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Chaplain's Report

Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical ear. During Advent we are invited to turn our hearts and minds to a period of devout expectation. It is during Advent that we prepare for both the first coming of our Lord – the anniversary of Jesus's birth on Christmas – and Christ's second coming at the end of time.

The Advent season is a time of reflection and prayer, a time of hope and anticipation. With today's fast-paced technological culture we expect everything immediately. But without a period of expectation we lose the true value of things. Without expectation there can be no true joy.

We need to stop and pray as we prepare for Christmas. It is prayer that allows us to expect the One that will come. I encourage you to attend daily Mass if possible and pray for the joy that is Jesus Christ, for His coming now and at the end of time.

Have a blessed Advent season and a most joyful Christmas.

Fr. Ettore

District Deputy's Report

Time - Friend or Foe

"No time to say hello! Goodbye! I'm late, I'm late, I'm late for a very important date..." Is this you? If you are always short of time, what can you do?



As Knights of Columbus, we have priorities, priorities that spring from our Principles and our sworn commitments to God, church, family and country. As the year winds down perhaps we need to examine the use of that time; perhaps it is time to "reshuffle the deck."

Time management experts recommend that a good place to start is to take stock by keeping a log for a week and enter everything, every conversation, every task, every do nothing event. And then record the time given to that task. Then review your must do, must be goals and see how these events of the week support or detract from the goal reaching strategy.

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Grand Knight's Station

I so enjoy writing this column, but it gets harder and harder as time goes by. I forget some special event, charitable program, an amazing act of kindness or just forget to give someone in need a shout out. Why is this? Am I just absent minded? My wife has already answered that question. Let me "pivot" this discussion for a second. Among the topics and people I need to acknowledge:

Maryknights Charity Ball ---- Cup of Joe ---- Needy Food Baskets ---- Sunday Breakfast

Smoker ---- Memorial Mass ---- Tootsie Roll Drive ---- Incentive Car Raffle

Formation Degree ---- Admissions Degree ---- Panera Bread Program --- Shepherd's Table

Keep Christ in Christmas Program ---- Fifth Quarter ---- Colombian Award --- Coats for Kids

The efforts of the Building Committee – The efforts of the Clubhouse Committee

The efforts of your Council Officers ---- The Maryknights ---- The Squires/ Roses ---- The Retirees

The Bingo Crew ---- The Marywidows ---- The Breakfast Team ---- The Friday Kitchen Crews

The Bartenders ---- The Softball Team ---- The Trustees ---- Our Chaplains ---- Our State Officers

Our Clubhouse employees ---- Our Degree Team ---- The Color Guard ---- The *Knight Life* team

St. John³s House ---- St. Josephs House ---- Our three Parishes ---- THE MEMBERSHIP

This is just last month and I am sure once again I have forgotten several efforts. So when I or one of your Council officers approaches you and says "Thanks for all you do," it's not just small talk or us forgetting your name (I revert back to my wife's response to the earlier question), we really mean it. This Council is amazing and its efforts reach out to so many and do such good work.

As your Grand Knight I want to thank each and every one of you that played even the smallest role in the success of any of these programs and events, and I promise to do my best to personally thank you as well.

I will start by reminding you about December plans. Children's Christmas Party, Cup of Joe, Panera Bread Program, December Breakfast, Parish Roundtables, great Friday Night dinners, Wednesday Night Bingo, Friday Night Rosary, Lexi Thomas Fundraiser featuring the 19th Street Band, and a little thing called Christmas.

Your Council Officers want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Terrence Moore

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Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

As I write this, Black Friday is well underway; in fact, it began in stores on Thanksgiving eve and even before that online. The secular coming of Christmas starts earlier and earlier every year and is overtly centered on guilting consumers into equating love with purchasing the very best (insert product brand name here). If you believe every commercial you watch, every ad you see or hear, spending is the sure way to express your love and be the best husband, brother, son, uncle and so on.

Stopping this madness requires conscious effort on our part and fortunately we have the season of Advent to help us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Advent is the liturgical season we celebrate as Christmas approaches. Advent began on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (November 27) and ends on Saturday, December 24. Christmas begins at midnight and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (Monday, January 9, 2017).

