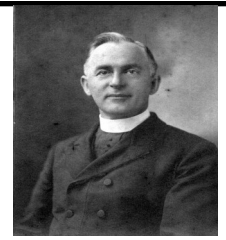




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## Chaplain's Reflection The Prosperity Gospel

As people of faith, we know that God loves each of us unconditionally. We know that God wants the best for all of us because He wants us to be happy in this life, not just in eternal life. Yet we can see that not all of us live in the best of circumstances in this world. This is the condition of the world. This is why Jesus taught us that to love your neighbor (who you do see) is equal in importance to loving God (who you do not see) (cf. Mt 22:37-39).

Why some of us live in better circumstances than others is a mystery. The prosperity gospel attempts to explain this by proposing that God answers our prayers based on our faithfulness. However, this is not very comforting when bad things happen to good people. The prosperity gospel simply does not make sense given that Jesus has told us that His Heavenly Father makes the sun rise on the bad and the good, and the rain fall on the just and the unjust (cf Mt. 5:45).

Even so, if God really rewarded his best followers with a life of wealth and good health, what about Jesus himself who endured one of the most painful executions in human history, or any of the saints, some of whom were beggars and lepers? No matter how nonsensical it is, the irrational belief that God rewards us for our faithfulness still has a way of influencing our understanding of God. While we might not be willing to say that everyone who endures sickness, poverty or unhappiness in their life is suffering because of a lack of faith, we might be willing believe that God has rewarded us with good health, material comfort and happiness because we have put our trust in Him, at least some of the time.

The lie of the prosperity gospel goes even deeper than just claiming that God's justice is neat and tidy, and everyone gets what they deserve on this earth. At its heart is a refusal to accept the mystery that God's ways are not our ways. A refusal that is fueled by the human pride that accompanies the blithe assumption that God is a predictable being, who reacts to us in a way that we can always understand.

Throughout C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, his characters are constantly reminded that Aslan, a Christ figure, is "not a tame lion" because we can never know the mind of God. We do know that God is love, light and truth; that God is a merciful Father and that God

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## Grand Knight's Station

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

First, thank you for all the prayers offered for my wife Terry. She is home from the hospital now and is getting back into normal life. Please continue to pray for our Brothers and Maryknights and their families that need our prayers. God does listen.

In January, the Catholic Church celebrated the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and now in February, we turn to the entire Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In sending His Son to earth as a baby born into a family, God elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Our own family life reflects that lived by Christ, in obedience to His mother and human father. Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect model of the family before us in the Holy Family.

The Knights of Columbus have never strayed from the purpose of its founder, Father McGivney. He saw that at times the family needed help and felt that together families could help each other. The Knights of Columbus and its Faith in Action Initiative focuses on the family through many programs. We do much of that here at Rosensteel, such as Family of the Month, Family of the Year, Children's parties, Father/Daughter Dance, Mary's Widows, the Maryknights, our Council picnic, Friday Family Rosary, the Horner Rosary, Food for Families and the Keep Christ in Christmas program.

We had a very successful January with a well planned Pro-life Kick-off dinner. So what if Mother Nature didn't allow us to have the dinner. We were ready to show our support for Life. We were able to accommodate the 25 students who traveled from Atlanta for the Holy Spirit Academy to attend the Right to Life March.

February has our Super Bowl dinner fundraiser, the Father/Daughter dance and the beach party. Gee, Baseball must not be far away...

*Vivat Jesus,  
Jim Mannion*

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**Maryknights**

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the membership process.

**Our next General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, at 7 p.m.** Due to the inclement weather in January, our speaker, Officer Joy Patil, community services officer, Montgomery County Police, graciously agreed to reschedule for the February meeting. So our topic will be the training for the possibility of an active shooter scenario. This is an education we all need to have in our back pocket. The program is open to all family, guests and friends.

