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Grand Knight's Message

The Grand Knight extends his greetings to all Brothers of St. Joseph Manyanet Council.

Chaplain's Reflection

Atheism, Agnosticism, and Indifference to Life

Harvard University was originally instituted for religious purposes in 1638. However, for the first time in its history, the incoming freshman class of 2015 had more atheists and agnostics than professed Christians and Jews. In October 2015, the state of California legalized assisted suicide. These two events are very strongly connected.

The Harvard class which reflects part of the future American aristocracy, has become increasingly non-religious because they have been bathed in the corrosive acids of relativism and materialism and scientism. They've been given pretty much anything that money can buy. But do not have what money cannot buy, knowledge of the God who is love.

Theologian Paul Tillich long ago taught us that human beings are built for worship. We're built to worship God, and in the absence of God, we will worship something else like wealth, pleasure, honor, and power. However, the absolute value that we worship in our secular culture today is freedom itself, our capacity to create ourselves.

The Bible tells us that God's good creation falls off the rails precisely at the moment when human beings decide we can create ourselves. By eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve, were attempting to hijack God's prerogative as the sole judge of good and evil. And that's precisely where things go bad.

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After the fall, the Bible describes all manner of human dysfunction, from violence and fratricide to jealousy and imperialism.

After God's promise to Abraham, He chose Jacob for himself, and named him Israel, because he wrestled and engaged all night with an angel of the Lord. Like Jacob, the only way we can become formed after God's own mind and heart, is to wrestle and engage with God. When we stop engaging with God, we stop being Israel, then we go off the rails.

God's human project reached its fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth, shaped according to the law and the formation of Israel, who is both fully human and true God. Jesus is faithful YHWH meeting faithful Israel. Jesus is humanity formed perfectly in relation to the living God. Jesus is the Savior, the one that heals the problems and wounds of the human race.

St. Paul was also fully formed in the Israelite Biblical tradition. When he meets the risen Jesus, he utterly turns his life over to him. His life isn't about him. It's about Christ. But, in all that Paul finds ultimate freedom. Paul calls the church the new Israel. So that we are now a new people that wrestle and engage with God. That's how we find God. That is still the great task of the church, to teach the human race how to find themselves precisely in relation to God.

Now, back to the connection between the atheism and agnosticism, and assisted suicide. If there's no God or God's an irrelevancy, then your life belongs to you. Since it's your life, you can do with it what you want. You can seek happiness the way you see fit. And when your life becomes a burden on other people, isn't it your prerogative to snuff it out?

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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 November!

Kevin G. Steyer – 7 Jaime Bernardo - 18
Michael Boursiquet – 10 David Bloodgood - 23
Jerry Hadley – 12 David Strobel - 26
Joseph F. Zuppo – 14 Lodoumgoto Bekingalar -30

The editor requests your help to keep the sick and the birthday lists current. If you know of any additions to or deletions from the birthday or sick lists, please let the Editor know.

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When someone else's life, the unborn and the elderly, become burdensome and annoying, well shouldn't we have the right in law to get rid of them? Denial or indifference to the existence of God leads to a deep indifference to human life. On the contrary, the Bible teaches that life is a gift from our good and gracious God. Life finds itself only in relation to God.

The paradox is that modern philosophy has taught us for centuries that belief in God is dehumanizing. On the contrary, what is truly dehumanizing and threatens life is the setting aside of God. Only when we are willing to wrestle and engage with God, will we understand who we really are. That why it is a very inauspicious omen that the freshman class in the most elite university in America is now predominantly atheist or agnostic. It's not just a trivial fact. Atheism represents a supreme threat to humanity.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves
Associate Chaplain, Council 5567

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on Wednesday, November 16, 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.

This Man is You

The *This Man is You* program continues at St. Jude every Saturday morning in the Thaddeus Room. Each session begins with breakfast at 6:30am, followed by an inspirational talk, and then small group discussion. The sessions end by 8:15am, allowing for attendance at the 8:30am Mass at St. Jude. A number of Brothers from our Council have attended and have found it very inspirational and highly recommend it.

From the District Deputy

I have not received anything from the District Deputy in time for publication in the November newsletter. Look for the District Deputy's message in December's newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Initiation (First) Degrees

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

Thursday, December 8	Thursday, April 6
Thursday, February 9	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.

