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Chaplain's Reflection The Common Good

The COVID pandemic has brought about an increased consciousness of the many inequalities embedded in our human society. However, these very same inequalities existed when Jesus walked the earth 2,000 years ago. The call of Jesus to love our neighbor as ourselves was directed toward mitigating these inequalities.

It was never God's intentional will that these inequalities exist. Rather, they are a direct result of the corporate sin of nations and the institutional structures of sin that they have been built on. In many ways, despite all of our scientific advances little has changed since the time of Christ.

As individual Christians, we cannot make the world better solely through our individual efforts. Jesus healed many, but there were many more that he did not. Healing everyone else requires our collective efforts as followers of Christ. As St. Teresa of Avila wrote, we are the eyes, ears and hands of Jesus now. Jesus has called on all of us to work together and not fight over details.

Structures of sin are a direct result of our original sin. In varying degrees, we are all guilty of not always looking out for the other guy. As Cain remarked to God, we are not our brother's keeper and we do not wish to be either. We make judgments of others based on our own imperfect ability to judge the difference between right and wrong.

Intrinsic evil is real. Some things like murder, adultery and theft are always evil. But the world is messy and most aspects of life are not nearly as clear. We have all developed imperfect world views that can cloud our understanding. This is what lies behind the stark differences in our national politics. We smugly assume that we are right and everyone else is wrong. But inevitably, we are right about some things and dead wrong about others.

We may have become so enamored with the idea that we are masters of our own destiny that we come to believe that crime and poverty are free will choices. We may rationalize that since we "know" a few people for which we think this is true, that it is true for everyone. However, it is more likely that we really do not "know" what we think we know.

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Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

Dear All,

We've reached the final quarter of this Fraternal Year. Looking back at what we've accomplished to date, I honestly can say we have had an impressive year - despite not having met in person for an entire year. No one could have predicted that this entire Fra-



ternal Year would have been held mostly virtual and would require us to curtail several programs.

Somehow, I think this made us stronger. We were able to hold many of our programs, although in a new way. We needed to rethink how to meet as a Council, how to operate financially and how to continue to meet the first principle of our Order: Charity. We also started several efforts this year that I hope we can continue in future years.

As part of the revised meeting format we started earlier this year, our Maryland State Council has asked all Councils to close our Membership and Officers meeting with the Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney. This doesn't mean we will forego our other prayers; we'll try to incorporate them either before or in our meeting. This one special prayer, said by all Councils, will reinforce the many other prayers said for Blessed Michael McGivney and further his cause for Canonization.

Through the hard work of Tim Stocker and the generosity of our Maryknights and Knights, we were able to purchase 175 Safeway gift cards which were distributed on March 27 to five organizations and through them to needy persons in our parishes and communities. Well done, everyone.

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit, in which we pronounce our belief that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity.

Also this April, the first four days of the month are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. This is a very prayerful time for us as Catholics – from the celebration of the Passover feast to the death of Jesus, the commemoration of His body resting in the tomb, and His resurrection and victory over death and sin.

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Easter greetings to all our members and your families!

As a time of preparation, Lent helped us focus on the sacrifice of Good Friday and the hope of the Resurrection. I hope this season brings you much joy and happiness!

Your family's financial security meeting can now be done virtually over the computer as a way for us to meet safely and efficiently. We can discuss your needs, wants and desires. What's changed? Let's make sure nothing stands in the way of reaching your goals. The Order has provided me with a new needs analysis program to help you track where you are, where you want to go and how well you're progressing on your financial journey.

Wishing you Easter joy!

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Continued prayers for Fr. Calis and all of our clergy, and for our healthcare providers and all those affected by Covid-19

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Kevin Carey.

Chaplain's Reflection The Common Good

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Life is complicated. We cannot understand what is in the head of someone else unless we walk in his or her shoes. That is why Jesus told us not to judge lest we be judged. That is why Jesus told us to turn the other cheek. Love is patient. Coercing anyone to do it our way, even if we are right, is a guarantee that there will be a conflict.

God is patient even if we do not do it His way. However, God knows what is best for us. So, we can never be happy when we do not do it His way. Yet, God still gives us the space to make mistakes and to do the wrong thing. We may suffer for such choices, but God still loves us anyway. God expects us to be equally patient with the people in our lives and give them space as well. They always deserve the benefit of the doubt even if we "know" that they are "wrong."

