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Grand Knight's Message

Togetherness (JP Thoughts)

How do we coalesce as a community when we fail to learn each other's differences? One thing that binds us all together is our Christian faith, the belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But as Catholics, we not only believe in the Trinity, but the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which we celebrate each Mass. Our faith is a sacramental one with a divine origin which makes our compliance with the covenant between us and God that more important.

I submit that as humans we tend to look at things as they affect us personally and physically, versus looking at them in regards to affecting our soul. The problem with this short-sightedness is we neglect to remember what God has in store for us both now and later. So if we factor in our souls when making our decisions, we may actually begin understanding what God intends us to do while here on earth.

In society we tend to look only through the prism of our own personal identity. Jesus left us one church, and through our own arrogance as human beings, we chose to deviate from His instruction. Our faith has since its inception followed his plan, so why should there be a rift even here? I believe most of it comes from lack of trust in fellow man, but passed off as misunderstanding of culture.

For us to fall into the same trap and continue this divisiveness shows the same arrogance as not keeping God's law because it's too hard or doesn't apply to us. The fact that our Heavenly Father was generous enough to allow a reset through Jesus Christ shows his compassion and patience for us; in a word, His love for us.

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Chaplain's Reflection

Finding Happiness

God gave us our desire for happiness so that we might seek him and find him. Or to put it another way, we are happy when we are what God created us to be: his cherished sons and daughters. We see this vision of happiness in the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It's the words of the one who can't be wrong, who can't lie, telling us how to achieve that which all of us most basically want, which is to be happy.

Jesus said that we are blessed, or happy, if we know our need for God; are dependent on God; and are obedient to God. It's been said many times that the Beatitudes describe the life of Jesus himself. He was all the things, and did all the things that he speaks of in the Beatitudes. It follows, then, that happiness is to be found by living in imitation of Jesus.

In a sense, our happiness depends on the choices we make- choices to follow Jesus and to obey the Father's will. As Jesuit author Fr. John Powell 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.

To enhance our personal happiness, here are some tips to practice.

- Give up your need to always be right. Would I rather be right, or would I rather love? Which is less stressful?
- Give up your need for control. Let go and let God. Just allow things to be.

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Urgent Request for Prayers and Assistance

State Deputy Steve Cohen received the following urgent request for prayers and assistance from Charles Hayes, District Deputy, District 11.

Worthy State Deputy,

Our beloved Deacon Carlos Hernandez was in a near fatal car accident with two reckless speeders as he made his way to serve Mass at St. Michael the Archangel church on Saturday (2/11). He is in the ICU with a fractured skull and other very serious injuries. Carlos has a family and the hospital expenses promise to be enormous!

Can the State K of C help? Our Council 15084 is helping and I will ask all neighboring councils to help with contributions via our parish 301-589-1155 or via gofundme.com/deaconcarloshernandez"

Please help and notify all councils, if you can.

Fraternally,
Charles Hayes DD11

Grand Knight – From page 1

Jesus gave us a second chance with God. So as we continue our own faith journey, let us be aware of this and not make the same mistakes as our ancestors the Israelites did.

Since God only wants what is good for us, let us be mindful of our opportunities presented daily to us so that in the end we can come home to Him.

JP Flagg II, Grand Knight, jpflaggi@yahoo.com

Chaplain, From Page 1

- Give up on blame. Take responsibility for your own experience of life.
- Give up your self-defeating self-talk. Don't believe everything your mind says.
- Give up your limiting beliefs. Look at life through God's limitless eyes of love.
- Give up complaining. Fix what you can change, and accept what you cannot.
- Give up the luxury of criticism. Enough said.
- Give up your need to impress others. Just love you as you are, and love others as they are.
- Give up your resistance to change. Follow your bliss. Embrace change. Don't resist it.
- Give up labels. Minds only work when open. Love, don't label. Jesus taught us to love even our enemies.
- Give up on your fears. Fear is an illusion. False Evidence Assuming Reality. It's all in your mind. As President Roosevelt said: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."
- Give up your excuses. Instead of growing and working on improving ourselves and our lives, we get stuck in lying to ourselves.
- Give up the past. Be present in everything you do and enjoy life.
- Give up attachment. Attachment comes from a place of fear, while love – real love – is pure, kind, and selfless.
- Give up living your life to other people's expectations. Way too many people are living a life that is not theirs to live.

