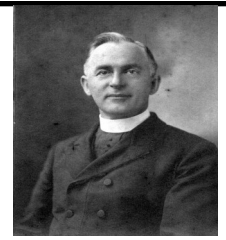




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Chaplain's Reflection Incarnation

In her Magnificat prayer, Mary reflects on the Incarnation of God in the Christ child she was carrying within her womb. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God, my Savior."

Belief in the Incarnation is what makes Christianity profoundly different from all other religions. For Muslims, although Allah is merciful, he is too holy to have a personal relationship with man. Our Jewish ancestors expected God to intervene in their history through the heroic actions of a holy man. They never imagined God himself would enter into human history as one of us. But why did God become man? Many believe, as proposed by St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) and further reflected on by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), that God sent Jesus primarily to atone for the original sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, through His suffering and death on the cross. And certainly, Jesus redeemed us.

However, there is another tradition within Christianity going back much earlier, to the Fathers of the Church and later most clearly expressed in Franciscan spirituality, especially in the writings of Blessed John Duns Scotus (1265-1308). It proposes that God loves us so much that from the very beginning of creation, it was always God's plan to enter human history as one of us. In other words, even though God did send His Son to redeem us, He would have entered our world anyway even if Adam had not sinned.

God became human simply because God is Infinite Love. And God's Love is free and infinitely greater than any sin. Sin has no power or influence over God. So Adam's sin would neither force God nor cause God to become incarnate simply to atone for the effects of our sins.

For God to allow any human disobedience or sin to force His hand would be a denial of God's freedom and dignity.

Christmas is about the physical birth of Love, Jesus Christ, among us. Simply put, Christmas is a feast about Love and Love's decision to become part of the universe by becoming flesh.

We can more easily appreciate how much God loves

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Grand Knight's Station

*"Doing Works of Charity with His Gifts
of Time, Talent and Treasure"*

Hoping you all had a Thanksgiving that was full of laughter, happiness and thanks for what we have.

As we turn the calendar, we finish a liturgical year and begin in our faith the preparation of the coming of Jesus and the promise God made to us. This of course is called the season of Advent leading to the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus. Please use this time to spiritually prepare for Christmas by experiencing some of the traditions of Advent. In my household I've kept a tradition that my parents used - an Advent Wreath. This has helped bring a focus to the real season for just a few moments just before each evening meal during Advent.

We've had a very busy month of November. The Maryknights showed us once again how to do a fundraiser. The annual Charity Ball and Silent Auction was a sellout that benefited the Spirit Club Foundation. PGK Frank Cavaliere and Steve Sullivan led a group of about 20 Council Knights, Maryknights and youth to the Catholic Charities SHARE food warehouse to put together over 3,000 bags of breakfast items for the homeless shelters they serve. Thank you, Frank, Steve and volunteers.

We kicked off the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and offered our parishes a chance to participate. We hosted the SJE Teen Group as it did prayers in the St John's Cemetery for All Souls Day. Rain did not stop this group from having a bonfire on Council grounds and toasting s'mores.

Deputy Grand Knight Gusman delivered about 40 gently used men's winter coats that members of the Council donated to the Home Builders Care Assessment Center, a men's shelter in Rockville.

As always, we remembered those Knights who passed away this past year with a Memorial Mass. Fr. Calis led a beautiful Mass and it was highlighted by what some are calling the New Rosensteel Chorus. Many families of our departed Knights were there to give honor and pray for their souls. The Mass was followed with a dinner and the frozen turkey raffle. One of the annual winners was there to claim his turkey (next year we'll just give a frozen turkey to Joe Sparacino and save time).

Tim Sullivan, Tim Stocker and many volunteers prepared needy food baskets for distribution to local organizations and parishes that identified families in need of a meal for

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Charity Can Give You an Appetite

After filling almost 200 needy food baskets on November 17, this group of Knights and their families and friends were the happy recipients of a breakfast made by the event's permanent volunteer chef, Brian McCaw (no adverse food-borne illnesses were reported).



