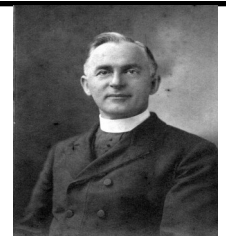




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Chaplain's Reflection Our Spiritual Legacy

Over the past year, 10 Hall of Fame baseball players have passed away, but what has made this so different from years past is that these were players who were active during my childhood and teenage years. They were only 10 to 20 years older, so it is a poignant reminder of the obvious fact that none of us will live forever.

These were men who, for the most part, took care of their physical health. They achieved great accomplishments in the baseball world. They may well live forever in the heart of baseball fans, but they are no longer with us.

In the movie, "The Dead Poets Society," there is a scene in which John Keating shows his boarding school students sports team pictures from 70 or 80 years earlier that were enshrined in the trophy case. He points out to them:

They're not that different from you, are they? Same haircuts. Full of hormones, just like you. Invincible, just like you feel. The world is their oyster. They believe they're destined for great things, just like many of you, their eyes are full of hope, just like you. Did they wait until it was too late to make from their lives even one iota of what they were capable? Because, you see gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. But if you listen real close, you can hear them whisper their legacy to you. Go on, lean in. Listen, you hear it? - - Carpe - - hear it? - - Carpe, carpe diem, seize the day boys, make your lives extraordinary.

Lent begins this month. Jesus is calling us to make our lives extraordinary by showing our love for Him, ourselves and our neighbor while we still have time. In other words, "seize the day." Lent is not a season to give up things for six and a half weeks only to return to them on Easter Sunday. No, Lent is time to listen to the voice of God within us

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Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

We're off to a good start for February. We'll be working with a new meeting format for our Membership meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. It should make the meeting shorter, last only about an hour and include time for questions from members and open discussion. If you have any questions for a meeting, please send them in advance to koc.rosensteel@gmail.com. Hopefully more of you will be able to attend the online meetings. My guess is we'll continue to have some sort of online access to our meetings once we're allowed return to in-person meetings at our Council.



I'm writing in advance of the event, but on Sunday, January 31, our Council joined with the Sedes Sapientiae College Council at the University of Maryland and students who attend the online Mass at the Catholic Student Center for a first-of-its kind virtual "living" Rosary where every "bead" of the Rosary was said by a different Knight or Maryknight from our Council. Nearly 20 Knights and Maryknights said prayers as part of the chain and others watched online. I posed the idea to the Knights and the Catholic Student Center and received an overwhelming "yes." The student Knights Council may take up the Rosary and make it a regular, perhaps monthly, event. Ideally, I could see us expanding the living Rosary to other colleges, including American University and James Madison University (where I know the chaplain).

I've unfortunately had to postpone or cancel several events this Council year and don't see any of our big planned events, such as our incredibly well-received Nuns Appreciation Night, taking place as planned. Other Councils and the Maryland State Council are scrambling to rearrange their calendars and events; the planned State Founders Day Mass and dinner that was to be held at our Council in March has been moved to a county that has much less stringent restrictions on the size of indoor dining and gathering. All annual State Convention and events may need to be online-only again this year.

We remain closed due to COVID-19 concerns and the Montgomery County Executive Order. We're starting our Friday Night takeout dinners again to try to bring in some money to the Council, although that is still well below what we need to operate financially. To date, we're down \$195,000 in rental

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By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned Brother Knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.



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Continued prayers for Fr. Calis and all of our clergy, and for our healthcare providers and all those affected by Covid-19

*In case of illness or death of a member,
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Chaplain's Reflection Our Spiritual Legacy

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and consider our legacy, the great things we could be doing. After we depart this life, we will return to God where we will be forever in his presence. But we will also continue to live in the hearts of those whose lives we touched. How do we want to be remembered? How do we want God to remember us?

The Lenten season is a time to make permanent incremental changes in our spiritual lives that will continue past Easter. Our spiritual lives are a journey. Like everything else in life, it will be characterized by moments of triumph as well as setbacks. It is a process that takes a lifetime and yet will never reach perfection. Nonetheless, the small changes we make in our spiritual lives each Lent will bring us closer to the God who loves us.

Our spiritual lives encompass many things. Certainly, prayer is important. But the message of Jesus was one of mission and action. Jesus does not care about sacrifices and sin offerings. The prophet Hosea wrote, "For it is loyalty that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings (Hosea 6:6)." Jesus said the very same thing. "Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'" (Mt 9:13).

Jesus calls us to be better people. So we are called to be more loving, especially to those who care the most about us - our families. But we are also called to be more loving toward our neighbor. Just as peace within our families requires the peace of every member, our peace in the world depends so much on the peace of our neighbor. A just society is one that is at peace. While we cannot solve the problems of the world by ourselves, we can change the things that we can. If all of God's holy people did this, the world really would become a better place.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Rosensteel 2021 Tuition Support for Seminarians

Below are the four seminarians our Council is sponsoring during this Fraternal Year, with each seminarian receiving a \$500 scholarship. They are at the John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC and one attends Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.