Have you made your reservation for the Card party? Hurry before the tables fill up! **Maryknights Card Party fundraiser will be held Tuesday, March 19, at 1 p.m. at the Maryland Room clubhouse I - Leisure World. Tickets are \$10. Please call Jenny Wilson at 240-669-3584 or Marge Fait at 301-598-7064 for tickets.**

BTW – Did you hear that MORE money came in which increased the **net profit from the November Charity Ball to \$25,344.46 for the Spirit Club! Congratulations you, Wow!**

*Luanne Flanigan*

**Chaplain's Reflection  
The Prosperity Gospel**

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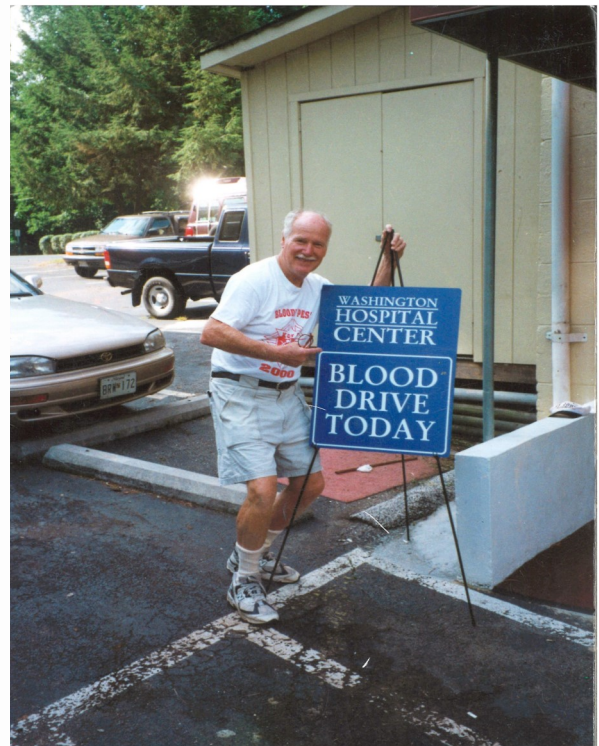
will not abandon us. But we are not told much about the specifics of what God chooses. Without acknowledging that God's ways are inscrutable, we can start to get pretty critical of them when we see the awful things that can happen to his children on a daily basis. Things that we would never allow to happen if we were God.

But assuming that we can understand God's actions and motives feeds directly into another prosperity gospel mistake that God steps directly into even the most ordinary events of our lives. A young woman once gushed that God had done her a real favor that day by turning all the traffic lights in her path green. Maybe God did. But acting like we understand his specific actions, what he did and why, puts us in a bad place. It means that either God has human limitations or that our human understanding is equal to that of God.

We need to let God be God. God has revealed a lot about himself, but we have so much more to learn. There is a lifetime's worth of richness in the simple fact that God loves us and that he is present, without trying to figure out the what and the why of his actions.

*Deacon Alan Jeeves*

**RIP Red**



*Raymond Edward Smith  
December 7, 1933 - January 10, 2019*

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## Council Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Super Bowl Party
- 5 Business Meeting
- 9 Father/Daughter Dance
- 17 Council Sunday Breakfast
- 19 Social Meeting/Admissions Degree
- 23 Beach Party

### MARCH

- 2 State Basketball Free Throw Competition
- 5 Business Meeting
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 15 NCAA Tournament Watch Party
- 15 St. Patrick's Day at Rosensteel
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Social Meeting
- 19 Maryknight Card Party
- 31 Founder's Day

### APRIL

- 2 Business Meeting
- 14 Children's Easter Party
- 16 Social Meeting
- 19 Good Friday, Knights' Room Closed
- 20 Needy Food Baskets
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 25 Nuns' Appreciation Night

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 4 Business Meeting
- 18 Social Meeting
- 23 Volunteer Appreciation Night

### JULY

- 2 Business Meeting
- 13 Installation of Officers

## Council Charity Fund

This Fraternal Year the Charity fund has received \$6,485 to date. Thank you for your gifts of Treasure  
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## K of C Father Daughter Dance 2019!

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-10:00 PM



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Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step toward achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health and no one knows when your health could change.



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## The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - This Month's Knight of the Month has been a Knight since 1988. He obtained his Admissions, Formation and Knighthood degrees all on the same day, May 1 (he must have slept all day on the 2). He is a Fourth Degree member of the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly #388. You have met with him at least once since you've become a Rosensteel Knight. He attends most meetings and volunteers at our Tootsie Roll campaign at grocery stores and at Good Counsel football games. He can't be missed helping at many other events. We thank you, Fraternal Insurance Agent Brian Graham F.I.C., for caring about your Council. Please congratulate Brian when you see him, the Rosensteel Knight of the Month for February 2019.