Living a happy life will mean that we, too, will be able to repeat the final words of St. Francis of Assisi: "I have done what was mine to do. May God show you what is yours!"

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves, Associate Chaplain

From the District Deputy

Over the past two years, the Knights of Columbus (KofC) has responded to the horrific persecution of Christians throughout the Middle East by establishing the Christian Refugee Relief Fund and Solidarity Cross Programs. I'm writing today to encourage each council in District 18 to take up the challenge of responding to this persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters. To raise your awareness, I invite you 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 April 27th at 7:30 pm. We are encouraging each council to make this event their council social event for April.

In our District, we are creating the Christian Solidarity Action Committee (CSAC) to gather resources and raise awareness of this important issue. Many resources will be made available to any interested KofC council. We will present this to the Maryland State Council to grow it into a state-wide effort. By raising awareness, we hope to make a real difference in the lives of our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

I'm proud to say that Brother Knights across our District have already taken an active part in promoting KofC efforts to support persecuted Christian communities throughout the Middle East. In 2015, St. Joseph Manyanet Council #5567 sponsored a resolution at the MD KofC State Convention challenging each council in the state to respond in some concrete way to the historic persecution of Christians.

In 2016, St. Elizabeth #12796 and St. Joseph Manyanet #5567 Councils hosted prayer vigils in support of persecuted Christians at local parishes that raised over \$7000 for the KofC Christian Refugee Relief Fund.



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District Deputy, Continued

In June of 2016, we were greatly honored to have current MD State Treasurer Vince Grauso with us for the prayer vigil at the Shrine of Saint Jude. I encourage all councils in District 18 to support this worthy cause by supporting Supremes' Solidarity Cross Program.

In addition to the Solidarity Cross program, many Knights across the state have supported the efforts of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) by sponsoring the education of a Christian child at \$25 per month or by providing volunteers for HCEF olive wood sales held at local parishes. The olive wood items are carved by Christian artisans living in the Holy Land. The sale of these religious items is often their only means of support.

HCEF founder Rateb Rabie is a member of Rock Creek Council, a parishioner at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, and will be a featured speaker on April 27th. In the spring of 2016, Mr. Rabie partnered with the Supreme Council to organize and implement the Solidarity Cross program. He was featured in the April 2016 Columbia magazine article

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/hope-carved-olivewood.html> titled, "Hope Carved in Olive Wood". To date the Supreme Council has purchased over 100,000 olive wood crosses manufactured by Christian artisans in over 52 workshops in the Holy Land. That purchase directly supports over 200 Christian families in the Bethlehem area who struggle to maintain their livelihoods and their faith traditions. Councils purchasing Solidarity Crosses from Supreme have the opportunity to offer them to parishioners, council members, and supporters for a suggested minimum donation of \$10. The donations benefit the KofC Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which provides much needed food, medical aid, and housing assistance for Christians undergoing violent persecution in Iraq and Syria.

The April 27th program will focus on raising awareness and presenting opportunities to support persecuted Christians in practical effective ways that really make a difference. As First Responders in Faith, we hope to stand in solidarity with Christian communities that have existed since the

time of Our Lord. Please plan to attend our event, and all are welcome.

Joe Stewart
DD District 18

CHURCH

St. Jude's Men's Retreat

Join the men of St. Jude on the weekend of March 3-5 in Lenten reflection at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. The theme this year is "Entering into the Father's Joy". To register for the retreat, go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com/registration. The fee is \$235 for "seasoned Loyola retreatants". For men making their first retreat and for young adults (ages 18-30) the fee is only \$185. Call your retreat captain Frank Carroll at 301-340-0969 or email carroll305@verizon.net if you have questions or for further information.

