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Grand Knight's Message

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

Chaplain's Reflection

Hate Possessing Your Family

Some of the most disturbing words spoken by Jesus are: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple (Lk 14:25)." So we love our enemies, and we hate our family members. Well, this sounds like a pretty odd religion doesn't it?

The key to understanding these words lie in what Jesus says moments later: "In the same way, if anyone of you does not renounce all his possessions you cannot be my disciple (Lk 14:33)." Recall also, the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48)."

So, what characterizes God's perfection? God has **no possessions**. As the doctrine of the Trinity explains, the Father does nothing other than give Himself away to the Son. The Son from all eternity does nothing other than give Himself back to the Father. The Spirit participates in the mutual self-giving love of the Father and the Son.

So, God is not a being who acquires possessions. Rather, God, by his very nature, gives himself away. God is the embodiment of generosity, or in the language of John, "God is love (1 Jn 4:8)." Love is not something that God **does**. Love **is** what God **is**, love **is** who God **is**.

So, God does not possess the world because God does not need the world. God requires nothing outside of himself.

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Therefore, when God makes the world, it is in a sheer generous act of love. And, that's why the world exists. And, God lets the world be, so that it can be fully itself. The world is not something manipulated and dominated by a needy God.

To be perfect like God, we must not turn the world around us into our possession either. Rather, what we receive as a gift, we should give as a gift. However, one of the marks of sin is that we turn the gracious world around us into our possession. We usually do this out of fear. We are afraid.

We want to be in control, so we build up our fragile identity with all kinds of possessions. Not only material things like homes and cars, but also things like titles and degrees, status, and the esteem of others. We make all of these things our possessions.

We do this in those moments when we realize that, in our sin, we are the star of a drama, and everyone around us, even those closest to us, are simply supporting players in that drama. They're serving our needs. We are deriving pleasure by **using** them as though they are a **possession**. We can do this to friends as well as family, but family members suffer far more because they are tied together by blood or marriage, and have no good way to escape.

There are many ways we can "possess" our closest loved ones. Parents can possess their children by living vicariously through them, controlling them, and not allowing them to flourish on their own. Adult children can possess their parents by using them as enablers to resolve problems they should be able to work out for themselves. Spouses and adult siblings can possess one another through control and manipulation.

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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 October!

Frank P. Scopelliti – 1
George Batista - 4
J.P. Flagg - 7
Donald E. Wharton Jr. - 14
Nicola Gambo – 16
George M. Hooley - 16
John S. DiBenedetto - 17
Albert F. Premo Jr - 27
Narciso Y. Digamon - 29
Thomas H. Mills - 31

The editor requests your help to keep the sick and the birthday lists current. If you know of any addition to or deletion from the birthday or sick lists, please let the Editor know via email:

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So this is what Jesus is referring to when he says, we must indeed hate our mother, father, brother, sister, and children. We have to get rid of all these people **in the measure** that they have become our possessions. We need to afford them the same freedom that God gives us. Jesus, who calls us to compassion even for our enemies, is absolutely not telling us to hate our family. But he is calling us to be like unto God, and let our family members flourish without controlling or manipulation.

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, October 19, 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.

COMMUNITY

Tootsie Roll Drive & Food For Families

Many thanks to those who helped out on September 17, 2016 with the Tootsie Roll fundraising to benefit those with intellectual challenges. It was a huge success thanks to your efforts.

But we're not done yet! There are two more collection dates planned, so mark your calendars and please come out and help us. On **Saturday, October 15**, and **Saturday, November 12** from **noon until 4pm**, we will be collecting money for the Tootsie Roll Drive at the same location as before: The Giant Food at Montrose Crossing. That's at 12051 Rockville Pike in Rockville – corner of Randolph Road and Rockville Pike – where Old Navy and Barnes & Noble are.

From the District Deputy

Worthy Brothers All,

October is a big month for our Order as it is the month we celebrate our namesake, Christopher Columbus. There are many activities you can participate in throughout the Washington/Baltimore area. Our biggest event of the year, the Columbus Day Ball, will again be held at the BWI Marriott on Oct. 8 starting at 7:30 pm. I hope you got your tickets by the deadline, hope to see you there, and hope you (only if I don't) win the Mustang raffle.

Another big event for us is the Columbus Day Celebration on Monday Oct. 10 at 10:30 (9am for Color Corps) at Union Station. This is a big Color Corps event for us, so come in Regalia and show up at 9 am with swords, or just come to enjoy the event which starts at 10:30.

The Baltimore Columbus Day Parade is (the longest running continuous celebration in the US) on Oct 2 and events are occurring all day (including the Madonnari Arts Festival), but 2:30 is the Color Corps Report time (no swords). There are several other events, but these are some of the highlights.

Other than Columbus Day events, there are several events coming up I would like to highlight: On October 15, at 8:30 pm the Sullivan Brothers Assembly (4th Degree) will have a presentation from the new Master of the Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD) Although this event is more interesting to 4th Degree Knights, everyone is welcome to attend this event; you don't even need to be a Knight.

Our first District 18, Swing Dance event at Rock Creek Mansion featuring the Rock & Roll Relics was on Sep. 30 and hopefully was a great success so now we are on to planning the second dance for November. The dance will be on Friday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 with a beginner swing lesson from 8-8:30. We plan to have a dance each month on the first Friday, same times, same place! Tickets are \$15, but Knights and their guests pay \$13. For info: <http://iOut.cc/dance> (I'll update the flyer each month as soon as a new flyer is available).

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Tables are available for those that want to come and enjoy the band and the variety of food and beverages, but don't want to dance.

