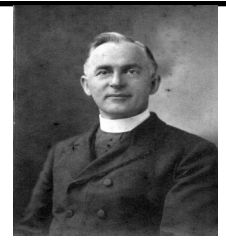




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Chaplain's Reflection

There was a cartoon that featured a boss speaking to his staff. He said, "Honesty may be the best policy, *but* it's not our company policy." And while this may seem funny, it reflects the sad truth that lying in our society has reached epidemic proportions. Our culture is plagued with corporate and government scandals. Fake news rules the Internet. Students cheat on tests. Job seekers pad their résumés. Expense accounts are padded. Spouses fib to each other about their spending. And tax cheating is all too common.

Jesus emphasized the importance of telling the truth at all times when he was approached by the Pharisees regarding whether they needed to pay the census tax to the Romans. Although the Pharisees introduced their question by calling Jesus "a truthful man," Jesus knew he was being lied to. Jesus also knew they would not like his answer. Since we all have been lied to at some point, we can certainly relate to this experience of our Lord. *But*, let's face it: We've all probably told a few lies ourselves.

People tell lies for all sorts of reasons. In our highly competitive society, lies can help one gain an advantage over others and stand out from the crowd. And since we believe that everyone else is doing it, it becomes a cultural norm that makes it all the easier to ignore the moral implications! Some may start a vicious rumor, seeking revenge against someone they believe has hurt them. For others, lying gives them a feeling of power over others. It's not uncommon to lie in order to avoid punishment. Finally, low self-esteem can lead some to exaggerate or even make up accomplishments or achievements in order to feel better about themselves or impress others.

Most of us believe that we do what we do for good reasons and with honest intentions. So we may convince ourselves that we can justify a lie as a means to an end. However, lying is never an acceptable means, regardless of any good that we may think will ensue.

Indeed, God insists that we be honest people. God himself is truth. Jesus his Son reveals the truth. The Father and the Son have sent the Holy Spirit of truth into our lives that we might walk in the truth and bear witness to it. So any lie is really an offense against God himself.

Honesty and truthfulness are requirements for justice and are essential for a civil society. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Men could not live with one another if there were not mutual confidence that they were being truthful to one another." This

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Grand Knight's Station

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Yes we still say and celebrate "Merry Christmas" all the way to the Feast of The Epiphany, which this year is on Sunday, January 7. **The Solemnity of the Epiphany** celebrates the revelation of the young Messiah as the light of the nations. Further, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.



At the Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council # 2169, on Sunday, January 7, we have another reason to come together in witness to our faith. We are presenting our **26th Annual Pro-Life Rally Kickoff** at Rosensteel Hall. The rally will begin at 5:15 p.m. with a short reception, the presentation of Colors by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, a brief welcome by the Grand Knight, and the traditional complementary spaghetti and meatball dinner. The rally will feature a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

On Thursday evening, January 18, the Council will be welcoming approximately 40 students and chaperones from Holy Spirit Preparatory School in Atlanta. They are coming to attend the **45th Annual March For Life** taking place Friday, January 19. We are invited to participate with them at a Thursday evening Mass at the Historic Church. The Council will then provide dinner and overnight lodging for the group. We will also be providing them with breakfast as well as dinner and overnight lodgings on Friday the 19 and a farewell breakfast on Saturday the 20. For additional information and to volunteer to help, please contact Pro-life chair and PGK Mike Koon @ 301- 922-9101.

The remainder of 2018 offers a plethora of new or renewed efforts to be or do better, whether in our personal, professional or prayerful lives. Together we can help each other achieve our dreams and goals. Together in prayer, at church, at home and within our Council, we can demonstrate what this Fraternal organization of Catholic Gentleman stands for. Join with us Brothers Knights as we strive to live the life our newborn Messiah became man for and to exemplify the reason Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Bruce Cotting

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Thomas Edward Lynch - ill in ICU at
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home

James Prosser - ill at home

Vinny Morin - friend of Burr Brady

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Chaplain's Reflection

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is because lies *always* hurt those around us, even when we think they don't.

