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Chaplain's Reflection Pharisee and the Publican

Financial crimes and corruption among government officials are just as prevalent today as they were in the time of Jesus. The lure of money and power has not changed over the centuries. While restorative justice requires restitution, it also requires forgiveness. And, as the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican illustrates, none of us are entitled to be smug because we have never committed such crimes.

A publican was a tax collector. In a society with virtually no middle class, becoming a tax collector was one of the few ways to escape poverty if you were born into it. Roman tax collectors made their living by collecting more taxes than were due and pocketing the overages as a "commission." These commissions were their salary. Like many tax collectors of his time, this publican probably gave into the temptation to demand excess commissions. Some of these excess commissions were needed to cover the taxes he failed to collect from others, some were used to line his own pockets.

Tax collecting was a dirty business. As a God-fearing man, the publican probably hated what he was doing. The ethics of his profession no doubt bothered him, but he was also trapped in his sins. If he walked away from his job, it would have far reaching consequences for his family who were dependent on his income. The publican lives in a very conflicted situation so he sits in the back of the Temple seeking God's mercy. Meanwhile, the Pharisee who was born into a better social status and has no financial pressures that would tempt him to become a tax collector, self-righteously sits in the front of the Temple praising himself.

This story is much deeper than a simple warning not to compare our relationship with God to that of someone else. It is also a reminder that, however we may understand our personal relationship with God, God chose us. Our relationship with God is not earned through our prayers or good deeds.

God loves us as though we were the only person on the face of the earth. Yet, because this is not heaven, we are not all equally blessed in the circumstances of our lives in this world. Some are born into good homes in peaceful nations while others are born into abusive homes or war-torn nations. Some are born into money

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Grand Knight's Station

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

At the State Mid-Term meeting, our State Chaplain, the Reverend Joseph Jenkins or Father Joe, spoke of our duty as Knights. In a very passionate and emotional address, he spoke of the trials facing the Catholic Church and our faith. He did not shy away from the scandals plaguing the Church specifically, nor the general erosion of the moral compass of our society. More so now than ever, it is important as Knights to lead by example in everyday life.

At the Right to Life Kickoff dinner, speaker Barry Sullivan had the same message. We must lead by example and not be afraid to speak up to family, friends and even strangers. He noted that sometimes a nudge is all that someone needs to make the right decision.

And at our January Membership/Social Meeting, our Council Chaplain Father Calis spoke of the same. That it is our obligation to "preach the gospel and if necessary, use words." Stressing that it is our actions that are important in our parishes, our homes and in public.

This is an urgent and recurring theme for us, especially as Knights, in today's world. I was encouraged, by the group of college students that we hosted for the Right to Life March. They were informed and enthused about their direction and mission. Let all of us at Rosensteel Council stay (re-engage if necessary) the course and continue to "preach the gospel and if necessary ... use words!"

Mike and Katie Koon, as always, knocked it out of the ballpark with the Right to Life Kickoff dinner and hosting college students for the March. Kevin Carey again conducted the Rosensteel Free Throw contest at Sligo Middle School and Logan Donnelly was the sharpshooter of the day (sound familiar?).

We have the Stan's Super Bowl Party on February 2, the Father - Daughter Dance on February 28; the Beach Party on March 21 and Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner on March 8.

Vivat Jesus!

Gus

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Come and Dine with our Council PGKs (Team Apparel Optional)

Remember in your prayers:



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William Sullivan
Jen Cotting
John Ryan
Griffin Kesselring
Rebecca Parker
Ferdinand Sasse, father of Elizabeth Cavaliere
Lexi Thomas
Lauren Ward, daughter of Dan Ward
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Dolores O'Connell, wife of John O'Connell Bryan Arvedlund, son of Kathy Arvedlund PGK Sir William J. Draize Steven Palinkas

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Chaplain's Reflection

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while others are trapped in poverty. Some enjoy good health while others suffer debilitating diseases. The Pharisee fell into the great human trap using the frame of his own personal circumstances to judge others. Why couldn't the publican be as "good" as he was?

But that is unfair. What we can accomplish in this life is very much limited by the circumstances into which we were born. The great challenge of living in a world where all are not equally blessed is getting us all to care for each other. God sends us His grace so that we can care for each other. God is a merciful judge and He knows that we will fail repeatedly. God understands our human weakness. God knows the publican faced temptations in a way the Pharisee did not. But at the same time God is concerned because our sins hurt us.

