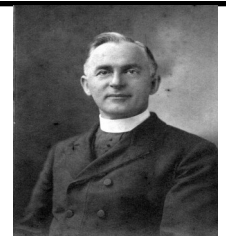




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Chaplain's Reflection Christ the Good Shepherd

The image of Christ as the Good Shepherd was the favorite depiction of Jesus in the early days of the Church. This is simply astonishing insofar as shepherds were at the very bottom of the social ladder in the ancient world. They were uneducated, illiterate, dirty, smelly, rough and irreligious men. Yet, the image of Jesus as the "good shepherd" tells us quite a bit about what He wants our relationship with him to be like.

A pastor at a small church in the cattle country of Texas was once reminded of this when one of the "cowboys" in his parish said to him, "You know, Father there's a reason Jesus never said: 'I am the good cowboy.'" Cows, he explained, are very obstinate creatures. To get them going in the right direction, they need to be pushed and poked from behind, sometimes with an electric prodder!

Sheep, however, are very different from cows. When they hear their shepherd's call, they happily follow his lead. Just like Jesus said in today's gospel: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." In other words, Jesus doesn't want to have to push us like cows. Instead, he wants us to follow him like sheep.

The shepherd symbol has many different interpretations in the gospel narratives. All of these emphasize the intimacy between Jesus and his followers, an intimacy which continues even today. Jesus knows us as the shepherd knows his sheep. Jesus searches for lost souls the same way the shepherd searches for his lost sheep. Jesus is the one shepherd who is also the gate for his sheep. There is only one fold and Jesus alone is our means of access to the Father. Through Jesus we come to the Father. Through Jesus the Father comes to us.

The world seeks the meaning of life in all manner of things that will not last. The world views pleasure and possessions, power and prestige as defining success and failure, and the meaning of life. But Jesus tells us today that He is the only one who can help us discern the meaning of this life,

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Grand Knight's Station

*"Doing Works of Charity with His Gifts
of Time, Talent and Treasure"*

If you're reading this during on the last weekend of June I'm sitting by the pool at the Holiday Inn Solomon's Isle Maryland. No, the location is correct but I'm with all the other Grand Knights in Maryland at what some call Grand Knights University. The assumption is that I'll know what to do as a Grand Knight for this new Fraternal Year. I don't think so; I've gotten the best training from the best asset Rosensteel has: Past Grand Knights. Thank you Mike and Mike, Frank, Tom, Russell, Rob, John, Paul, George (no Ringo in this group), Bruce, Dan, Terrence and Dave. You've been getting me ready for many years now. The Maryknights have also schooled me.

Back when I was the Council's Warden I wrote an article where I told of my journey through life. I mentioned the geography of the places I've journeyed. For a long time I've called home the Spring. Now I want to add the Glen. Now it goes from the Valley to the Mountain to the Spring and then the Glen. I say this because I'll spend a little more time at the Glen than the Spring this next Fraternal Year.

We don't say goodbye to PGK Bruce Cotting as he will now service the Council as a Trustee. We do say hello to the new Council Warden Frank Zarrelli. Frank has a long history of service to Rosensteel Council. Most recently, he has served as president of the Forest Glen Building Association and as a special assistant to the Grand Knight. Frank will also chair the Council Picnic on August 19.

And don't forget our Deputy Grand Knight Gus Gusman, who has been watching and learning. He has taken on his roles so far with an ability to keep it simple. He had one of our best resent campaigns for People with Intellectual Difficulties (the annual Tootsie Roll drive). He will manage our Incentive Car Raffle and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and is the Council's overall program director.

Chancellor and Past Grand Knight Paul Girolami has served the Council for decades. Most of you know him. In my five years he has taught me a lot. Paul has a kitchen crew, calls Bingo once a month, handles our Vocations program and does a very reverent job of planning our memorial Masses. He will be Grand Knight during our centennial year and with his help this year we will start planning for that event. There is a plan to hold an Anniversary event in December when we turn 98. We can build on the next two years.

Since 1971 the programs run by the Knights of Columbus were called "Serve with Service." This divided the programs the Councils do into six areas. Now, with Supreme wanting Councils to focus on their

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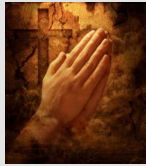
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Rosensteel Council



Picnic

August 19th



Remember in your prayers:

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Grand Knight's Station

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parishes, the new program will be called "Faith in Action." The revised areas will be Faith, Community, Family and Life. Two prior areas, Youth and Council, have been folded into the four revised areas.

At the top of this article is my slogan for my Fraternal Year as Grand Knight. But it serves as a reminder to all of us as Brothers and Maryknights that we have much to offer that God has given us for the charitable acts that we see are needed or asked to do. If we can take the principle of Charity and continue to add time, talent and treasure we will be doing exactly what Father McGivney asked of that group of Knights from St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT, in 1882.

Take a look at the schedule of events we've listed in this *Knight Life* on page 4. Installation of Council and Maryknight Officers is later this month, so please e-mail one of the officers if you plan to attend. And as I mentioned before, our annual picnic is Sunday, August 19.

