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## Chaplain's Reflection Incarnation

In the beginning, before creation, God, who is pure Love, existed in perfect happiness in a communion of three persons; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Time is a dimension unknown to God, but some 14 billion years ago God created the universe from the instantaneous big bang of a single particle. And, incidentally, this theory was first proposed by Father Georges Lemaître, a Belgian cosmologist and Catholic priest in 1931. Some 9 billion years later, the Milky Way galaxy evolved and a half billion years later our solar system was created. But God was not done yet. On a single, relatively small planet, orbiting a very ordinary star in one galaxy out of over 100 billion, God created the very unique conditions necessary to support his created life. Nowhere else in the universe did God do this.

But God was still not finished. He loved His creation. He wanted to enter into His creation, to be part of His creation. After the fall of Adam and the great flood, about 4,000 years ago God began to actively enter human history when He established His covenant with Abraham. Over the next 2,000 years, God shepherded a people peculiarly his own through the Exodus, the glorious times of Kings David and Solomon, the fall of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, the Babylonian Exile and the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Finally, God was ready to physically enter human history. But because God respects the dignity of His creatures, He would not force his entry into their world. So he sent the angel Gabriel to ask, *yes ask*, Mary to be the Mother of the Son of God. Imagine, the creator asking permission from one of His creatures.

God's choice to live among us is reason for great celebration. Our Christian belief in the Incarnation reflects a profoundly different understanding of God than that of even Judaism and Islam which also view Abraham as a common "father in faith." Our Jewish ancestors expected God to intervene in their history though a holy man, but they did not anticipate that God himself would be the Messiah. Muslims do not believe that Allah would ever consider becoming human, because he is so holy and completely "other" that no human or community of people is able to touch him.

Christmas is about the physical birth of Love among us and Love's decision to become part of the universe

## Grand Knight's Station

"Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words!"

# **ROSENSTEEL STRONG!**

We kicked off November with our second Council Volunteer Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. More than 30 Knights and Maryknights logged in well more than 100 volunteer hours. Then on Thursday and Friday there were more hours logged, preparing for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability event. NCPD Chairperson Janice Benton was honored for her work since the program's inception in 1982. And Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received an award in recognition for decades-long support provided by the Knights of Columbus. The evening was a slamdunk success. Truly illustrating just what we can accomplish working together – *none of us are as good as all of us!* I would be remiss if I did not extend a heartfelt thank you, specifically to the Maryknights. We could not have done this without all of you! And a special thanks to PGK Terrence Moore, who spearheaded the council logistics of the event!

We had the Horner Rosary on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by our Memorial Mass on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Another wonderful event, honoring our Knights who have passed this past year. Mass was celebrated by our Chaplain Father Calis, attended by Deacon Jeeves. A tasty meal was provided by PGK Moore and we had our traditional turkey drawing.

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Council was buzzing early in the morning. Thanksgiving baskets (200) for the needy being put together in the Emerald Room, thanks to Chairman Tim Sullivan and his apprentice, Warden Tim Stocker *(see pictures on page 6)*. Thanks to the Maryknights for contributing gift cards. And the Gabriel Project was meeting next door in the Knights' Room at the same time. November was a big month for the entire Father Rosensteel Family!

We have the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest going on this month and the Children's Christmas Party. Let us all keep our focus on the true spirit of the season. This is the time of our Savior's birth. A time of peace and generosity.

From all the Council Officers, wishing you and yours a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, and Health and Prosperity in the New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Gus

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#### **First Sunday Breakfast**

Sunday, December 8, 8 to 11 a.m. 9707 Rosensteel Avenue

Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes, fruit salad, French toast, home fries, hash toast, bagels, donuts, juices, milk, coffee

Bloody Mary's and Mimosas

\$10 adults \$6 under 16 Free under 2 \*\$35 per family maximum (no more than two over 16)

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## Remember in your prayers:

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#### Sick:

Phil Atzert, Chris Colburn, Tim Colburn, Randy Oliver, Inez Montez, Helen Borkoski, Summer Hanson, John Ryan and Susan Young

#### **Deceased:**

Sean Noel O'Rourke, HLM; Francis Brewary, Vince Oliverio and Trish Wigmore

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Michael Koon.

### **Chaplain's Reflection**

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by becoming human. By understanding how we love, we can appreciate God's decision to become flesh, which is the deepest meaning of Christmas. Love by its nature desires that we be one with our beloved. In our own deeply intimate loving, we want to become one together emotionally, spiritually and physically.

