, our first principle called **charity**.

Rosensteel Community programs include:

- **Coats for Kids**

With many families with young children struggling in tough economic times, there was a clear need to provide warm winter coats to children in their communities, so the Coats for Kids program was born. It's been called a real "Win-Win-Win" program. Some beneficiaries close to our home include using the Montgomery County Police giving out coats where needed. PGK Dan Ward told me, "A gift of a coat today by a Police Officer will be remembered for a long time into adulthood."

- **Food for Families**

The Knights of Columbus is committed to ending hunger in local communities by asking local councils to participate in the Order-wide Food for Families Program by donating food to local food pantries, community food banks and soup kitchens.

Here at Rosensteel we participate in two Catholic Charities Programs. The Cup of Joe program is our Council's most successful Food for Families Program. The Council works with Catholic Charities to assemble over 4,000 sandwich-size bags of breakfast food items for a number of shelters.

- **Tootsie Roll Program**

The Knights are involved in supporting organizations that provide support and services to those who are intellectually and physically challenged. Here at Rosensteel we have partnered with other Councils by pooling our fund raising efforts and together donating funds to those organizations such as St. Joseph's House and St. John's House. You may have put pocket change in many of the yellow and red containers located throughout the Council building. Maybe you took some time on a Saturday to standing in front of a supermarket or high school football game handing out Tootsie Rolls.

Please find some time to offer your time, talent and/or treasure to one of these charitable community events.

*Jim Mannion*

## MARY'S WIDOWS

Well March certainly started off with a bang. We were scheduled to have lunch at Bedford Court on March 14. We were advised two days before that they had construction going on and no parking was available, but thanks to Betty Altmann, our Hostess, we were able to change to Mama Lucia's in Olney. Twenty Ladies were able to attend. Father Perkins & Mike Koon were unable to make it. A good time was had by all. In April we will be going to the Outback Restaurant. You will be called with details. If you are interested in joining our group, call Lois Devlin at 301-681-7448 for details.

## *Maryknights*

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We were blessed to have Father Jerry and Msgr. O'Connell join us for our March meeting and potluck. Father O'Connell gave the Lenten talk and shared with us his experiences. Growing up, Lent was generally about giving up something; maybe a bad habit. Growing older, he made a conscious effort to use this time to develop good habits. He started with the plan to write five letters/cards a week to reconnect with people and remember them. He had memories of being in college and enjoying receiving mail. He has had some very positive experiences sending cards and now does this year round. He suggested to us that rather than giving up something, this is a good time to be doing something for someone else – praying for them, going to Mass, making phone calls. He has been greatly inspired by Pope Francis and loves this Year of Mercy. The Pope says God's first name is Love and his identity is Mercy. In this year of Mercy, we have such an opportunity to help heal the wounds of others by forgiving those who have hurt us. Father Jerry also suggested we look to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as ways to help heal wounds. Our general meeting followed this lovely and thought-provoking talk.

The card party was a success with 20 tables of folks enjoying games, conversation and dessert. Funds were raised to support our charitable donations. We discussed and made decisions on our year-end donations to Our Lady of Fatima church, MUM, Children's Inn at NIH, St. Joseph's House, Birthright, St. John the Evangelist Church, San Miguel School, The O'Boyle Residence and Sacred Heart Home. The good work of all of you helps make this happen – good job!

Our special activity to support the Knights will be something we have done in the past – everyone is being asked to donate \$20 (or what they can afford) at the April meeting. All monies will go to the Knights. We may do other smaller activities later, but this will be our major annual contribution.

March 30 is our dinner for the Catholic Student Center at the University of MD. We will need bakers and servers for this event. Squisito Pizza and Pasta restaurant is providing the pasta and salad and we are grateful for its support. Please bring desserts for the students to the Knights by 4:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Sports Plus was chosen as the recipient of our next Charity Ball. We are very excited to help this worthy organization that helps children and families. We will be working to get a jumpstart on this event and will discuss additional plans/ideas in the April meeting.