Finally, please take time on the Fourth to celebrate our fourth principle, Patriotism. Have a great Fourth of July.

*Vivat Jesus,
 Jim Mannion*

Chaplain's Reflection

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and lead us to eternal happiness in the next life. The same Jesus who conquered death through his Resurrection gives us confident assurance that our own lives will also transcend death.

However, competing voices from the religion of secular humanism that has enveloped our culture try to drown out this message. We live with a never-ending bombardment of messages and blandishments from the mass media, social media and Hollywood trying to tell us what we need, what we should want, how we should live and eat and drink, dress and ride, what cereals are healthier, what fashions are cooler, what best relieves pain, what best takes off our weight, what will make us more attractive and popular with others, what is the gateway to happiness.

And almost without knowing it, we begin to believe these pitchmen of profit and prolificacy. Their din drowns out the only sound we need to hear. Unheard is the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls his sheep, who shows them the way. The competing calls of hawking hucksters send static into the channels of grace through which we yearn to hear the voice of love and care, compassion and forgiveness, reconciliation, pardon and peace.

Jesus is our gateway to God. Jesus is the only gateway to the Father. Jesus is our shepherd whose voice we *need* to hear over the maddening roar of the world around us. Our Good Shepherd wants to say to each of us this day, "Quiet yourself, withdraw for some moments away from all the other voices and blandishments. Give me, your God, a chance to have access to you. Give me a clear channel and open gate, to enter into the reality of who you are so that I can help you and heal you, give you peace, and with the bread of life nurture you on your way."

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Council Calendar

AUGUST

- 3-9 Supreme Convention
- 7 Business Meeting
- 19 Council Picnic
- (No Social Meeting in August)
- 25 Crab Feast

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Business Meeting
- 16 Special Olympics Week
- 18 Social Meeting, *First Degree
- 30 PGK Testimonial

OCTOBER

- 2 Business Meeting
- 6 SJE Auction & Bazaar
- 7 Columbus Day Ball
- 16 Rosary for Unborn *During Social Meeting
- 21 Oktoberfest
- 28 Children's Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 3 Soccer Shootout
- 4 First Sunday Council Breakfast
- 6 Business Meeting
- 10 Catholic Charities Cup of Joe Program in Columbian Room
- 17 Maryknights Charity Ball
- 17 Needy Food Baskets
- 20 Council Memorial Mass *Social Meeting
- 21 Potluck Smoker

DECEMBER

- 2 First Sunday Council Breakfast
- 4 Business Meeting
- 16 Children's Christmas Party
- 17 Anniversary Event
- 18 Social Meeting + Formulation *Second Degree
- 22 Needy Food Baskets
- 31 New Year's Eve event

Mary's Widows

Mary's Widows were the guests of the Knights for a delicious lunch at the Council. DGK Jim Mannion was our guest. Jim gave an interesting speech on his background and qualifications.

Many thanks to the Knights, especially to PGK, FS Mike Koon, our coordinator; PGK Russell Sutton, Stan McLeod and John Matosian and his crew for a lunch fit for a king.

We will meet again on Monday, July 9, at a place to be determined. You will be called with details. Hope to see many of you there.

Please have a safe and happy Fourth of July.



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Knight of the Month - If you had a child or grandchild who was between 5-9 years of age in the mid 1990's, you remember that there was a Disney-animated feature titled, "The Lion King." In the opening scene there is a baboon named "Rafiki" holding up the young lion cub "Simba" who will grow up someday to be King of the Jungle. All this animation is done while a very emotional song is playing called "The Circle of Life."

It is this scene I saw carried out at this year's Maryland State Knights of Columbus convention in Ocean City when this Knight of the Month held up a large stack of awards to show his fellow Council brothers what they had accomplished this past year. Not quite the Circle of Life, but let's call it the "Stack of Life, Family, Community and Faith Program Awards."

The theme of this past Fraternal Year was "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." This Knight of the Month approached his tasks with that belief. In his very first article as a Grand Knight he told us, "Charity - we will strive to increase the funds that we donate to our various charities. Unity - we will focus on deepening the camaraderie and fellowship within Rosensteel. Fraternity - our Council strength will be demonstrated within the parishes we support. Patriotism - we will personally exemplify the privilege and honor of being the Greatest Nation under God."

The Knights are guided by Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. This Knight has practiced each of these during the six years he has been a Knight. He has given all of these principles his time, talent and treasure. We've seen this up close this past year.

We still have him as an officer for three more years, but I suspect his wonderful family started to see a little bit more of him starting July 1. When you see the Past Grand Knight, please say "thank you, Bruce." If you get real close he'll make you laugh. This Month's Knight of the Month is PGK Bruce Cotting.

Family of the Month - Together, this family is not you stereotype family but it acts like one. Separately, they all belong to a family. They have the knowledge and experience of being a member of the Rosensteel Family as well as any Past Grand Knight has accumulated over decades. They may be invisible to a Brother Knight, especially one like me who has not been a Knight of Columbus for very long. They don't look to sponsor an event, but many support our events and their Parish events as workers or participants. They are not in the business to try and bolster their membership roles. It is truly a sad day when one has become eligible to be a member, but when one door closes another one opens up. Because of what they have in common they enjoy each other's company and kinship.