In addition, Jesus has promised that the truth will set us free. It will free us from having to cover our tracks. It will free us from living with shame and guilt. It will free us from the fear of being discovered and exposed. The truth will liberate us to take off our masks and just be ourselves. It will also result in better relationships, less stress for ourselves and less anger from others.

Yet there may be a cost to being honest! We may have to "face the music" for something we've done. Or we may have to accept the reality of who we are and not who we've been pretending to be. Maybe we'll end up with less money than we may have had if we'd fudged our tax returns or cheated in school or on our resume. But, we'll be blessed with the assurance that God smiles upon our honesty. And we can unite any suffering that may result from our honesty with those of Jesus upon the cross. Jesus died on the cross because He bore witness to the truth.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Deputy Grand Knight Dialogue

ROSENSTEEL

It's true! It's true! The Grand Knights made it clear.
The Knights' beverage room must be cold throughout the
year.

A Bylaw was made Four Score and 17 years ago here:
During July and August, Charity cannot be forgot.
And there's no legal limit to the charity here
At Rosensteel.

Helping the handicapped doesn't stop with Tootsie Roll
come December.
And Needy Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christ-
mas 'tis not all we've got.

By order, Incentive Raffle lingers just past September
at Rosensteel.
Rosensteel! Rosensteel!

I know it sounds a bit awry,
But at Rosensteel that's what the Bylaws say.

The monies are not approved and spent
without a quorum here.
No business is approved unless 30 Worthy Brothers
do appear.

In short, there's simply not
a more congenial spot
for happily doing charity than here
At Rosensteel.
Rosensteel! Rosensteel!

I know it gives a person pause,
But at Rosensteel there are approved Bylaws.

Our Children Keep Christ in Christmas
with posters they create here.

Friday 5:30 Rosary our Maryknights and Brothers
do appear.

In short, there's simply not
a more giving deal
For happily doing charity than here
at Rosensteel.

(Sing it to the tune of "Camelot")

Jim Mannion

Council Calendar

JANUARY

- 7 First Sunday Breakfast
- 7 Culture of Life Kickoff Rally
- 9 Business Meeting
- 13 Knighthood Degree in Columbian Room
- 16 Social Meeting
- 19 March for Life, Washington, DC

FEBRUARY

- 6 Business Meeting
- 9 Annual Father/Daughter Dance
- 20 Social Meeting
- 24 Beach Party

Fraternal Insurance

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Year end is a time to review and evaluate your plans. One should be financial. It's difficult to preach restraint with the stock market roaring, but it is prudent to give consideration to safe investments. Give me a call and set up a time so that I can show you how the Knights can aid you in that.



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Answers to December *Knight Life* Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

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- 4. Election
- 6. Pontiff
- 9. Fraternity
- 11. New Haven
- 12. Degrees
- 13. Archbishop
- 14. Regalia
- 15. Members
- 16. Grand Knight
- 17. Tootsie Roll

DOWN

- 1. Chaplain
- 2. Good
- 3. McGivney
- 5. Columbus
- 7. Flag
- 8. Jewel
- 9. Forth Degree
- 10. Travel Card

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - While sifting through the long list of worthy candidates in the making for Knight of the Month recognition, it can be easy to overlook the obvious candidate. The guy who you see at the Council at various times on various days. No consistent schedule of appearances and yet always just around the corner. Someone who show up for the majority of the Friday Rosaries and for the family meals afterward.

This Knight can be consistently found working hard to keep our Hall's public presence as clean as possible. Whether picking up trash outdoors, raking leaves, shoveling snow, he does everything in his power to help the building stay clean and presentable. Someone who toils away on behalf of the Council and his Brother Knights, asking for no compensation or accolades, satisfied in doing his part to make the Council shine. Please congratulate Phil Atzert as our January Knight of the Month. Thank you for all you do, Phil, we appreciate you!

Family of the Month - The selection for Family of the month continues the theme of unselfish contribution of time and energy that often goes unseen, yet much appreciated. In this case, the recognition for family of the month is actually a shared one. Year in and year out, these families are as consistent as the tides in their roles.

Although kind enough to acknowledge the GK's request, they really are the ones in charge. They know when to start pulling things together, whom to reach out to and how to put their plan in action for not one, but two major family events that focus on children. The Halloween Party and the Christmas party are always a big hit with parents and kids alike, and these families share equally in the preparation and hosting of the parties.