God is infinite Love. He shares that love not only within the Trinity, but also with everything outside of Himself, that is, all of creation. Thus, the Incarnation was not simply for a moment in the past, but for now, always and forever. Even today, God in the person of Jesus Christ is present and speaking to us. God never forgets His people, even when they forget Him. Our forgetfulness will never deter God from being *God with us*, from being Love Incarnate in our world.

So, how should we respond to the wonderful good news of Christmas? I would suggest that we just remain still and quiet. We do not have to figure it all out. It is enough to consciously let yourself be loved, to breathe deeply and trust that God's love is infinitely vast, good and beautiful. Let yourself believe that you are loved. And once you have that experience, you'll know what to do.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

#### **Capital Improvement Enhancement Fund**

Brothers and Sisters All,

To date we have received more than \$8,000 in donations, more than 2,100 hours of volunteer services and have either purchased or donated more than \$29,200 in professional services and products. We will publish a complete update that will be available for viewing in the Knights' Room by December 1. We are not done yet, but we do need to take a breather and be proud of what we've accomplished.

Thank You, Rosensteel Strong!

## **Rosensteel News and Notes**

**Mary's Widows** - November found 19 ladies having lunch at the Silver Fountain Restaurant. Hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. It has been a long time since we have dined there.

December 9 will be our annual Christmas lunch at the Father Rosensteel Knights of Columbus Council. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. John Matosian and Michael Koon are promising a special meal.

Remember: no meetings in January and February. We will be back on schedule in March 2020.

Hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lois Devlin

**Pro-Life Kickoff Rally** - The Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council #2169 is presenting its 27th annual Pro-Life Rally Kickoff on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the Council hall at 9707 Rosensteel Avenue in Silver Spring, MD, 20910 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 Chair PGK C. Michael Koon at 301-922-9101. All are cordially welcome.

**Super Bowl Party** - The 2020 Super Bowl is fast approaching. If you can't make it to the game in Miami on February 2, join your fellow Knights and friends at the famous 2169 Super Bowl Party. For more than 30 years, this has been a great annual fundraiser for our Council.

For a mere \$110, you and one friend can join us in the Columbian Room to watch the game on several wide screen TVs. In addition, there is a tailgate food extravaganza, an open bar and a chance to win prizes! This all starts at 5 p.m. on Super Bowl day.

There are 100 boxes available and no knowledge of football required. As of today, 80 boxes are signed for and half of these boxes are paid. If you would like to join us, I am at the Council every Friday night with the board, so don't hesitate to sign up.

PS- I would like to settle unpaid accounts with those that have already signed up by the end of December.

Brother Stan McLeod

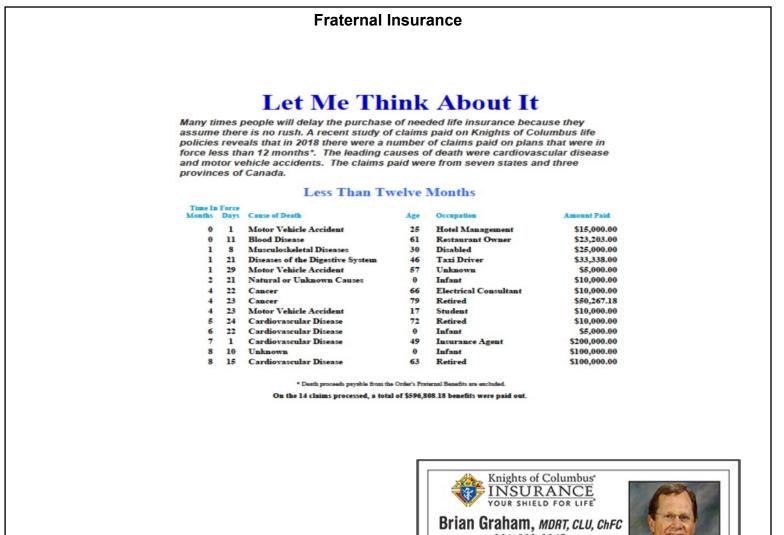
# The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - The Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month for December has been a member since 2013. He is a big volunteer in an easygoing sort of way. He has participated in everything from Tootsie Rolls to Keep Christ in Christmas, to tending bar, working at bingo and is a Rosary regular. He is a past Grand Knight and a Fourth Degree Sir Knight and you will never hear him utter a bad word about a fellow Knight! And did I mention that he has provided the current Grand Knight much needed advice and support?

