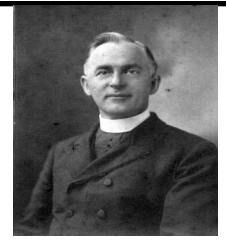




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District Deputy's Report

What Else Can You Do to End Abortion?



Often times the challenge of reversing a corruptive practice or policy seems too daunting for one man. Certainly, this is often the case with a reversal of the killing of the innocent in abortuaries. So we brave the cold once a year and march "for life" and then put the gloves and hats away for another year.

Thankfully, there have blossomed a myriad of other efforts that have proven effective is slowing down and often times stopping this murderous practice. These efforts are grounded in the parable of the mustard seed – "... indeed it is smaller than all seeds but, when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree."

For that reason one such program to counteract the evil of Planned Parenthood is aptly named THE MUSTARD SEED PROJECT. You can participate! The project provides you with statistics and talking points to use in protest letters to businesses that support PLANNED PARENTHOOD. The project has been successful in reversing corporate funding by Coca Cola and Xerox to name just two money sponsors.

This is a worthy project for the Knights in each Council. Designate a coordinator who solicits e-mails from parishioners in your parish and then "feeds" them with the "ammo" every month to write the name and address of businesses that will be provided to you along with with facts and also a form letter if you choose not to use your own words.

Your District Deputy and District Warden can help you get started with this practical and doable project to be truly "Advocates of the Lord."

- Charles Hayes

Council Picnic

Sunday, August 21, from noon to 5 p.m. Grab a lawn chair, bring your appetite and join us here at the Council for family fun all afternoon!



Grand Knight's Station

Terrence Moore

I hope all of you have been able to enjoy a bit of vacation time at your favorite destination with family and friends. I am happily creating this report from an air-conditioned home at Bethany Beach. Having already played golf several times and hung out on the beach, I find myself at ease, relaxed and renewed.

This might not be the best time to discuss this subject, but I believe we must: the status of our Clubhouse. The Association board members are struggling and working hard to "Make the Clubhouse Great Again." We finally understand that our success relies on reinventing ourselves and not relying on the "same old way of doing things." Twenty years ago we could use word of mouth and just wait for the phone to ring - that is no longer so. We can all pick-up a paint brush or contribute to the CIF or assist with a Council clean-up. We all can recruit new members and contribute to the success of the Council through Business and Social Meetings. We all attend and support Council functions, as seen by the turnout at our Installation. We all support the Clubhouse by cooking, serving, cleaning and attending Clubhouse functions and until recent years that has been enough.

The Clubhouse Association is comprised of dedicated men that have great experience in multiple fields, real estate, public service, non-profit, military etc. I have been on this board for over five years and this is my second term, so I understand the frustration of this position.

We need to have a culture change; we need to give consideration to expanding our methods of attracting business:

- Social Media "greatest and most economical tool available"
- Targeted advertising
- Community outreach
- Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce involvement
- Advertising in parish bulletins, *Catholic Standard*, *Our Parish Times*, etc.
- Revising our targeted customer base
- Consider outsourcing, catering, markets, sales, event planners etc.
- Diversifying the types of events we hold
- Live music from local bands that can provide their own draw.
- More quinceañeras
- Local businesses for lunches and business meetings.
- Public speakers looking for a venue.

By now many of you are asking, "what has the Clubhouse Association been doing?" A lot, especially considering they all have day jobs. Operational duties alone consume a ton of their time. They have tried changing drink prices, liquor control, raising prices and revising Web sites. Yes, we can do better, but these changes alone are not going to ensure the future financial well being of the Clubhouse.

Are we doomed? Of course not, we have a great and improving Hall, with

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Chancellor's Chatter

Why Catholicism is to Religion what Baseball is to Sports

John Allen Jr. of the *National Catholic Reporter*, says there are nine reasons.; a number, obviously, chosen to represent the innings in a typical baseball game. Here are the nine reasons:

1. Both baseball and Catholicism venerate the past with popular shrines and holy cards.
2. Both feature obscure rules that make sense only to initiates.
3. Both have a keen sense of ritual in which pace is critically important.
4. Both baseball and Catholicism generate oceans of statistics, arcana and lore. For entry-level examples, try: Who has the highest lifetime batting average with a minimum of 1,000 at-bats? Which Popes had the longest and the shortest reigns?
5. In both baseball and Catholicism, you can dip in and out, but for serious devotees, the liturgy is a daily affair as it should be for all.
6. Both are global games especially big in Latin America. A recent Detroit Tigers lineup featured Venezuelans, Cubans, and Americans of diverse ethnic backgrounds. Take a look at the presbyterates in many American dioceses and the mix isn't that different.
7. Both baseball and Catholicism have been badly tainted by scandal, with the legacies of erstwhile superstars utterly ruined.
8. Both have a complex farm system and fans love to speculate about who the next Pope or ROY (Rookie of the Year) will be.
9. Both reward patience. If you're the kind of person who needs immediate results, neither baseball nor Catholicism is really your game.

