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Chaplain's Reflection What Makes You Happy?

Dear Brother Knights,

What makes *you* happy? Perhaps you might answer being with my friends because being surrounded by a supportive community greatly contributes to our sense of well-being. Studies have shown that our individual friendships as well as those of a supportive community of friends (like the Knights of Columbus) greatly contributes to our sense of well-being. This shouldn't surprise us, since we are made in the image and likeness of God who Himself is a community of three Persons united in perfect love!

The truth is, God made us to be happy. God himself is happy and he wants us to share his happiness. Unfortunately, we Christians can forget this at times, especially since our faith places a positive value on suffering and calls us to sacrifice and repent of our sins. We can lose sight of the fact that the core message of our religion is not suffering and death, but resurrection and new life!

The Catholic humorist Erma Bombeck once wrote of a little boy she saw at a Mass who kept turning around and smiling at everyone. But suddenly his mother yanked him around and hissed: "Stop that grinning, you're in Church!" It's no wonder that Billy Joel sang that he'd "rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints!" Or as St. Teresa of Avila once prayed, tongue-in-cheek, "From sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!"

But real saints are happy people. Think about it: If Christians were all sad sacks, the Church would have expired long ago. If we put up a sign in front of our church that read, "Come and Be Unhappy with Us" I think we'd wind up with a lot of empty pews pretty fast.

Indeed, there are a lot of things that can help us to be happy such as our family, job, hobby or doing good things for other people. But none of these things, as good as they might be, will completely satisfy our quest for happiness. Especially since we cannot expect other people to satisfy our desire for happiness. Maybe this is why experts tell us that those who are happiest in their marriages are those who have the most realistic expectations of their spouses.

Nothing short of God can satisfy our longing for happiness. God gave us our desire for happiness so that we might seek him and find Him. We see this vision of happiness in the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus said that we

Grand Knight's Station

As you read this, I am hopeful that you are enjoying a wonderful summer despite the record heat spells we are enduring. As a reality check, keep in mind that by the time the next *Knight Life* is in your hands (or email inbox), the Council Picnic will have



taken place (August 20 - we expect you there:), the new school year will be underway (September 5 for MoCo) and fall will be right around the corner.

I selected this year's motto, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me," after a long search that I centered around the first of our four Core Principles: Charity. Philippians 4:13 resonated with me precisely because it reminded me that we are not alone in our desire to emulate Christ through charitable works. With Christ in our hearts, minds and intentions, all things are possible. He is always at our sides, especially when we seek to serve others less fortunate than ourselves.

Much later, I came across a wonderful blog post/article from "<u>The</u> <u>Catholic Gentleman</u>" that cited St. Paul in Corinthians 1:12-13, which accurately reflects the tumultuous world we live in today, as well as the importance of charity in our lives: ¹² "At present, we are looking at a confused reflection in a mirror; then, we shall see face to face; now, I have only glimpses of knowledge; then, I shall recognize God as he has recognized me. ¹³ Meanwhile, faith, hope and charity persist, all three; but the greatest of them all is charity."

As we continue our new Fraternal Year, I will strive to ensure that our Council's core focus is on our charitable works. We have the largest Council in the State of Maryland, which puts us in a powerful position of being able to make deep and meaningful impacts where we live, work, play and worship. I propose that we also make a conscious effort to grow our ranks in order to ensure continued success. Imagine the increased strength of our efforts if we each recruited one new member to the Council this year. The additional opportunities we could respond to or lead would be profound.

Let's make a conscious daily effort to identify and invite Catholic Gentlemen to become a Rosensteel Council Knight of Columbus. And through the course of the coming year, we'll be relying on the gifts of your time, your talents and your treasure through charitable works. Each individual has the power to make a difference.

After all, *we* can do all things through him who strengthens *us*. *Vivat Jesus, Bruce Cotting*

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Report from District Eleven The RX to Avoid "Burn-Out"

Brian McCaw

Remember when you were first recruited? Did the recruiter give you the litany of all the activities that flow from Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism - the four principles of our Order? Perhaps he gave you a current list of all the activities available to you through the council, district and state jurisdiction. Your reaction was surely "WOW," but maybe you silently thought ... "but I already have a job."

