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## *Grand Knight's Message*

I did not receive a submission from the Grand Knight this month.

## *Chaplain's Reflection*

### Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

On the Friday afternoon of that first Biblical week in which God created the world, God created man to be little less than a god (cf Ps 8:6-7). However, the forces of evil brought sin and death into the world. Death was never part of God's intentional will for us, and God was not going to allow death to be our ultimate destiny.

On Good Friday, we commemorated another Friday afternoon, two thousand years ago, when the forces of evil acting through the offices of the Roman State tried one last time to thwart God's plan to conquer sin and death, by crucifying the very one that God sent to redeem us, His only begotten Son.

Jesus' death on the Cross is the ultimate proof that bad things do happen to good people. It was not God's intentional will that His Son should die violently on the Cross. The crucifixion was strictly the work of human hands. God did not intervene to stop the forces of evil, even for his beloved Son who prayed that He would in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Like Jesus on Good Friday, all of us suffer with "Crosses" in our own lives. Some bear major Crosses like physical or mental disabilities, degenerative diseases, death of a child, abusive relationships, permanent injuries due to accidents, or natural disasters. For others, our "Crosses" seem minor in comparison. It all seems so random, and it is.

Bad things happen to good people, just as bad things happen to not so good people. God does not

cause suffering. Although, God uses us as the instruments of his peace to combat evil and alleviate suffering in the world, God does not personally intervene to stop suffering due to evil because the ultimate victory over evil will not come until the end of time.

Many wrongly believe that God somehow controls the suffering in the world and uses it as a weapon to punish us, purify us, or test us.

God does not makes us suffer as reparation for our sins. Jesus himself told us there is no connection between suffering and sinfulness. When his disciples asked him why a man was born blind, Jesus replied, "Neither he nor his parents sinned (Jn 9:2)." The only direct punishment that we suffer for our sins is the consequence of our actions, especially when they cannot be "fixed."

Nor is God a sadistic master of the world who inflicts misfortune on some and not others for reasons known only to Him. God only does good things for his people. God does not inflict suffering to "test" our spiritual strength or make us better people. The truth is that many people crack under the strain of unbearable tragedy. If God is testing us, surely He knows by now that many of us will fail. God would never do anything to us that would cause us to fail.

As Christians, we believe that we will spend eternity in perfect happiness with God. However, God never causes the sudden or tragic death of a loved one, especially a child, in order to liberate them from this vale of tears and take them to a better place. God knows that an angry or grieving parent is not going to feel grateful to Him for taking their child. God wishes all of us to have joyful lives and to live to an old age before He calls us home.

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## ***Council Officers***

### **Chaplains**

Rev. Val Keveny, Honorary Chaplain  
Rev. Donald VanAlstyne, MIC, Hon. Chap.  
Rev. Michael Salah, Chaplain  
Rev. Kenneth Gill, Chaplain  
Rev. Ron Carillo, S.F., Chaplain  
Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves, Assoc. Chaplain

### **Grand Knight**

J. P. Flagg, II

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Danny Orino

### **Chancellor**

Danny Grant

### **Warden**

Frank Carroll

### **Recorder**

Paul Flagg

### **Financial Secretary**

Roger N. Szabo, PGK

### **Treasurer**

Ponce Teran

### **Advocate**

Charlie Coffman

### **Lecturer**

Steve York

### **Guards**

Reggie Flagg (Inside)  
Jarrod Kucera (Inside)  
David Sanchez (Inside)  
Marvin Padilla (Outside)  
Ron Henriquez (Outside)  
Joe Fantom (Outside)

### **Trustees**

William R. Newbrough, PGK (3 years)  
Michael T. Holder, PGK (2 years)  
Daniel M. Potrepka, PGK (2 Years)

### **Program Coordinator**

Cesar Sanchez Luna

### **Culture of Life Activities**

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### **Youth Activities**

Reggie Flagg

### **Shepherd's Table**

William Trimble, PGK

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## ***Please Remember in Your Prayers***

Luke Barr (Bernard Wikramanayake's Grandson)  
❖ Bernadette Barr (Bernard's Daughter) ❖ Connie Berens (Pattie Kane's Mother) ❖ Harry Canter ❖ Rolando Cobarrobias ❖ Christina Cooper ❖ David V. Dube, Jr. ❖ Patrick J. Freimuth, PGK ❖ Chris Glaser, Jr. ❖ Thomas Strobel ❖ Charles Hudson ❖ John Kominski ❖ Alfio & Rosemary Mazzaglia ❖ Gloria Pelletier ❖ Evans Family (adoption) ❖ Rice Family (adoption) ❖ Gavin Pereira ❖ James Stack ❖ Roger Vales ❖ Bob Stovenour ❖ Mary Wells (Bob Kane's Sister) ❖ William Cooper ❖ Peggy Leake-Ross's Son-in-Law ❖ Deacon John DeWolf ❖ Nimal Perera's Daughter Savini ❖ Fr. Val Keveny ❖ Ron Dunn ❖ Jack McCue ❖ Bill Hanna ❖ Maria E. Cooper, daughter of Christina Cooper (widow of George Cooper) ❖ Carl Dabbs, PGK ❖ Orlando Lau ❖ Marlene Trimble ❖ Chris Glaser ❖ family of Ted Sintetos ❖ Mary Mastro ❖ Sharon Kassel ❖ Peter Latora ❖ Dawn Szabo ❖ Alice Clair ❖ Aristotle Prado's Nephew ❖ B.G. Thompson, PGK and his wife Caroline ❖ Fr. Alphonso Carew ❖ Joe Fantom's daughter ❖ Wally Stack, PGK and his wife Bea ❖ the Grandfather of Danny Grant ❖ Carl Fefe ❖ Robert Kammer, PGK ❖ Iria Pereira ❖ John Naughton ❖ the sister of Cesar Sanchez-Luna

