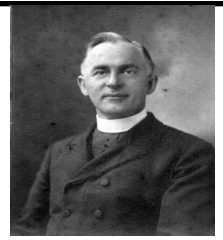




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Chaplain's Report:

Three Pillars Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

"Christianity is not the religion of the Book (Bible)." I remember a priest saying that constantly in his public speeches and homilies. Sincerely, the first time I heard the expression it seemed to me as a kind of strong wrong statement. I was wrong and shockingly corrected.

Christian faith is not a "religion" of the book. Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, a Word which is "not a written and mute word, but the Word is incarnate and living." (St. Bernard) If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures," Lk 24:45 - CCC 108.

The inspired Word of God comes to us through Sacred Scripture. The living Word of God also comes to us equally through the living Tradition of the Church. The infallible Word of God as transmitted by Scripture and Tradition has been entrusted solely to living Magisterium of the Church which exercises its authority in the name of Jesus Christ.

The true interpretation of both Sacred Scriptures and Sacred tradition is expressed in the infallible teaching of the Church, the Magisterium. "Infallible" means that because of the divine help of Christ himself the Church cannot teach error in matters of faith. That is so true that I wish in every Christian house, especially those of the Knights of Columbus, there should be three major books: the Bible, the Didaché (the teaching of the early fathers of the Church) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are wonderful and meaningful books from which we can nurture our faith and moral life.

I wish to every Knight of Columbus the rediscovering of these books. Enjoy the victory of the Resurrected Jesus Christ written on those books with the wisdom of centuries inspired by the eternal work of the living Holy Spirit.

Happy Easter to all of us and our families!
Your Chaplain, Fr. Ettore Ferrario

Grand Knight's Station

That's it! I am done with winter and cold weather. The shorts and flip flops are officially part of my daily apparel. My apologies for the glare from my pasty white legs and the non-pedicured toes. I must get my base tan for the upcoming State Convention in Ocean City, MD. This might be my favorite time of year; by now we all just want to get away. The convention is just a bit different because you don't have to miss your family while you're away; you can bring them. You also won't miss your friends; you can bring them as well! Just when you miss the Knights' Room you can roll into Buxy's and enjoy nearly the same level of comfort.

Missing the Knights' cooking? Just head over to one of the two hospitality suites and BAM, your craving is met. So, if you have not made plans to attend, please do so by contacting Terrence Moore, Bruce Cotting or Joe Marks. The convention is a month away and Rosensteel is already receiving awards. Last month, the Emerald Society of DC Firefighters presented Rosensteel with the James E. Reilly Innkeeper Award. Furthermore, the other night I was informed that the Thomas M. Wells AOH will be presenting Rosensteel with a similar Innkeeper/Partner Award. Our very own William "Billy" Veith received the EMT of the Year from the State of Maryland Knights of Columbus. This award was presented at the Annual Founders Day Mass and Awards Dinner, where Billy was accompanied by 14 members, family and friends of Rosensteel. Thom Partenope, Maryland state membership director presented PGK Rob Seubert with his Shining Armor Award (see picture, Page 6) at last month's Business Meeting. Keep it up Rosensteel!

St. Patrick's Day was another overwhelming success this year. The partnership with our friends of the AOH has proven to be a rewarding one for both parties. St Patrick's Day falling on a Friday proved to be quite rewarding as well, green (aluminum) bottles, Smithwicks, and Jameson's were flowing. Joe Marks's kitchen crew served well over 100 corned beef and cabbage meals. We were entertained by the Culkin dancers and our very own John Lyon singing and strumming.

Renovations of the Columbian Room, Maryknights Room and the Journal Room are nearing completion and the place looks great! Frank Zarrelli and the Building Committee have done a brilliant job and are worthy of your praise.

On Sunday, April 23, we will hold a Membership Open House where we hope to inform Catholic Gentlemen from our community of our Order. We hope to have representative from the Council, Clubhouse, Building, Maryknights, Squires/Roses, Retirees, Mary's Widows and Bingo. We will serve light fare and allow interested men and their families to "see what we are all about." Clearly, the goal is to recruit new members, but we would like to do this in a low pressure atmosphere. Members are urged to bring a friend or family member that might be interested in joining or may just have questions.

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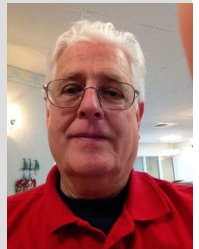
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**Archbishop Michael J. Curley:
A Model for Every Knight**



The first Archbishop of the Diocese of Washington, sometimes known as “IRON MIKE,” was a crusader for justice and a man of God who stood tall against prejudice, privilege and bigotry.

