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Chaplain's Reflection Bowling Alone

Have you ever wondered what heaven will be like? We know that heaven is the realm of God and the angels and saints that calls to us who are here on earth. But what that will actually look like is less clear. People sometimes wonder what we will do in heaven. What will it be like to live fully in the presence of God after the final victory over sin and death. For instance, some wonder if there will be golf or bowling in heaven. I don't know, but if there is, I promise you that there will be no golf widows and nobody will bowl alone.

"Bowling Alone" is the title of a book written nearly 20 years ago by a Harvard professor who observed that our society has become increasingly fragmented, and we have become more and more disconnected from each other. This was even before the development of social media and the smartphone which enable us to be "in touch" without touching each other.

Over the past 30 years we have experienced a huge drop in the number of people participating in clubs and other organizations, having friends over and attending family dinners. Although we have seen an increase in the number of people who bowl, they don't bowl in leagues. Increasingly, we bowl alone. But in heaven, nobody will have to bowl alone. Why? Because heaven is a state of perfect love. And the God in heaven, who is the very expression of perfect love, is a Trinity of three persons who are never alone.

It is essential that we understand the Trinity because it will help us understand ourselves, and appreciate why, in heaven, no one will bowl alone. We became Christians when we were baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," so we are united with all three persons of the Trinity in such a way that we share in the very life of God. And God's life is a sharing of love between three Persons. We have been created in the image of the Trinity. This means that we were made to share love. And this can only be done in community. With others. Never alone.

Grand Knight's Station

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

It came with an operator's manual. The only problem with that was we are not your typical Council. This is Rosensteel. We don't have operator manuals, we have Past Grand Knights. That's better. As I said last year at the Past Grand Knights Testimonial, the Past Grand Knights are our greatest treasure. They coached me during the years I advanced through the chairs and I listened. I am most thankful for them. I am a very fortunate man to have a Council that cares about what the Knights are all about. As this Fraternal Year comes to an end this month I was one of the 80 men you have trusted to be your leader.

You chose me to guide the destiny of Rosensteel during this year. As its Grand Knight I was directly responsible for every aspect of your Rosensteel Council's operation and success. When I was chosen you demonstrated your confidence that I was capable of outstanding leadership. You asked me to prove you correct.

I was told at my installation to remember that it is through the cooperation of the Council Brothers and Maryknights that my past achievements were made possible. I was told to continue to merit that cooperation by measuring all your decisions in the light of what will be fair, just and beneficial to them. I was reminded that a Council is composed of many individuals and to solicit their advice. Consider it carefully. But remember always that the "Good of the Order" is paramount! It is my hope that I achieved this charge I was given.

The Fraternal Year comes to a close at the end of this month and Rosensteel has much to be proud. Our Program structure transitioned from the "Surge in Service" programs to "Faith in Action." The reason for this was to move the Council focus toward being parish-based in its activity. This proves to be a little more challenging for a Council such as ours that is not embedded in a single parish. We have started to turn toward that focus and many of the programs that are required in "Faith in Action" will get us to that point.

We were again successful in the programs that the Council has become known. We were recognized at the 121st Maryland State Convention (three days of peace and convention meetings) for our programs in Faith, Family and for Overall Program Excellence. A third place was awarded for our Life Programs. The awards were in Division A for large sized Councils. Well done, program directors, event chairs, volunteers and those who attended these events.

As of this writing of this report, we have welcomed nine new Brother Knights to Rosensteel. This is not what I had hoped for and our for and our Recruitment Team worked hard to speak with candidates

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Grand Knight Jim Mannion (at right) is congratulated by District Deputy Andy Michaels for the Council's awards received at last month's State Convention in Ocean City, MD. This award is for 3rd Place in Division A for 2018-2019 Life Activities.

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Vocations

Program Chairs and Directors

Remember in your prayers:



Sick: Ruth Gusman Marie Dunkle, wife of Harry Dunkle Russ Sutton III, son of Russell Sutton Lexi Thomas Mike Maddox Terrence Moore, Kenny Tullis, Jamie Donnelly, John Ryan Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, pastor of St. Michael's in Silver Spring

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Michael Koon.