Remember in your prayers:

Deceased:

Mary Brandon, mother of John Brandon
James Prosser, friend of Russell Sutton
Terence Ethridge, brother-in-law of Dan Ward
Philomena Culkin, mother of Sean Culkin

Sick:

Trish Wigmore, wife of Bob Wigmore
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*In case of illness or death of a member,
please contact Financial Secretary Michael Koon.*

**St. Jude's Parish to Host Steve Bollman
Founder of That Man is You!**

All brother Knights are invited to presentations by Steve Bollman. He's the founder of a Catholic-based and K of C supported men's organization called That Man is You! (TMIY). Parishes across the country have formed TMIY groups that meet to hear and view video presentations by Steve on topics to make men better husbands, dads and friends. Afterward, guys kick around questions about issues raised during the talks.

The St. Jude's TMIY Team is thrilled to announce it will host a visit by Steve on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8. Friday will be a pizza and beer affair from 7 - 9 p.m. with Steve talking about a new initiative to attract the next generation of young dads.

He'll return Saturday morning between 6:45 - 8:30 for an outstanding breakfast followed by a presentation of a timely topic that's geared to making us better men. Both events will be in the Thaddeus Room of St. Jude's School. Hope to see a lot of fellow Knights attend.

No set fee is asked, but donations are welcome.

Please RSVP to Jim Bilodeau at jnb@norbeckcap.com.

Chaplain's Reflection

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us by understanding how we love. All of us want to be united with those whom we love. We want to spend time together, to get to know one another. In a deeply intimate loving relationship such as marriage, we want to become one together emotionally, spiritually and physically.

Love by its nature desires that we be one with our beloved. We want that person to live with us, to be within us. We want to be one together forever. God has always wanted to live this way with us, to be one with us (Eph 1:10-13).

So, from all eternity, God freely chose to create and then enter the universe out of love. The communion of persons that is the Trinity conceived the universe with the plan that the human race would evolve into the privileged position of God's physical entry point into the universe. God chose us because we are a unique integration of the physical and the spiritual worlds, a graced pinnacle within the universe. We were predestined by God to be his dwelling place within the universe (Eph 1:4; 1:9-10; Col 1:15-20, 1:27, 3:11).

Through the birth of Christ, we believe that God is permanently incarnated, committed in flesh in human history and in our individual lives. At Christmas, we catch a glimpse of God's deep, infinite longing for us and we are humbled by its mystery. So let yourself be loved and trust that God's love is infinitely vast, good, and beautiful. Let yourself believe that you are loved. And, like Mary, you also will pray "My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Grand Knight's Station

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Thanksgiving. We felt a void not having the presence of Tom Murphy who was a big part of the effort for many years. The Thanksgiving Smoker was well attended. This was my first. For many years I have been out of town visiting family. I did see how it gets Council families reunited.

Looking to December we celebrate our 98th Anniversary as a Council on December 15. There will be a Children's Christmas Party, the wrapup of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, another Food for Families event and a possible Admissions Degree.

Please note that January will bring us a time of reflection on the sanctity of Life. The Council will once again host the Annual Pro-Life Kick off Dinner on January 13. There is also a free throw contest being planned.

Finally, the Council Officers and their families would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and may the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart and home with joy now and throughout the coming year.

Vivat Jesus, Jim Mannion

Council Calendar

DECEMBER

- 4 Business Meeting
- 16 Children's Christmas Party
- 18 Social Meeting *Second Degree
- 22 Needy Food Baskets
- 31 New Year's Eve event

JANUARY

- 8 Business Meeting
- 12 Knighthood Degree (offered)
- 13 Pro-Life Kickoff
- 22 March for Life
- 22 Social Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 3 Super Bowl Party
- 4 Council Sunday Breakfast
- 5 Business Meeting
- 9 Father/Daughter Dance
- 16 Knighthood Degree (*Tentative)
- 19 Social Meeting
- 23 Beach Party