Anniversary Party is coming up – a fabulous brunch is planned at Norbeck Country Club on April 10. Carpools will be available to take those who need a ride. We hope to see everyone there for a relaxing and enjoyable time.

Marge Fait is heading up the nomination committee for next year's officers. Please give her your careful consideration for these important jobs.

Wishing everyone a blessed and Happy Easter!

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As your Grand Knight I know I am extremely proud of our Council. Please take time to look over the list of program chairs and then offer to assist if you can. Your ideas, thoughts and suggestions are always welcome.

We have great plans for this Spring. A lot is going on around the Council, including:

- Building Committee has big plans and a lot of improvements being scheduled. The Clubhouse Committee is implementing many new initiatives, Web site, marketing etc.
- Community and church programs are rolling out some new programs along with the ramping up of some of our existing ones. The overwhelming success of the Cup of Joe event held at Rosensteel in January prompted us to make this a quarterly event.
- The State Convention is in May and we are getting very good feedback on attendance.
- Our Council budget is being finished and tied to scheduled events and programs. We expect to publish it in the May *Knight Life*.
- The search for next year's officers has already begun and members are being vetted by the Nominations Committee.
- Dates are already secured for next year's events.

This is YOUR council in action.



**Remember in your prayers:**

**Deceased:**

Ross Baccanari, H.L.M Mother of Andy Michaels  
Robert Wilson  
Paul Fecteau

**Sick:**

Dudley Rowdy Wife of Jim Reese  
Bob Brown  
Chic Chaconas  
Michael Marinari  
Helen Borkowki

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Rob Seubert at 301-681-8181

**Council Community Activities**

Two parties at senior care centers are planned for April and May. The first will be at the Springbrook Center located at 12325 New Hampshire Ave. on April 21 of this month; the second will be at the Althea Woodland Rehab and Nursing Center located at 1000 Delaware Dr. on May 19. Both parties begin at 3 p.m. Contact Joe Rogers at jvrii@verizon.net for additional information.

**Family of the Month**

This family has been involved with this Father Rosensteel Council for well over 30 years. As the daughter of Wally Horner, Judy was a familiar face around the Council along with her brothers Rick, Tony, Fred and Jerry. It was a given that her husband Bill was to become a Rosensteel Knight. Bill recently passed, but the tradition continues as his sons Rob and Greg are members and son Michael has filled out the Form 100 and ready for his First Degree. Judy's daughters Melissa and Christine can be seen most Friday nights and regularly attend events. Christine recently joined the Maryknights. At least once a month several of the family members and friends attend Wednesday Night Bingo. The tradition will most likely continue and the Rosensteel halls will soon hear the thunder of another "Baron," son of Rob and Cassie aptly named their first child Baron Weithman, named in remembrance of his great grandfather Wally "Baron" Horner. Please join me in congratulating the whole Weithman family as our Family of the Month.

**Knight of the Month**

You can find him behind the bar, working events, cooking pizzas, doing charity work and attending meetings, but you will never find him without a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He is your Chancellor and for those of you who have not met him, odds are that you blurted out the following statement at least once "who is that guy and why is he dancing?"

He joined Rosensteel just a little over four years ago and took his Fourth Degree a few months later. Barely two years into his membership he agreed to join the chairs, even after a very truthful dialogue from yours truly. He is also on the Building Committee and helps out on Pizza Night. He has yet to say no to any request. If you haven't met Bruce Cotting yet, I highly recommend you do. You will be happy you did, I truly am!

**District Deputy's Message:  
Spring is Here, Jesus has Risen**



Brothers All,

What a great time of the year. Baseball pitchers, catchers and position players have all reported to Spring Training. This is what gives me hope each year that sunny warm days of Summer will be here soon.

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks that the Church and her members live out the loving mercy that God has for all of us. Even if you didn't start on Ash Wednesday, there is still time to catch up on this one. Charity never stops at the Knights of Columbus.