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on Wednesday, March 15, 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

Birthday Greetings

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

Joseph Kotvan – 1	Andrew Baines - 18
Theodore Dang – 2	Federico Knight - 21
P. Arokiaswamy - 3	Genesis Davison - 26
Rolando Cobarrubias – 7	A. Rudiman, Sr. - 27
Daniel Sullivan – 11	Clement Monsini - 28
M. K. Manders, Jr. – 17	F. Payabyab - 28
Timothy DeShetler – 29	

Degree Exemplification Schedule

The Initiation Degree Team at St. Joseph Manyanet Council will be hosting five Initiation (1st) Degree Exemplifications during the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year.

Thursday, April 6
Thursday, June 8

Exemplifications take place in Room 11, the Council Chamber beginning at 8pm. Candidates should report to the lobby area outside of Room 11 by no later than 7:30pm. Contact F.S. Roger Szabo if you know of any candidates, so that proper arrangements can be made.

In addition, the Council will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Council Charity Fund

The Council Charity Fund is alive and well! Its investments are solid and returns are well within acceptable limits.

During 2016 we had made disbursements to charitable caused approved by the Council. Members have made contributions as they saw fit. Anyone needing a tax receipt should contact Bob Kammer, the Resident Agent, at 301-847-9820 or bobkammer@comcast.net and he will see that one is issued.

Anyone wishing to make donations to the Charity Fund should make their checks payable to Manyanet Charity Fund Inc. And mail Bob Kammer at 15030 Westholm Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906-1761. Our Fund is somewhat depleted at the present. A number of small donations can easily get our Fund back to a place where we can be comfortable that we can meet future needs.

Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks 1 hour AHEAD the night before so you're not late for Mass on Sunday.

Please join St. Joseph Manyanet Council of the Knights of Columbus for a Lenten pilgrimage to the Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD. Cost is \$50 per person, and seating on the bus is limited. The bus departs from the parking lot at St. Catherine Labouré at 10am, and returns by 8pm. Contact Roger Szabo at 301-466-3831 or email rogers@aol.com for reservations.

Tentative Schedule

10:00am	Depart St. Catherine Church Parking Lot
11:15am	Arrive at the Grotto Shrine
12:00	Mass at the Grotto
1:00 pm	Box Lunch
1:45 pm	Meet at Our Lady's Pool for Rosary Walk 20 Mysteries of the Rosary
3:00pm	Meet for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4:00pm	Meditation Time
5:00pm	Depart the Shrine for Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont MD
5:30pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Depart for Home
8:00pm	Arrive St. Catherine Labouré Parking Lot

This Man is You

The inspirational program for men, This Many is You (TMIY) continues at St. Jude every Saturday morning. The program takes place every Saturday morning at St. Jude's beginning at 6:30am with breakfast, followed by an inspirational talk and then small breakout sessions to further discuss the topic of the day. It ends by 8:15 am, in plenty of time to attend the 8:30am Mass at St. Jude. Those Brothers who are already participating have given it rave reviews and strongly encourage others to attend.

Fellowship Sundays at St. Jude

Every fourth Sunday at St. Jude's is Fellowship Sunday. Following the 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm Masses, there is an opportunity for parishoners to gather in Madigan Hall (formerly the Blue Room) for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship. The Fellowship gatherings are hosted by our own Brother Lou Kratz. He seeks Brother Knights to help out. Be sure to wear your Council hats and/or shirts as this is an excellent way to advertise the presence of our Council at St. Jude's.

Farewell, Fr. Salah

Council 5567 bids a fond farewell to our Worthy Chaplain and pastor of St. Catherine Laboure parish as he assumes his new appointment as pastor of St. Raphael's in Rockville MD. Thanks Fr. Mike for your spiritual guidance and support! And thank you for allowing us the use of room 11 throughout your tenure as chaplain and pastor. Be assured of our prayers for the continued success of your ministry!

