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Chaplain's Report

Fecisti nos a te Thou hast made us for Thyself

"The foundation of our peace (said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 2013): the certainty of contemplating in Jesus Christ the splendor of the face of God the Father, of being sons in the Son and thus of having, on life's journey, the same security that a child feels in the arms of a loving and all-powerful Father. The splendor of the face of God, shining upon us and granting us peace, is the manifestation of his fatherhood: the Lord turns his face to us, he reveals himself as our Father and grants us peace.

Here is the principle of that profound peace – "peace with God" – which is firmly linked to faith and grace, as Saint Paul tells the Christians of Rome (cf. *Rom* 5:2). Nothing can take this peace from believers, not even the difficulties and sufferings of life. Indeed, sufferings, trials and darkness do not undermine but build up our hope, a hope which does not deceive because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (5:5). May the Virgin Mary whom we venerate with the title of Mother of God, help us to contemplate the face of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. May she sustain us and accompany us in this New Year: and may she obtain for us and for the whole world the gift of peace. Amen!"

May the new year 2017 brings us closer to the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth and offer up every day by immerging us in this new dimension of family life.

Your Chaplain, Fr. Ettore Ferrario

Pro-Life Kickoff Rally Sunday, January 22, 2017

The Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council #2169 is presenting its 25th annual Pro-Life Rally Kickoff Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Rosensteel Hall 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 Chairman and PGK C. Michael Koon at 301-922-9101. All are cordially invited.

Grand Knight's Station

Happy New Year!

One Past Grand Knight told me months ago, "Once you get to January it's a piece of cake, "nothing much left to do." I say with all due respect, we have lots to do and we are going to have a lot of fun doing it.

Last month, we saw the best of Rosensteel with a fundraiser for Lexi Thomas. For the past four years Lexi, who is now 24, has been struggling with a cancer-like disease that has never been seen before. With attributes of cancer, an allergy and an auto-immune disorder all rolled into one, she has been fighting to stay alive through countless procedures, rounds of chemotherapy,and tests. The medical bills have gone through the roof. The community, friends and family have come out in droves to assist. Rosensteel members saw the need and acted quickly to pull together a fundraiser. They secured the services of the 19th Street Band and organized and pulled off a first-class event with great success. On December 24 Rosensteel members visited the Thomas family and presented Lexi with a check for \$4,000 and a poster signed by all the attendees of the fundraiser *(see picture below, from far left to right: PGK's Dan Ward, Frank Cavaliere and Wayne Miller, Geoff Conway and myself holding the poster next to Lexi)*. The Maryland State KOC has also offered to assist through the Maryland State Charity Fund.



We also once again enjoyed a wonderful Children's Christmas Party run by the Caffi and Dassing families. And Tim Sullivan and his team didn't miss a beat while conducting another successful Needy Food Drive. Approximately 185 bags of food were supplied, bagged and given to almost a dozen local parishes.

These are just a few ways in which Rosensteel Council is following Father McGivney's mission to assist those in need. Please consider joining us in any one of our next programs/events.

Be Worthy, Terrence Moore

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District Deputy's Report

"The masterpiece of society is the family: a man and a woman who love each other."

Pope Francis - April 20, 2015



"So what are the Knights of Columbus?" This we have all been asked by friends, neighbors and sometimes family members. "We are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world." So goes our standard answer that prefaces our recitation of history, good works, principles and programs. All true, but behind all of this there is the unwritten principle, we are a family organization. None of our good works are done in isolation of family members. The beauty and dignity of our ceremonials do not tell the full story of our order. This is the reality that we should all strive to project to the parish and community.

Particularly in this Year of the Domestic Church, our example to others should be greater than just swords and feathers. The entire family should be the image that others see and remember. Pope Francis reminds us that a fractured family needs to see a healthy family, one that exudes love, dignity and mutual respect. This is the persuasive testimony to an ailing family that wholeness is there, attainable and possible.

Start planning now for events during 2017 that will emphasize the family in all of our program areas. Let others see the whole message of the Knights; we are a family organization attempting to imitate the prototype of families -THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH.

Charles Hayes

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Remember in your prayers:

Deceased: George R. Nash Judi McAlarnen, sister-in-law PGK, Rob Seubert

Sick:

Barry Peters in hospital recovering from cancer Joe Caron

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Rob Seubert at 301-681-8181.

Super Bowl Pool

For those of you that signed up for a Super Bowl square, it is important that you settle you account in the next few days. I have put a list of those not paid by the "kitty" book in the Knights Room. If you are NOT going to take the square you signed up for, please notify me immediately.

Two admittances to the Super Bowl party for each square. It is great fun and an important fundraiser for our Council.

Brother Stan McLeod



Chancellor's Chatter

The Art of a Successful Event

In December's edition of the *Knight Life*, our Worthy Grand Knight Terrence Moore gave a list of events and happenings at the Council that happen thought out the year. He started with the Maryknights' Charity Ball, mentioned the Tootsie Roll Drive, the Breakfast Team and ended with (in all CAPS) **THE MEMBER-SHIP**. None of those things happen unless there's involvement from the membership. The Grand Knight thanks you for even the smallest contribution you've make to these events.