I hope you will join us in the many charitable works at the Council or State level. There are many more opportunities to volunteer this spring and I welcome all who are interested to reach out to the Grand Knight. Additionally, volunteers are desperately needed for the Council's degree team. Many of our newer members have had to make their first degree at other Councils in the state. This does not bode well for the largest Council in the State of Maryland.

I pray that God's grace and mercy always be upon each and every family within our council.

Please pray the rosary as often as possible and may God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kelly

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The Maryland State Convention of the Knights of Columbus is over the weekend of May 13, 2016. Rosensteel Council #2169 has long enjoyed a favorable reception and made a significant impression among all the delegates from around the state. We maintain an excellent Hospitality Room for all our members in The Princess Royale Hotel on Coastal Highway. We have a kitchen, comfortable furnishings in a sociable atmosphere, good food and drinks available to all members and guests. Terrence Moore, Bruce Cotting and many others have worked to make this convention enjoyable and memorable for everyone. Make your plans now to attend and enjoy a wonderful weekend at the Maryland shore with all your Brother Knights and their ladies.

You may enjoy stopping by the White Marlin Festival and Crab Soup Cook-Off on the Boardwalk at Somerset Street. The festival runs all day on Saturday with entertainers, vendors and very good crab cakes and soup for lunch. ENJOY!

Our Retirees Bowling League is nearing the end of the season and the competition is strong to finish in one of the top teams. If you are not an active bowler you may find it interesting to join everyone on a Thursday morning and watch the exciting games.

Our April luncheon will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will see you then.

VP Tom Leonard

**Clubhouse Association**

The Clubhouse Board wants to take this opportunity to say a big THANKS to Mark Evans who has served as the Clubhouse secretary. As you may know Mark and his family have moved to Pennsylvania for work. His input and support to the Clubhouse has been exceptional and he will be missed. Hopefully, he will stop by to visit, most likely around the next Super Bowl so he can win the 50/50.

Good luck, Mark, and remember you will always have friends at Rosensteel.

**Knights in Action  
Around the Council**

Next time you visit the council please take a second to look around and contemplate the following:

- \* Was that flower bed there last week?
- \* Who is that mowing?
- \* That mulch looks good.
- \* How come there aren't any leaves on the ground?
- \* Those bushes look nice when they are trimmed.

There is a good chance that one these members did this work on their free time at no cost to the council. Billy, Phil, Joe and Pat have been performing these duties for years without even being asked.

So on that next visit, thank them and buy them a beverage.

**NUNS' APPRECIATION  
DINNER**

On April 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. Fr. Rosensteel Council will be closed in honor of Nuns' Appreciation Night. The Knights will serve over 100 nuns from the Archdiocese of Washington and Montgomery County, MD. This year's event marks the 44th consecutive year that Council #2169 has hosted the event. The event honors the nuns for their dedication to the religious life and years of service to God, our churches, schools and the community. Volunteers are needed to serve and bartend.

If interested, please contact Chairman Gerry Horner at 301-655-6579 or by email at horner65@comcast.net.

## REFLECTIONS

Pope Francis has implored and empowered us to devote this year as the year of Mercy, and I've often wondered if we all understand what this means. If you are in search of a deeper understanding of what this entails, I would encourage going to the Web site for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for an in-depth perspective. You'll be able to delve deeper into works of Mercy, be they Spiritual or Corporal (curious yet?).

I sought perspective for my personal life and found within the Spiritual works a relevant perspective entitled "Bearing Wrongs Patiently," which discusses how to cope with wrongs done against you. Recognizing that certain individuals and situations can get the best (or the worst) of me, I read further.

It goes on to state "Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit." I know that I am in need of spiritual guidance when it comes to dealing with challenging people and situations and was particularly drawn to the idea of placing your hope in God for the purpose of patience and endurance.