Fr. Salah also wished to bid us farewell:

Dear Worthy Brother Knights,
I am sorry I have not been able to join you on Thursdays (my day off). But I always looked forward to reading about you over the years. As some of you know, my uncle Henry Salah Sr. (whose birthday was yesterday) has been a member of this council for many years. Congratulations Worthy Brother Marvin on your 3rd degree, you are a fine gentleman.

Thank you Worthy Brother Knights for all you do to alleviate the suffering of the people in the Holy Land. Please pray for me as I move to St. Raphael on March 15, 2017. Fr. Francisco Aguirre the new Administrator at SCL takes off on Wednesdays, and maybe able to join you on Thursdays.

God bless you all,
Fr. Mike

*Fr. Michael A. Salah, pastor
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State Founder's Day Mass and Dinner

The State Founder's Day Mass and Dinner will take place on Sunday, March 26 beginning at 3pm. Locations are as follows:

Mass:	Dinner:
St. Joseph Church	Columbus Gardens
8420 Belair Road	4301 Klaserman Road
Baltimore, MD 21236	Baltimore, MD 21236

See the Maryland State Council webpage:
www.kofc-md.org for more information.

Fish Fry Days at Rock Creek Council

Rock Creek Council will host its annual Fish Fry Days every Friday during Lent - March 3 – April 7 - from 6-9 pm, at the Rock Creek Mansion in Bethesda. The mansion is at the corner of West Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda.

The address is 5417 W. Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. All Brothers in District 18 and their families are welcome to attend.

Congratulations!

Council 5567 would like to congratulate Brother Knight Marvin Padilla on his completion of the Knighthood Degree (Third Degree). He has attained full Knighthood in our Order.



GK J.P. Flagg II, DD Joe Stewart, Marvin Padilla, FS Roger Szabo, PGK, DW Bill Newbrough, PGK



Update on Solidarity Cross Weekend at St. Catherine's

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Solidarity Cross weekend in support of persecuted Christians at St. Catherine Laboure. Through your efforts, we collected \$1600 for the Knights Christian Refugee Relief Fund which provides much needed food, medical and housing relief to persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq. To date the Knights have donated over \$11 million in direct assistance including 90 acres of housing in a secure area of northern Iraq. See the website at www.christiansatrisk.org

Update on Winter Clothing Drive

Under the able leadership of our Worthy Advocate Marvin Padilla, our annual winter clothing drive was a great success! Brother Marvin partnered with the Young Adult Group and its coordinator Michelle Ordone to collect over 14 bags of lightly used winter clothing and coats. This is the charity that evangelizes! Thanks Brother Marvin for your dedication to this worthy program.



Knights of Columbus Lenten Pilgrimage

On Saturday, April 1, the Maryland State Council has arranged for a Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. The program begins at 1pm and runs until 5pm. The St. John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, in Washington, DC, just down the street from the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The schedule is as follows:

1pm – Lunch and reflections with Poland Associate State Chaplain Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj

2pm – Tours and Confessions

3:30pm – Holy Rosary

4pm – Vigil Mass concelebrated by State Chaplain Rev. Jason Worley and Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj

Space is limited. The cost is \$20 per person, up to a maximum of \$75 per family, which includes the cost of a boxed lunch and a donation to the shrine.

Make checks payable to Maryland State Council, and send to:

Tony Salvemini, State Warden
905 Boom Way
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Farewell, Fr. Salah!

March, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 Fish Fry SJ Men's Retreat	4 TMIY SJ Men's Retreat
5 SJ Men's Retreat	6	7	8	9 Social Meeting 8pm	10 Fish Fry	11 TMIY
12 Daylight Time Begins	13	14	15 Shepherd's Table 5pm	16	17 Fish Fry	18 TMIY
19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23 Business Meeting 8pm	24 Fish Fry	25 Grotto Pilgrimage TMIY
26	27	28	29	30	31 Fish Fry	



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