Recently, I had the honor to attend one of those gathering of this family and truly saw up close its interest in this Council and its desire to succeed in its mission of charitable works and helping families in need. They were very interested as to what direction the Council was headed in the new Fraternal Year. Many of them told me of their involvement in many Council activities over the decades.

Because they are Family and they are still a valuable resource they are recognized as this month's Family of the Month. Congratulations to Mary's Widows. Please tell them thanks.



**You are cordially invited to the Fr. Rosensteel Council #2169
Joint Installation of Council Officers & Maryknight Auxiliary Officers**

Saturday, July 14

3 p.m. - Mass at St. John the Evangelist Historic Church

4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Music and Light Appetizers

5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Installation Ceremonies

6:30 Dinner

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Is your parish having a picnic this summer? St. John's, St. Bernadette's and Christ the King each have parish picnics at Rosensteel Council. Our Council will have its annual picnic on Sunday, August 19. If you have not attended in the past, please consider attending. It is an afternoon of outdoor grilling, congeniality, socializing on the lawn, games and lots of good food and drink. Bring the family and grandchildren, too. There is something for everyone. And, you'll soon find yourself in the Big Group Picture.

It's Summer! Do you have plans? It's the perfect time to visit with old friends, family reunions or travel to favorite places that hold fond memories. If you feel more adventurous, why not take a trip to some places that you've always wanted to see: European countries, river cruises, the Holy Land, Hawaii, Alaska or up to French Quebec and Canada. Visit a travel agent. You can easily make it all happen.

Have you received your new Medicare Card in the mail? Once you have it destroy your old card immediately. The new card does not have your social security number. This will help protect you from criminals attempting fraud using your name.

Our monthly luncheons have certainly improved. Bring a friend or relative and don't forget your appetite. The appetizers table holds shrimp, cheeses and selected fruit to hold you over until the hot luncheon is served. We want to see you again on the 4th Tuesday of the month, July 24, so don't miss it.

Thomas Leonard

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Thank you Beth Torp for a fabulous year under your supervision. We did many good deeds under your guidance.

Congratulations to all the new K of C and Maryknight officers. We are looking forward to a great year working together.

The Maryknights want to remind everyone of the upcoming installation on Saturday, July 14. Mass will begin at 3 p.m. in the SJE Historic church and follow with the installation of officers, dinner and dancing in the Columbian Room. Please join us for our celebration.

Save the date: The MK annual Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, November 17. Our support this year will go to the Spirit Club Foundation. For more information please visit its Website, WWW.SPIRITCLUBFOUNDATION.ORG.

We would love for Council and Maryknight members to continue to look for organizations that would like to donate to our charity. PLEASE ASK, ASK, ASK and TELL, TELL, TELL all your friends and business associates about our Charity Ball. Ask them to donate; tell them about the Spirit Club and invite them to sit with you at your table on November 17. The Charity Ball continues to win awards for the best recurring Maryknight activity. We would also ask that you look for items to purchase to donate to the charity ball. Summer sales are always a good place to start.

Don't forget about our new idea: "The Wine Bottle Grab." Please purchase your favorite bottle of wine or a new wine that a trusted sommelier suggests. Purchase must be at least \$20.

Help Needed: We need many volunteers for this event. If you are interested please contact Margie Cuff at margiecuff@gmail.com.

AED (auto external debibrillator) - watch for training opportunities. We have AED units installed at the K of C. We hope everyone will learn to use these in case of an emergency.

Generosity is bestowed through giving of your time, sharing your God-given gifts and talents, and financially blessing those in need. The principle of generosity is powerful and the Bible teaches us that it is more blessed to give than receive (ACTS 20:35).

Have some lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

*Soda, pretzels and beer,
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COMING EVENTS...

AUGUST

3-9 Supreme Convention
7 Business Meeting
19 Council Picnic
(No Social Meeting in August)
25 Crab Feast

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. D'Antuono, McNamara	3. Dollymore, Bromley, Mullaney	4. July Fourth Holiday	5.	6. Team #1, Calcutt, O'Neil, Sullivan - spiced shrimp Pistol Pete/Jeff/Mark Hardman	7.
8.	9. D'Antuono, Cassagnol	10. Business Meeting	11. Carey/Conway/DeVol	12.	13. Team Hibernians - Bas- tille Day theme menu Conway, Carey, Wig- more, DeVol	14. Installation of Offic- ers Slattery
15. McKinney	16. D'Antuono, Dassing	17. Sullivan	18.	19.	20. Team #4, Marks - Aggies crab imperial Lynch and Lyon, Langley	21. Appreciation Night Dinner
22. Maddox	23. D'Antuono, McNamara	24. Retirees Luncheon Culkin, DeVol	25. Cavaliere	26.	27. Team #3, Neff - fried shrimp Eddie McCaw, Beane	28.
29.	30. D'Antuono, McNamara	31.	August 1.			