Newest Rosensteel Knights

On May 21, the Council held an Admissions Degree and welcomed Christopher Borawski, Michael Quinn V, Charles Raisch, Nicholas Mulholland and Emmett Sloan as the newest Rosensteel Knights.

When you see them around the Council, please welcome them.

Chaplain's Reflection Bowling Alone

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God is not simply one person. Rather, God is a community of three persons united in perfect love. Since we are made in God's image, we can say that we are both created by overflowing love and created for overflowing love, having the possibility to give and receive love the way God does: a perfect love without conditions, without limits.

However, encountering such a perfect unconditional love in this life can remain only a possibility. We may experience love, but it is far from perfect. What we thought was love ends up not really being love at all. We may have wound up being hurt, abandoned, used, left behind. We may have confused physical intimacy with true selfgiving love. Friends and family may have turned their backs on us when the going got rough or because they were looking for greener pastures. We may not have wanted to bowl alone. But we wound up doing so anyway.

However, the brokenness we experience here will be healed and restored in heaven where we will finally be able to love, and be loved, the way God created us to. The way God the Holy Trinity does. In this life we often say, "You always hurt the ones you love." But in heaven, we will actually be able to truly say, "Love means never having to say you're sorry." So what will heaven be like? Will there be golf or bowling? I would not be surprised. But bowling alone? Not a chance.

Building Report

The Forest Glen Building Association has been working diligently for the past year to analyze major repair projects and discuss financing to get them completed. Absent funding approval from Council membership, there is a very good chance we will be without air conditioning in major portions of the building.

The June Business Meeting requires a quorum to pass approval of budgets that include the loan against the building that will enable these much needed necessary repairs to our heating and air conditioning systems. In May, we failed to have a quorum. It is the responsibility of the membership to be present at critical meetings that impact the Officers and Directors ability to perform and service the operations of our Council and related companies. We ask for your attendance at the June 4 Business Meeting so that we may have a quorum to vote for new officers and budgets.

Frank Zarrelli

Grand Knight's Station

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who are practicing practical Catholics in their lives. I have mentioned this problem with the current Deputy Grand Knight. If you would like to chair the recruitment efforts of our Council during the next Fraternal Year please mention that to Gus Gusman. We can turn this effort around with the right attention.

And I offer this advice to the current Grand Knight nominee GDK Gus Gusman. Your term as Grand Knight will be judged on your achievements; accordingly, you should do all in your power to grow the Order in membership, insurance and fraternal activities. This will be your lasting legacy. Remember, your Council's greatest assets are its members. Your District Deputy, State Deputy and the Supreme Officers are eager for your success and the prosperity of your Council. Never hesitate to ask for help.

Finally, I thank all of you for the privilege of letting me serve as a Grand Knight of the Fr. Rosensteel Council. I could list all who have helped me but we all know who they are and we will have time to do that very soon. I would do a disservice (and be locked out of my house) if I was to forget to thank the one person whom without her support I could not have served as Grand Knight. Thank you, Terry Mannion, for the support, advice and encouragement you gave me this past fraternal year. I love you so much!

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Council Calendar

JUNE

- 4 Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Approve New Budgets
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 18 Social Meeting
- 23 Volunteer Appreciation Night

JULY

- 2 Business Meeting
- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Installation of Officers

AUGUST

- 6 Business Meeting
- 24 Council Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 Business Meeting
- 5 Bowling League Opening Day
- 9 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 17 Halfway to St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Social Meeting/Formulation Degree

OCTOBER

- 1 Business Meeting
- 15 Social Meeting
- 27 Children's Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting
- 19 Social Meeting
- 23 Needy Food Baskets
- 28 Thanksgiving

Maryknights

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Thank you to all who have given so much of your time and talents and thank you in advance to those willing to step up in the coming year to guarantee the continued success of our amazing Maryknight organization!

Be sure to attend our June, end-of-year meeting on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck celebration and door prizes!