There is much time, many talents and Council treasure going into making an event at Rosensteel successful. As with most events, there first needs a concept of what the event will be and then a plan is developed. Whose idea's was this? Does it have a history here at Rosensteel? Do we need to get funds approved or is there an approved budgetary line item? Who is the event chairman and what talents are needed to make it a success? What venue is needed? How will we advertise the event (e-mail/Facebook/*Knight Life*/Council meetings/posters and/or flyers?

As you can see, there are already plenty of opportunities for THE MEMBERSHIP to get involved. We need to do a good job of reaching THE MEMBERSHIP and finding those talents.

Of course after planning the event, there's the need for help in preparation and set-up. To document it we need someone to take pictures. This is easier now with the number of smart phones out there. The need to document who and how many attended is important. The planners will need to document what went on at the event, listing highlights, what was unique and who benefited. Keep track of the expenses and funds raised (if any) will also be necessary. With the event complete, those who attended planned and worked the event will have to be thanked and a report written.

An event at Rosensteel can't be done alone or with a few volunteers. Each event is in need of the talents and the time of its membership. When you see or hear of an event being talked about, ask what you can do or offer to do something to make it a success.

We THE MEMBERSHIP can do this.

Jim Mannion

Fraternal Insurance

I was just sent a worksheet that calculated the return of a Knights of Columbus managed account since 1/1/2000. If you had deposited \$100,000 then and hadn't touched it would be worth over \$200,000 now. Not a bad rate of return. At the same time, the return for the Dow Jones, the NASDAQ and the S&P 500 were calculated. The Dow Jones grew to \$156,000, the S&P to \$138,000 and the NASDAQ basically broke even. The real benefit of the K of C account is that it manages volatility. From 2007 to 2008, these markets dropped in half while it was just another year for the K of C...the account earned approximately 4%. All this with no worry. Plenty of other members take advantage of this fraternal benefit. Why shouldn't you?

Save the Dates

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Sunday, January 22 - Culture of Life kickoff rally, PGK Koon Sunday, April 9 - Childrens Easter Party Saturday, April 15 - Needy food baskets, Sullivan Thursday, April 27 - Nuns Appreciation Night, Horner/Conway May 5 - 7 State Convention in Ocean City, MD, Cotting/Moore/Marks Sunday, June 25 - Grand Knight Appreciation Night, Moore

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

Happy New Year Rosensteel Family!

The buildup to Christmas was hectic, as the confluence of working life, volunteer commitments, menu planning and gift shopping compressed into an ever-narrowing timeline. And then the joyous celebration of Christmas Mass, voices lifted in song proclaiming the birth of our Savior - how sweet the sound! From there, the family dinner table and the exchange of presents. A respite from work, a refrigerator full of leftovers, wrapping paper and boxes awaiting recycling, and, best of all, family around a fireplace. What a splendid way to welcome in 2017.

And what an exciting feeling to have a year ahead that we can shape in advance, with goals, dreams and expectations to improve upon the good life we lead! You do know you have the power to live a good life, right? The new calendar is a palette upon which a phenomenal map can be laid out.

Start with personal time, family and vacation time. Yes, work will dominate the schedule for most and yet there are enough hours in each day that allow for the consistent pursuit of the life we choose to lead. Decide to make this your best year ever. Put pen to paper, identify what's most important to you and take control of your future self. We're all familiar with the adage "Time waits for no man," so why not make the time worthwhile? Truthfully, there are many we keep in our prayers that no longer have the power we have right now: the power to shape every day into our best. Never take life for granted. Make every day count and never allow a moment to pass by without giving it meaning.

Life is better lived with every moment being lived as if it was your last chance to make a difference. Here's to choosing to make 2017 a glorious New Year!

Bruce Cotting

Squires and Roses

Please remember that the Saint Joseph's House Gala is Saturday, January 28, and we have been asked to provide some assistance that evening. More details to come.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be coming in January. Time and date TBD.

Building Report Improvements for this fraternal year

As the year 2016 comes to an end, we have much to look forward to in 2017. The Board has approved a contractor and plan of action for the Columbian and Maryknights rooms, foyer and hallway renovations. Work is being planned around events to begin mid-January and to be completed in February. During the last business meeting, the Building Association made a motion to propose the expansion of the parking lot by graveling the horseshoe pit area. This is in the planning and evaluation stage. The benefit would be to accommodate parking for multiple or large events without the risks of parking on grass, as we have done in the past. It also will allow us to properly address water runoff issues on the property.

The year 2016 will end with the completion of the Maryknights Room new windows, new exterior parking lot lights, new bifold doors for the Columbian Room, and the Jouvenal Room renovation. The Jouvenal Room will need finishing touches such as new blinds, furniture and decor.

None of the projects would be possible without the additional financial support of our members and the many hours the Clubhouse and Building officers and volunteers have spent planning and implementing the renovations. Please continue to support their efforts, as there is much to do to bring our Council facility up to date and operational. We hope in the coming months, you will come to see the results of your contributions.