This is why our Order now stresses activity <u>quality</u> over <u>quantity</u>. The Knight who tries to "do it all" risks either burnout or family-friction. This is to be expected. Consequently, the formula for harmony and quality of contribution is to select those activities that answer three questions:

1. Is my participation "do-able" within my existing and necessary obligations to family, church and country?

2. Is my participation consistent and dependable - this is far more important than the number of activities I do.

3. Is my participation fun, enjoyable and pleasant?

Perhaps as you "carve out" your Knights of Columbus agenda for the year, you can keep in mind that well known quote from Edward Everett Hale:

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

Also, you may be only ONE, but you are joined by over TWO MILLION likeminded Catholic gentlemen.

> The District 11 Leadership Team Andy Michaels, Charles Hayes, Yen Le Serving our Councils - Serving our Order

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Remember in your prayers:

Deceased:

Bruce McLaughlin, brother-in-law of Bill Finnin Eleanor (Ellie) Horner

Sick: Jeff Mockeridge Joe Brannan Rod O'Neil, brother-in-law of Paul Girolami

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Michael Koon.

Council Picnic

Sunday, August 20

Noon - 5 p.m., rain or shine

Bring a lawn chair and join us at the Council for an afternoon of food and fun.

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are blessed or happy, if we know our need for God; are dependent on God and are obedient to God. Jesus was all the things and He did all the things that he speaks of in the Beatitudes.

In a sense, our happiness depends on the choices *we* make - choices to follow Jesus and to obey the Father's will. As one Jesuit author would remind himself with a message taped to his bathroom mirror, "You are responsible for your own happiness!" But at the same time, Christian happiness is a gift from God. It is God who created us with a desire for happiness, it is only God who can fill that need with the gift of himself, and it is Jesus who shows us the way and calls us to follow.

Talk of Christian happiness does not mean that Christians don't get unhappy. We do. Christians get depressed. Christians get sad. Christians weep, just like Jesus wept. Yet, even in our darkest moments, the root of our happiness remains, as long as our faith remains. Why? Because we know why we exist and we know what we're about. We know that we're loved, we know that we're redeemed and we know that we're forgiven. We know what to live for and we know what to die for. And we know that something wonderful awaits us in heaven.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

(Deacon Jeeves is the deacon at St. John the Evangelist Parish and is an assistant chaplain at Father Rosensteel Council)

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner Number Seven (7) and Heaven

First: When reading the Old and New Testament you find that there is a certain attachment to particular numbers. These numbers are not to be used in a magical sense, but in a ritual or ceremonial sense. They have become part of the way the Catholic Church teaches and are found in its liturgy and literature.

Now: Recently I was talking with a fellow Knight and he said how the number 3 was a number that shows in the teachings of Catholicism. I told him that both of us being "old" New York Yankee fans that the Number 7 worn by Mickey Mantle must have religious significance also. He look at me as if I had hit my head!

So my task was to find how the number seven is used in the teaching of Christianity. I found out that it is the number of the Holy Spirit as well as grace and charity. It meant completion or perfection to the early scripture writers. Apparently, when Job was visited by friends it was for seven days and seven nights. And what did Ben Franklin say about visitors? Jacob used it as a sign of honor when he bowed seven times before his brother. There is sevenfold of the Holy Spirit, the seven deadly sins, and the seven joys and the seven sorrows of the Virgin. Don't forget the seven seals on the Book of Life and the seven Churches of the Apocalypse.

The list continues with the Seven Sacraments, the Seven Godly Virtues, the Seven Capital Sins, the Seven Joys and Sorrow of Mary, and those of St. Joseph. I found the seven last Words of Jesus on the Cross. Lastly, the Seven Offerings of the Precious Blood.

So I found no reference to "The Mick," but was surprised with all the groupings of seven in the scripture. What's in your number?