It continued with this recommendation: "Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience." Little did I know that by following this reminder to be patient, to be prayerful, and to have faith in God our Father, I would be committing a Spiritual work of Mercy. Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)) to find out more about how to make works of Mercy a part of your daily life; it's much easier and more meaningful than you might think.

*Bruce Cotting*

### **118th Maryland State Convention Knights of Columbus - May 12, 13, 14**

We have blocked out about 12 rooms at the Shangri-La Motel at 84th Street (rooms are not available on Thursday night). Room cost is about \$70 per night.

Please contact GK Terrence Moore for reservations. **Do not call the hotel directly.** We are finalizing the details for the following schedule:

**Thursday, May 12** – State Golf Tournament

**Friday, May 13** – 7 p.m. – Council Party/cookout

**Saturday, May 14** – Hospitality rooms at the Shangri-La and Princess Royale Saturday evening. Head over to the Princess for live music, hospitality suites and great food.

**Sunday, May 15** – Mass at St Luke's followed by breakfast at the Ocean City Council.

We have 10 rooms booked and two available, and can obtain more if requested. Please let us know as soon as possible so we may order rooms and plan expectations.

[tpmoore@pbs.org](mailto:tpmoore@pbs.org) or Bruce Cotting at  
([Brucecotting@gmail.com](mailto:Brucecotting@gmail.com))

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brothers, as you are aware this fraternal year is quickly coming to a close. This means that elections are right around the corner. The first principal of our order is charity and we as Knights have an obligation to carry out that principal by serving our church, council, community and family. What better way to serve than to step into a Council leadership role. We have a rich tradition and history that goes back to 1920 when our beloved Council was established under the guidance of Father Rosensteel. Our first social event was to hold a Communion Mass which was the first of many outstanding programs supporting our church, members, community and family. As an elected officer you have the unique opportunity to make a huge difference. It is a very rich and rewarding experience as you get to work with many different people and programs. It is an opportunity for personal growth for you, your family and the people you touch.

I can speak from experience that it was an opportunity of a lifetime that I will cherish forever. I urge you to consider an opportunity to serve. Please discuss with your family and pray on it. If you have any questions, contact a member of the nominations committee or any current or prior officers. We are calling on you to keep Father McGivney's vision alive by continuing our tradition of living the principals of our order: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Nominations Committee Members:

Geoff Conway

Mike Donnelly

Russell Sutton, PGK

Contact the Nominations Committee if you would like to run for a position. The Nominations Committee will provide a slate of recommended names for each office. In accordance with the Council's Bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor at the Business meetings with elections being held at the June Business Meeting.

Fraternally,  
Russell R. Sutton, Jr., PGK

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**May 2016**

1 - Sunday Breakfast  
8 - Mother's Day  
13-14 Maryland State Convention

## APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. Langley <i>Grilled Chicken/ Shrimp/Pork Skewers</i>	2. FINAL FOUR
3. Sunday Break- fast Dollymore, Bromley	4. Maryknights Meeting D'Antuono	5. Business Meeting	6. <b>Bingo</b> *Pizza Night	7. Nats Opener	8. Guest Night Baby Back Ribs, fries, homemade slaw Conway, Carey, Wigmore	9. Cassagnol
10. McKinney	11. D'Antuono Conway, Carey	12. Dowd	13. <b>Bingo</b> Cavaliere McNamara	14. Slattery	15. Team #9 Moore Lynch & Lyon	16. Dassing
17. Ponce	18. Horner Memorial Rosary D'Antuono McNamara	19. 7:00 Social Meeting	20. <b>Bingo</b> *Pizza Night Langley & Moore	21. Kreitzberg	22. Sullivan Spiced Shrimp, fries, slaw E III & Maddox	23. Seubert
24.	25. Retiree Luncheon D'Antuono	26.	27. <b>Bingo</b>	28. Ambrogi	29. Team #2 McLeod Ladies Night Luann, Margie, Diane	30. 2nd Annual Cook-off