Enjoy the rest of the baseball season, the playoffs, the World Series and a lifetime of being Catholic.

- Jim Mannion



Remember in your prayers:

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Sick:

Dave Cauley
Mrs. Stover
Diane Rowland, friend of PGK Russell Sutton

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

Family of the Month

He is one of the most active, supportive and productive Knights of Father Rosensteel and he clearly does not perform alone and I did mean to write "perform." Check out the moves of his lovely wife Jen below. He would not be what he is to our Council without his wonderful family which includes Father Roger, Mother Marie (clearly where he gets his height from), wife Jen, children Ashleigh, Conner, Joshua and Grace, sister Dora and brother Reuben. Please join me in thanking the whole Cotting Family!



Money Motions Still on the Floor

Grand Knight Terrence P. Moore made a motion to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Council's general fund to the Installation Budget. This motion was seconded by Bill Zimmerman.

PGK Robert Seubert made a motion to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Council's general fund to the Building Company's CIF account. This motion was seconded by Gus Gusman.

Community Activities

Our next two parties will be at Springbrook Center, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday, September 15, at 3 p.m. and at Althea Woodward Nursing and Rehab Center, 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday, October 20, at 3 p.m.

If you're able to help at the parties, please call Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304.

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dedicated volunteers and extremely low overhead which is owned free and clear. There aren't many halls out there that can say this. Therefore, we ask for your help, suggestions, expertise and support as WE turn this around and "Make the Clubhouse Great Again."

While that is a good ending to a long sermon, I must speak to one other topic, the Installation of Officers 2016. We had over 220 attendees and over 45 volunteers, we held a great Mass, performed an inspirational ceremony, ate like royalty, and danced the night away. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped and supported this event.

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Squires and Roses

Thank you to the Squires and Roses for all their help at the Grand Knight's Installation Dinner; your help is always appreciated. Thank you to Dan and Beth Ward for helping with the Squires that night.

More information on the Nationals game for the Squires and Roses to come.

Clubhouse

Brothers All,

The time has come when I am to report to the membership the financial situation of the Clubhouse Association. Throughout the past Council year the focus has been to “make it through the year.” There have been quite a few lean months, but the Clubhouse had been able to stay in the black for most of those months, although often it was with less than \$100.00 in the bank.

Due to the decrease in overall catering activities for the year, the net overall income for the year is -\$18,826. The new Clubhouse Board is dedicated to improving the fiscal situation and is making positive attempts to improve the ability for the Clubhouse to become a profitable business. The Building Committee and Clubhouse Association are working together to get improvements made to the inside and outside of the building to make it more attractive for customers. However; these improvements take time to be completed properly.

The best way to improve the current fiscal situation is the same every year. We need the support of the members to help increase the bookings for Clubhouse. We need you to hold your events here and tell friends and colleagues that the space is available. Not only for parties, weddings and quinceañeras, but also for business meetings and other presentations. I have been told that once a person sees the Columbian Ballroom, our amenities and the free parking, “the place sells itself.” What we need is to get prospective clients through the door. The Web site created in the past year is a step in the right direction; using social media to increase people finding out about Rosensteel Hall: <http://www.rosensteelhall.com>.

The Clubhouse is trying different ideas to increase the catering:
*By taking an active role in the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Congress (GSSCC) to help inform area businesses, caterers and others that the facility is available
*Increasing the look and content of the Web site: <http://www.rosensteelhall.com>
*Distributing to event planners and others a tri-fold pamphlet that describes our rental rooms and amenities
*Reviewing the current contracts and cost of events
*Auditing the price structure throughout the Columbian Ballroom and other rooms

The Clubhouse Association is open for ideas that are constructive in nature and will help to increase the profitability of the Clubhouse so that the charity work of the Council can continue. “The way it was done” or “That’s how we did it in the past” does not work anymore.

It appears that the Clubhouse Association may have to request funds from the Council to meet upcoming financial responsibilities (payroll, maintenance, etc).