Formation (2nd) Degrees

On Wednesday, November 9, a Formation Degree exemplification will be held at Msgr. Wells Council beginning at 7pm. Msgr. Wells Council meets at St. Andrew's Parish on Kemp Mill Road in Silver Spring.

Council 5567 will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree on Thursday, May 25, 2017. More details to come later.

The complete Degree Exemplification Schedule for the State of Maryland can be found at the Maryland State Council website: <http://www/kofc-md.org>. Click on *Council Resources*. You'll then see two buttons for the degree calendars: one opens in Microsoft Excel, the other opens with Adobe Acrobat (or other software that opens PDF files)

Fall Backwards! Daylight Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am on Sunday, November 6. Make sure before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5 that you set your clocks BACK one hour.

Farewell, Fr. Gill

It was recently announced that Cardinal Wuerl has reassigned Fr. Ken Gill. He leaves St. Jude's and assumes the position of Parish Administrator for two parishes - St. Ignatius-Chapel Point, and St. Catherine's-McConchie, both in Port Tobacco, Charles County, MD.

St. Joseph Manyanet Council thank you, Fr. Gill, for all you've done in support of our Council. We ask God to bless you as you move on and continue to do His work. Know that you always have a home at St. Joseph Manyanet Council.

COMMUNITY

Tootsie Roll Drive and Food Collection

Let's do it one more time! On Saturday, November 12, we will once again be outside the Giant Food at Montrose Crossing (Randolph Rd. and Rockville Pike – the shopping center where Old Navy is) from noon until 4pm. We will be collecting money for the Tootsie Roll Drive as well as food donations to support Food for Families. Please help out if you can.

CHURCH

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

As we did last year, we will once again be hosting the Silver Rose. The program will take place at St. Jude's at 7pm, on Thursday, November 10. Fr. Shaun Foggo, Parochial Vicar at St. Jude's will preside. For more information, please contact Cesar Sanchez-Luna, our Chancellor.

Swing Dance Night

Rock Creek Council will once again be hosting their Swing Dance Night on Friday, November 4, beginning at 8pm. Dance lessons will be given from 8-8:30, and the dancing begins at 8:30pm. Contact Mike Horan on 240-793-1169 for more information. Cost is \$15 per person, \$13 for District 18 members.

District 18 Christmas Party

District 18 cordially invites everyone to come to their Christmas Party on Friday, December 18. Festivities will take place at the Rock Creek Mansion, home of Rock Creek Council. It is located on West Cedar Lane in Bethesda.

Olive Wood Sales

As in years past, our Council has been asked to assist with the Olive Wood Sales at St. Catherine's and at St. Jude's. The sales are sponsored by the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) and benefit Christians in the Holy Land. The Sale at St. Catherine's takes place on Sunday, November 13 after all the masses that day, and at St. Jude's on Sunday December 4.

Additionally, our help is requested for an Olive Wood sale at St. John Neumann parish in Gaithersburg. They are located at the corner of Goshen and Warfield Roads. For more information, contact Frank Carroll.

Memorial Mass

The Council is looking at Tuesday, November 22 as the date for our annual Council Memorial Mass where we remember our Brothers who have gone before us. It is still being planned, so please keep an eye on your email for updates.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales

As we've done the past two years, we will again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at St. Jude's. The dates this year are Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11. For more information, contact Mike Holder or Frank Carroll.

National Novena

Dear Brother Knight,

In preparation for Election Day, the Knights of Columbus is calling its members and all the faithful to join together in a novena to the Holy Trinity through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Mother, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.

On the nine days leading up to Election Day — beginning on Sunday, Oct. 30 and concluding on Monday, Nov. 7 — please join me and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in invoking the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, for our country.

Thank you,
Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

The novena prayer can be found on the next page of the newsletter.



NATIONAL NOVENA

Sunday, Oct. 30 – Monday, Nov. 7

in prayerful preparation for the election



Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

Impressum: -Patrick O'Reilly, Archbishop of Washington, May 8, 1988.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints	2 All Souls	3	4	5
6 Standard Time Begins	7	8 Election Day	9 Formation Degree	10 Silver Rose @ SJ 7pm	11 Veterans' Day	12 Tootsie Roll 12-4p
13 Olive Wood Sale – St. C's	14	15	16 Shepherd's Table 5pm	17	18	19
20 Christ the King	21	22 Memorial Mass?	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30			



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