Our time on this earth is our chance to get to know God. If we do not enter into his love in this life, how would we ever recognize Him in eternal life? While the Pharisee and the publican both came into the Temple to pray, only the publican was humble enough to recognize his need for the healing hand of God.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - The Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month can be found all around the Council. You might catch him in the kitchen, behind the bar, on the deck, manning the grills or on the dance floor. He works hard and plays harder. He is a Sir Knight, Past Grand Knight and a current Trustee. And his efforts and contributions have been significant! He has been described by a friend of mine as "a party." He is one of the Council Knights who have "outplayed their coverage" when refering to his wife, Lady Jen. And his children have participated at Rosensteel, too!

I am sure that by now, you know to whom I am referring to. When you see PGK and Trustee Bruce Cotting, tell him **Si Yu'us ma'åse**, which is more than a big thank you in Chamorro, and congratulate him on being the Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month!

Family of the Month - The February Father Rosensteel Council Family of the Month is big. It is large in numbers, large in heart and huge in what it contributes. It can be found at almost all of our functions. I cannot and do not want to imagine what our Council would be like without them. PGK Bruce, DGK Paul and I met with them last month to thank them for all that they do! I specifically mentioned the NCPD Event where Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received an award.

So when you see any of our Maryknights, give them a huge thank you and congratulate them for being the Father Rosensteel Family of the Month! We are a better Council and we are better Knights for all of their support throughout the years. And let me give a special thanks to my favorite Maryknight, my wife Lady Ruth. I am a better man and a better Knight because of her.

Much gratitude and love to all our Maryknights!

FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE

The annual Rosensteel Knights of Columbus Father - Daughter Dance will be held Friday, February 28, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Columbian Room. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner, dancing, prizes and surprises.

For more information, contact Geoff Conway at conwayag4@gmail.com or Bob Wigmore at bobwig15@aol.com

Rosensteel Still Needs You

Brothers and Sisters All,

Let me start by providing you with an update to our Council improvement program. To date we have received \$9,200 in donations and we have used these funds to purchase the following:

Seven new chafing servers – roll-top style, 144 wine glasses, 144 multipurpose glasses, 12 water bottles (for tabletop use, 192 steak knives, 70 white linen 120" round tablecloths, 144 disposable picnic-style tablecloths, nine black trash can covers, 36 new custom green embroidered aprons, three new double chafing trays and one new immersion cooker.

Volunteers have donated time and money to:

Painting the Emerald Room double doors and trim, retiling the suspended ceiling in the Maryknights Room, Emerald Room and hallways, cleaning the Bingo closet, purging the Archives Room and Grand Knight's office, trimming trees around Council grounds, completing fire pit and cleaning area around it, supplying and installing new accessible-compliant ladies room entrance door, reversing swing of ladies room stall door, contracting to professionally clean and repair carpeting, hauling away some trash and debris from Council grounds, replacing the drop ceiling overhang in the Columbian Room with drywall (still need painting), replacing the dilapidated Knights' Room door and hardware, repairing and remodeling the Knights' Room foyer (need paint ers), and repairing and replacing the rail fence along Rosensteel Avenue.

With the donations of \$9,200 we have completed projects and purchased needed supplies to the tune of over \$30,000! That's a lot of volunteer time and effort!

For more information, please contact Terrence Moore at 240-642-8054 or tpmoore927@gmail.com.

A Special Thanks

Rosensteel once again hosted the Christmas Party for "The Dirty 30 and Friends Group." As in years past it was a well attended function and also as in years past, attendees donated a significant sum to Rosensteel's designated charity, Coats for Kids.

This year the group upped its game by adding preevent online donations for those who were not able to attend. These efforts along with the donations received during and following the event, and the tip jar collections turned out to be the most successful Christmas Party held at Rosensteel.

Please give a big "thank you!" to the Dirty 30 friends and members.

Fraternal Insurance

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our loved ones. That's really what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. If I'm not here to provide for them I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love. I want to make sure that my children will have the college education they will need. I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to be able to provide. My policy even has living benefits that I can enjoy!

I want to make sure that if I am sick or hurt and can't work, my family still has money coming in to pay the bills. Disability Income Insurance helps provide for that.

I've been able to provide a lifestyle for my family, but sometime down the road, I'll take the assets I've accumulated and retire. Long Term Care Insurance helps me protect those assets in case I have an extended care event. I won't have to spend down all that I've saved to pay for care. I've shifted that risk to the Knights. My retirement annuities will help my wife and me enjoy our golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee I know I'll always be in the black with my account.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protection for me, for my family and for what I've been able save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones?