Jim Mannion

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Council Calendar: Important Dates for Remainder of 2017

AUGUST

- 1 Business Meeting
- 20 Council Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting
- 10 Breakfast
- 11 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 18 Social Meeting and First Degree
- 24 PGK Testimonial Dinner

OCTOBER

- 1 St. Bernadette's Fall Festival
- 1 Breakfast
- 3 Business Meeting
- 7 Crabfeast
- 8 State Columbus Day Ball
- 17 Social Meeting
- 29 Children's Halloween Party
- TBD Rosary for the Unborn
- TBD Oktoberfest
- TBD Catholic Terps Dinner
- **TBD Soccer Challenge**

NOVEMBER

- 5 Breakfast
- 7 Business Meeting
- 11 Maryknights Charity Ball
- 18 Needy Food Baskets
- 21 Social Meeting
- **TBD** Memorial Mass

DECEMBER

- 3 Breakfast
- 5 Business Meeting
- 17 Children's Christmas Party
- 19 Social Meeting and First Degree
- 23 Needy Food Baskets

Nursing Home Activities

Our next two parties will be at Althea Woodland Center, 1000 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday, September 21, at 3 p.m. and at Springbrook Center, 12325 New :Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday, October 19 at 3 p.m.

If you are able to help, please call Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304.

The Best of Rosensteel

Our Knights room is quite a reflection of our membership.

Knight of the Month: At times the Knights' Room can be a raucous reflection of our membership, with animated banter about sports, politics and life in general. It's always interesting to take a step back and watch the scene unfold; the ebb and flow of discourse between those engaged, the volume swinging high and low as points are made and rebutted. And through it all there's always a soul or two amidst the crowd that participates merely by taking in the banter and smiling at the spirited back-and-forth.

Our Knight of the Month is just that kind of guy. He is a man who prefers to contribute to the soul of our Council through his volunteer efforts. You seldom hear his voice raised in banter, but you always see him when the call for volunteers goes out. Veterans' cook-out? Check. Prepping meals for Catholic Charities? Check. Helping out in the kitchen? Check. Bartending? Check. The list of his volunteer contributions is endless and for his quiet yet extremely visible contributions, I raise a toast to Tim Lynagh as an exemplary Knight of the Month.

The Family of the Month is a no-brainer this time around. This family pulled together an amazing volunteer event in record time, assembling 40-some volunteers that worked in full sun over the course of a hot yet happy Saturday. They orchestrated a first-rate team, manning grills, prepping food service stations and then joyfully serving meals to volunteers and the veterans in need at the VA hospital. Congratulations to our Family of the Month, the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, captained by our very own PGK Russell Sutton.

First Annual Rosensteel KoC #2169 Trap Outing

Friday, September 8, at 1 p.m. RSVP and final payment due by Tuesday, September 5, at 5p.m. Event location: PG Skeet and Trap, 10400 Good Luck Rd, Glenn Dale, MD, 20769, 301-577-7178 Fields #: 7, 8, 9 Cost: \$60 per person (all proceeds will be donated to the Council) Payments: Checks should be made to Jeff Campitelli or PayPal [free,

send to 630-853-0703 or campitj@gmail.com. Each person will have four rounds/sessions of Trap (100 Clay pigeons), including four boxes of ammo, dinner, cocktails on-site and additional cocktails at the Council afterward.

Safety Requirements: eye protection (prescription glasses or sunglasses are permitted) and ear protection are mandatory. If you do not have eye (\$4.50/day) and ear (50 cents) protection, you may purchase at the gun shop.

Recommendations: baseball cap, sunscreen and cigars

New shooters, spectators and Democrats are always welcome.

Event chairman: Jeff Campitelli, who can be contacted via cell at 630-853-0703 or e-mail, campitj@gmail.com.

Father Rosensteel Council # 2169 Installation 2017-2018

On Saturday, July 15, Father Rosensteel Council and the Maryknights Held Their Respective Installations for the new Fraternal Year which began July 1. Newly installed Grand Knight Bruce Cotting, Maryknight President Beth Torp and their respective officers were blessed by Father Joseph Calis during the Installation Mass held at St. John the Evangelist Historic Church. A reception followed in the Columbian Room of the Council. And the motto chosen by Grand Knight Bruce for this Fraternal Year is "I Can Do All Things Through Him Who Strengthens Me."

In descending order below, the Council's Officers share a light moment, Financial Secretary Mike Koon and wife Katie display their Fred and Ginger dance steps, Father Calis celebrates the Installation Mass, Maryknights Officers, from left to right, Carol Walper, Beth Torp, Theresa Fitzgerald ("T. Fitz was indeed In The House") and Maeve O'Neill, and Mike Miller and just part of his kitchen entourage who produced a superlative meal for all to enjoy.