Many thanks to all, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Frank Zarrelli

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse recently sponsored certified alcohol awareness training also known as "TIPs" class on December 17. The certification is required anywhere alcohol is served. Even though the weather was icy we had a great turnout. A special thanks goes out to all of those who braved the weather to obtain their certification.

The Clubhouse wants to remind everyone that the rooms are available for all occasions and business meetings. Please continue to keep Rosensteel Hall in mind for your events and tell your friends and business associates.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2017 be a wonderful year for everyone.

The Clubhouse Board

Kevin Carey

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The Three Kings. The Magi. Who were these people who followed the direction of a new star seen in the sky and came to Bethlehem to find the new born Christ Child? It is a story related in the Bible (Matthew 2:1-12) of which we are all familiar. It is also called The Epiphany which is from a Greek word meaning "to appear." They traveled "from the East." Where did they come from? They sought out King Herod in Jerusalem, but he knew nothing of a recently born Messiah destined to be The King of the Jews. They quickly sensed that King Herod would be a dangerous threat.

Matthew writes that they continued to follow the star in the night sky until it stopped over Bethlehem. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage." We know them today as Melchior, a religious scholar from Persia, who would present a gift of gold. Caspar, an Arabian scholar who presented a gift of the oil Frankincense, and Balthazar from Babylon (This ancient city was 60 miles south of Baghdad in Iraq today) who gave a gift of resin myrrh used for skin problems and embalming bodies.

There was a religious belief at the time in the East that a rising or new star seen in the night sky portends the birth of a ruler. Other ancient myths described the appearance of a divine figure with great powers. The Three Kings departed the area probably following trade routes used by merchants caravans.

On our calenders today we hold January 6 as the Feast Day of the Three Kings. In the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church the Feast Day is held on January 19. It is a recognition of one of the first examples in the Bible of the Divinity of Christ. The day is celebrated in almost every country in the world.

January 23 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. There will be special services held at The National Shrine on that day.

Everyone certainly enjoyed our annual Christmas Luncheon last month and have made many favorable comments. But you don't have to wait for next December to enjoy a great social occasion and luncheon. Our next luncheon is on January 24.

Tom Leonard

Card Players Wanted Shut up and deal!

Every Friday night in the Maryknights Room — Bridge, canasta, pinochle and board games. Call Mabel Capochione @ 301-460-5688 for more information.

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - This member should be nicknamed Radar, not for his uncanny ability to detect incoming aircraft from miles away, but for his ability to "fly under the radar." He does this with quite the entourage. I am still in awe of this member's commitment and organizational skills. Once again, he and his worker bees collected and distributed 185 bags of food for needy families.

They do this three times a year completely under the radar; that is unless you happen to stop by the Council bright and early Saturday morning. Tim would not be happy to see his name on this article without the recognition of all those who helped with this wonderful program. So please say a big thank you to Tim Sullivan and his low flying team:

Daniel Zarelli, Joseph Zarelli, Michael Zarelli, Karen Zarrelli, Frank Cavaliere, Mike Audet, Drew Ortner, Brian McCaw, Renee McCaw, Mrs. McCaw, Shannon McCaw, Tom Murphy and several more, including the folks from the Gabriel Project.

Family of the Month - Santa is known to visit us but once a year, but here at Rosensteel he and his family join us several times. This Family of the Month is as regular as Santa himself, and this year was no different.

If you haven't attended the Children's Halloween Party or the Children's Christmas Party you are missing out on quite a treat. The decorations alone will make your jaw drop and upon a closer look you can see that this is nothing new to this family.

Please join me in thanking the Caffi family for its extraordinary efforts on the Children's Christmas Party.

Mary's Widows

On December 5, 26 ladies, Fr. Perkins and PGK Mike Koon enjoyed a delightful pork tenderloin luncheon thanks to John Matosian and crew. There were many door prizes of wine, chocolates, umbrellas and centerpieces.

Many thanks to Brian Graham for donating the umbrellas and to Deb Crnkovic for the beautiful centerpieces she made and donated to the party.

Remember ladies, there won't be any luncheons in January or February. Hope to see all of you in March. Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and has a Happy New Year.

Lois Devlin



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 New Year's Day 	2.	3.	4. Biogo	5.	6.	7.
Wigmore Party	D'Antuono Zappala	Dollymore, Bromley, Mullaney	St. Eliz. Ann Seton	Mannion	Pistol Pete, Rich Hardman	
8. 1st. Sunday Breakfast	9. Maryknighs Meeting	10 Business Meeting	11. Bipgo	12.	13. Conway, Carey, Wig- more, DeVol	14.
Ponce	D'Antuono Cassagnol	McKinney	Carey, Conway	Thompson	McNamara	Slattery
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
Dowd	D'Antuono Dassing		Bipgo Joe & Pat	Mannion	Lyon & Lynch Langley	
22.	23. Retirees Lunch	24.	25. Biogo	26.	27. E III & Sheets	28.
Maddox	D'Antuono Seubert	Social Meeting Culkin, DeVol	Kreitzberg	Cavaliere	E III & Sheets	
29.	30. D'Antuono McNamara	31.	Feb. 1.	2.	3.	4.