Please congratulate Steve and Heather Caffi along with Bill and Barbara Dassing as our families of the month! Quite honestly, they are the reason these parties consistently result in peals of laughter and enjoyment of the kids, and the happy smiles of many a parent. Thank you, Caffis and Dassings, for your timeless contributions to ensuring the Council maintains a familial environment.

Wanted: Card and Game Players

On Friday nights when the Maryknights Room is available, please join us for some friendly gaming, including bridge, canasta, pinochle, hearts and board games.

Contact Mable Capacchione at 301-460-5686 for details.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

What's it all about?

In our society Christmas has become for many, especially children, a secular holiday. To combat this, the Knights of Columbus introduced the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. This program allows young people to engage their talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. At the Council we asked the parishes of Christ the King, St. John the Evangelist and St. Bernadette to participate in the Poster Contest, along with offering this contest at our Friday Family Dinners in November.

What happened at the Council?

The response was beyond expectations. During the Family Dinners in November, the children completed 18 posters. Seeing many parents talking to their children while they composed a poster was what the activity is all about. Thanks to Ms. Isidra Molina, director of religious education at Christ the King Parish in Silver Spring, we received 20 posters.

The Judging

The judging was held on Tuesday, December 5. A few Maryknights and many Brothers attending the Business Meeting that evening judged the 38 posters. Many of the judges were impressed with the artistry and message many of the posters conveyed.

The Council Winning Posters were:

Age Group Under 5

1st Place, Michael Ward (Council)

Age Group 5-7 (Grades K-2)

1st Place, Samantha Acoba (CTK), 2nd Place, Alex Martinez (CTK), 3rd Place, Alejandra Mejia (CTK)

Age Group 8-10 (Grades 3-5)

1st Place, Morgan Slattery (Council), 2nd Place, Yahir Arriola (CTK), 3rd Place, Emily Cano (CTK)

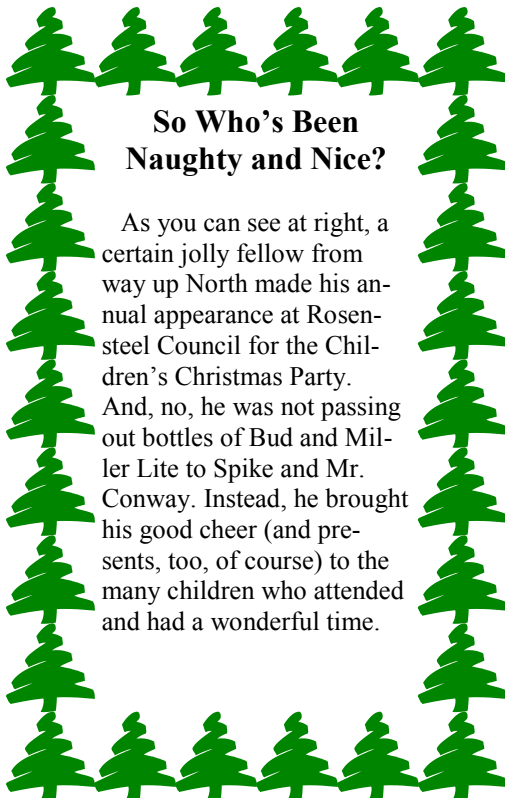
Age Group 11-14 (Grades 6-8)

1st Place, Jalen Hernandez (CTK), 2nd Place, Christian Farrel, (CTK), 3rd Place, Anatalio Martinez (CTK)

The winning 1st Place posters were submitted to the State for the next round of judging. The State will announce the winners on January 6 at the mid-term meeting in Baltimore.

I hope your Christmas season was and at all times throughout the year is filled with the presence of Christ.

Jim Mannion, DGK, Poster Contest chairman



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When I started writing this article, I was thinking of how to celebrate New Year's Eve. Then I started wondering how it's done in other countries so I did a little research.

In Scotland, it's a 3-day celebration starting with a march through town carrying torches to create a "river of fire." This is followed by a day of drinking and dancing, followed by a day where one takes part in a Loony Dook, which is a costumed polar-plunge. Not for me!