### ***In Memoriam:***

Bill Newbrough was recently informed of the passing of PGK Tom Whittington. Tom was a charter member of our Council and served as our first Chancellor. Please offer a prayer for the repose of the soul of our Brother Knight. Please also offer a prayer for Jean Whittington (his wife of 65 years) and the Whittington family.

For anyone who is able to attend, the funeral will take place on arrangements are as follows:

Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church  
2638 E. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

Interment at 11:30 am  
Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery  
4430 Belair Road  
Baltimore, MD 21206

***Birthday Greetings***

The Council extends best wishes for a Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights who are celebrating a birthday in May!

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Earl M Irving – 5       | Phillip J. Stasko - 17     |
| Edgardo P. DeGuia – 6   | Albert J. Battista - 18    |
| Charles D. Anderson – 9 | Louis Chaporis - 19        |
| Samuel P. Tom Jr – 9    | Ferdinand Arellano - 20    |
| Andrew J. Jaime – 10    | Fr. Tim O’Sullivan - 21    |
| Alfio Mazzaglia – 10    | Theodore A. Zotto - 23     |
| Peter M. Falk – 11      | Walter J. Trohan, Jr. - 25 |
| Nimal A. Perera – 16    | Danilo Orino - 26          |
| Ronald J. Finn – 17     | Patrick D. Manders - 30    |

**Chaplain – from Page 1**

God stands ready to help us cope with our tragedies if only we can get beyond the feelings of guilt and anger that can separate us from Him. Jesus’ mission from the Father, was to redeem us and to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house. However, it was not God’s intentional will that Jesus die violently on the Cross in order to do so. That was our intentional will. But, since God’s intentional will to conquer sin and death was not going to be denied, there was Easter.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves  
Associate Chaplain  
Council 5567

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CHURCH

***Ushers Needed at St. Catherine’s***

St. Catherine’s is in need of volunteers to help out as ushers at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Masses at St. Catherine’s are at 5:15 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, and 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00a, 11:30a and 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Contact Roger Szabo, or any one of our Brothers from St. Catherine’s to volunteer to help.

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***118<sup>th</sup> Annual MD State Convention***

The Maryland State Council will be holding its 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Convention on the weekend of May 13-15, 2016 in Ocean City, MD at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort. For additional information or to register, refer to the convention web page: <https://mdkocconvention.org>.

I bring you greetings from our State Deputy Stephen M. Cohen, whose motto this year is “Be Not Afraid, Our Faith Is Our Courage”.

It’s hard to believe that it is May already, time flies by fast, only two months left in this Columbian Year! Thus, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." So, under MEMBERSHIP - STRIVE FOR STAR COUNCIL: We are getting close - keep recruiting - keep holding Admission Degrees. Financial Secretaries, turn in Form 100s within 2 days of degree. Meet with Insurance Agents if you are close to Star Council, keep them in the loop!

Our councils have put on many PROGRAMS within District 18 this Columbian Year. Many of them have been written up and submitted in the Quarterly Reports to State. At the State Convention awards will be presented for the best. Don’t forget to congratulate those that win at the Ocean. In addition, those same quarterly program reports can be used to fill out the SP-7 form – Columbian Report. Ensure that your council submits it’s SP-7 before June 30<sup>th</sup>, it is recommended that your council may want to submit on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> to insure that Supreme receives the report and records it as submitted and complete before the Deadline of 30 June. This is one of the requirements for STAR Council Award and also one of the reports usually forgotten! Don’t lose STAR Council award because you didn’t turn in the SP-7.

Reminder as we head towards the end of our current Columbian Year that it is also the time for ELECTIONS for Office. Your councils should have Council elections starting. Don’t forget to include nominating/appointing Delegates and Alternates to the upcoming State Convention in 2017 for the Credentials are due on or BEFORE July 1<sup>st</sup>, of this year, 2016 to STATE! Usually the newly elected Grand Knight and the immediate Past Grand Knight are the Delegates with 2 alternates to the Delegates. In addition to the Credentials, also a reminder that the Forms 185, and 365 need to be submitted for next year are also due June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