Advent is our liturgically built-in time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. If you want to get the most out of the Christmas season and fill your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to "let every heart prepare Him room" - and celebrating Advent is the Church's way to do it! The season of Advent is filled with opportunities for all ages to prepare daily for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Whether an advent wreath, an advent calendar or daily readings of Advent devotions, we can exemplify for our children, our families and ourselves, the true meaning of Christmas. I encourage all of us to make the daily effort to celebrate Christ and in doing so exemplify true love of and from he who gave his life out of love for us.

Wishing you a meaningful Advent season, and a very Merry Christmas.

Bruce Cotting

Remember in your prayers:

Chancellor's Chatter

Keep(ing) Christ in Christmas

Deceased:

Jean Weingarten, friend of Bill Finnin Howard W. Phillips, Jr. H.L.M Ron Michael Lone Bill Ring

Sick:

Dave Cauley
Barry Peters
Wayne Kelly, brother of PGK Tom Kelly
Lexi Thomas, parishioner at SJE
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In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Rob Seubert at 301-681-8181.

Money Motion

In accordance with Council Bylaws, the following Money Motion is scheduled to be acted upon at the December Business Meeting: Crabfeast Chairman PGK and current Financial Secretary Rob Seubert seeks to add \$2,187.28 to Crabfeast budget for a total of \$7,187.28.

District Deputy's Report

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Afterward and on a daily basis, set aside a start of the day planning session with yourself – build a strategy for the day. Remember that there are only three ways to spend time: thoughts, conversations and actions. Manage them. Take the time before every call or task to decide what result you want to attain. This will move you from always having things happen to you into you as the "architect," the builder who influences how your life evolves. After each event evaluate what happened. Did you achieve the desired result? If not, how do you put what's missing into your next call, thought or activity?

Block out the waste of passive distractions generated by texting, Facebook and other social media that is like a sponge to your time with little positive contributions to your daily goals. Finally, accept that you may not get everything done but, what was done was meaningful and with consequences that are faithful to your loyal service to Church, Family and Country.

Charles Hayes

'Tis the season... This is true in our homes, our communities, at our parishes and at our Rosensteel Council.

Advent began on November 27, reminding us to prepare for the coming our savior Jesus Christ. As expected, the Knights of Columbus is aware in this day and age that the secular side of the holiday sends a strong message leaving Christ out of that message. As is our mission in the Knights of Columbus, there is an effort to show we need not forget what the Christmas season is all about. These programs include A Journey to the Inn, Spreading the Light of Christ, public service announcements, and the Christmas Poster Contest.

The Journey to the Inn involves the Council and its parishes to recreate the journey Mary and Joseph made to the inn the night Jesus was born. The Spreading the Light Of Christ Program includes a ceremonial lighting of a Christmas tree, caroling, collecting clothing and food for the needy or serving snacks and refreshments at one of our parish family socials. At Rosensteel, we have done this with the Needy Food Basket Program at Thanksgiving and Easter. We are also planning to help at a parish pancake breakfast.

The Supreme Council office will forward public service announcements to radio and television stations for use during the holiday season. However, PSAs are most frequently used with a personal appeal and copies delivered directly to the station managers by local Councils.

One we've done at Rosensteel has been the Poster Contest. We made an effort this year to bring our parishes into this program by offering the program to their schools and CCD programs. After the Council judging, the winning posters are forwarded to the state for the state competition and from that to Supreme.

Council members with children or grandchildren in the third through eighth grade may drop off their posters in the Knights' Room, Attention Jim Mannion. Posters should be 11" x 17" with the theme of Keeping Christ in Christmas. We will display them at our Children's Christmas Party in December. Also, please include the child's name, grade and a parent's name and contact number.

Merry Christmas Everyone,

Jim Mannion

Community Activities

The Christmas parties will be held at Springbrook Center, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 3 p.m. and at the Althea Woodward Nursing and Rehab Center, 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, December 9, at 3 p.m.

We are in need of a Santa. If you would like to be Santa or are able to help at either of the parties, contact Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304.

