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Chaplain's Reflection Caring for Each Other

Time and again throughout His public ministry, Jesus made it clear that each of us has a responsibility to our entire human family. If we do not love the brother or sister that we can see, how can we say that we love the God whom we cannot see? Certainly, God wants us to love Him above all things. But he wants more than worship. God wants us to demonstrate our love for him by serving all His creation, to act as He would and to pass on that love to every woman and man.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of the judgment of nations. "Then the king will say ..., 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer Him and say, 'Lord, when did (we do these things for) you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (cf. Mt 25:34-40)"

Despite this admonition by Jesus, when we reflect on our own sinfulness we are often so focused on our personal failures that we never consider the bigger picture of how our actions affect others. Jewish tradition has always understood this concept of corporate sin. This is the idea that if someone else committed a sin that you are not personally involved in, you are still guilty because you are a part of the community and, to some degree, you allowed it to happen on your watch. It was in this spirit of atonement that Jesus insisted that John baptize him with water in the River Jordan at the start of his public ministry.

Ancient Israel saw how the idolatry of its nation with its consequent breakdown in community ultimately led to its political collapse. Similarly, our collective experience with COVID-19 has dramatically demonstrated how much the failures of individuals in our nation can combine to form a national health crisis.

The political collapse of ancient Israel was not God's will. That is why God sent so many prophets over the years to bring his people back to Him. Similarly, God does not want anyone to die from COVID. COVID is not some sort of divine punishment for our societal sins. God is love and God wants each of us to live long and healthy lives. God has given man the intelligence to find

Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

Belated congratulations to now Cardinal Wilton Gregory who was elevated to Cardinal by Pope Francis in late November.



It doesn't seem like we've done much as a Council these first five months of this fraternal year since we can't meet in person to share stories and work side-by-side on projects. However, much has been done, although greatly scaled back due to the chaos and restrictions caused by the coronavirus. Some of our programs have been cancelled, but we are proud to have continued as many programs as possible, including:

- a small, but very well received, Nuns Appreciation Night
- novenas to end racism, for the beatification of Fr. McGivney and for the cause of life
- donations to and collections for the Little Sisters of the Poor on the third Saturday of each month, with our Council serving as a collection point for other Councils and delivering the items to the Sisters in DC
- children's events at Halloween and Christmas
- Friday night family dinners to go
- our regular Friday Night Rosary (you can always participate via Facebook)
- incredibly successful meals donations to workers at Holy Cross Hospital
- donations of Safeway gift cards at both Thanksgiving and Christmas to 122 families in need
- our Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn
- a Veterans Day event for local veterans
- Council Memorial Mass
- brought new members into the Council through the virtual admission program

This list doesn't include the many works of service and charity performed individually by members at their local parishes, homes for persons in need, assisting Brother Knights, working the Shrine Ushers Program, checking in on the sick, etc. We can't begin to count the hours of prayer for those less fortunate, for the ill and deceased, for the swift and safe ending of the pandemic – the list goes on.

The Fourth Degree has held successful collections of food and goods at our Council. And think of how many projects and hours of service our Maryknights have worked on these five months - they never stop! Together, this is a staggering list of selflessness and service to others and we should all feel proud. We still have much more to do.

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Council Needy Food Basket Program

On Saturday, December 19, the Knights of Columbus gave out 122 Safeway gift cards for \$25 each. These cards will bring many families a little extra during this challenging time. We continue to receive positive feedback on our program and many of the families are very grateful and appreciate the ability to be able to purchase items needed for their Christmas celebration. Our coordinators from Christ the King, St Catherine Laboure, St John the Evangelist, St Michael the Archangel, Holy Cross and St John's House drove to the Council parking lot and received their cards for the needy families in the area.

On another note it warmed my heart on Saturday to see so much going on while taking extra precautions to keep us all safe. Each third Saturday morning of the month at the Council we host a food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor, one of my personal favorites. There was also a drive-by breakfast with Santa. No one got out of their cars, but they were able to get curbside breakfast delivery from my fellow brother knights and the kids got to talk to Santa from their cars. It was impressive to see such dedication, and commitment with their time and talent to make others happy.

God bless you and all your families. I want to send everyone warm thoughts and I wish all of you well.

Respectfully, Chancellor Timothy Stocker

Remember in your prayers:



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Sick:

Mrs. Lois Devlin Mrs. Mary Neff, mother of Paul Neff Theresa Lynagh Murphy, sister of Tim Lynagh Joe Brannan Barbara Roe, wife of Charles Roe Kathy Beal, mother of Rebecca Phelps

Deceased

Mrs. Marion Mannion, mother of Jim Mannion Norman L. Burton, HLM Gerald Kirkpatrick, father of Beth Ward Robert E. Kane Sr., friend of Council Helen Cudal Cavile, friend of Council

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, please contact Financial Secretary Kevin Carey.