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To the INCOMING GRAND KNIGHTS: Reminder that the Leadership Seminar – is the last weekend in June @ Solomon's. I encourage you to have your wives attend, this is a time when they will meet and get to know the other incoming Grand Knight wives. This is helpful when they attend other council, district and state functions during the Columbian year, they will at least know or recognize another GK wife and/or State Officers and their wives. In addition, it is highly recommended that the incoming Grand Knights meet with their Pastors to deliver the message that Supreme, State, and their council is there to support the Pastors and the Parishes. And finally, as incoming Grand Knights, be ready on July 1 - all planning is done - time to execute. (Don't forget to plan for your Council Installation of Officers. Make sure you have checked the dates with your District Deputy to make sure he is available since he is the one performing the ceremony! Once you lock in the date with the DD, reserve the Church and Hall, Invite the State Deputy, the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps, etc.) If all else fails, and if you remember just one thing, Ask your Council Past Grand Knights for help and advice to assist you. They've been there, done that. Just like a prospective candidate, just ask!

And finally, Registration and Reservations made, I hope to see you all at the Maryland State Council Convention at Ocean City this mid-May! Until then,

Vivat Jesu!

Kevin Kittka, District Deputy  
District Number 18

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### CHURCH

#### *Holy Land Christians Awareness Night*

St. Joseph Manyanet Council, in conjunction with the Sodality at St. Jude's, is sponsoring an evening to reflect on, and pray for an end to, the ongoing genocide of Christians in the Middle East.

The event will take place on Wednesday, May 25, beginning at 7:30pm, at St. Jude's. Events will include a rosary and Mass in the Church, followed by a talk and fellowship in Thaddeus Hall. Contact Bill Newbrough for more information.

### CHURCH, COMMUNITY

#### *Carnival Day at St. Jude's*

On Sunday, June 5, from about 1:30pm to 5:30pm, St. Jude will be holding a Carnival Day. Our Chaplain, Fr. Ken Gill has requested the Council's assistance for this event. He would like us to operate the grilling station, which will be located outside of Thaddeus Hall. We would probably need to assist there with set-up, cooking, and clean-up afterwards.

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### COUNCIL

#### *Annual Baseball Outing*

Council 5567 will once again host its annual baseball outing and "take you out to the ball game!" This year's matchup will be the Toronto Blue Jays vs the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park, Camden Yards in Baltimore. The date is **Friday, June 17**, so go ahead and mark your calendars.

You'll travel in comfort on our charter bus from the upper parking lot of St. Catherine Labouré parish in Wheaton MD. Our bus departs from St. Catherine's parking lot promptly at 5:15 PM! Tickets are \$50 for council members and guests, and \$55 for non-council members. Ticket price includes the reserved seat at Camden Yards, transportation, a boxed lunch, and beverages.

To reserve your tickets, please contact PGK Mike Holder [thedukeholder@verizon.net](mailto:thedukeholder@verizon.net) or 301-460-4935. These tickets will go fast so reserve your ticket today!

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### COMMUNITY

#### *Special Olympics Volunteering Opportunity*

The Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games will take place this year from June 10-12 at Towson State University. As in previous years, Special Olympics Maryland is seeking volunteers to assist with the program as either competition or non-competition volunteers. Athletic ability is not required.

For more information, or to sign up to assist, please check out their website at:

<http://www.somd.org/volunteer/volunteer-portal>

COUNCIL

*Final Admission Degree of the Year*

Council 5567's Admission Degree Team will host one more Admission (First) Degree Exemplification this Fraternal Year, on Thursday, June 9. The Degree Exemplification begins promptly at 8pm, and candidates should report by 7:30pm and meet in the antechamber (lobby area outside of Room 11).

Contact F.S. Roger Szabo to inform him of any candidates so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

In addition to our Council's Admission Degree on June 9, there are two more Admission Degree Exemplifications at other Councils within District 18:

- May 12 Rock Creek, Bethesda 8pm
- May 26 Mater Dei, Rockville 7:30pm

Candidates should report to the council's antechamber 30 minutes prior to the start time of the exemplification.

The complete calendar of Degree Exemplifications in the State of Maryland can be found on the Maryland State Council website at: <http://www.kofc-md.org>. Look for "Degree Cal" in the far left side and click either the Excel or PDF link, depending on which format you prefer.

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COMMUNITY

*Shepherd's Table*

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, May 18**, beginning at 5:00 PM. The time spent will be most rewarding. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call William Trimble, PGK, 240-603-2574, for more information.

To get to Shepherd's Table, drive south on Georgia Avenue toward DC until you see Silver Spring Avenue on the left. Turn right and proceed into Progress Place. The actual address is:

8210 Colonial Lane #A  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

COUNCIL

*Election of Officers for 2016-17 Fraternal Year*

Nominations are now open for the elected officer positions in our Council. Term of office is one year, beginning on July 1, 2016, and running through June 30, 2017. Any Brother is eligible. If you wish to be considered, or wish to nominate another Brother, please contact GK J.P. Flagg to let him know. When nominating another Brother, please be sure to obtain his consent prior to nominating him.

The elected positions are as follows:

- Grand Knight
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Warden
- Treasurer
- Advocate
- Trustees (there are 3)
- Guards (2 inside and 2 outside)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Social Meeting 8pm	13 MD State Convention	14
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