He was a remarkable orator, a champion of Catholic education, a staunch supporter of the Knights of Columbus, a great administrator and, above all, a simple man. He had a compulsion to be “as poor as the poor” and yet he raised millions for schools, having doubled the number of parochial schools from the many gifts of his supporters. In spite of all this he had no personal servants, no household expenses and no car! He took a yearly salary of \$1,200 in the year 1941.

He courageously challenged politicians who threatened Catholicism with prejudicial views. He was a champion of Blacks, Jews and our persecuted church and prelates in Mexico.

Archbishop Curley went back to Ireland twice a year to personally plant and harvest for his mother at their ancestral farm.

Keep “Iron Mike” in your heart so that we too may have the courage to stand for what is right, moral and Catholic.

*District Deputy
Charles Hayes*



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Fraternal Insurance

I took out policies on each of my kids and contribute \$50 a month. Besides the insurance coverage and protection of their future insurability, these policies earn a dividend. The statement for my youngest just came and his dividend paid \$129.48 for the year. So, for \$600 a year the Knights of Columbus paid a dividend of \$129.48. Do you know what my bank would have paid on \$600...\$1.80. That's right, \$1.80. Not even enough for a beer at the Council.

Jack Bogle, founder of The Vanguard Group, was recently interviewed and recommended a portfolio mix of 60% stock and 40% bonds. Basically, you can take risk with 60% of your portfolio and be safe with 40%. As you get older the risk reduces and the safety increases. The Knights of Columbus invests in safety. As you can see from the example above, it does a good job at it. Give me a call and let me guide you in these areas.



Chancellor's Chatter

"You'll never walk alone"

It means having someone else present and not to be on one's own. It can be a pledge, a badge and implies teamwork. It's from Psalms 23:4 in the Old Testament. It was a song in a 1945 Broadway Musical *Carousel*. It was recorded by the 60's Mersey Beat group Gerry and the Pacemakers in 1963. And the theme of a famous British Premier League Soccer team, Liverpool.

As brothers in the Knights of Columbus we don't walk alone. Psalm 23:4 talks of walking thru the valley of the shadow of death. It tells us to fear no evil for He is with us and is comfort.

We are a fraternity and that implies we are not alone (or individual). We are also alongside others through our actions providing comfort for others to fear nothing.

We must not forget that our work is virtually endless as we are able to react to every need asked by those who have a need. The Knights of Columbus projects reach into local, national and global areas. Projects include Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity and our own Council's activities in the Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects. The opportunities to walk together with fellow Knights and their families are virtually endless.

At our Council you see this in how we organize to feed the hungry, support our parishes, join together for Pro Life, work an event, visit nursing homes and give comfort to our members praying the Rosary with others.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has stated, "We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries, we can reach halfway around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

So just as we are told that God is always with us, so we as Knights will make sure those who need help, Brother or not, are not alone. We have your back.

Jim Mannion

Open Council Positions

The Council seeks candidates for the positions of financial secretary and treasurer for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. The Nominations Committee consists of Russell Sutton, Geoff Conway and Mike Donnelly or you may contact one of the Council officers if you are interested.

Knights in Action

As always, Rosensteel stepped up when needed. March was no different - with the renovations going full blast, there were several occasions where the membership jumped in to prepare for an event in short order. This entailed cleaning, demo work, painting, decorating, setting up tables and chairs, etc. Thanks to all!

And a special thanks from the Grand Knight for saving his marriage by helping to prepare the Columbian Room for his son's wedding and reception.

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

The first quarter of 2017 is in the books; are you on track with your New Year's resolutions? If you're like most, the answer is likely not. We humans are fallible and if you delve into the reason we're not on track, it's likely because we started out with the wrong expectations of ourselves and the outcome. Starting with a clean slate, filled with fresh energy, hopes and visions of a phenomenal future, we expected the way to be easy, only to be surprised to find the reality is quite the opposite. And with that realization, our enthusiasm quickly waned, and we gradually lost heart.

Perhaps at this point you're wondering why the bleak message? Truth is, each new day we receive is an opportunity to begin anew. So rather than throwing in the towel, I'm suggesting that by re-examining what your goals are and truly recognizing the time and effort required to reach those goals, you can still make them happen. Success is achievable, it's just not easy or immediate. Expect a challenging journey, not an easy one, and you will be mentally prepared as you encounter the daily reality of working toward a noble goal.