Please Support Sacred Heart's New Home

The Maryknights invite you to help us support Sacred Heart Home's new home. The current facility has been in use for almost 100 years. A new, modern building is currently under construction and will ensure that the sisters can continue their mission of caring for seniors "with the highest religious values with regard to human life & dignity according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church."

Please click on this link, http://

www.sacredhearthome.org, and see the Maryknights' column on page 5 for more information. The Maryknights are collecting funds to send as one large donation.

Thanks for your help!

Rosensteel News and Notes

Tootsie Roll Campaign 2021

In earlier years, by now we would have completed our Tootsie Roll drive for persons with intellectual difficulties and donated to organizations in Montgomery County that assist these individuals. With the current pandemic, we've been forced to stop in-person collections at grocery stores and donations in the canisters in the Knights Room and at our now-suspended monthly breakfasts.

However, the work to assist those in need continues. Our Council will be receiving a shipment of Tootsie Rolls with the hope people will be able to distribute them as normal before the funds are due in early April. I don't see this happening. Therefore, I'm asking you to consider buying one of the boxes of Tootsie Rolls for \$20 and either keeping it for next Halloween (you know the candy won't spoil by then) or donating it to a local food bank, Little Sisters of the Poor or other charitable program.

We'll also take donations to the program; send a check made out to Father Rosensteel Council for any amount and write Tootsie Roll on the memo line. Please mail the check to the Council, attention: Deputy Grand Knight Frank Zarrellli and mark Tootsie Roll on the envelope.

Some of the nearly 30 Montgomery County charities helped by last year's drive are: The ARC of Montgomery County CHI Centers Catholic Coalition for Special Education Special Olympics of Montgomery County St. Joseph's House St. John's House

Thank you very much for any help you can provide. Please remember to keep these individuals and organizations in your prayers.

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Our Council is still selling tickets to the 51st Annual Car Raffle, which benefits both our Council and the Maryland State Council. Tickets to win the grand prize of a 2021 Ford Mustang are only \$1 each and 60 cents of each dollar stays at the Council to help fund our programs. The winning ticket will be pulled by Maryland State Deputy Vince Grauso at our Council in late March 2021.

If you would like to purchase tickets, write a check made out to Father Rosensteel Council and write Car Raffle on the memo line or on the envelope. Mail your check to the Council and the Council officers will fill out the tickets for you. We'll call you to let you know if you've won one of the raffle prizes. Thank you very much.

Rosensteel Remembers



To mark the Council's 100th birthday on December 15, 2020, a wreath was laid at Fr. Rosensteel's grave and men gathered to say a rosary. Pictured are (from left): Jack Wade, a longtime member who was baptized by Fr. Rosensteel, PGK Bruce Cotting, Treasurer Ed Jordan, PGK Mike Miller, Guard Burr Brady, PGK Mike Koon, PGK Gus Gusman, PGK Rob Seubert, Grand Knight Paul Girolami, PGK John Fox, PGK James Mannion, PGK Pat Bowles, PGK Joe Marks and PGK Dave Morgan.

At left, following the work started by Bruce Cotting, Paul Girolami and Geoff Conway clean the marker and statue at Fr. Rosensteel's grave in advance of the Council's 100th birthday on December 15, 2020.

Photo by Bruce Cotting



The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983. He approaches tasks thoughtfully, carefully and logically - addressing both the "now" and "what's to come." When he lived nearby, you could see him bartending regularly and joining his wife Emmy on the former Crew 6 Friday Night kitchen team when needed. These days, he's at the Council on Tuesday mornings, making the round-trip from/to Ocean View, Delaware, to review invoices and pay Clubhouse bills in is role as Clubhouse accountant. Hats off to John McNamara, our January 2021 Knight of the Month.

Family of the Month - They're a family related by Catholic faith and dedication of service to our Council. You see them at several Council events, but most recently they've contributed hours and dollars to remodeling the Knights Room, bringing it up to code from its last update in the 1970s. New flooring, walls, electrical outlets and wiring, improved wifi, furniture, painting, a crucifix and Holy Family carving for the Knights Room, and more – you'll truly be pleased and amazed at the hard work that's gone into remodeling the area.

All of this work is being paid for through donations and doesn't involve any funding from the Council or its associations. And the work continues as a result of the leak in the downstairs ladies' rest room and damage to the hallway new floors and walls, improved spacing, new ceiling tiles and new lights.

Our January Family of the Month is the Friends of the Knights Room – the women and men who have donated dollars to funding these projects and the many men who have personally performed the remodeling, including Spike Holmes, Dave Donnelly, Geoff Conway, Brian McCaw, Nick Carrescia, Pierre Cassagnol, Kevin Carey, Chris Langley, JC. Butts, Abe Jacobs and Bruce Cotting (with apology to those workers I may have missed). Donations permitting, the crew will look at improvements to the Emerald Room and downstairs men's bathroom.

Chaplain's Reflection

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treatments and cures for this virus. God expects each of us to do whatever we can to save lives. God expects each of us to always act in pro-life manner and look out for each other as best we can.

