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## ***Grand Knight's Message***

The Grand Knight did not provide a message for this month's newsletter.

## ***Chaplain's Reflection***

### **A New Day for the World**

In the evening after the crucifixion of Jesus, Gaius Flavius, a Roman Centurion, followed the familiar route to the small village outside Jerusalem to see his favorite call girl. He knocked on the door of Mary Magdalene, who sitting in her room, alone near a lamp. As he approached her, he could see that she obviously had been crying. When he asked her why, she replied, "Jesus is dead."

"Jesus who?" Gaius demanded, pretending not to know. And then he sighed, "Oh no, not the Jesus we crucified on Friday."

"He was a good man, Gaius." Mary replied, still not looking at him.

"Of course, he was a good man," snorted Gaius. "Everybody's good when they're dead."

Gaius put his hand on Mary's shoulder, but she pulled away.

"He was good before he died," Mary went on. "He was good to children, to the poor, the sick, the elderly. He was even good to me. Can you imagine that, Gaius? Everybody in this village thinks I'm just garbage. But Jesus told me that I was a daughter of God and that my sins were forgiven."

Gaius again reached for her, but this time Mary stood up and pushed him away with a strength that surprised even her.

"Some things have changed, Gaius. I'm not for sale anymore. I belong to God. When I looked into the eyes of Jesus I felt peace. I heard his voice and I knew joy. He held me and I felt healed. He was a man of wisdom and truth. He was a man of God."

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## **Chaplain, from previous column**

Gaius ridiculed Mary's faith, "It's only a matter of time until we burn your city and destroy your temple. Then we'll see who is stronger, the god of Rome or the God of the Jews."

Mary replied, "You can only burn down so many houses and kill so many people. But you can't kill love. You can't kill faith. You can't kill a people's dreams. Jesus fulfilled a lot of people's dreams. He was so different. He spoke of forgiveness instead of revenge, of healing instead of hurting, of peace instead of war. He gave us a new vision and a new dream."

Gaius tried again to challenge Mary's faith, but she looked at him with eyes that were both compassionate and firm. "I have to believe in Jesus because he taught me to believe in myself. I've been crying over Jesus for two days just trying to understand him. Flesh and blood can't explain the kind of person he was."

"Gaius, he loved everybody. He loved that bunch of phony religious leaders who would not know God if they fell over him. He even loved you Romans who crucified him. He wasn't afraid to love or afraid to speak the truth or afraid to do the right thing, no matter what it cost him. He was good to people and most people are not good to each other."

She pulled away from Gaius and walked out the door.

He strained to see her now, barely visible in the distance. Overhead the first fingers of dawn were clutching at the sky. A new day was dawning for the world.

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### Birthday Greetings

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

Michael T. Holder – 3	Cleveland Braswell - 15
Michael A. White – 5	Rev. Lamberto Pasion - 16
Gregory P. Pelletier – 8	Michael D. Craven - 18
Joseph S. Gil – 11	Anthony Weeden - 21
John B. Pettit - 14	Michael T. Miller – 30

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### Attendance Prize

Each month at our Business Meeting, the name of a Brother Knight from the Council is drawn. If he is present at the meeting, he wins a \$50 gift card! All you have to do to be eligible to win the prize is attend the meeting. Enid Diaz would have won the prize in March.....if he had been at the meeting.

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### Congratulations, Roger Szabo

Council 5567 congratulates PGK, FS Sir Knight Roger Szabo on attaining the Patriotic 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Order on Saturday March 25 at Colony South Hotel in Clinton MD. (picture attached).

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Gaius didn't follow her. He just stood there staring. His mind was puzzled. He had seen something in her eyes. He had heard something in her voice. He felt something in her presence. He wondered about the power this Jesus had.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves  
Associate Chaplain, Council 5567

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### *Upcoming Degree Exemplifications*

##### Initiation (First) Degrees

Thursday, April 6      8:00pm  
Thursday, June 8      8:00pm

Initiation Degree exemplifications take place in Room 11 of the St. Catherine Labouré School. Candidates should report by 7:30 and meet in the lobby area outside Room 11.

The Council will also host a Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree on Thursday, May 25      8:00pm

Please inform the Financial Secretary, Roger Szabo, PGK, as soon as possible if you know of candidates for any of these degrees so that proper arrangements can be made.

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#### **Schedule Changes**

There will be NO meeting on **Thursday, April 13**, due to its being Holy Thursday.

Our Business Meeting for April will take place on **Thursday, April 6** beginning at 8pm. It will include the Exemplification of the Initiation Degree.

On Thursday, April 27, in lieu of our monthly social meeting, please plan to attend the presentation on Persecuted Holy Land Christians.

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#### ***K of C Family Day at Hershey Park***

Join the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday April 30th, 10a-6pm for a fun filled day at Hershey Park! The lines are almost non-existent compared to a full-access day!

The State brochure is at <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/HersheyparkKOFc2017a.pdf>. But for your convenience, the purchase URL is <http://tinyurl.com/MDSTATECOUNCIL> (redirects to the Hershey Park site). And the coupon code you need to enter is **71568**.

## *Persecuted Christians Presentation*

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has identified 2017 as possibly “the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist”. In his March 2017 Columbia magazine article titled “Grace & Solidarity”, he states “the daily heroism of these brothers and sisters in the faith is an inspiration to their fellow Christians everywhere....Let us pray that in spite of all the tribulations they face, they will remain faithful and that **we will remain worthy of their trust** in us.”

To that end, you are invited to attend a presentation “**Knights in Action & Solidarity with Persecuted Christians**” to be held at Rock Creek Council #2797 – 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda MD on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

This will be an evening designed to raise awareness that leads to effective action intended to relieve the suffering of Christian communities experiencing unprecedented levels of persecution, dislocation and distress across the Middle East. Presentations will include a history of the Knight’s support including an update on the current status of the Order’s ongoing efforts such as the Solidarity Cross program. Guest speakers Dr. Issam Daya of Syria & Sir Knight Rateb Rabie (founder of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation) will provide first-hand accounts of the desperation and suffering of Christian communities in need of our assistance.

Vivat Jesus. Joseph Stewart (District Deputy – Maryland State Council District #18)

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### CHURCH

#### ***Olive Wood Sale at St. Jude***

On the weekend of April 1 and 2, there will be an Olive Wood Sale at St. Jude. The HCEF conducts these sales of items hand-crafted from the wood of olive trees. The items are made by Christians in the Holy Land and the sales support them and provide them with much-needed income. Sales take place in the Breezeway at St. Jude after all the Masses.

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#### ***Lenten Pilgrimage to St. John Paul II Shrine***

The Maryland State Council is sponsoring a Lenten Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, April 1 beginning at 1pm. The St. John Paul II National Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017.

For further information, contact State Warden Toney Salvemimi at 410-897-0670, or email [a.ns@comcast.net](mailto:a.ns@comcast.net).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						TMIY 1 Pilgrimage to St. JP II Shrine
2 Olive Wood Sale @ SJ	3	4	5	6 Bus. Mtg & 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree 8pm	7	8 TMIY
9 Passion Sunday	10	11	12	13 Holy Thursday No Meeting	14 Good Friday	15 Vigil of Easter
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Shepherd's Table	20	21	22 TMIY
Fellowship 23 Sunday @ SJ 30	24	25	26	27 Pers. Christians Hershey Park	28	29 TMIY



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