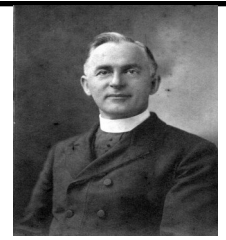




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Chaplain's Reflection

Love is a Decision

Through the Incarnation, God entered the world through his Son, Jesus. And like every other child, Jesus was born into a family. Mary and Joseph exemplified the perfect marriage because they recognized that love is a decision and not simply a feeling.

Marriage is the only relationship in our lives that we choose. We did not pick our parents or any of our other family members. On the day that each of us was married, we believed that our love would last forever, that no one else was as deeply in love as we were and that there was no one else in the world we would rather be married to.

But, then life happens. That perfect person we married turned out to be a human being, perhaps even more flawed than we are. We may forget our vows, "for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness or health, till death do us part." Over time, we may stop treating our spouse like we did when we were dating. We may stop going out on regular dates. We may stop being each other's girlfriend or boyfriend.

So, let's consider some simple things to bring back the fire.

1. "Never both be angry at the same time." When one person attacks angrily, the other will surely react with anger. Instead of reacting, getting defensive or explaining; just listen. We argue to be right. We listen to be close. Choose closeness.
2. "Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire or there is some other emergency." Don't yell. Trying to intimidate or control a partner never produces closeness.
3. "If one of you has to win an argument, let it be your spouse." Enough said!
4. "Don't criticize each other." Blaming makes the other person defensive. Instead, say how you feel. "I felt sad when you said this. I felt hurt when you did this." Our partner is not responsible for how we feel. But we are responsible for sharing how we feel.
5. "Never bring up mistakes of the past." Never. Bringing up mistakes from the past is like acid that eats away at a relationship. It also means that you have not forgiven.
6. "Neglect the whole world rather than each other." Your relationship with your spouse is more important than your

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Grand Knight's Station

According to a 2015 Pew Research report, 35 percent of those in the Millennial generation (born 1981-1996) were religious "Nones." Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark told fellow U.S. bishops of the "rise of the Nones" -- or young people with no religious affiliation. An "increased amount of disconnected Millennials is certainly a concern for us, as is the decline and delay of marriage among young people," he added.



In recognition of this sad reality, Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." (The Synod of Bishops meets at the request of the Holy Father, when he considers it necessary or opportune to consult with the world's bishops.) The Synod will be held in Rome in October 2018. Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society."

If you're wondering how this is relevant to Fr. Rosensteel Council, please know that as practical Catholics, we should be thinking of "how to engage" these disaffected youth, who as Cardinal Tobin put it, "feel in many cases disowned by the more traditional institutions and organizations that were important to their parents and grandparent." We as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, youth directors and teachers need to lead by example in our prayerful lives. It's not enough to just "go to Mass." We must challenge ourselves to continuously engage our Youth to put down their smart devices and spend time in prayer and contemplation. In his [Letter to Young People](#), Pope Francis tells them "do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit" and encourages them to "undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan" for their lives. Pope Francis' letter encourages young people to let their voices be heard throughout the synodal journey and he ends by entrusting them to the Blessed Mother that she might guide them in responding "Here I am" to God's call.

As Catholic Gentlemen, we have the noble and worthy responsibility to lead our youth by example in our daily lives, by including them in our charitable works, and by inviting young men and women to quiet their lives and listen for the voice of God in their lives.

In closing, please encourage every young person you meet to go to the Vatican Synod's [special website and survey](#). . . aimed directly at youth and young adults. The survey will help the Synod Office better understand the realities of young people today and their pathways to vocation and the Catholic faith. Let's help the next generation exemplify the faith of their families.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce

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Chaplain's Reflection

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relationship with anyone else. Your spouse's needs are more important than those of your children, grandchildren or parents. Love each other first.

7. A good relationship goal is to never "let the sun go down on your anger (Eph 4:26)." But setting an arbitrary time limit to settle an argument is not likely to produce real closure. Instead, never go to sleep without telling each other that you are still friends. Things will look brighter in the dawn of the next morning.

8. "At least once every day try to say one kind or complimentary thing to your life's partner." This is huge. Look for the good. Praise the good. Refuse to say something that is negative or critical.

9. "When you have done something wrong, be ready to admit it and ask for forgiveness." Just saying "I'm sorry" has healed many a marriage. And if your spouse expresses sorrow, always grant forgiveness even if he or she does not "deserve" it. Not forgiving keeps the wound open, in yourself and in your spouse.

10. "It takes two to make a quarrel and the one in the wrong is the one who does the most talking." Very humbling, but usually true!

Love is a decision. Decisions can sometimes be hard. Marriage is hard work. But a joyful marriage is the best gift that you can give yourselves as well as your children. It will enrich your lives in every possible way because, as a couple, you will be living like God, who is Himself a communion of three persons.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Deputy Grand Knight's Dialog A Lenten Offering

Lent begins on February 14. Two years ago, I wrote in the March *Knight Life* that I would read Matthew 6 every day during Lent. This Lenten season I offer up what a young Catholic college student named Ellie Borkowsky once suggested.