So, out of respect for our neighbor, that means following the guidance and protocols prescribed by our governments and health departments. That means getting the vaccine when it is our turn. It is not about us. It is about our community of people whom God loves just as much as He loves us. No one has ever died of COVID-19 because it was God's will. We can do better and we will do better. So, as we continue to wander through the desert of COVID-19, let us do as Jesus would have done and do the best we can for our neighbor and all those we hold dear.

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Experts say you should have 8 times your income saved by age 60 - here are 3 money moves to help you get there;

1. Watch your <u>credit card</u> spending - Credit card debt at any age can set you back, but as you get closer to retirement the last thing you want to worry about is unpaid balances that have accrued on one or more of your cards.

2. Work on something you're passionate about - Upon approaching retirement, the last thing you want to consider is finding work again. However, this could be the time to explore a passion and perhaps bring in some money while doing so.

3. Pay off your mortgage - From a planning perspective, not having a mortgage is important.

Please contact me about setting a plan to implement the above

Vivat Jesus!



Grand Knight's Station

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There are many reasons we are thankful to be Knights this difficult year. Despite hardships, we never leave anyone behind. We stand together to promote our beliefs. We pray together, knowing God is always with us. We know we will continue to serve neighbor and each other through works of charity.

This month we'll particulate virtually in the March for Life and causes for the unborn. We'll celebrate a novena for the Holy Family in February. Other programs will begin to emerge in the second half of the Council year.

All said, you've done well, family of Father Rosensteel Council. I'm fortunate to have the privilege to serve at your side at our Council programs. Let's enter 2021 with renewed spirit and optimism for even grander things and new programs that will further enrich the successful charitable and prayerful legacy of Father Rosensteel Council.

Paul Girolami, Grand Knight

Deacon Alan Jeeves

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Dear Maryknights,

I think we were all very happy to show 2020 the door! Welcome 2021, we are expecting a lot from you and praying you don't disappoint!

Kudos: Great big thanks to Helen Vallone, the Maryknights and all who participated in the collection for Shepherd's Table! What a turnout for a cold, rainy night! 110 pounds of goods and \$25 were dropped off! Shepherd's Table staff were over-whelmed and so thankful.

Also, thanks to Sue Wiant, Beth Ward and to all those who provided items for the Apostleship of the Sea collections, those who helped to prepare 51 (!) shoe boxes for distribution and Margie Cuff for driving the boxes up to Baltimore! Well done, everyone! You made Christmas brighter for so many!

Sacred Heart Home is our January collection beneficiary. We will be collecting money to help with construction of its new facility. We would like to have a consolidated Maryknight donation, so please provide checks made out to the Maryknights (preferred) or Sacred Heart Home and mail to Teresa Sutton (10200 Day Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910). All will then be provided to Sacred Heart Home. And a heads up for February's collection, Woman to Woman. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products and bras (new only - thank you COVID) to be distributed to Catholic Charities and House of Ruth. Be on the lookout for sales/coupons to start stocking up!

Also don't forget the first Executive Board meeting of 2021 will be Wednesday, January 6, at 7 p.m., and the first ZOOM Maryknights meeting of 2021 will be Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m.

Acknowledgements and Updates: We welcome Lois Devlin and Mary Cosgrove to the ranks of our Lifetime Members. Thank you, ladies, for your long and loving service to the Maryknights.

Father Jerry now lives at Leisure World. His cell phone number is the same (240-533-7846), but his new address is 15100 Interlachen Drive #108, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

For Your Reflection: This won't be published in time for New Year's Eve, but I still think it's a good way to start off 2021. Instead of making resolutions, let's take some time to look back on 2020 to see where God has been active in our lives and to notice, be grateful and experience the desire for change.

First, remember that you are in God's presence, not running through a list, but talking to God. Invite him to be with you. (Even though we know he is always with us.)

Second, call to mind what you are grateful for, all the wonderful things that happened to you this year. There were some, we all know it! Take your time and relish them, and give thanks to God for them, they are his gifts to you.

Third, review the year. Try thinking month by month or even by topic; e.g., family, friends, work, you get the idea. Notice where God was present and where you said yes to God's invitation to greater love. Notice where God loved you.

Fourth, express your sorrow. Over 365 days there were undoubtedly moments you did some things you regret. Tell God you are sorry. Seek forgiveness, either from someone you may have hurt, or go to confession if you can during this pandemic. Do not wallow in your sins; you are human and we all make mistakes. God loves us always, no matter how bad we might be.

Fifth, ask God for the grace to live 2021 as a good person. We all have things that we'll need God's grace to face: health problems, financial problems, family problems, work problems. So, ask God for help. Be specific about what you need. And don't forget to ask God for the grace to see His presence in the new year. (Adapted from, *A New Year's prayer for nearly everyone*, Father James Martin, SJ America Media, 12/2019)

May God bless us all in the coming year. Wishing you safety and happiness in the New Year,

Peggy Seleski





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10.	11. 7 p.m Maryknights Monthly Meeting	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25. Council Trustees Meeting	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	February 1.					