Oldest Living Rosensteel Member

Longtime Knights of Columbus member Frank Chite celebrated his 98th birthday this past August, making him the oldest living member of the Rosensteel Council. Frank joined the Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council, in Washington, DC, in 1942. He transferred to Rosensteel where he has been a member ever since. Frank's fond memories of joining the Knights include working at the annual picnic, serving the nuns at



their annual breakfast and serving at the weekly Friday family nights. Frank would like to recognize his late brother-in-law Wally Horner as his mentor and role model throughout his time with the Knights.

Frank was born in Washington, DC, in 1918 where he lived at Florida Ave. and Q St. NW, then on to Randolph Place, Taylor Street NW and Underwood Place NW. Frank served in the military from 1941-1945 during World War II as a supply sergeant in the U.S. Army, Coast Artillery 260 and later in the 76th Signal Corps. He served in the European occupation forces in France and Germany and also the Pacific occupation forces in Japan and the Philippines. He and his wife Ann (Arcaro) and their two sons, Tony and Ralph, moved to Nimitz Road in Kensington in 1959.

Frank was employed by IBM for 28 years as a card order analyst. Prior to IBM, he worked at Chestnut Farms, the Federal Housing Administration and the Navy Annex. He is an avid Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals fan. He was a pitcher for Joe Kuhel's sandlot baseball team, whose games were played on the ball fields at the base of the Washington Monument. Frank earned several horseshoe pitching and bowling trophies while participating in the IBM work leagues. While living in Kensington, Frank was an active member and usher for Holy Redeemer Church for many years.

Frank's interest in photography and filming included his 8mm filming of the 1961 inauguration and parade of John Kennedy and later the 1963 funeral procession of JFK in Washington, DC, to Arlington National Cemetery. Frank was born when Woodrow Wilson was our 28th president and he later attended several inaugurations of the next 17 presidents.

His wife, Ann passed away in 2011 after 62 years of marriage. His son Tony (and wife Debbie) reside in Olney, MD, while his son, Ralph (and wife Ruth) live in Derwood, MD. Frank has six grand-children.

Frank is currently living at Grace House Assisted Living in Silver Spring, MD and always welcomes any news of his friends from Rosensteel Council.

Clubhouse

As I write this the week of Thanksgiving it reminds me to recognize and thank all those who have helped with taking the Clubhouse forward. The Clubhouse is dedicated to changing "how it was" to "how to make it better."

Reminder that there will be training for the bartenders on Saturday, December 17. The Clubhouse wishes everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Bill Zimmerman

Building: Improvements this Fraternal Year

- All new chandeliers and wall sconces in Columbian Room.
- All new LED bulbs thought the building.
- Masonry repairs of Knights Room doors.
- New Dbl. doors and hardware to the Emerald Room.
- Exterior Security lighting installed over parking lot.
- New accordion doors leading to the Maryknights Room.
- New projector purchase for facility events, to be installed shortly.
- Jouvenal Room renovation begun.
- Three new windows in the Maryknights room.
- Refinished Colombian Room dance floor.
- Many new light fixtures throughout the facility.

Thank you Building Committee!

Pro-Life Kickoff Rally Sunday, January 22, 2017

The Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council #2169 is presenting its 25th annual Pro-Life Rally Kickoff Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Rosensteel Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The rally will begin with a short reception, the Presentation of Colors by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, welcome by the Grand Knight, a free traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner followed by a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment

For more information, please contact Pro-Life Chairman and PGK C. Michael Koon at 301-922-9101. All are cordially invited.

Special Appeal

Please join us in support of Lexi Thomas Sunday, December 11, from 6 - 10 p.m. in the Columbian Room

Featuring the 19th Street Band \$40 per person, \$75 per couple Open bar, heavy appetizers, including wings, burger or pulled pork sliders, egg rolls, veggie, cheese platter, chips & salsa

Don't miss out! To get your tickets in advance, contact Frank Cavaliere at fcavaliere@nrmca.org or 240-338-9025 or Geoff Conway at gconway@emcoblock.com or 2020-550-1087.