MARCH

- 2 Basketball Free Throw Competition
- 3 Council Sunday Breakfast
- 5 Business Meeting
- 14 NCAA Tournament Watch Party
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party
- 19 Social Meeting
- 31 Founder's Day Mass & Reception

APRIL

- 2 Business Meeting
- 3 Council Breakfast
- 14 Children's Easter Party
- 16 Social Meeting
- 20 Needy Food Baskets, State Family Day
- 25 Nuns' Appreciation Night

MAY

- 3 - 5 State Convention
- 7 Business Meeting
- 21 Social Meeting, *Admissions Degree

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The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - This Month's Knight of the Month has been a Knight since 1984. He became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1985. You see him all around the Council because he is quick to help as a volunteer. You'll see him behind the bar in the Knights' Room. He has also taken the role of managing many functions around the Council, He was a Bingo Program Manager for many years, served on many roles in the Clubhouse, including recently as its president. You see him in the kitchen working Friday nights and at every First Sunday Family Breakfast. He is Bill Zimmerman, our December 2018 Knight of the Month. Thank you, Bill.

Family of the Month - Their involvement at the Council goes back to 1979. I got to know them when I was the Council Warden in 2015. I was told to ask him to play music at the Council Picnic. Since then I've gotten to know them very well spending time in the Knights' Room. They both volunteer together behind the bar on a Friday Night. At many Council functions you see them helping out. When not volunteering they show their support by attending events. When you see John and Mary Lyon congratulate them as the December Family of the Month.

Maryknights

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fun being with you in an exciting atmosphere. A special thanks to Bruce Cotting, Frank Zarelli, Paul Girolami and Frank Cavaliere for helping us with a few crazy moments that went unnoticed. Thanks for your help. And thank you Bruce for being our live auctioneer that made the bidding of the evening fun and the donations more generous.

We thank the Spirit Club Foundation for the opportunity to support such a wonderful cause and we thank its trainers, Board of Directors, members and guests for attending our event.

We are planning a great meeting for December. We hope all our Board members and Special Committee members will be in attendance on Thursday, December 6. We will have our potluck Christmas Party/meeting on Monday, December 10, while singing Christmas carols and filling shoeboxes for members serving the Apostleship of the Sea.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. See you soon.

Jeanne Berman



Deputy Grand Knight Gus Gusman (at far right) and his lovely daughter Maria organized the Council's Coat Drive for a Rockville area men's shelter.



PGK Dave Morgan demonstrates the proper method of filling a breakfast bag during the November 10 Cup of Joe event for Catholic Charities.

A special shout out and thanks to Billy Veith and "Little Joe" Knapick for their recent yard work. They've helped make Rosensteel look great again.



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This is very possibly the busiest month of the year and we have to be prepared. Let's review the month's events: the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on the 8th; there will be many parish bazaars, Christmas shopping and preparations; winter officially arrives on the 21st; we must winterize our homes and cars, obtain our flu and pneumonia shots. The Advent season is here: Christmas is on the 25th and Santa Claus will soon be on his way for those who were naughty and nice. Do you have travel plans for the holidays? It's one of the busiest travel times of the year so make your plans carefully with safety and personal comfort in mind.

Are you familiar with the Latin words, "Laus Deo"? Have you ever heard these words in a Latin prayer? Well, they can be found in a very interesting public and intriguing location. The Washington Monument on the National Mall is over 500 feet high. It was completed and opened to the public in 1888. We are all familiar with this famous monument. Have you ever climbed the steps to the highest point and looked out those tiny little windows? If you have, you saw a rare panoramic view of the city. But you may not have noticed that in the East capstone of the monument are inscribed these two Latin words. Were they used during the Catholic Mass in the 1800's? We don't really know that answer, but we know the translation: Praise Be to God.