**Family of the Month** - This family is "all in" at Rosensteel. They have been a Rosensteel family since 2013. They immediately began to use their gifts of time, talent and treasure for the Council. One is a Council Officer and, in the words of the Financial Secretary, "keeps me in check" (no pun intended). He also gives his time to be an usher at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Both he and his wife have been regular attendees at Council events, including Friday Family Rosary. Recently, they moved across the Potomac River to Virginia to be with family. Please congratulate Joe McAlarnen, Council Treasurer, and his wife Patricia as the Rosensteel Family of the Month for February 2019.

## Annual State Convention

Please reserve your room now for Ocean City, May 3 and 4, 2019 for Council & Maryland State Convention activities. We've reserved the first two floors at the Sea Hawk Motel on 124th Street; let a Council officer know if you'd like a room. Cost is estimated at \$75 per night plus tax. We need all reservations arranged through the Council to guarantee and manage our room block. Please make checks payable to Sea Hawk Motel and give them to any of your Council officers.

Highlights of the weekend include (see <http://www.mdkocconvention.org/> for full details):

**Thursday, May 2** – State Golf Outing – See Joe Marks or Terrence Moore if interested.

**Friday, May 3** – 3 p.m. check-in, Sea Hawk Motel  
Also that afternoon: Grand Knights Olympics for Charity – Princess Royale Hotel Atrium, 3 p.m.

7 p.m. Mass and Opening Session – Princess Royale Hotel  
7:30 p.m. Rosensteel gathering – location to be determined  
8:30 p.m. Hospitality Suites open – Princess Royale Atrium  
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**Saturday, May 4** – 9 a.m. Award Ceremony – Princess Royale Atrium. Come help us celebrate Rosensteel!

11 a.m. Convention's second session

*It's Kentucky Derby Day!* Place your bets at Ocean Downs and watch at the Sea Hawk.

4 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's Church (5 blocks from the Princess)  
8 p.m. Party at the Princess! Hospitality Suites open 8 p.m. to midnight – Atrium

**Sunday, May 5** – 7:30 a.m. Mass –Mako Room, Princess Royale Hotel. 9:30 a.m. Closing Sessions

Volunteers are needed to assist with the hospitality suites. Please see a Council officer and offer to help. Questions? E-mail Paul Girolami at [girolami@verizon.net](mailto:girolami@verizon.net).

## Council Free Throw Competition

On Saturday January 19, 2019, Rosensteel Council held its annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition at Sligo Middle School in Silver Spring. The winners from this contest will all move on to the state championship in March at Archbishop Spalding High School.

Thanks to all the volunteers: PGK Wayne Miller, PGK Paul Girolami, Geoff Conway, and future Knights Jack Carey, Eddie Mulholland and Kieran Maddox.



The Council and District Champions:

**Boys Age 11** **Quin Mulholland**

**Boys Age 12** **Logan Donnelly**

**Boys Age 14** **Will Carey** (*being congratulated above by PGK Wayne Miller*)

**Girls Age 12** **Ellie Langley**

**Girls Age 13** **Mary Grace Hathway**

Thank you to all the players and parents who took the 10 minutes out of their day to shoot 15 free throws.

*"Eighty percent of success is showing up."*  
— **Woody Allen**

## Council Money Motion

In accordance with Council bylaws, the following Money Motion was brought to the floor at the January Business Meeting and is therefore scheduled to be discussed and voted upon at the February 5 Business Meeting if a quorum exists.

A motion to increase the existing Seminarian/Vocations line item budget for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year by \$1,000, making the new budget line item \$3,000.



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Groundhog Day or Candlemas? On February 2, a quaint tradition unfolds, known well to schoolchildren and adults alike. The fate of spring hangs in the balance as a burrowing animal looks for its shadow. But where did this tradition come from?

For centuries, February 2 has been celebrated as Candlemas, a Christian Feast Day. Candlemas is also called the Feast of the Presentation because it honors the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple. In bringing their child to the temple and offering a sacrifice, Jesus' parents were following the Mosaic Law.

The date of Candlemas is always February 2 because it is exactly 40 days (inclusive) after Christmas. The Mosaic Law stated that 40 days was the period of purification after the birth of a child and so the presentation took place 40 days after Jesus was born. Incidentally, February 2 is also halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so the date has always had significance for ancient people.