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Squires and Roses

Thank you for the help of the Squires and Roses at the Maryknights Ball, including the Dollymore triplets, Michael Murphy, Liam Johnston, Ryann Cuddy, Alice Droege and Anna Campbell. You all worked super hard and did the Council proud.

I also would like to apologize on behalf of the Council to the Squires and Roses who worked that night and had to listen to complaints and get badgered by guests. I apologize that a small number of the guests think it's their right and prerogative to admonish you and in some cases, yell at you. You do not deserve this treatment - no one does and especially at a Catholic organization. I also apologize on behalf of whatever person stole the tips from your tip jar at the coat check. I can't believe I actually typed those words.

Adults of the Council, we are expected to set examples for the Youth of the Council. This behavior that has been exhibited toward the Squires and Roses has been embarrassing and inexcusable.

Thank you as always for your service and have a great holiday season.

Kevin Carev

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month

There have been some amazing Knights who have been recognized as Knight of the Month, their above-and-beyond efforts are truly a blessing to our Council. This month's Knight of the Month is no different, but really takes us to a new level that will be hard to match for many years to come. He has been a member for almost 20 years, yet his day-today participation is rarely appreciated.

He works in the kitchen for many Clubhouse events and bartends on a regular basis for these events. He helps maintain our grounds and can be seen mulching and planting on a regular basis. He appears to appreciate going unnoticed, but he must be commended and recognized for this month's special act. He was tending bar for a Clubhouse function when an elderly lady fell to the floor, choking and gasping for air. Attendees immediately called 911 and stood idly by hoping they would arrive soon.

But soon wasn't good enough for our Knight of the Month, he left his post from behind the bar and quickly approached the lady (still on the floor, choking) and accessed the situation in a matter of seconds. He knelt down, open the women's mouth reached in and pulled out the object of obstruction (a chicken wing, I believe), helped her up and returned to his post. Once again, all this while trying to go unnoticed; attendees would later come to the bar and ask "aren't you the one that saved that women's life," only to be answered with "what can I get you?"

Please help me and this elderly woman by thanking Brother Billy Veith and congratulating him on being this month's Knight of the Month. Worthy indeed!

Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus as a whole struggles with membership, especially with young Catholic men. Rosensteel is no different, but you would not know it by looking at this month's Family of the Month. Dad is a longtime member who has been active for many years, assisting and organizing such events as the Council Picnic, the beach party and others. He is but a phone call away and always responds with an affirming "you bet!"

Recently though a phone call was not needed as his three sons joined the order here at Rosensteel. Brandon (21), Ryan (22) and James (28) are each Rosensteel members in good standing along with their father Tony. Please join me by thanking and congratulating the whole Deane family as December's Family of the Month.

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Who is Santa Claus? It's December and we see him in shopping malls with children, ringing a bell for Salvation Army donations, advertising products, riding a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and flying through the sky in a sled with eight reindeer. Who is this Santa Claus?

In the Netherlands he is called Sinter Klaas. In Germany he is Saint Nickolas. In the United Kingdom he is called Father Christmas. The true inspiration for this fictional character was a very real person who is venerated as a saint today. This real person was Saint Nicholas of Myra. He was born in present day Turkey and was a bishop in the 4th century Greece. As a youth he went on a pilgrimage to Egypt and Jerusalem in Palestine. He had a reputation for gift-giving by often dropping coins into the pockets and shoes of children and needy persons. The most famous story is that he provided bags of gold coins for the three daughters of a Christian family so they would have a dowry and be able to get married. He hand wrote a book that is preserved today at a Greek Orthodox Catholic Church in Jerusalem. He was one of the bishops who attended the First Council of Nicaea and signed the Nicene Creed. We recite this prayer today in the Mass. His Feast Day is December 6, and in many countries the day is celebrated by leaving coins and small gifts in the shoes of children set out by a fireplace or by the front door. Many children traditionally leave carrots and hay for his horses.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and the opportunity to share this joyful time with family and friends should not be lost. Make plans now for a successful occasion. One suggestion is to enjoy a High Tea at one of several near locations that offer an afternoon Tea with light finger sandwiches, pastries, scones, fruit and, of course, specially blended tea selections and even champagne. The nearest is at Strathmore's Shapiro Music Room with piano, flute or harp music performed by local musicians. Also consider the 1747 Reynolds Tavern in Annapolis or in Washington the Willard Hotel's Peacock Alley Tea Room or the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

Do you have your tickets for the Christmas Luncheon on December 20? Please contact President Nancy if necessary. This is always the most popular and well attended luncheon of the year. There will be raffles, prizes and many gifts, live entertainment, and an excellent meal. Don't forget to bring those Christmas Goodies to share for our dessert. Don't Miss It!

