

the world, a man so smart that even God consulted him from time to time! One day God said to the man. "I want to play a game of hide and seek with humanity. Where can I hide that people will never find me?" The wisest man in the world responded, "Hide in the human heart. They'll never think to look for you there." This was the message that Jesus preached again and again: "The kingdom of God is within you."

In our moments of greatest tragedy, it is the Father above sustaining us, the Son with us supporting us and God within us strengthening this. The God within us is what we call grace - the sanctifying grace of God's presence and the actual grace of God's strength!

Dr. Anne Kaiser Stearns in her book Triumphant Survivors traces three types of people who have had significant losses in their lives. The first group she studied are people who never get over the loss. The define their lives by their loss. A second group recovers from the loss and bounces back to the where it was before the loss. However, a third group, the "triumphant survivors," not only bounces back, but manages to come back better people than it was before the loss.

The founder of MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, would be an example of a triumphant survivor. This woman who lost a child to a drunk driver used her anger and pain to form a nationwide group that has doubtless saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of other teenagers. Instead of withdrawing into a pained depression, she used her pain as a reason to reach out to help others. I believe that the Spirit that motivated her to create something to save the lives of others is the work of grace, the work of God within her.

Another example is the true story of a man whose daughter had been raped by a gang as she went to work as a nurse at an inner city hospital. The girl never got

with our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in attendance and our Friday Knight dinners.

We partnered with our Council Chaplain Fr. Calis in December to celebrate the Consecration to the Holy Family at all masses; hosted the rally point; participated in the Walking with John Paul II Pilgrimage and continued our Rosary Programs.

We continued our Needy Food Basket program and switched into gear with the Knights of Columbus Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative, fed Holy Cross workers and gave \$3,100 in grocery gift cards to our parishes - and made our first delivery to Fr. Calis for the Leave No Neighbor Behind Food Drive kickoff.

Our Maryknights have been active stuffing Comfort Cases and Apostleship of the Sea boxes; planning the Charity Ball; providing a dramatic landscaping facelift; making face masks for members, family and health care providers and, let's not forget, taking the lead on the NCPD event! I cannot imagine Father Rosensteel Council without our Maryknights.

We witnessed a tremendous effort and response to a call for volunteers and donations – from our big pushes in August and November, to recent ongoing efforts, both interior and exterior. With man (and woman) volunteer hours of over 1,400 hours and donations of over \$8,000 - the coronavirus can't keep us down!

I am going to miss this bully pulpit (just as I am finally getting used to it). I am grateful for having this opportunity to serve and honored to have been your Grand Knight. I look forward to continuing to serve the Knights of Columbus and specifically, Father Rosensteel Council. And let us all remember to...

# Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words!

Vivat Jesus! Gus

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#### Needy Food Program

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Worthy Brothers and Maryknights,

Here is my update on our program. On Saturday, April 4, the Father Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus passed out 125 Safeway gift cards at \$25 each. The success of the program all came together with the help of our brother Knights and our coordinators.

In years past we have about 15 volunteers that meet on a Saturday morning to put the bags of food together containing cans of green beans and corn and some fresh produce of carrots, potatoes and celery. Due to the coronavirus and the clubhouse being closed we decided to just donate gift cards. Our coordinators from Christ the King, St. Catherine Laboure, St. John the Evangelist, St. Michaels, Holy Cross and St. John's House drove to the parking lot and received their gift cards. Hopefully, when Thanksgiving comes around we can get back to normal business.

In years past we normally do at least 200 baskets. This year one of our largest coordinators, the Gabriel Project, wasn't able to meet but we look forward to seeing them for the Thanksgiving needy food basket program.

> Respectfully, Tim Stocker

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#### Remember in your prayers:

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Sick: Phyllis Colburn Patty Etheridge Brian Broomall Josie Kalin Tommy Miller

#### **Deceased:**

Lionlionco Martinez Dale LaMendola

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 Michael Koon.

#### Father Rosensteel Council Officers For 2020-2021 Fraternal Year

The following officers were elected during the June 2 Business Meeting held via Zoom.

Grand Knight – Paul Girolami Deputy Grand Knight – Frank Zarrelli Chancellor – Tim Stocker Warden - Kevin Riley Inside Guard – Mark Borkoski Outside Guard – Terrence Brady Outside Guard – Terrence Brady Outside Guard – Bruce Dorsey Treasurer – Ed Jordan Recorder – Mike Quinn Advocate – George Carter Trustee 3 Year – Martin Gusman Trustee 2 Year – James Mannion Trustee 1 Year – Bruce Cotting

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#### **Clubhouse Committee**

Dobie Holmes - 1 Year Geoff Conway - 1 Year

## **Chaplain's Reflection**

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over the trauma and eventually committed suicide. The father then went to visit the man in prison who had raped his daughter and forgave him! Family and friends were angered and dismayed.

"How could you do that?" they demanded. He responded simply, "They had taken my daughter's life. I cannot bring her back. But if I carried all that anger and bitterness within me for the rest of my life, they would have taken my life, too."

The tragedies and injustices of life are real. The victims are many. But God is real and God is good. God remains with us: about us, beside us and within us. The powers of evil can degrade our bodies, attack our minds and attempt to obliterate even our flesh. But we have a God who loves the very dust we return to.

Just as we are at our best when we love each other and see the image of God in each other, so too God looks at us and sees his own image. How could God ever forget his own image, his own reflection, his own children?

Father Andrew Greeley has wisely observed that salvation history is really the story of a God who fell in love with his own creatures. You never forget someone you have loved.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

### **Fraternal Insurance**

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens and there are weeks where decades happens." It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, the launch of the diocesan loan fund or just the every day, every city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact. I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are, too. It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for...