Know that the current Board is dedicated to take every step to improve the situation with the assistance and input of the members.

Bill Zimmerman

President, Clubhouse Association

Deputy Grand Knight’s Corner

Our Council’s 96th year has begun! There are so many good things in store for us, some already planned and scheduled, others are in the concept stage and even more that will certainly reveal themselves over time. I’m excited about the possibilities, nervous about the realities and ***ever confident in our abilities!*** There are few Councils across the country as established as Rosensteel and it’s important to remember that it’s you - our individual members - that together provide the strength to continue our growth.

Given the dire political landscape we face as a nation, it’s important that we focus on our roots as Catholic men, raising Catholic families, and looking out for the poor, the sick, the widow and the orphan. This month, I would like to highlight two components that we can work on to strengthen throughout the year. The first is our good works. Today more than ever we need to exemplify the teachings of James 2:17-18: *“So too, faith by itself, if it is not complemented by action, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.”* Please consider scheduling yourself and your family as volunteer opportunities are announced. Our volunteer work is our faith personified.

The second component is making a consistent, diligent effort in reinforcing to our children and everyone we interact with how to daily live our faith. Proverbs 22:6 says *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”* I am by no means a perfect example of a Catholic father, but in recognizing this, I pray on a daily basis seeking to increase my awareness of God’s will for me as a father, that I may demonstrate for my family my abiding love for God.

I believe that there’s a profound value in leading my family in prayer, in providing firm guidance and reliance on the teachings of the Bible. I would encourage each of us to engage our family and friends in prayer. It’s the strength in our numbers and strength in praying together that will take us to new heights. Matthew 18:20 *“For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them.”*

- Bruce Cotting

Knight of the Month:

He has been a member for 16 years, held office in each of the chairs, been on the Clubhouse Committee and the Building Committee, and most recently held the position of district deputy. Instead of stepping down and kicking back, he will be our Council Advocate. He has never shied away from stating his opinions and stating what is on his mind, most always in the most constructive manner.

Please join me by thanking PGK PDD Tom Kelly for his never ending support and service to our Council and the order.

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Save the Dates

Date Event Chair

August TBA Appreciation Night GK TPM
August 21 Council Picnic Warden Gusman
September 17 PGK Testimonial dinner GK TPM
September 17 Crab feast (Emerald Room) Seubert
October 1 Oktoberfest (Emerald) Coll, Cavaliere
October 9 Columbus Ball
October 30 Kids Halloween party
November 12 Maryknight Charity Ball Koon
November 13 Memorial Mass Church Directors
November 19 Needy Food baskets Sullivan
November 23 Smoker Marks/Conway
December 17 Needy food baskets Sullivan
December 18 Kids Christmas party

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January TBA Culture of Life kickoff rally PGK Koon
April 9 Kids Easter party
April 15 Needy food baskets Sullivan
April TBA Confirmation Mass Church Directors
April 27 Nuns appreciation night Horner/
Conway
May 5 - 7 State Convention - Ocean City, MD,
Cotting/Moore/Marks
June 25 Appreciation Night GK TPM

Building Report

The Building Association had a successful 2015-2016 year with many projects completed. We are well on our way to transform the facility into a modern venue. This year, we upgraded the interior to LED lighting to save energy and upgraded the fixtures in the Columbian and Maryknights rooms. The dance floor has a new finish. Repairs consisted of new gutters in the rear building, new Emerald room doors, new bi-fold doors for the Maryknights Room and repairs to the parking lot.

Looking forward to 2016-2017, the Columbian, Maryknights, foyer, hallway and stairwell areas are to be renovated with new walls, paint and flooring. Building directors have been meeting with professional decorators, event planners and construction designers to develop the "new look." Once the experts have finalized their bids and recommendations, a presentation will be available for members to review.

A huge thanks to the volunteers that have kept the building operational over the years. They cut the lawn, landscape, fix plumbing, maintain HVAC systems and repair appliances. Their creative and expert knowledge has kept us operating for years. Many hands make light work and that has been the theme each year, from shoveling snow to removing old fixtures, cleaning sheds and fixing grills. Looking forward to 2016-2017 and the new faces we may see helping out to keep our place ... our place.

- Frank Zarrelli

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Please note changes to the above list of names. We had election of officers for 2016-2017 at the June luncheon. Also at our last meeting, we donated \$1,000 to Fr. Rosensteel Council. Our Worthy Grand Knight Terrence Moore wishes to express his appreciation to all members for their generosity.

