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Grand Knight's Message

In lieu of a GK message, J.P. Flagg has provided other articles of interest to the Membership.

Chaplain's Reflection

Peace of Jesus

Peace is the quintessential gift that every person seeks in their lives. Peace is absolutely essential for a joyful existence. Yet, even though Jesus left us His peace, two thousand years later it seems that peace is nowhere to be found. In almost every corner of our society, peace is disturbed. So many nations are still fighting each other, or preparing to fight each other. There is violence and social unrest almost everywhere.

But the peace Jesus gives us is not peace as the world would give it to us. The world's idea of peace is an absence of conflict enforced by imposition of the will of the more powerful against the less powerful. However, the power of Jesus lies in servant leadership, a leadership not based on lording power over each other. So, the peace that Jesus promises us is a peace that comes from within us.

The way to access the peace of Jesus, the way to receive his gift of peace, is to practice forgiveness! To give others the same benefit of the doubt that we hope God will give us. So what would our lives look like if we practiced dropping all resentments, letting go of all our grudges, releasing every negative feeling as soon as we feel it, replacing every negative thought with a positive thought? We would then attain inner peace. What would inner peace look like?

1. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences. Fear drives so many decisions that we make, and 90 percent of what we worry about never happens.

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- 2. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment. No matter how many terrible things are going on all around you, look for joy wherever you can. After all, you are walking the road to eternal life.
- 3. A loss of interest in judging other people. None of us really knows what goes on inside the head of someone else. In the absence of hard evidence to the contrary, why not assume the best?
- 4. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others. We often do inexplicable things ourselves, so why would we expect others not to do the same.
- 5. A loss of interest in conflict. So many conflicts are unnecessary. So much time and treasure can be spent gaining the upper hand in conflicts, and is it really worth it? Jesus did not ask us to be right.
- 6. A loss of the ability to worry. Jesus asked us, "Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? (Lk 12:25)"
- 7. Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation. If you had never been conceived, you would not be on life's journey to eternal life.
- 8. Contented feelings of connectedness with others. God is a Communion of three persons. A married couple is a communion of two persons. We are one human family who will live with each other in eternity.
- 9. Frequent attacks of smiling. If you smile at someone, they might smile back. Even if they don't, they will wonder what you are up to.
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- 11. An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

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COUNCIL

Birthday Greetings

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

Enrique E. Sanchez – 6	Richard Barish - 17
Clinton E. Goody – 8	Rev. Jose Lobaton – 20
Roger N. Szabo – 15	James M. Stack - 26
Randall J Woodard – 15	Gino Forchielli - 29
Rev. Lamberto Pasion – 16	Rev. Michael Salah - 30

CULTURE OF LIFE

Pro-Life News

Every month, the Maryland State Council publishes a newsletter called *Pro-Life News*. You'll find it in the Pro-life section of the Maryland State Council website. Type this address in your web browser: http://www.kofc-md.org/service1415/prolife.asp. Once there, you will see a link for the newsletter in the middle of the main page.

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Psalm 49 (8-11) remind us: "For no man ... (can) avoid coming to the grave. He knows that wise men and fools must both perish and must leave their wealth to others."

12. An increased openness to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it. This is how we will live in heaven when we experience total happiness. The saints must be onto something.

Isn't that an amazing and wonderful list? Wouldn't we all like to live like that? All we have to do is to practice breathing in the peace of Christ each moment, and letting go of the things that separate us from others and even divide us within ourselves.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves Associate Chaplain, Council 5567

Supreme Knight Addresses House Subcommittee

On May 26, 2016, Carl A. Anderson, our Order's Supreme Knight, testified before the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives.