Luanne Flanigan

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, JULY 13, 2019

Fr. Charles O. Rosensteel Council #2169 Installation of Council Officers & Maryknight Auxiliary Officers

3 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Historic Church
4:15 p.m. Maryknight Officers Installation Ceremony
4:30 p.m. Council Officer Installation Ceremonies
5:15 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Dancing

More information to come

Fraternal Insurance

I'd like to start by asking a question: What's your biggest asset? Some of you may say it's your home. Others who own a business may say that's their biggest asset. There may be some who have saved well and put aside a substantial amount of money for retirement in a fund like an IRA or a 401K.

But I would suggest that your earning power is your most valuable asset. Consider this: a 35-year-old who makes \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million dollars before retirement at age 65. That's quite a sum, but consider this: with only a 3% increase in pay each year, that figure grows to nearly 2.5 million dollars before retirement! But, you say, that's all well and good, what are the chances I'm going to become disabled and unable to work? According to U.S. government statistics, a staggering 1 in 4, yes 25%, of 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching age 67. And according to the Social Security Administration, 95% of those disabilities happen outside the workplace, so worker's compensation will not pay.

So what if your last paycheck was your last paycheck? Let's make sure that doesn't happen by scheduling a time meet and review your specific situation. I know the time will be well spent.

Vivat Jesus!



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Father Rosensteel Council Proposed 2019-2020 Budgets

In the May Knight Life, the proposed budgets for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year of the Father Rosensteel Council, Clubhouse Association and Forest Glen Building Association were published for your review. If a quorum of 30 members of the Council exists at the June 4 Business Meeting, they may be voted upon. The Council budget can then adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of members present. Please also note that Council members are also members of the Forest Glen Building Association and the Clubhouse Association. Each of these budgets can also be voted upon in June.



2019 Nuns Appreciation Dinner

On April 25, Father Rosensteel Council held its 47th annual Nuns Appreciation Dinner in honor of the nuns from Montgomery County, MD and the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, for their many years of devotion to our Lord and a life of prayer and service.

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - This Month's Knight of the Month has been a Knight since 2003. He is very active in the Council kitchen, can be seen helping on a Friday night and managing a Friday Night Family Dinner sometimes with a special dish (not shrimp!) and accompanied with an extra treat at no cost. He is one of our Brothers who is also a Hibernian. When time permits supports many other Council events. Please congratulate Brother John Kennedy when you see him, the Rosensteel Knight of the Month for June 2019.

Family of the Month - Grand Knights are told that this group is their right hand. They are a reason why the Fr. Rosensteel Council succeeds in whatever it takes on. Many of them have chaired or directed a program or theme but also run events or activity many times currently and in the past. In most cases they are a Past Grand Knight and/or they have a passion for an activity that they have a talent for. They are a Program Director, Church Chair, Church Director, Community Director, Faith Director, Life Director, a Family Director. There are Directors of Membership, Recruitment and Retention. There are Directors for Public Relations, Communications, Webmaster, Sick and Deceased, and Vocations and Convention Delegates.

They are this Month's Family of the Month, the 2018-19 Fraternal Year Council Program Chairs and Directors. See them listed on page two of your *Knight Life* and thank them for their help.

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It's time for us all to enjoy the long awaited pleasures of summer. Certainly by now most of our club members have made plans for family visits, vacations and perhaps something special you've always had in mind. Whatever you always wanted to do, now is the time. Remember former President George Bush wanted to go sky diving when he was in his mid-80's. And then he did it several times afterward. There are many other choices you may prefer, like watercolor painting, musical lessons, tennis, chess, ship cruises, European tours, family genealogy research, etc. What is your interest?

Coptic Christians? Who are they? Certainly you have heard of them, but what do you know about them? The story is rarely touched in our American Catholic lives, but it has roots going into the mid-first century A.D. The apostle St. Mark, the author of the second gospel in the New Testament, went to Alexandria, Egypt and began spreading the teachings of Jesus. The new Christian faith was guickly adopted by the people. The Greek historian Eusebius wrote in his book, "Ecclesiastical History" in the year 310 AD that St. Mark was the first to proclaim the gospel he had written and establish churches in Alexandria. Other Roman histories record a miracle in which he healed the deformed hand of a cobbler Anianus, St. Mark was murdered in 68 AD.