1. Give up and give of - The traditional way of experiencing Lent is to give up something. Remember that Jesus gave of Himself for us. You can give up by giving ourselves in service to God's children. Help those without a home, feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. You can welcome the stranger, offer clothes to those in need and care for the ill. In Matthew 25:40 we read that giving joy to the least is to bring joy to Christ.

2. Make time for praise - Ellie says "Whenever I am feeling most tempted, I like to make time for God, especially through music. I take a little time out of my schedule to just be with Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)." Is it an accident that our Grand Knight whose has expressed his love of music chose Philippians 4:13 as his slogan this fraternal year? Pick your way to express your praise to God.

3. Read a book - We all have favorites. Read one that is focused on God and Lent. Sometimes during Lent we cut back on an activity as a sacrifice. If it creates space, fill it by reading.

4. Challenge yourself - Sometimes the things we gave up for Lent as a youth we still give up as an adult. Sacrifices we experienced as a youth soon become something that is so easy that the challenge is gone. Pick an area that you've challenged yourself recently and were not sure you could accomplish but you succeeded. I bet you felt good. Doing it during Lent can bring you closer to God. What's in your challenge?

5. Read the Gospel - She says to read the Word of God by reading the Gospel. Hey, my idea was Matthew 6. You can start with Mark or just follow along with the daily readings. You can find them on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website (usccb.org/bible/readings). Pope Francis says it's the joy that Christ offers us.

6. Find joy in the little things - Ellie says seek out the Joys that we get during the day and experience gratitude and making it a habit. Ask to have our eyes opened, opening our ability to find joy such as the breeze against one's face, seeing an old friend, a job success, a song you like (this one's for the Grand Knight) and other daily joys. Be sure to thank God.

Jim Mannion

Council Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 4 First Sunday of the Month Breakfast
- 6 Business Meeting
- 9 Annual Father/Daughter Dance
- 10 Beach Party
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 20 Social Meeting

MARCH

- 3 Maryknights Casino Night
- 4 First Sunday of Month Breakfast
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

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Knight of the Month - While sifting through the rich historical legacy of Fr. Rosensteel Council, it became clear to me that this month's recipient has had a significant role in maintaining a wonderful legacy for us. This guy is the strong silent type; he enters the room quietly, speaks with a soft tone, yet yields enormous value when he speaks. He has been a Knight for over 30 years and has risen through the chairs. He has served as a trustee, and continues to remain a willing resource of knowledge and reasoning, and occasionally a defacto arbiter. While it's easy to recognize this Knight in his Fourth Degree Regalia on our [Rosensteel Council Facebook page](#), what you may not realize is that his fingerprints are also all over our [Fr. Rosensteel Council website](#), specifically in the wonderful History reflection. Please congratulate John Fox as our February Knight of the Month. Thank you for your invaluable devotion to our Council, John. We appreciate you!

Family of the Month - The selection for Family of the month continues the theme of unselfish contribution of time and energy. This month, the recognition for our Family of the Month is also a celebration. Year in and year out, this recipient has quietly yet diligently worked at the periphery of the Council. You can find members of this family supporting our Bingo nights and helping with Friday Family dinners. You can find them at Friday night rosaries and at Memorial Masses. They are world-class fundraisers, frequently surpassing the financial goals they set. They attend meetings to support one another in support of the greater good of the Council. And they just celebrated their Birthday/Anniversary! Please congratulate the members of The Maryknights Auxiliary as our February Family of the month! Quite honestly, they are the framework that keeps we Knights on track and at the forefront of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Maryknights for your endless contributions to ensuring that Fr. Rosensteel Council maintains an incredibly familial and social environment.

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Council Free Throw Contest

Congratulations to Logan Donnelly for winning this year's Council Free Throw Contest held earlier this year.

Well done, young Mr. Donnelly!

Update on Vocations

Fr. Rosensteel Council recently awarded scholarships of \$500 each to four seminarians at the Saint John Paul II Seminary. The Archdiocese of Washington Vocations Support program identified these four seminarians as not having received support from Knights of Columbus councils or other means for the current academic year.



From left to right above are Uriel Gonzalez, First College, home parish of St. Rafael, Rockville; David Guillen, First Pre-Theology, St. Martin of Tours, Gaithersburg; Louis McHale, Second College, St. Peter, Olney and Sean Skahen, Fourth College, University of Maryland Catholic Student Center.

Submitted by Council Vocations Chairman Paul Girolami

Motions on the Floor

Brothers All,

As per Council Bylaws, this is official notice that there are currently two motions to be considered and voted upon at the February 6 Business Meeting if a quorum of 30 members is in attendance. Each was introduced at the January 9 Business Meeting. They are as follows:

- 1) A motion to transfer \$25,000 from the Council General Fund to the Clubhouse General Fund.
- 2) A modification of the above motion to “transfer \$7,000 from the Council General Fund to the Clubhouse General Fund and have the Council Trustees take over operations of the Clubhouse. The Trustees shall provide a Business Plan for the Clubhouse in the future.”