And by the way, the size of your commitment to achieving your goal(s) should be proportional to the size of your desired outcome. Don't lose hope in yourself; instead, make time daily to pray and to contemplate your efforts toward your goals. Persistence has a tremendous role in achieving success in life, and persistence and prayer are omnipotent.

Bruce Cotting

Maryland State Convention Schedule

Rosensteel has secured a block of rooms at the Sea Hawk Motel on 124th Street. The cost for Friday and Saturday night is \$150 total! Please make checks payable to Sea Hawk Motel and give them to any of your Council officers. Below is the abbreviated and amended schedule (for the full schedule of State events please visit the State website).

Thursday, May 4 – 11 a.m. State Golf Outing – See Joe Marks or Terrence Moore if interested.

Friday, May 5 – 3 p.m. check in, Sea Hawk Motel or Princess Royale Hotel (for registered guests)

3 p.m. Grand Knights Olympics – Princess Atrium

5 p.m. Sea Hawk Hospitality Suite opens

7 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Rosensteel gathering – location to be determined

8:30 p.m. Hospitality Suites open at the Princess

Saturday, May 6 – 9 a.m. Award Ceremony – Princess Atrium – Mimosas and Bloody Mary's at the Princess

4 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's

5:45 p.m. Banquet – Princess (ticket required)

8 p.m. – Party at the Princess – Hospitality Suites open 8 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, May 7 – 7:30 a.m. Mass – Mako Room, Princess

Ocean City Council holds an excellent all you can eat breakfast.

9:30 a.m. Closing Sessions

If you can help with the Hospitality Suites, let a Council Officer know.

Rosensteel Golf Outing

On Friday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m., the annual Rosensteel golf outing will take place at Cross Creek golf course in Beltsville. Cost is \$50 and includes food, beverages and prizes afterward at the Council. Contact GK Terrence Moore or Joe Marks for more information.

Clubhouse

Brothers All,

First, the Clubhouse Board would like to commend the Building Association on the beautiful work being done in the Columbian Room, the MaryKnights Room and the rest of the upstairs. Be sure you see the new flooring in the Jouvenal Room.

Recently, there have been some questions on Clubhouse finances. The answers were provided by Clubhouse Accountant John McNamara.

Question: In reference to the costs for fraternal activities, there are no expenses for bar snacks or soda, yet we have income from these areas of over \$2,100.

Answer: This is due to the manner in which the clubhouse manager annotates the cost category on invoices from Sam's, Costco, etc. The clubhouse manager pays the supplies upon delivery. The clubhouse manager has stopped annotating the area. Hence, there are no bar snack costs, kitchen costs, etc. All supplies are being costed to catering.

Question: In reference to supplies, kitchen costs dropped substantially and show a 6-month total of less than \$800 vs. last year, when it was over \$12,000. Sales taxes for fraternal activities are not being accounted for. All monies received and disbursed need to be accounted for.

Answer: Same reason as previously stated. The clubhouse manager needs to categorize kitchen costs on invoices he pays. Sales taxes were previously included in catering revenue and costed out when paid. That practice overstates revenue and expenses, essentially a wash. We no longer include sales tax in revenue. It is recognized as a liability.

Question: In reference to the drastic change in catering by subtotal, total sales were approximately the same at slightly over \$140,000 for YTD comparisons. Catering to members is up \$10,000 (11.7% change). Catering – non-members is down nearly \$12,000 to only \$2,234 (84% change). Meetings - member sponsored income tripled from \$9,000 to nearly \$30,000.

Answer: Meetings, wakes, school events and pool events were previously comingled with catering events. This year they are split into separate categories.

The Clubhouse Board welcomes all members to attend our Board meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The Clubhouse Board.

Council Money Motions

In accordance with Council bylaws, the following Money Motions are scheduled to be discussed and voted upon at the April 4 Business Meeting if a quorum exists.

Motion made and seconded at the March 7, 2017, Business Meeting for the Clubhouse to "transfer \$5,000 received from the Lexi Thomas Fundraiser from Clubhouse to Council."

Motion made and seconded at the March 7, 2017, Business Meeting to move the \$2,000 previously obligated by Council membership for the design, development and maintenance of the Rosensteel Hall Web site, from the General Fund to the Clubhouse Ass'n.

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Knight of the Month:

This month's Knight of the Month took his First Degree in 1989. He is presently our Building Association president. He is currently implementing the largest Council renovation project in the last 50 years. He has procured bids, managed, presented proposals, kept the books, maintained within budget and actually performed hands on renovations for this huge project. All of this while communicating



the process to Council Officers and Membership, and working with Clubhouse to minimize the effect on bookings. The results are OUTSTANDING! And he is not done yet. I can't wait to see the new Columbian Room bar and stage. Carpeting is on its way, as are updated electrical switches and outlets, improved handicap access and much more.

