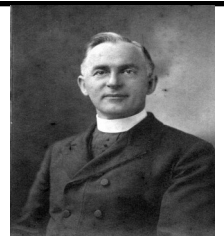




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Chaplain's Reflection Invisible Powers

The coronavirus lockdown has been a difficult experience for all of us. For even the oldest among us, this is our first experience with a global pandemic. Not since the Cold War and the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 has the possibility of premature death loomed so strongly. It is very unsettling. It is a powerful reminder of what our faith constantly reminds us of, that we are not in control.

As a country, we Americans don't like being ruled by something or someone else. We didn't want a king so we fought the Revolutionary War to claim our independence. We fought World Wars I and II to free others and to keep ourselves free from dictators. Since World War II, we have fought to keep ourselves free, and to free others, from communism. But the coronavirus has proven to be a different kind of enemy. How do you fight an enemy you can't see? How do you fight an invisible enemy?

One reaction has often been to fight each other. Initially, we blamed the president and the State Department and the "spy agencies." Why didn't they know? Some have even asked, "Where were *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* with all their investigative reporters?" We have lots of questions and few answers.

Gradually, however, we have discovered that blaming and fighting with each other helps no one. Far better to fight the virus itself. And we have discovered that the enemy is not completely invisible. Under intense magnification we can see the virus. We can help patients to battle and survive it.

Our best defense is to not get the virus. That's why we are all encouraged to shelter in place. The more we can isolate from each other, the less likely we will infect each other. Even with all of the precautions being taken by our parishes, there will still exist some risk of infection for anyone who attends a public Mass because a church cannot be "perfectly" cleaned and sanitized any more than any other public space. Hence, the continued dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation.

Nonetheless, being still is not easy for most of us because we are social creatures meant to live in community. But it becomes easier when we realize that we are

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Grand Knight's Station

Dear Rosensteel Family,

Round 2 has started by the time you read this article.



I'm incredibly humbled and honored to have been asked and supported by you to serve as Grand Knight, particularly in this 100th anniversary year of our Council.

Some quick information about me: I'm a 40-year member of the Knights of Columbus, all at our Council (thank you, Dan Pate, for being my sponsor). I was single my first time as Grand Knight, in 1988-1989. Wife Barbara (who I thank for letting me have this privileged opportunity to serve again) and I have two children in their 20's – Cecilia and Tony. I'm a Silver Spring native and have been a member of St. Andrew Apostle Church since 1963.

I've served on several Council committees, co-led bingo in the early '90s with Bill Zimmerman and was most recently a caller, currently work on a kitchen crew and can be seen at the Council working on different projects and mowing the lawn every now and then. I like to think I'm diplomatic at first but know I'm opinionated and vocal.

We have an incredible legacy of successful men and women on which to build this new century at Father Rosensteel Council. With your support, we're on our way to blazing new paths. My motto for the year is "Faith and Family Foremost." We continue to embrace our Catholic faith. We are part of a very large family – in our immediate and extended families, with our family of friends, through our actions of charity and fellowship at our parishes, in the larger community, and in the family of Father Rosensteel Council and the Knights of Columbus. We're unstoppable and should be proud of what we've accomplished and are about to do.

We have many activities planned for this Council year and will follow health guidelines should the events take place as planned. Mark your calendars now for our annual Council picnic on Sunday, September 13 and our 100th Anniversary Gala on February 20, 2021.

I look forward to working with each of you – in this 100th year and beyond – as we continue to put our faith to action.

Paul Girolami

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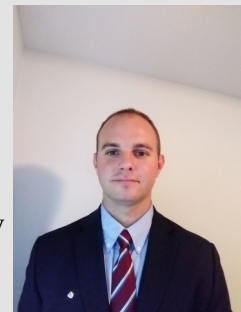
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**Chaplain's Reflection
Invisible Powers**

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not alone in our stillness. In Psalm 46, the voice God proclaims, "Be still and know that I am God!" It is in this stillness we discover the God who will never completely abandon us.

Over the centuries, we have survived plagues and famines and natural disasters. We don't know why God allows them, but we do know that as a human race we survive them. Those who die experience the fullness of God's presence. We who go on living know God as Emmanuel – God with us. When we are tempted to give into fear of the invisible enemy, we need to know that we have a much more wonderful and powerful invisible Friend.

The inaccessibility to the Eucharist during the suspension of public Masses may have caused us to feel less close to God at this time when we so need Him. But this void can be transcended through an Act of Spiritual Communion in which we embrace the desire to be with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Alphonsus Liguori have each proclaimed the benefits of the practice. In 1983, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that all of the effects of Holy Communion can be received through Spiritual Communion if you are prevented from attending Eucharistic celebrations for whatever reason.

God always finds a way to provide us with His grace, especially in these troubling times. Let us pray to Our Lord to guide us through these trials, strengthen us in our spiritual health and swiftly cure all those afflicted by the coronavirus.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

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It is my pleasure to represent our State Deputy Vince Grauso whose motto is “We are Servant Leaders.” I am humbled to be selected as District Deputy for the four councils in District 11. I also want to congratulate our own Frank Cavaliere PGK for being selected as the District Warden. We have a strong leadership team from the top down and we are here to serve you so your Council is successful. I would encourage the Council leadership to reach out to your district team for any help that you need.