There are several sites in Egypt that have become associated with the Holy Family's flight to avoid King Herod's search for the new born Christ. Today there is a monastery, Al Muharrag, in the Nile Valley where it is believed the family sheltered for many months. Another tradition is that they stayed in the ancient city of Heliopolis which is today a suburb of the modern city of Cairo. Probably Joseph and Mary returned to Nazareth by traveling west with a caravan of Egyptian traders. Today, the vast majority of Egyptians are of the Muslim faith, but the Coptic Christian Orthodoxy remains as strong as it has since the first century.

The Retirees Bowling League has ended, but if you'd like to continue playing and enjoying the game consider joining the Summer Seniors League. And, don't forget our next monthly luncheon is on June 25.

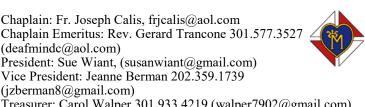
Thomas Leonard

Council Money Motion

If a quorum exists at the June 4 Business Meeting, the following Money Motion can be voted upon:

To create a set-aside account to be used for the Council's 100th Anniversary and to move \$2,000 from the General Fund into this special account.

Maryknights Officers 2018-2019



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Time honored traditions help us to look back on where we have been and reflect on where we are going. On Saturday, May 18, approximately 40 Maryknights gathered to celebrate another anniversary of our good works and sisterhood. Our luncheon at Alfio's La Trattoria was DELICIOUS! It was wonderful to be able to gather and we were fortunate to have several of our Knights and Council Officers with us as well. Beth Torp did a great job as our organizer and even arranged for a sweet treat favor from the Nothing Bundt Cakes store for us to take home!

We voted in the new slate of officers for the 2019-2020 sororal year at our May meeting. We are thrilled to have Sue Wiant and Jeanne Berman remaining as our president and vice president. Julie Cuff will once again be our crackerjack secretary and Teresa Hodge will be joining the Board as our treasurer. We are also delighted to have Donna Stocker returning to the board as our historian. An all-star lineup for sure! Thank you ladies for agreeing to lead us through what will undoubtedly be another successful year. And a special thank you to our outgoing treasurer, Carol Walper, who has served way above and beyond her role for fours years. Carol, you are amazing and we are so very grateful to you for keeping us on track!

Now that we have our Officers in place, it is time for each of us as members to contemplate our rolel in the phenomenal Maryknight organization. While the number of members holds strong at over 100, the number of members attending our monthly meetings and taking an active role on committees continues to decline. We are far too strong and have too rich a history to let the work of our organization fall only on the shoulders of a few dedicated members. Please take the time now to put the monthly meetings on your calendar. They are held the second Monday of each month (September through June) at 7 p.m. Reach out to one of our Officers and let them know you are available for a committee position or are willing to pitch in to help with events or baking, etc.

And when asked to step up, please say "yes" knowing that you are bolstering an organization that has given thousands of pounds of items to the homeless, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities; has provided countless soldiers with care packages from home; literally given the gift of sight to hundreds through eyeglass collections; has donated hundreds of cell phones to aid battered women; hand knitted and crocheted thousands of hats, booties and blankets for orphans and babies in need; and supported numerous shelters with food, clothing and more. This is a mere sampling of the work we do; not even mentioning baking for the ever-present Friday night bake sales at the Council.

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JULY 2019

- **Business Meeting** 2
- Independence Day 4
- 13 Installation of Officers

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2.		4. Business Meeting, Elec- tion of Officers	5. Chuck Hozdic	6.	7. Team #1 , Moore - Rob Seubert Special Guest Chef! Pistol Pete, Hardman	8.
9. Cassagnol	10. Maryknights Meeting D'Antuono, McKinney	11. Carey, Conway	12.	13. Colburn, Carrescia	14. Team #1, Calcutt, Sulli- van - spiced shrimp plat- ter Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore Flag Day	15.
16. Father's Day Dassing		18. Horner Memorial Ro- sary Social Meeting	19. Chuck Hozdic	20. Langley	21. Team #2, AOH - tba	22. Maddox
23. Volunteer Apprecia- tion Night		Retirees Luncheon	26. Cavaliere	27.	28. Team #3, Neff - fried shrimp platter Eddie McCaw, Mike Bean	29.
30.	July 1					