Please join me in thanking Frank Zarrelli on his tireless efforts and commitment to this renovation project.

Family of the Month

He took his First Degree in 2010 and quickly became one of the "Friday Night Families." Nick and Ellie ran amuck in the Emerald Room while he and Tina enjoyed a Friday Night Dinner and an adult beverage. It wasn't long before he put together his own kitchen crew and it has proved to be one of the best. His crew is filled with members whose families consistently filled the Emerald Room on Friday Nights. He is part of the Breakfast Crew and helps out in kitchen and grilling whenever possible. He is a regular bartender on the 20th.

Please join with me in congratulating Chris Langley and his family as our Family of the Month.

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Some years ago, Sister Theodora, a Franciscan nun, gave me a small prayer book entitled, *The 4 Keys to Heaven*. In it is a short prayer that seems appropriate for a Lenten exercise or daily prayer. It covers a lot of prayerful requests:

"Jesus, My Lord, I offer you all that I do, all that I say, all that I hear, all that I see; and I pray for Your unending mercy to continue to be poured upon me and my family, neighbors and friends - even those who have turned away from You and those whose hearts are like stone."

Our next luncheon meeting will be Tuesday, April 25. I wish all of you a blessed Easter.

Ray Koski

Mary's Widows

We are back after our winter break. On March 7, Father Perkins and 21 widows had a delightful lunch at Bar Louie restaurant at Wheaton Plaza. The food was very good, the service was great and everyone seemed to enjoy it. It is really great to find a new restaurant close to most of us with plenty of free parking. Our hostess was Betty Altmann and she also has volunteered to host our April luncheon. Thanks Betty for a job well done. The 50/50 winner was Imogene Reidy.

Hope to see more of you at our April luncheon. If you are interested in joining our group, please call Lois Devlin at 301-681-7448.

A Job Very Well Done:

Council Financial Secretary PGK Rob Seibert is all smiles after receiving the Silver Knight Award for membership from Thom Partenope, MD State Membership Director at the March Business Meeting. Grand Knight Terrence Moore completes this most worthy trio.



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Even though Spring is here, Mother Nature decided to show who is boss and play havoc with the weather, causing it to snow on our March meeting date. In order to keep everyone safe, we cancelled the March meeting and will reconvene on April 10. Watch your e-mail for further information!

I want to thank Nancy Koski for chairing our Annual Card Party which was held at Leisure World on March 7. We had great attendance (about 50 people) and were moved to the ballroom because of an HVAC issue so we had plenty of room to play cards and games! Everyone had a great time and we even made a nice profit. Thank you to everyone who participated in this program!

I am still searching for a Charity Ball Committee, so please prayerfully consider stepping up for this great cause. Just let myself or any of the officers know what role you would like to play. Also, as a reminder, don't forget to set aside items for the silent auction.

It is also the time of the year when we put together our slate of officers for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. I have asked Margie Cuff to chair the Nominating Committee so if you are asked to serve as an officer of the Maryknights, please prayerfully consider the opportunity. Also, please see the box on page 5 regarding our upcoming Anniversary Brunch on April 23.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter! May the Lord shine down upon you and your families this Easter season.

***"Do something beautiful for God."* (St. Teresa of Calcutta)**

Beth Ward

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COMING EVENTS...

April 9 Children's Easter Party
April 14 Good Friday (Council Closed)
April 15 Needy Food Baskets (Sullivan)
April 16 Easter Sunday
April 27 Nuns Appreciation Night
May 5-7 State Convention, Ocean City

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. Final Four
2. 1st Sunday Breakfast O's Opening Day	3. NCAA Championship, Nats Opening Day D'Antuono Dollymore, Bromley, Mullaney	4. Business Meeting	5. Bingo Kreitzberg	6.	7. Mannion Hardman	8. Conway, Cary DeVol
9. Palm Sunday Children's Easter Party Cassagnol	10. Maryknights meeting D'Antuono McKinney	11. Conway, Carey	12. Bingo	13. McNamara	14. Good Friday Council Closed	15. Holy Saturday
16. Easter Sunday Dassing	17. D'Antuono McNamara	18. Social Meeting	19. Bingo Joe & Pat	20. Mannion Langley	21. Golf Tournament Lynch & Lyon	22. Maddox
23	24. D'Antuono McNamara	25. Retirees Lunch Clubhouse Association Meeting Culkin & DeVol	26. Bingo Cavaliere	27.	28. E III	29.
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