So what's the connection to Groundhog Day? Candlemas became linked to weather predictions about the end of winter because of an old English poem: *If Candlemas be fair and bright, come winter, have another flight. If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, go winter, and come not again.*

It makes sense that early February was a good time to prognosticate about the weather, especially as February 2 marks the midpoint between winter and spring. And the English poem appears to be the source of the shadow connection: "fair and bright" indicates sun, the groundhog sees his shadow and we'll have more winter. While "clouds and rain" indicates no sun, the groundhog does not see his shadow and we'll have an early spring.

We can discuss which groundhog saw what at our next luncheon on February 26.

*Ray Koski*

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The Retirees Club has donated \$1,000 to the Council Charity Fund. Thank you for the continued support of your Council.

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So...It's February already! It's the shortest month but holds a lot to celebrate. For starters, February is the month of The Passion of Our Lord, Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day, the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and the Oscars. But are you aware of some of the lesser, but in some cases, more important dates this month? Did you know that the 22nd is 'National Margarita Day'? The 2nd is 'Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day'? Or that the 7th is 'Wave to Your Neighbor with All of Your Fingers Day'? (Yes, it actually says 'with all of your fingers'. I can only speculate on the need to specify that... but I digress!) The 4th is 'Thank a Mailman/Mailwoman Day' and they sure deserve it! The 17th is 'Nation Random Acts of Kindness Day,' something the Rosensteel community does on a daily basis. Nice to have a reminder, though. Perhaps the most unsung heroine is celebrated on the 28th, 'National Tooth Fairy Day'. Now *there's* a chick who is *really busy* but always shows up when you need her! And she brings me to my segue....

I saw on television the other day that L'Oreal (or L'Oreal Paris, if you're fancy!) has a campaign they call Women of Worth or W.O.W. This campaign honors women who selflessly volunteer their time to serve their communities. My first thought...the Maryknights, of course. When you talk about Women of Worth or women who find beauty in giving back, you needn't look any further than the Maryknights! Each is a woman of profound worth with her own unique talents, so what a perfect description! When asked for a hand, a prayer, a cake, a rosary, a favor, a kind word, a get well card or a 'sister' to confide in, there truly is always a Maryknight ready and willing.

And none of those things even reference what we do for the outside community and neighbors. Care packages to our service people overseas, eyeglasses, food, clothes, socks, toiletries and cell phones for those in need are just part of our collections. Our ladies make handmade layettes for newborn babies, meals for the Catholic Student Center at U of MD and the homeless center, bake for Friday night bake sales and so much more.

If your New Year's resolution was to give more to your community and you have not signed up to join the Maryknights, we are ready for you. If you have been less than active in your membership recently and would like to increase your role, we are ready for you. If you are so busy that that feel you can't possibly volunteer for one more thing, just show up for a meeting. We miss you and you just might have an idea that we need, even if you can't help to implement it! The more W.O.W minds the better! And if your spouse or significant other recently became a Knight and we somehow missed reaching out to you, we are ready for you. Please contact Maeve O'Neill, our membership chairperson, at [maeve.oneill@ketchum.com](mailto:maeve.oneill@ketchum.com) or our President Sue Wiant, at [susanwiant@gmail.com](mailto:susanwiant@gmail.com). Either would be happy to answer questions and walk you through the

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**MARCH 2019**

- 2 State Basketball Free Throw Competition
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 15 NCAA Tournament Watch Party
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

## FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. Team #3 Neff - fried shrimp platter Pistol Pete, Jeff C. Hardman	2.
3. Super Bowl Party	4. D'Antuono	5. Business Meeting	6.	7. Maryknights Board Meeting Dollymore, Bromley, Mullaney	8. Team #4 Marks - pulled pork platter Father/Daughter Dance Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore	9. Pierre
10. Recruitment Drive at St. Bernadette's	11. Maryknights Meeting D'Antuono Conway, Carey, DeVol	12.	13. Dassing	14. Sullivan	15. Team #5 Girolami - taco salad Lynch and Lyon	16.
17. Council Sunday Breakfast Sullivan	18. Horner Memorial Rosary D'Antuono	19. Social Meeting, Degree	20. Langley	21. Cavaliere	22. Team #6 Langley - spaghetti and meatballs Eddie McCaw & Mike Beane, Maddox	23. Beach Party
24.	25. D'Antuono	26. Retirees Luncheon DeVol & Culkin	27.	28.	March 1.	2.