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Did you know that President John Kennedy, the 35th president, was a member of the Knights of Columbus? He joined in 1946 after he returned home from the war and remained an active member until his death in 1963. In 2013, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson authorized the restoration of his deteriorating gravestone in Arlington Cemetery. Both the President and his wife, Jackie, together with two of their children, a stillborn infant daughter and a son, Patrick, are interred there. Senator John and Jackie Kennedy lived at 3307 N Street in Georgetown and were parishoners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 3513 N Street. Holy Trinity Church is one of the relatively unknown historic sites in the city. There is a metal plaque on the front door commemorating its most famous parishoner.

It is a seldom mentioned and little known fact that many famous people have been members of the Knights of Columbus. A very partial list would include Samuel Alito, John Boehner, Babe Ruth, Jeb Bush, Vince Lombardi and Mike Ditka.

Are you ready to go bowling? If you haven't already signed up for the Retirees Bowling League it's time to contact Bob Brown (301-598-2572) and submit your name. It's that time of year to join all your friends again and enjoy some competitive games.

Our August luncheon will be at noon on Tuesday, August 22. As usual, there will be an attractive and appealing array of appetizers on the buffet before the main meal is served. We hope to see everyone again for our social hour and lunch.

Tom Leonard

The Maryknights Charity Ball and Silent Auction to benefit

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County Maryland

Saturday, November 11, 2017 6-11 pm (Silent Auction closes at 8:15 pm)



\$50 per person includes cocktails. hors d'oeuvres. dinner and dancing to A Classic Case



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I am very excited about the upcoming year as your new Maryknight president. I would first like to send out a big THANK YOU to all the outgoing Maryknight officers and chairwomen. What an amazing job you did this past year. I especially want to thank Beth Ward, our outgoing president. Beth did a wonderful job this past year. I have big shoes to fill. Please keep Beth and her husband Dan in your prayers.

Let me begin by introducing myself; my name is Beth Torp and I have been a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish for 22 years and a Maryknight for five years. I'm a Washington native. I have four daughters who have each attended St. John the Evangelist School. Two will be at Academy of the Holy Cross this year, one still at SJE and my oldest will be a freshman at University of Maryland College Park. My father, John Higgins, is member of the Rosensteel Council and my grandfather was a Knight, a member of Council 128 in Melrose, Massachusetts. I have enjoyed my time with this organization and look forward to serving as president this year.

We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us. Planning for our Charity Ball has already begun. We are collecting items for the silent auction, soliciting ads and selling raffle tickets. This month you will be receiving the annual president's letter with several raffle tickets included. Please do not throw them **away!** Bring the sold books to the September meeting and pick up more from Sue Wiant or from me. Every book counts toward our goal of helping the Gabriel Project, a crisis pregnancy assistance program - more details to follow on this.

Our first meeting of the year will begin with our Annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased members. It will be held on Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m., followed by our first meeting where we will hear from our Worthy Grand Knight Bruce Cotting about his plans for the upcoming year and how we can be of assistance to the Council. Spouses and friends are invited to attend, so please bring someone with you to this blessed memorial to the Maryknights that have gone to their eternal rest.

I am looking forward to a great year with the Maryknights. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you at the Memorial Mass and meeting on September 11.



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AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. Business Meeting	2.	3.	4. Team 4: McLeod, chicken tender baskets	5.
		Mannion		Dollymore, Brom- ley, Mullaney	Pistol Pete, Hardman	
6.	7.	8.	9. Bipgo	10.	11. Team 3: Neff, fried shrimp	12.
Ponce	D'Antuono, McNamara		Cassagnol	McKinney	Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore	
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18. Team 4 Marks	19.
	D'Antuono, McNamara		Dassing		Horner Family Rosary Lynch and Lyon	
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25. Team 5, Girolami, sliced steak salad	26.
Council Picnic Moore, Langley	D'Antuono, McNamara	Retirees Luncheon Culkin, DeVol	Bingo	Mannion, Maddox	Eddie McCaw	
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	September 1 Team 6: Langley, All-American	September 2.
Dowd	D'Antuono, McNamara		Cavaliere		BBQ	
September 3.	September 4.					
	Labor Day					