He discussed the next steps needed to protect the survivors of genocide in Iraq and Syria, as part of our Order's work to assist the victims of that genocide. Due to space constraints, rather than include the entire text of Supreme Knight Anderson's speech, a link to it on the K of C webpage is provided. Please take a moment to read it, and see what our Order is doing to assist those in need. The text of the Supreme Knight's speech may be found at http://kofc.org/en/news/releases/isis-genocide-declaration.html

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday**, **July 20**, 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

From the District Deputy

Worthy Brothers All,

My name is Joe Stewart and I am proud to have been appointed as your District Deputy in District 18. I am a member of Saint Elizabeth Council, #12796 and am a Past Grand Knight there. For the past two years I have been the District Warden assisting Kevin whenever I could. I also serve as the Faithful Navigator for the Sullivan Brothers Assembly #2861. My District Warden Bill Newbrough and Lady Melanie, Lady Mary, and I are excited as we get ready for this Columbian year.

There are a lot of things going on in our District, so I will only highlight a few.

Council Installations for our District have been scheduled as follows:

July 16, 5pm Mass - Mater Dei Council, #9774 at St. Raphael Parish

July 17, 12:15 Mass - St. Elizabeth Council, #12796 at St. Elizabeth Parish

July 23, 11 Mass - St. Manyanet Council, #5567 at St. Jude Parish

July 24, 11 Mass - Rock Creek Council, #2797 at Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

July 30, 5:30 Mass - Msgr. Wells Council, #13008 at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

Aug 28, 12:15 Mass - Sullivan Brothers Ass'y, #2861 Installation at St. Elizabeth Parish

I encourage you to attend any of these installations if you are interested.

For anyone involved in our programs, on July 25, Maryland State Council will host their Program Seminar at Sacred Heart Council #2577 located at 6111 Columbian Way in Bowie, and if you can't make that one there will be another on August 8 at Good Counsel High School in Olney.

Sullivan Brothers Assembly Events:

On July 21 at around 8:30 pm, we will have a presentation on the National Christopher Columbus Association by Past State Deputy Peter Davio and their efforts to honor the memory of Columbus and his historic achievements.

On September 15, at 7 pm will have our quarterly potluck supper and will be presenting Joe Murtha's "Our Lady of Guadalupe" presentation. This is an awesome presentation that I encourage all to attend.

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Istallation of Officers

St. Joseph Manyanet Council will have its Installation of Officers Fraternal Year 2016-17 on Saturday, July 23, 2016. The program will begin with a Mass, at 11am followed by the installation, and then a potluck luncheon in Madigan Hall (the Blue Room). All Brothers and their families are encouraged to come and show support for the incoming Council Officers.

A rehearsal for the installation will take place on Friday, July 22 at St. Jude's at 7:30pm. The installation ceremonial has been changed this year, so it is crucial that the incoming officers attend the rehearsal.

AWD District Night @ the Ballpark

The Archdiocese of Washington District is hosting a night at the ballpark on Saturday, 16 July 2016. Watch the Washington Nationals play the Pittsburg Pirates at 7:05 PM. The AWD Color Guard will present the colors prior to the first pitch.

Tickets are \$40 and the seating is located in the 100 level Left Field section. Proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund supporting the Archdiocese of Military Services.

To reserve tickets, please contact SK Jeff Koscho (jkoscho@hotmail.com or 301-659-9101). We ask that ticket reservations are made by 31 May and payment by the 11 June 2016 AWD District meeting. Please make checks out to the Archdiocese of Washington District. Payment can be mailed to SK Koscho at 5800 Chris Mar Ave., Clinton, MD 20735.

This event is open to all Sir Knights, Family, and Friends. Pre-game tailgating is encouraged.

COMMUNITY, CHURCH

Update on Prayer Vigil for Persecuted Christians and Solidarity Cross Program

Brother Knights and friends of Council 5567, please accept my heart felt gratitude for all your efforts in supporting the recent prayer vigil in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East held at the Shrine of St. Jude parish on May 25. I would like you to know, that through your efforts, **we collected**

donations to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund totaling \$3465. Our Council will continue to promote similar events in the upcoming fraternal year. In May 2015, Council 5567 sponsored a resolution at the Maryland State Convention challenging councils across the state to respond to this historic persecution. We believe that the most effective response begins with prayer imploring the intercession of our Blessed Mother on behalf of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. During the Prayer Vigil, we were blessed to have our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Ken Gill as celebrant for Holy Mass and to have the Sullivan Brother's Assembly Color Corp. which added to the solemnity of the occasion. In addition to prayer, we know that financial assistance is critical to the success of our mission to support and assist these suffering Christian communities threatened with extinction. Your efforts have made a real difference in the lives of many.