Even though he cheers for the Giants and Yankees, when you see PGK Jim Mannion thank him for all that he has done and continues to do at the Council and congratulate him on being the Father Rosensteel Council December Knight of the Month!

**Family of the Month** - This couple can be found at Father Rosensteel Council supporting and attending most events. He is a Third Degree Knight who joined when he was 18 years old. His son is a Second Degree Knight who also joined at age 18. His wife is a Maryknight as is their daughter. They work on one of the Friday night kitchen crews, co-chair the children's Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties and you may find him tending bar. Again, a family with deep roots and part our longstanding foundation of Father Rosensteel Council.

When you see Billy, Barbara, Joe and Victoria Dassing, congratulate them on being the Family of the Month and thank them for their contributions over the years.



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# Rosensteel Hall, Council at Its Finest



Father Rosensteel Council and Rosensteel Hall rarely looked better than it did on Friday, November 8, when Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored for his work with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. A nearly standing room only crowd of attendees was treated to a wonderful program hosted by a small army of volunteers from the Knights' membership and the Maryknights. Above, from left to right, are Spike Holmes, Geoff Conway, Dave Donnelly, Mr. Anderson and Kevin Carey.



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Where did the year go? We hope everyone is ready for the holidays and has a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Blessed Christmas!

The Maryknights were an integral part of the success of the NCPD Dinner on November 8. What didn't we do? Assist with the planning, decorate, landscape, donate, serve, clean, paint, cut and trim shrubs, assist with the NCPD auction, handle the coat check, bus tables and on and on... Our partnership and bond with the Knights at our Council continues to grow and the proof, as they say, was in the pudding (or rather flourless chocolate cake!). Kudos especially to PP Margie Cuff and PGK Terrence Moore for leading, gathering and directing us all and knocking it out of the park! Working on the NCPD event brought out the best in all of us and Rosensteel has much to be proud of! Thanks to all of you who were involved in even the smallest way!

Susan Brady spoke to us at the November meeting about the benefits of essential oils and using natural, plantbased cleaning products in our homes. She and Teresa Hodge are representatives for Young Living so if you need any products or have questions, please contact one of them.

Thanks, sincerely, to all who donated Safeway Gift Cards for the Thanksgiving Baskets given to those in need. We collected \$130 in cash and cards. Please continue your generosity for those less fortunate by bringing in toiletries, new socks, underwear and bras, blankets and hats and gloves as the colder weather sets in. Don't forget items for our soldiers as well.

Be sure to attend our December meeting on the 9! It will be our Christmas celebration meeting. In addition to the opportunity of sharing holiday cheer with our Maryknight sisters and the \$50 attendance prize that will be up for grabs (who doesn't need some extra shopping money!), we will be filling shoeboxes again this year with small gifts of toiletries, snacks, socks, hats, gloves and other small items for the Apostleship of the Sea program.

Margie Cuff and Luanne Flanigan



# **Needy Food Baskets Program**

Three times each year, Father Rosensteel Council donates grocery bags to needy families in our area. The Saturday before Thanksgiving 200 bags were filled in the Emerald Room under the guidance of, from left to right below, Program Chairman Tim Sullivan, GK Gus Gusman and Warden Tim Stocker.





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#### COMING EVENTS...

## **JANUARY 2020**

- 7 Business Meeting
- 18 Horner Memorial Rosary
- 21 Social Meeting

# **DECEMBER 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. D'Antuono Happy Hour	3. <b>Business Meeting</b> Dollymore, Bromley & Mullaney	4.	5. Cavaliere	6. Team #5, Girolami - choice of red or white chili Pistol Pete, Hardman	7.
8. Sunday Breakfast	9. D'Antuono Happy Hour	10. McKinney	11. Carey, Conway	12. Mannion	13. Team #6, Langley - Blue plate special (meats w/mashed potatoes, green beans, navy been soup Carey, Conway, DeVol, Wigmore	14.
15. Children's Christ- mas Party	16. D'Antuono Happy Hour Dassing	17. <b>Social Meeting</b> Sullivan	18. Horner Memorial Rosary Chuck Hozdic	19. Colburn, Carrescia	20. Team #7, Moore - baby back ribs Lynch and Lyon, Langley	21. Needy Food Baskets
22.	23. D'Antuono Happy Hour	24.	25. Christmas Day Council Closed	26.	27. Calcutt/Sullivan - TBA Campitelli, Eddie McCaw	28.
29.	30.	31. New Year's Eve	January 1, 2020			