On Christmas there will be a candlelit procession from Shepherds Fields outside Bethlehem into the large square outside the Church of the Nativity. Will there be a bright star in the sky? Will angels walk among the many faithful leading the way to the place of the manger? We will all celebrate this event regardless of our location.

Our always popular Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 18. You must have previously purchased tickets (\$15 and \$20 for your guests) as there will be none available at the door. We can always expect a delicious meal and many extra attractions.

Do you have some of your favorite delicious homemade Christmas cookies to bring to the luncheon and share with everyone? Don't be shy. Everyone is depending on you to help with the Christmas Spirit. There is a possibility of some Christmas Carols. Why not? It's a Christmas Party with lunch.

Don't Miss It.

Thomas Leonard

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In November financial advisor Paul Sexton spoke to us about our finances and we are grateful he helped many of us make sense of our own financial futures. Thank you, Paul.

For a few months now you have been reading and hearing about our Maryknight Charity Ball. It may take some of us a bit longer to jump on the bandwagon, but JUMP you did. The event every year makes a difference in the recipients' world as well as in our own. This is the truest form of "it is better to give than to receive." And GIVE you did. Your time, your talents, your support, your generosity, your donations.

Have you ever been the one to present a large check to an organization in need? It's an awesome feeling, so we must thank all of you who made that happen no matter when you joined our wagon. (My apologies in advance to those I forgot to mention here.)

Thank you to Margie Cuff for taking the lead in finding our well deserving recipient, the Spirit Club Foundation, as well as organizing and executing the details of the ball. The band Night and Day gave us great dancing music. Terrence Moore and his kitchen crew gave us a delicious dinner. Carol Walper and Sarah Warner helped Margie understand and use our new software from Greater Giving that helped the night go smoothly in so many ways. From making your reservation, purchasing raffle tickets and selecting a meal to helping us check you in and out and giving you a detailed receipt or e-mail as you left with all your purchases and merchandise wins. It continues to help with our bookkeeping and our expenses/profits line.

Keep your ears out to hear the final figure on our check to the Spirit Club Foundation. Thanks, Julie Cuff, for the "Wall of Wine." We had fun selecting a cork and receiving a fine bottle of wine. Thank you to Kathy Arvedlund and her daughter Amy for the set up of all our auction items; we know it takes most of the morning and then you both continued to tally our raffle tickets sales. You both work tirelessly for our efforts. Thank you Cheryl Moore for the beautiful lights that sparkled on our tables. Thank you Polly and Peggi Seleski, Marge Fait and Luanne Flannigan for welcoming our guests and checking them out at the end of the evening. Thank you Diane Lynch, Barbara Dassing and Mike Graninger for keeping our glasses filled with our beverages of choice. Thank you to all our hard working volunteers who served us dinner and fetched our coats when we wanted to leave.

Please allow us to thank our own worthy Knights of Columbus for supporting us in so many ways. Thank you to so many K of C members for attending the evening with us. It is always

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- 13 Pro-Life Kickoff
- 22 March for Life
- 22 Social Meeting

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2. First Sunday Break-fast	3. D'Antuono Dollymore, Bromley and Mullaney	4. Business Meeting	5.	6.	7. Team #2 - AOH Pistol Pete, Jeff, Mark, Hardman	8.
9. Pierre	10. D'Antuono McKinney	11. Conway, Carey	12.	13.	14. Team #3 - Neff, fried shrimp Conway, Carey, DeVol, Slattery	15.
16. Children's Christ- mas Party Dassing	17. D'Antuono Sullivan	18. Horner Memorial Rosary Social Meeting - *Second Degree DeVol, Culkin	19.	20. Langley	21. Team #4 - Marks Lynch and Lyon	22. Needy Food Baskets Maddox
23.	24.	25. Christmas Day - Coun- cil Closed	26.	27.	28. Team #5 - Girolami, chili dogs, coneys, fries Eddie McCaw Mike Beane	29.
30.	31. New Year's Eve	January 1, 2019 New Year's Day	2.	3.	4. Team #6 - Langley	