If possible, I would encourage you to visit the Knights Refugee Relief website at www.christiansatrisk.org, to receive a full and detailed update on the efforts underway to provide food, housing and medical care for those in need. One way to continue to support this worthy cause, is through the purchase of Solidarity Crosses (\$10 each). Our Council will continue to support the Knight's Solidarity Cross program in the weeks to come. If you are aware of any opportunity to support the sale of Solidarity Crosses, please do not hesitate to contact me. Each cross was crafted by Christian families in the Holy Land. Crosses make wonderful gifts and you are supporting a worthy cause. Contact PGK Bill Newbrough for more info. 301-452-6124 and william.newbrough@cwt.com

Seminarian Lecture Series

In place of our July social meeting, please join St. Catherine's summer seminarian, Jonathan Barahona, who will be hosting a three-part lecture series on Christian Unity starting July 6th at 7pm in the St. Catherine Labouré school building. Please consider joining Jonathan for a spiritual look at the unitive love between the Persons of the Trinity— a love reflected in his Church and in the family. The goal of this lecture series is to promote unity in our world as well as to find practical measures for unity within our parish community. To learn more please email Jonathan at jbarahona@adwparish.org.

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Everyone can attend these two events; you do not even need to be a Knight.

We will also continue our District's tradition and hold our Third Annual District Christmas Party at Rock Creek Mansion on December 16th, please mark your calendars.

There is lots more going on, but that's all I have for now. I look forward to working with you all over the next two years! Let me know if there is any way I can assist you.

Vivat Jesus! Joe Stewart District Deputy #18

Greetings from Fr. Don Van Alstyne

Bob Kammer has received communications from Fr Don in the last few weeks. His new address is: St. Nichlas Parish. 24 Maryland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15209. Bishop Zubik of Pittsburgh suggested that Fr Don reside in a Parish because the Bishop wants Fr. Don to have more visibility in the Diocese. His VA assignment is now at the Hospital Fox Chapel/Aspenwal outside of Pittsburgh.

Recently Bishop Zubik wrote a letter giving his blessing for Fr. Don to be the Faithful Friar of the Rosensteel Assembly of the 4th Degree in Pittsburgh.

In early June, the founder of Fr Don's order, Stanislaus Popczyski, was canonized in Rome. The founder had a ministry to dying soldiers on the battlefield and in Hospitals. Consequently, his order, the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC), is in solid support of Fr. Don's ministry. His order was the first to identify with the Immaculate Conception, and hosts the National Shrine of Divine Mercy at their mother house in Stockton, Mass.



Prayer Vigil for Persecuted Christians - May 25, 2016

CHURCH

Domestic Church Day

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine invites you and your family to join us for Domestic Church Day on Saturday, July 9th, from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The theme for this day will be the Corporal Works of Mercy.

This half-day retreat includes talks for different age groups, including a talk for couples, "How the Corporal Works of Mercy Strengthen Marriage" by Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Director of Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the USCCB. Following the talks, there will be opportunities for confession and praise and worship Eucharistic adoration. The day will conclude with a picnic (please bring your own food) on our beautiful lawn. There will also be an opportunity for everyone to participate in a corporal work of mercy by making care packages and writing cards for active-duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The cost per family is \$15, engaged couple \$10, and young adults \$5, which covers all costs for the day, including items for the corporal work of mercy and drinks for the picnic. To register, or for more information, please visit the Church of the Day website: www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the day, please email: events@jp2shrine.org.

St. Judes Carnival Day Celebration

On Sunday, June 5, the Shrine of St. Jude parish held a Carnival Day celebration as part of its 60th Anniversary Celebration. Knights provided assistance manning the grills outside Thaddeus Hall. The Council cooked up over 200 hamburgers and a ton of sausages. A good time was had by all!



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			Table 5pm	Columbus Pres	Rehearsal	Officers
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Program			Business		
31	Seminar			Meeting 8pm		



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