I plan to be at Rock Creek Mansion for the Browns vs. Redskins game on Oct. 2, the Redskins vs. Ravens on Oct. 9 and the Redskins vs. Lions on Oct. 23. Come and enjoy the game with us if you can, and let me know how I can assist your Council.

There is always a lot going on, so I'll stick to what is coming up in October except, as I will mention in each report until Christmas, we will continue our District's tradition and hold our Third Annual District 18 Christmas Party at Rock Creek Mansion on December 16th, please mark your calendars.

Hope you enjoy many festivities during this month as we celebrate Christopher Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Stewart
District Deputy #18

MEMBERSHIP

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, December 8
Thursday, February 9
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.

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

Potential candidates for degrees or their sponsors should contact F.S. Roger Szabo if you know of any candidates, so that proper arrangements can be made.

Columbus Day Ball – Last Call

Columbus Day Ball is on Friday, October 8 at the BWI Marriott, 1743 W. Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD 21090. There are still a few spots available. Check with FS Roger Szabo for more information.

Red Meat & Cigar Night

It's back by popular demand! Red Meat and Cigar Night! It takes place on Friday, October 21 at 8pm outside of our Council chamber – Room 11 at St. Catherine School.

CHURCH

St. Jude 60th Anniversary Mass

Throughout this year, St. Jude parish has been celebrating the 60th anniversary of its 1956 founding. The celebration culminates with a special anniversary mass and reception on Sunday October 23, at 10:30am. Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl. Brother Knights are needed to help with reception setup and clean-up. Check with Brother Lou Kratz at St. Judes if you can help.

This Man Is You (TMIY)

This successful program for men continues at St. Jude every Saturday from 6:30am until 8:15am. Breakfast is included. All Brothers are urged to attend .

Swing Dance Night

Once a month on Fridays, Rock Creek Council holds a Swing Dance Night. From 8-8:30pm they have beginning swing lessons, followed by the dancing beginning at 8:30. The next Dance is scheduled for Friday, November 4th. Point of Contact is Mike Horan – 240-793-1169. Cost is \$15 per person – but only \$13 per person for members of District 18.

Congratulations!



Council 5567 congratulates Brother Knight Gavin Pereira on completing his Knighthood (Third) Degree on Saturday, September 24 at Prince George's Council in College Park, Maryland.

Mark Your Calendars – Future Events

A lot of events are coming up in November and December, so mark your calendars and plan to attend or help out.

Silver Rose – Thursday November 10 at St. Jude's. Fr. Shaun Foggo, Parochial Vicar at St. Jude's will preside. Contact Cesar Sanchez Luna for further information.

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sales – Friday, December 9, Saturday, December 10, and Sunday December 11 at St. Jude's outside the Thaddeus Room. Contact Mike Holder for further information.

Council Christmas Dinner – The Council is still working out the details. More to come in the November newsletter.

District 18 Christmas Party – Friday, December 16 at Rock Creek Council. More details to come.

This is the result of our Food for Families Collection at the Montrose Crossing Giant in September!



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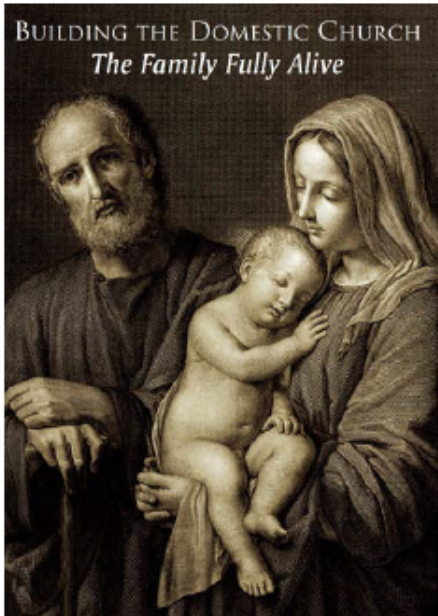
Domestic Church Symposium

Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Statewide Domestic Church Symposium. It will take place on Saturday, October 22 beginning at 10:00am, and concluding with Mass at 4pm. The symposium will take place at School of the Incarnation, 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21045. Lunch will be provided at noon. Cost is \$6.00. Family members are most welcome.

Incentive Drive Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out and helped both at St. Jude's and St. Catherine's with this very important effort.





Statewide Domestic Church Symposium

Sponsored by

MD State Council Knights of Columbus

October 22, 2016

10am – 4pm

Mass at 4pm

School of Incarnation

2601 Symphony Lane

Gambrills, MD 21054

Lunch provided at 12 noon - \$6

All family members welcome

Speakers/Topics

Keynote: The Domestic Church: The Perfect Place to Become a Disciple

By Dr. Pat Fossarelli, Pediatrician, DMin, Associate Dean, St Mary's Seminary

Breakout Sessions

Answering Children's and Teen's Tough God Questions – Pat Fossarelli

Living the Gospel Today – Ruth Puls, Archdiocese of Baltimore

"Jesus Goes to Disney World," – Fr. Austin Murphy, Pastor, Our Lady of Hope

Catholic Parenting & Technology – Pat Sprankle, Youth Minister, St Louis Church

Topic TBD - Hispanic Ministry, Archdiocese of Baltimore

Family Volunteering – Catholic Charities Baltimore

Vendors – RCL Benziger, Lighthouse Catholic Media/Augustine Institute, Sadlier

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October, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 TMIY
2 Columbus Day Parade – Balt.	3	4	5	6	7	TMIY 8 Columbus Day Ball
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13 Social Meeting 8pm	14	15 TMIY Tootsie Roll
16	17	18	19 Shepherd's Table	20	21 Red Meat & Cigar Night	22 TMIY
23	24	25	26	27 Business Meeting 8pm	28	29 TMIY
30	31					



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