Tom Leonard

Card Players Wanted

Shut up and deal!

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bids in, even to the last second. I thought it was Black Friday!

All I can say is WOW! What a wonderful Charity Ball! Everyone seemed to have a great time and best of all it was to benefit SportsPlus! The silent auction had many wonderful items to bid on and as the time ticked down it was fun to watch everyone scramble to get their final

There are so many people to thank for this wonderful event. First and foremost, I would like to thank our chairlady, Julie Cuff, who stepped up to chair our biggest program of the year and she had never chaired a program before! I would also like to thank Margie Cuff for holding off on her retirement as chair of the silent auction. Thank you, Margie!

Now on to the list of the many people that gave their untiring efforts to make the Charity Ball such a success (and please forgive me if have have left anyone out). Peggy Seleski, Beth Torp, Jeanne Berman, Dee Calcutt, Maeve O'Neill, Bonnie Donnelly, Megan Morgan, Diane Lynch, Cheryl Moore, Mike Miller and the entire kitchen crew, Kevin Carey and the Squires and Roses, Sarah Warner, Donna Stoker, Kathy Arvedlund, Amy Arvedlund, Polly Seleski, Peggy Seleski, Gus and Ruth Gusman and their friend Danielle, Jenny Wilson, Renee Walton, Pat Wigmore, Carol Walper, Luanne Flanigan, Sue Wiant, Morgan Minnick and Theresa Fitzgerald.

A huge thank you also goes out to Margaret Gamache who won the top prize in the raffle of \$500 and donated it back to SportsPlus! I would also like to thank Grand Knight Terrence Moore and his officers for their support. The final amount that we raised will be announced at our December 12 meeting where we will present a check to Tom and Natalie Liniak, the co-founders of SportsPlus.

Speaking of the December meeting, we will participate in a program called the Christmas Shoebox Program to benefit the Apostleship of the Sea ministry that assists seafarers in meeting their basic needs (see www.apostleshipoftheseas.com for more information). Jack Giacalone, executive secretary to the Maryland State Deputy, and his wife, Phyllis, will speak to us about this ministry. We are asking all Maryknights (and Knights if they would like to participate) to bring any of the following items to the December meeting (please bring scissors and tape - we will provide the gift wrapping paper): travel sized toiletries, hats, scarves, writing supplies, calendars, pocket-sized address books/planners or English dictionaries, playing cards, travel sized games, magazines, paperbacks, non-perishable snacks and pocket sized religious items (65% of the seafarers are Catholic).

I wish all of you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Beth Ward

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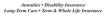
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. Team 2: Neff Fried Shrimp	3.
					Pistol Pete & Rick	Dollymore, Brom- ley, Mullaney
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9. Team 4, Marks Pulled Pork Platter	10.
Ponce	D'Antuono Zappala	Business Meeting	Thompson	Mannion	Conway, Carey	McKinney
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16. Team 5: Girolami	17.
Sunday Breakfast	D'Antuono McNamara	McNamara	Joe and Pat	Cavaliere	Roast Beef Sand- wiches with fries and veggiesLyons & Lynch	Bartenders Training
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23. Team 6: Langley Navy Bean Soup w/	24.
Langley	D'Antuono McNamara	Social Meeting Langley	Kreitzberg	Maddox	Ham Rustic bread & salad E III & Sheets, Seubert	Christmas Eve
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30. Team 7, Moore Baby Back Ribs	31.
Christmas Day	D'Antuono McNamara	Culkin & Devol	Cavaliere	Mannion	Ladies Night Luanne, Margie, Diane	New Year's Eve