Vivat Jesus, Brian Graham

**Dearly beloved and precious Lord**, You grant me every breath I take, every hour I am privileged to live, every sunrise and sunset I am able to witness, the abundant crops of the bountiful fields, the thick forests, the vast waterways, the many hills and valleys, and the majestic and awe inspiring mountains reaching evermore higher toward Your heavens. Blessed are all Your majestic creations. Thanks be to You, our dearly beloved Lord and Creator. **AMEN**.

**O Lord,** You are our Divine Artist and Lover. Not so long ago You were divinely inspired, and You willingly breathed new life into the ample beauties and gifts composing our one common frail and broken human race. In prayer, I join with countless others, to give thanks to You, O Lord, our God. Precious are You, O Lord, our God. **AMEN**.

**Beloved Lord**, You created the countless peoples of Creation. Of the many peoples walking this planet, You blessed us with the crops of the fields, the animals of the plains, forests, and the mountains. You granted us more than ample sunlight and the rains needed to nurture the seeds planted in our fields. You gave each person a share of Your infinite love, innate goodness and Your many blessings. You bless many people with a keen awareness of Your presence. Lord, we, as imperfect people, ask You, we beg You to draw closer and to grasp us by our outstretched hands, and lead us not into temptation but rather, deliver us from evil. This we beg, in the Holy Name of Your only begotten Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**.

**My dear Lord and God,** countless nights ago, in a period of time when no hour existed, You freely chose to breathe life into Adam and to create his soul mate and beloved Eve. They turned away from You dear Father. I know not why! I cannot fathom the true and full "Why"? It is still a mystery to me. Still, beloved Lord, I beg You for Your mercy, Your grace and Your love. Father, please have mercy upon all of Your imperfect children. Lord, will You please forgive us for trespassing against You. Lord, please, we beg You, dear Lord. Please forgive us of our sins and brokenness and imperfections. Lord, I plead that You will indeed forgive us, be merciful toward us, and never betray us. Rather, we beg You Lord, to bless those whose hearts are attuned to Your Gospel and the messages of Your Holy Child and our Savior, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.** 

**O Poor Savior**, whether one is among the ranchers, shepherds, farmers, businessmen, merchants, sailors, soldiers, political leaders, religious servants, or merely a simple, poorly educated and unknown impoverished brother or sister, we, as members of our one and only human race, beseech You, dear Lord; to bless us with more and more of Your immeasurable goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**.

**O LORD, my God,** I shall always seek to discover You and Your countless blessings, divine mercy and many graces. Lord, make haste to find rest within the solitude permeating my heart, mind and spirit. To You, O Lord, I have surrendered my life and the very depth of my being. You are my God, and I am Your blessed one. **AMEN.** 

Father Michael Briese



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The Maryknights continue to support our community by making masks (let us know if you need one), supporting the Friday Dinner-to-Go initiative and meals for Holy Cross Hospital workers. Kathy Arvedlund reminds us that Comfort Cases continues to need support, especially in this time of quarantine. If you have items to donate you can drop them off at its office. Go to <a href="https://www.comfortcases.org/">https://www.comfortcases.org/</a> for more information, including ordering from the "wish list" on Amazon for direct delivery. Easy Peasy!

We've also been working at keeping in touch with all of you either by phone, card or letter. Thanks to Virginia Morgan who donated postcards printed with a picture of the Blessed Virgin's statue which stands in front of Fr. Rosensteel Council's home and stamps to be sent to Maryknights to keep in touch or as a thank you to any of our family members who are working on the front lines during the pandemic. The cards include a contact if the person receiving it needs help that we might be able to provide. Please let any officer or board member know if you want a card sent.

We welcome new member Rebecca Phelps who has volunteered to help us establish a website and Facebook page! There are a few things to iron out before we launch. We'll keep you posted.

You have seen the slate of names put forward by the Nominations Committee and have had a chance to write in a candidate. Results will be announced via e-mail.

Lastly, some breaking news! "Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael J. McGivney". [the whole story can be found here: <u>https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/knights-of-columbus-founder-fr-michael-mcgivney-to-be-beatified-56919</u>]. This paves the way for his beatification. Friday Night Rosary participants have been praying a special prayer each week for Fr. McGivney's cause for Canonization. One more miracle to go! More info can be found at: <u>https://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/guild/prayer/index.html</u>.

Please check your e-mail for information regarding election of officers, installation of officers and other pertinent information that comes your way! Continue to be safe. We are praying for all of you and a safe end to the quarantine.

Margie

# The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - Our Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month has been a member since 1988. Over the years he and his wonderful spouse, Molly, can be found attending our installation dinners, appreciation (both volunteers and PGKs) dinners and even an occasional Columbus Day Ball event. He always comes through in a big way whenever we have a fund-raising event; for instance, our Tootsie Roll fundraiser.

He is a Sir Knight and has recently become more active, taking part in Building and Clubhouse meetings. And did I forget to mention that he is our esteemed field agent? When you see or talk to Brian Graham, congratulate him for being Father Rosensteel's Knight of the month for June!

**Family of the Month** - The Father Rosensteel Family of the Month is familiar to all. He is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and his wife is a Maryknight. He has tended bar, worked in the kitchen and worked recently on the landscaping, among other endeavors. He is a Past Grand Knight and Trustee.

Most recently, the entire Mannion household has been working diligently on the face-mask program. They are a very warm and charitable family and we are lucky to have them participating here at the Council. So when you see or speak with Jim, Terry or Mary, our Father Rosensteel Family of the Month, thank them for their contributions to the Council!



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