It has been approximately two years since the Council started promoting Rosary prayers on Friday nights just prior to dinner being served. This has been popular among members. Many people prefer to pray in private, but others enjoy saying prayers among a group of people. Pope Pius V in the 16th Century grouped the mysteries in three sets: The Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II suggested an optional set called The Luminous Mysteries.

The Rosary has been a part of Catholic veneration of Mary since the Twelfth Century. Pope Leo XIII was known as The Rosary Pope since he wrote 12 Encyclicals and five Apostolic Letters on the Rosary. He felt that the true importance of the Rosary was its road to God from the faithful, to Mother Mary, and from her to Christ and through Christ to the Father.

Have you ever said the Rosary aloud with people of another language? I noticed that on two occasions while praying with both Mexican Spanish-speaking people and Italians at Vatican City that my prayers in English were perfectly good with the native language. No one near me was distracted.

Who are the Arimatheans? They are a group of lay people who assist priests and families at funeral Masses. They are a tribute to Joseph of Arimathea who assisted with the burial of Our Lord (Mark 15:42-46). This work is especially suited for retirees who have the concern and sympathy. If you are interested in this opportunity you should consult with your pastor.

Did you enjoy your lunch last month? Remember the appetizers: shrimp cocktail, a selection of cheeses, a fruit bowl and shrimp salad followed by the lunch of crab cakes, steaks, broccoli, baked potato with a dessert of ice cream. Why not join us again for lunch on August 23?

- Tom Leonard

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I hope by the time you are reading this article the summer sizzle has abated a bit. Yikes! Too hot! As you have been enjoying your vacations, family get-togethers, tournaments and the like, have you been doing your homework? **“HOMEWORK?”** you say!!!!!! **“Why I finished my last summer reading list when was President!”** (*Fill in appropriate prez for your generation.*)

But yes, I do mean homework. Margie and Julie Cuff gave each of us a manila envelope of ‘to do’s’ at our meeting in June. Have you sold those raffle tickets? Dropped off any solicitation letters for the Charity Ball Program ads or sponsorships to your local businesses? Have you deposited any items for the auction at Margie’s house in her special cooler?

“Now, where did I put that envelope?” you are probably asking yourself. Can’t find it? Didn’t receive one? Just give Margie a call at 301-949-1715. I know she’ll be happy to hook you up. Now is the time to dig it out and get busy. Our summer “vacation” is almost over!

Next month, in this space, you will be hearing from our new regime, undoubtedly with some details on what’s coming up in the Fall. One thing I can share with you now is that our Memorial Mass for our deceased Maryknights will be held on **Monday, September 12**. Mass will be followed by our opening meeting for the sororal year, so please mark your calendars now. To those of you who have been promising for months that you will be joining us as our newest member (*...and you know who are!!!!*), now is the time to plan on attending a meeting. They are the second Monday of each month (7 p.m.) except July and August.

I speak from experience when I say that the Maryknights are a fun, kind, warm and devoted group. Our giving is immense but sadly our ranks have been dwindling due to the loss of some of our dearest members. Please consider bringing your talents to our group. You’ll be stunned to see all that we accomplish and it will warm your heart!

Have a great August and stay safe!

- Luanne Flanigan

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. D'Antuono Zappala	2. Business Meeting	3. No Pizza Bingo Dollymore, Bromley, Mullaney	4. Mannion	5. Team 7—Moore 1/2 BBQ Chicken, fries, slaw E III, Pistol Pete, Hardman	6.
7. Appreciation Night Mary's Widows Ponce	8. D'Antuono MacNamara	9. Cassagnol	10. Bingo McKinney	11. Conway/Carey	12.. Team 1—Sullivan Spiced Shrimp/slaw,/fries Conway/Carey Wigmore	13. Mont. Co Fair 12-20 McNamara
14. Slattery	15. D'Antuono McNamara	16. Dassing	17. No Pizza Bingo Kreitzberg	18. Mannion	19. Team 2—McLeod, Egg rolls and fried rice Lynch & Lyon	20. Langley
21. Nat'l Seniors Day	22. D'Antuono Maddox	23. De Vol, Culkin	24. No Pizza Bingo	25.	26. Team 3—Neff Fried Shrimp/fries/slaw E III	27. Council Picnic Mannion
28. Ambroggi	29. D'Antuono McNamara	30.	31. No Pizza Bingo	1.	2. Team 4—Marks	