The COVID pandemic has ushered in a period of tremendous national distress. We look to our government for leadership. But our government is not perfect and it has made a lot of mistakes. We also are not perfect and we have made a lot of mistakes. Just as we wish others would give us the benefit of the doubt, we should give our government officials the same benefit of the doubt. As individuals, that will bring us peace. As a nation, that will bring us greater unity. And as a faith community, that will bring us closer to God.

Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

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Our Council is closed on Good Friday. Please spend the day reflecting on the supreme sacrifice of Jesus for humanity.

Later this month we will hold our annual Nuns Appreciation Night. Brother Knight Gerry Horner has arranged a Zoom meeting with our nuns, several of whom will later drive to the Council to pick up their packaged meal and take it home to eat. We'll also be delivering a few meals to some of the Sisters. (please see Gerry's brief note on page 3).

We're making arrangements now with the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland and Sedes Sapientiae Council for another online living Rosary, hopefully sometime in April. The students were extremely impressed with our January 31 Rosary and have asked for a second one. We'll publicize the date by e-mail and on our Council Facebook site.

Don't forget to visit our Facebook site every Friday at 5:30 p.m. for a livestreaming of the Rosary. Despite the pandemic, our Council has held this Rosary every Friday night and we hope to have more people join every week.

Our annual Council Communion Mass will be held Sunday, April 18, at 8 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church.

On behalf of the Council officers, I wish you a Blessed and joyful Easter. Stay safe, stay well and stay prayerful.

Paul Girolami

Nuns Appreciation Dinner 50th Anniversary

Fr. Rosensteel Council will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nuns Appreciation Night on April 28-29. A one-hour virtual meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 28, when we will have some activities and gift drawings. On April 29, the Knights will prepare meals for pick up by and delivery to the sisters.

Brother Knights interested in participating either night should contact Gerry Horner at horner65@comcast.net. If you would like to donate a gift card for prize drawings, we welcome your contribution.

The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Cluster is a pro-life organization that helps pregnant mothers and saves babies in Montgomery County through:

- Friendship with an Angel Friend volunteer who mentors the mother during her pregnancy and afterward.
- Material support: prenatal care, clothing, gift cards, infant furniture, other needs.
- Spiritual support: Prayer supporters who provide for the spiritual needs of the mother and child

The Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a drive for essential items for babies and their mothers.

When: April 17 and May 15, each day from 10:30 a.m. until noon

Where: Rosensteel Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, 20910

What: Diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, newborn pacifiers, formula, new infant and children's clothing, lightweight receiving blankets, maternity clothing (size M), grocery store gift cards,

cash for medical care and other items. Volunteers will collect items in rear of the building under the awning. Payment or Donations: Checks can be mailed to Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly #386, PO Box 510, Kensington, MD 20895-0510. NO CASH PLEASE, checks only. Credit card payments can be accepted by calling Faithful Comptroller Russell Sutton at 301-

332-0517.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Budne Reinke at budne@aol.com. Men volunteers are also needed for delivering and assembling cribs, strollers, etc.

For more information about The Gabriel Project of Montgomery County go to www.gpmoco.org.



Knight of the Month - He's been a member of the Knights of Columbus since November 2013. Formerly on the Hibernian kitchen crew, this member has the difficult and often overlooked task of taking notes at Council meetings, transcribing them and keeping correct information in the Council historical records. He's been Council recorder for the past two years. So the next time you see him either in person or virtually, please thank Mike Quinn for serving as our Council scribe and diligently taking and recording our meeting notes.

Family of the Month - A tireless, truly dedicated family. You see them at all Council events. Their spirit of charity is unparalleled. They are always working to make lives better for others. Their faith is strong, as is their voice and impact. They are recognized throughout the Maryland Knights of Columbus for their excellence in service. Our Council couldn't function well without them. Our Family of the Month for April 2021 is our own Maryknights, some of the finest women our Council has had the privilege to know and work with on our social and charitable programs.

Thank you, Maryknights, for your prayers, hard work and unwavering support.

Financial Secretary's Report

All,

Thank you to all members who have paid their dues for the this Fraternal Year - your support helps fund the many programs and charities that Rosensteel continues to help. If you have not received your card, please contact Kevin Carey at kdcarey@loyola.edu for a replacement to be issued.