Peter Fairbanks is from Potomac, MD

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

John Paul II Theology College, Second Pre-Theology



Clifton Mastran grew up in Florida

St. Vincent DePaul, Washington, DC

John Paul II Theology College, Second Pre-Theology



John Winslow is from Hollywood, MD

St. Francis Regis Parish

First Theology, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD "The Cradle of Bishops"

John recently served Mass in the Grotto of Lourdes



Colin Snyder is from Bowie, MD

Sacred Heart Parish

John Paul II Theology College, Fourth Year

Oldest of 10, Served in the Coast Guard

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income since prior to the emergence of the novel coronavirus and restrictions.

My goal for the remainder of my Council year (ending at the end of June) is to continue new ways of conducting existing programs and starting new ones while spending as little and wisely as possible. We're reducing spending on approved programs and budget amounts simply because we have not been able to hold any of our regular or planned functions that generate income. I'm looking for ideas to bring in funding for our Council and charitable programs. Please give me your suggestions. It would be ideal to end the Council year with income matching or exceeding expenses. Our projected revenue this year was \$117,500; I hope to spend well less than \$10,000 for the year because of our program cancellations.

Many of you who had previously received the *Knight Life* by mail have noticed it no longer is delivered to your home that way. With the health restrictions in place, we've been unable to print, gather to tape and label the newsletters, and deliver them to the post office. I'll continue to send it via e-mail and ask those who had received the newsletter in print to continue to receive it online once everything is back to normal operations. This would save the Council several hours of labor each month and \$7,000 in printing and postal charges annually. If you have been receiving the newsletter in print and can continue to read it online, please send a note to koc.rosenteel@gmail.com and we'll remove you from the print list. (which currently is more than 600 subscribers, including those who live within a short driving distance to the Council and have online access).

That's enough for now. I'll try to have a more detailed financial update in our next newsletter. Take care and be safe.

Paul Girolami

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Dear Maryknights,

KUDOS - Many thanks to everyone who contributed to January's collection for Sacred Heart Home. No final total as of submission time, but I'm sure it is dazzling and I'll report on it next month. Our February collection's theme is Woman to Woman. Polly Seleski is collecting any size feminine hygiene pads (pads only, please), incontinence products (Depends underwear type products and Poise pad type products) and new, never worn bras for SOME and select women's shelters in Montgomery County. She will be collecting items in front of the Council on Friday, 2/19, from 4 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 2/20, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. or you can order from Sam's, Costco, Target, Walmart, etc., and send items directly to Polly's home address in Brookeville (see the Maryknights directory for details).

For Your Reflection - Pope Francis' prayer intention for this month focuses on violence against women. His prayer is that victims of violence should be protected by society and that their sufferings be considered and heeded. There are two inspiring saints who are patrons of women who experience abuse and violence, Saint Rita of Cascia and Saint Monica. St. Rita endured a difficult marriage to a violent man. He was eventually killed as a result of a feud between his family and another. Rita's two sons were going to avenge their father's death; Rita prayed they would not. Both sons ended up dying of dysentery before they could take revenge for their father's death. Rita declared the feud over and then sought to become a nun. The convent she applied to was leery of admitting her due to her association with violence, but she was eventually admitted and lived there until the end of her life. St. Monica is best known as St. Augustine's mother, but she also endured an abusive marriage to an unfaithful pagan husband along with an equally abusive mother-in-law. She converted her husband before he died and she is of course best known for her legendary 17-year prayerful exhortation on behalf of her son, Augustine.

Last But Not Least - In keeping with our focus on women this month, Friday, February 5, is Go Red for Women Day. On the first Friday of February, American Heart Month, the American Heart Association encourages the nation to come together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast by wearing red to remind us, especially women, to take care of ourselves, to be aware of our risk for heart disease and to take action to reduce it.

Have a blessed Lenten season, a Happy Valentine's Day and a safe month.

Peggy Seleski

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - You'll see him at the Council on Fridays and every now and then, but that's because he's volunteering elsewhere, too. St. John's House, usher at St. John the Evangelist Church, arranger of home visits and service projects (such as help this past year at Joe Brannan's house), *Knight Life* editor, participant of the Friday Night Rosary which was started when he was Grand Knight, District Warden to our Council and three other Councils, member of the Clubhouse Association and I'm sure there's a litany of other service projects I've missed.

Our Knight of the Month is Frank Cavaliere – please thank him for his service to Council and community.

Family of the Month - Both are highly regarded members of the Rosensteel family and have been contributing to programs for years – as cooks, working events, helping at the Convention and that's just to start. They've been volunteering at Father Rosensteel Council since they were children – both as part of their larger family and on their own and have now created their own legacy of service to our Council and community.

Both also support the Council through financial donations. Great smiles, great laughs, great personalities and always appreciated. Of course, we're talking the brothers Rick and Gerry Horner. Rick recently helped at a Veterans Day event and at other Council programs; Gerry masterfully arranges and hosts our award-winning Nuns Appreciation Night and jumps in elsewhere throughout the year. We're a better Council because of these two men. Please congratulate our Family of the Month – the Horner brothers.



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7.	8. Maryknight Monthly Meeting	9.	10.	11.	12. Team #7 - Moore, baby back pork ribs	13.
14. Valentine's Day	15. Presidents' Day	16. Council Officers Meet- ing	17. Ash Wednesday	18.	19. Team #1 - Calcutt/ Sullivan, spiced shrimp	20.
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