On this Valentine's Day, let's sit down; you, me and your wife and see where you stand. Make sure you have insured your love. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a love note, maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there when it's needed most.

Vivat Jesus!





Right to Life March

Late last month Rosensteel Council once again welcomed participants in the annual March for Life held in Washington, DC.

This year, the Council hosted a group of college students from metro Philadelphia who were treated to a meal in the Knights' Room, along with accommodations upstairs, including an impressive array of air mattresses that were provided by the Rosensteel Family.

Much thanks to everyone who helped, including Program Chair Mike Koon (seated at far right) and his wife, Katie.



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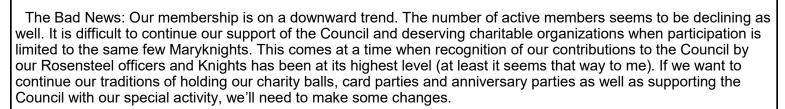
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Dear Maryknights,

There is Good News and Bad News...



The Good News: We are, however, doing great at bake sales thanks to our tenacious chair Sue Haley. Sue's commitment to her responsibilities and her leadership has been a key factor in the success of our sales on Friday nights. Her baked goods (like Kathy Arvedlund's) are requested every Friday and many are disappointed when it's not "Sue's week." Thank you, Sue, for providing a great example of our Maryknight work ethic.

February is the time we begin looking for charities that can benefit from the Charity Ball (if we still want this awesome event to continue). So at this month's meeting if you have a charity that deserves our recognition and help, come prepared to present your case to the members. Try to have a handout prepared and anticipate questions that our members will ask.

Also at our February 10 meeting we are collecting PJs for Comfort Cases. CC provides backpacks filled with new, personal items for "at risk" children who are being placed in foster care. Among other things, the packs include toiletry items, a book, blanket and new pajamas. Sizes from infant/toddler and up are needed. (Remember that some teens are already wearing adult sizes.) Thanks!

Let the current cold weather we have experienced remind you of the great need we have in this area for warm clothes and other items needed by local shelters. High on the list are new socks and underwear. (I think we can all relate to this!) But don't forget the other important needs such as hats, gloves and scarves along with the usual personal toiletry items. I also encourage you to take part in your own parish's meal programs such as SOME (so others might eat) and Shepherd's Table.

Margie Cuff

Annual Knight of Columbus Free Throw Championship

On January 25, Rosensteel Council 2169 held its Annual Free Throw Championship at Sligo Middle School. The contest also serves as the District Championship, with all winners moving on to the regionals at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, MD, on March 22.

There was a great turnout with shooters representing six different age groups and some impressive performances were turned in, especially Logan Donnelly who made 14 of 15 shots for the second consecutive year. DGK Paul Girolami and volunteer Knights Geoff Conway, Kevin Carey and future Knight Will Carey were the referees for the championship, making sure that the competition moved along quickly and scores were accurately tabulated. Thank you for their support.

The winners who will represent Rosensteel at the regional competition are:

Logan Donnelly - Boys Age 14, Quin Mulholland - Boys Age 12, Robert Holmes - Boys Age 9, Madelyn Tankesley - Girls Age 13, Hailey Caldwell - Girls Age 12 and Meredith DeWitt - Girls Age 10

Congratulations to the winners and all of the competitors who came out to support this event.



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- 8 Past Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner
- 17 Social Meeting and St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Beach Party

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2.	3. D'Antuono Happy Hour	4. Business Meeting	5. Cavaliere	6.	7. Team #7, Moore - baby back ribs with shoestring fries, fresh slaw Pistol Pete and Dassing Hardman	8.
9. Cassagnol	10. Maryknights Meeting D'Antuono Happy Hour McKinney	11. Carey, Conway	12.	13.	14. Valentine's Day Team #1, Calcutt/Sullivan - spiced shrimp platter Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore, Sullivan	15.
16. Dassing	17. Presidents' Day D'Antuono Happy Hour Sullivan	18. Social Meeting Horner Memorial Ro- sary	19. Hozdic	20. Langley	21. Team #2, Beane - smoked beef and chicken tacos w/beans and rice Diane and Nick	22. Maddox
23.	24. D'Antuono Happy Hour	25. Culkin and DeVol	26. Ash Wednesday	27. Colburn and Carrescia	28. Team #3, Neff - fried shrimp platter Father - Daughter Dance Eddie McCaw and Cam- pitelli	29.
March 1.						