For the 210 members who have not sent in their 2021 dues, please make arrangements to make payment. The 2nd notice e-mail was sent in early March and a paper copy will be sent this week as well. If payment is not received for 2021 dues, the next step will be a 3rd notice and finally a 4th notice (double secret probation) which is the Intent to Retain after which your membership with the Knights will be suspended and you will no longer be a Knight in Rosensteel Council. We do not want to get to that point, but we have some members who have been on the rolls and have not paid dues in many years. Please send your dues; if it's easier to use Venmo or Paypal - those are also options. Please contact kdcarey@loyola.edu to arrange payment.

Thank you for your continued support of our Council.

Kevin Carev, FS

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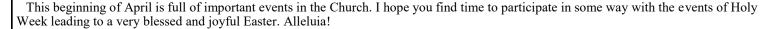
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Dear Maryknights,



Losing one of our dear Maryknights is always sad. We are very saddened that we lost Lois Devlin in March. Many thanks to those who attended her ZOOM Rosary on March 18 and the Mass that was said for her on March 28 at St. John the Evangelist Church. Her funeral had not been announced by the time this article had to be submitted, but updates will follow when available. Please keep Lois and her family in your prayers.

KUDOS A BIG thank you to Polly Seleski, Carol Walper and Margie Cuff for the phenomenal response to the Women to Women collection in February! Last month, we did not have a total for that collection, but wow! Polly and company collected over 4,000 personal hygiene and clothing items for women's shelters! Well done! For the March collection, Kathy Arvedlund and Sue Wiant are coordinating donations for The Gabriel Project. We will announce the results of that collection in May.

Don't forget the next Executive Board ZOOM call will be Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. The Maryknights general meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Please watch for the ZOOM details from Margie Cuff and Luanne Flanigan.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION In Edward Hays' A Lenten Hobo Honeymoon, he closes his daily reflections for Lent on Easter Monday, noting how the Risen Jesus echoed the angels' command to His disciples to go to Galilee where they would see Him. Jesus said, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news" (Mark 16:7). Hays says, "Go! Is the Easter commission for disciples of Christ in every age and time."

Go – and feed the hungry; clothe the poor;

Go – and house the homeless and today's hoboes of the world;

Go – and care for all in need, and you will be blessed with more than good fortune. For when you care for Christ, you will be blessed with the fortune of heaven itself:

Go – daily striving to see the Risen Christ in all: in friends and enemies, saints and sinners, in the kind and unkind; show your love for the invisible Christ in them.

Go – most of all in joy. Travel the road of life as a joyful hobo, daily doing all things with delight. Live in the joy of this Easter season, which is a joy that no sickness, loss or defeat can steal from you.

Go – and live in joy since that is the parting wish of Christ Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that joy might be the abiding gift to his disciples: "...that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete" (John 15:11) and again, "... I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you" (John 16:22).

Happy Easter,

Peggy Seleski

Rosensteel News and Notes

- ◆ The Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for all Council offices, for election at our June 1 Membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted through June 1. Candidates are needed for all positions. We also are accepting nominations for two vacancies on the Clubhouse Association and two vacancies on the Building Association. If interested, or you have a name to submit, please contact either Deputy Grand Knight Frank Zarrelli (flzarrelli@gmail.com), Trustee Jim Mannion (kocjim2169@gmail.com), Insurance Agent Brian Graham (Brian.Graham@kofc.org), or Grand Knight Paul Girolami (girolami@verizon.net). Please consider running for one of these key positions and say "yes."
- ◆ Car Raffle and Tootsie Roll programs wrapping up April 11. We're in the final push toward collecting tickets for the car raffle, which will be drawn at the virtual Maryland State Council virtual convention in early May. Please turn in your tickets by Sunday, April 11.
- **Tootsie Roll** donations, which benefit persons with intellectual and other disabilities, also are due April 11. We appreciate your generosity in helping those in need.





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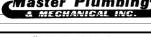
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11.	12. 7 p.m Maryknights Monthly Meeting	13. Taco Tuesday	14.	15.	16. Team #1 - Calcutt/ Sullivan, steamed shrimp 5:30 - Council Rosary	17. Gabriel Project Charity Drive
18. 8 a.m Council Communion Mass, St. John the Evange- list Church	19.	20. 6 p.m Officers Meet- ing, all are welcome	21. Wing Wednesday	22. Earth Day	23. Team #2 - "Meatfest" 5:30 - Council Rosary	24.
25.	26.	27. 6 p.m Clubhouse and Building association meetings	28. Nuns Appreciation Night	29. Nuns Appreciation Night	30. Team #3, TBD 5:30 - Council Rosary	May 1.