Deacon “Come and See” Events

Permanent deacons are ordained clergy who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are called to a special ministry of charity through which they assist the needy, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, immigrants and others. As ministers of God’s Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptizing, witnessing marriages, presiding at funerals and wake services, and serving as ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with a series of “Come & See” events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in from **January-March 2018**. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Interested persons may contact Deacon Desi Viktor, director of formation, at 301-853-4582 or by e-mail at vikord@adw.org. The mailing address for the office is Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, PO Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017-0260. Additional information is available at <http://adw.org/permanent-deacons/>

The schedule to “come and see” for potential applicants is as follows:

Date	Location
Wed., February 7, 7-9 p.m.	St. Joseph, Largo
Thurs., Feb. 15, 7-9 p.m.	St. John Evangelist, Clinton
Wed., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m.	St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring
Wed., March 7, 7-9 p.m.	St. Aloysius, Leonardtown
Wed., March 14, 7-9 p.m.	Pastoral Center Dining Room

Please RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs at 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org and let her know which session you would like to attend. Wives are encouraged to accompany their husbands. If anyone at Fr. Rosensteel Council would like to learn more, please contact Deacon Alan Jeeves at deacon.alan.jeeves@gmail.com.

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The most popular day in February is Valentine's Day.
How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

It has often been said that the first Valentine's Day card originated in France when Charles, Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife while imprisoned in the tower of London in 1415. It is now popular throughout the world.

In Denmark, rather than roses, friends and sweethearts exchange pressed white flowers called snowdrops. Men also give women a "joking letter" consisting of a funny poem or rhyme written on intricately cut paper.

In South Korea, it is celebrated monthly from February through April. On February 14, the women woo their men with chocolates and flowers. On March 14, men shower their sweethearts with chocolates, flowers and a gift. On April 14, singles mourn their solitary status by eating dark bowls of black bean-paste noodles.

On the eve of Valentine's Day, women in England used to place five bay leaves on their pillows, one at each corner and one in the center to bring dreams of their future husbands.

While Valentine's Day celebrations in the Philippines are similar to celebrations in Western countries, one tradition has swept the country and led to thousands of couples sharing a wedding day on February 14.

Brazilians skip the February 14 celebration and instead celebrate "lover's day" on June 12. In addition to the usual gifts of chocolates, flowers and cards, music festivals and performances are held throughout the country.

The usual exchange of gifts also holds true in South Africa. It is also customary for women to wear hearts on their sleeves, sometimes indicating the names of their love interest. This is how some men learn of their secret admirers.

So have a happy Valentine's Day and I hope you get a lot of chocolates. If you get too many, bring some to our next luncheon on February 27. Hope to see you there.

Ray Koski

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2018 is moving along so quickly. Our January meeting was cancelled because of snow and ice so we will present the Charity Ball proceeds to Gabriel Project at our February meeting. Now it's time to start thinking about this year's Charity Ball recipient! Please come to the February meeting and be prepared to nominate your favorite charity for consideration.

Be sure to get your advanced reservations for the upcoming Casino Night! It will take place on March 3 at 8 p.m. in the Columbian Room. Tickets will be \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and will include \$10,000 in chips, a drink ticket and lite fare. There will be blackjack, roulette, Texas Hold 'Em, craps, raffles, prizes and much more! **All proceeds from this event go exclusively to the ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL so your support is appreciated.** Contact Carol Walper at 301-933-4219 or ca-walper@aol.com for more information.

Our membership is growing thanks to all of you who are actively recruiting. Please keep up the good work and continue to invite women to join our wonderful organization. See you on February 12!

Beth Torp

***"Do something beautiful for God."
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)***

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, the 40 Days for Life movement will hold a kickoff rally at the Maranatha Fellowship Church, 3828 University Blvd., College Park, MD. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

The promotional flyer urges those interested to join the community that prays to end abortion. The keynote speaker is pro-life activist Missy Smith.

For more information, contact Luis Martarano at 240-447-1946 or by e-mail, luismbowie1@verizon.net.

*Submitted by Council Culture of Life
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COMING EVENTS...

MARCH

3 - Maryknights' Casino Night
17 - St. Patrick's Day

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. Moore - veal saltimbocca and linguini Pistol Pete, Hardman	3. Bromley, Dollymore & Mullaney
4. First Sunday Breakfast Super Bowl	5. D'Antuono, McNamara	6. Business Meeting	7. Bingo	8. Cassagnol	9. Sullivan/Calcutt - spiced shrimp Father/Daughter Dance Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore, Cassagnol	10. McKinney Beach Party
11. Conway, Carey	12. D'Antuono, McNamara	13.	14. Bingo Cavaliere, Slattery	15.	16. McLeod - tuna salad subs with French fries Lynch and Lyon Dassing	17.
18. Horner Memorial Rosary	19. D'Antuono, McNamara	20. Social Meeting Langley and Moore	21. Bingo	22. Mannion Maddox	23. Neff - fried shrimp Eddie McCaw	24.
25.	26. D'Antuono, Beane	27. Culkin and DeVol	28. Bingo	March 1.	2. Marks - seafood gumbo	3. Maryknights Casino Knight