In Spain, the tradition is to eat 12 grapes, one for each stroke of midnight. I could handle that.

In Denmark, the tradition is to smash plates on the doors of family and friends. The more shards of glass on your doorstep, the more popular you are. I don't think so.

In Brazil, jumping seven waves will bring good luck the following year. I'd like to try that.

In Estonia, the tradition is to eat a lucky number of meals. The luckiest numbers are 7, 9 and 12. My stomach won't take that.

In Japan, New Year's Eve is celebrated by ringing bells in Buddhist temples. Ringing a bell 108 times is thought to dispel negative emotions and mentalities. My arm can't take it.

In the Bahamas, noisy, vibrant parades start at 2 a.m. Groups of dancers hit the streets while musicians beat goatskin drums and cow whistles until 10 a.m. I'm too old for that.

So I'm going to meet with my Rosensteel friends and share a drink and a meal. Maybe I can stay up until midnight.

Come to our next luncheon on January 23 and we'll swap stories. See you then.

Nancy Koski

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The Maryknights had a very fun and productive December meeting! Teresa Hodge set up a beautiful and festive hospitality table and several ladies brought in lots of yummy holiday goodies for us to enjoy. Thank you to all! Beth Ward organized our second "filling of the shoe boxes" for the Apostleship of the Sea. Beth and her helpers had everything set up so well that we were able to fill the shoe boxes in record time. Thanks to all who stuffed, wrapped and donated the treats and creature comforts for the seafaring who were expected in port for the Christmas holiday. Job well done, ladies!

Special thanks to Fr. Trancone who, although dealing with his own health issues, made sure each of us received a beautiful Christmas ornament for our tree! Thank you, Fr. Jerry! Be well. We miss you!

And another job well done... I'm THRILLED to report that we **exceeded our goal in raising funds for the AEDs** for the Rosensteel Council building! The **two defibrillators with cabinets are on order!** The generosity and kindness of the Rosensteel community never ceases to amaze, nor does the reach of our extended families and friends. Many generous donors came forward during this campaign, including Maryknights, Knights, family and friends. **Thank you all SO much!**

A special thank you goes out to two 'angels' who wish to remain anonymous. Just before Christmas as donations were falling off, these two individuals separately came forward to guarantee we would be able to make our AED purchases before the special pricing ran out. You know who you are. You embody the giving spirit of Christmas and you are true blessings to Rosensteel! Much gratitude!

At our January meeting, Maryknights will be allowed to present a charity for consideration as recipient of the 2018 Charity Ball proceeds. If you would like to present a charity, please prepare a short briefing on the organization and, if possible, bring handouts detailing the works and needs of the group.

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, March 3, the Maryknights are bringing back Casino Night!

Happy and healthy New Year wishes to all! May the Lord continue to bless us and keep our organization strong.

Luanne Flanigan

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9 - Annual Father/Daughter Dance
24 - Beach Party

MARCH

3 - Maryknights' Casino Night

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. New Year's Day	2.	3. Bingo Dollymore, Bromley and Mullaney	4. Trustees Meeting Kreitzberg	5. Team #3 Neff - Fried Shrimp Platter Pistol Pete Hardman	6. Dollymore, Bromley and Mullaney
7. First Sunday Break- fast March for Life Kick- off Rally Ponce	8. D'Antuono McNamara	9. Business Meeting Cassagnol	10. Bingo McKinney	11. Mannion	12. Team #4 Marks - Pulled Pork Platter with baked beans, coleslaw Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore	13. Third Degree Cere- mony, Rosensteel Hall
14. Slattery	15. D'Antuono McNamara	16. Social Meeting Dassing	17. Bingo Cavaliere	18. Horner Memorial Rosary	19. Team #5 - Girolami - chicken strips and pizza Lynch and Lyon	20. Moore and Langley
21.	22. D'Antuono McNamara	23. DeVol, Culkin	24. Bingo	25. Mannion	26. Team #6 - Langley, Blue Plate: hot roast beef sandwich, mashed pota- toes w/gravy, green beans Eddie McCaw	27.
28.	29. D'Antuono McNamara	30.	31. Bingo McLeod	February 1	2.	3.