Many of you have known me for a very long time, but here is a brief background on me. This year I will have 30 years of being a brother Knight with all of those years at Father Rosensteel Council. This year, Father Rosensteel Council also marks a historic milestone, the 100th anniversary in December. I have gone through the chairs, worked many programs, and served our Council and Order in many ways that have made me glad to be a Knight. When I joined my children were quite young. I joined the Order because it was a Catholic, Family and Fraternal organization where we demonstrated our faith and charity by helping each other and our brothers and sisters in our community. When I was Grand Knight my motto was “The Tradition Continues.” Those words reverberate just as much now as then. We need to continue the traditions that Father McGivney and Father Rosensteel started and ingrained in our culture as Knights. We have many things in common and we can leverage our faith, actions and words to make a difference in many lives. I am proud to be a Knight and let us not lose sight of Father McGivney’s and Father Rosensteel’s vision for us.

As we start this new fraternal year it is full of unknowns and daily changes as we navigate through this pandemic. This pandemic is going to force us to do things differently than how we normally operate. It also creates opportunity to serve others and demonstrate the pillars of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. So I would ask you to be flexible, be creative, step out of your comfort zone and to plan to adapt programs according to local, state, federal and CDC guidelines. It is difficult and I understand the frustration, but the safety of everyone is our Number One objective. Life will never go back to the old normal; this new normal of wearing mask, social distancing, etc. will be with us until a vaccine is widely available and after that society will change and a new post-pandemic normal will evolve. Even though we have a different operating environment that does not mean that we cannot be inclusive of all membership. I would encourage every Council to have online meetings and if there is an in person meeting it should be of a hybrid format that is both online and in person so all members can be included.

By now you should have all of your officers and directors in place. It is very important that the men who are serving in these positions are the best people for the position. Remember that you will be held accountable for participating in and supporting all the state and supreme programs. It’s my job to support you and if you need guidance I am only a phone call away. Plans for the year should be in place. We need to continue to drive membership, Our Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind to be a successful Council. The first major requirement coming due by August 1 is your Annual Assembly Audit Report. Please start the planning process for that now, it is a very important deadline. I will be scheduling a meeting with each Council to help and review your upcoming Fraternal Year.

I’m delighted to install our Council officers at a limited in-person event on Friday, July 24. Unfortunately, this year’s installation will be officers only and their respective guest. The virus has prevented us from having a Mass immediately before the installation and a dinner/dance afterward as we have had for several years, but we will follow what the Maryland State Council has set in place for the State Installation - adhering as well to all local, state and CDC guidelines.

I know this is a great deal of information to take in, but we are living in a different world now and we each have an obligation to protect each other. Everyone has different opinions/situations and I understand, but if we err on the side of caution we will have done our part. Please be kind to one another.

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Dear Maryknights,

Congratulations to our newly installed officers! Margie Cuff and Luanne Flanigan were installed as president and vice president, respectively; Carol Walper, secretary; Teresa Hodge, treasurer and Donna Stocker, historian were also installed at our first virtual meeting on June 8. Thanks to Beth Ward of the State Ladies Auxiliary for presiding over the installation. About 25-30 Maryknights attended via Zoom and helped honor and congratulate Sue Wiant, our out going president. Sue's leadership and report writing skills, along with a fantastic team of officers (Jeanne Berman, Julie Cuff, Teresa Hodge and Donna Stocker) helped snag two big state awards for the Maryknights! Their work was honored when the Rosensteel Maryknights were awarded 1st Place for the Best New Activity (our popular Basket & Handbag Bingo) and 3rd Place for Best Auxiliary by the State Ladies Auxiliary.

Luanne and Margie are excited to be working together with our officers (Carol, Teresa and Donna), the Executive Board and all of you this coming year. We look forward to keeping the Maryknights on course to be the Best Auxiliary in the State.

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey by e-mail & phone. The information collected will remain anonymous and will be taken into discussion by a small focus group we have assembled to look at what activities might need to be adjusted as we power through the next few months.

Watch for the president's letter to arrive in August. We will have a lot of information included. We are still in need of chairladies for the Communications and Program committees, so let Luanne or Margie know if you are interested.

We ask prayers for Father Jerry who is dealing with worsening eyesight and must handle his late sister's estate. Also please keep Elaine Carney (a lifetime member) in your prayers. She fell down the stairs at her home this past week (a little bruised, but no broken bones). If you know of others who need prayers or a card to lift their spirits, please let us know.

Be well and safe and God bless you!

Peggy Seleski

The Best of Rosensteel

Family of the Month - This family continues to be very active at our Council. She's a Maryknight and is spearheading their production of face masks for our Council and community. Both have helped Sue Wiant with the gardening redesign and planting at the front of the Council. He's a Council officer and most recently served as Grand Knight. Both are friends of the Rosensteel family and have become very dear friends to my wife and me. I now get to take his parking spot at the Council.

When you see Ruth and Gus Gusman, thank them for their service to Father Rosensteel Council and for being our Family of the Month.

Knight of the Month - He's a regular at the Council and volunteers for any activity or effort when time permits. He prefers to work behind the scenes and takes on tasks others would choose to avoid. He's a member of the Council softball team, is our Council technology wizard and dishwasher extraordinaire, a staple at many Council events and is a proud father and husband. He has a quick wit and his smile is infectious. We thank his wife, Renee, and their children for letting us have so much of his time at the Council now and over the years.

When you next see him, please congratulate Brian McCaw for being our Knight of the Month.

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