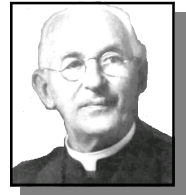




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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. José Cortes

### Time

Each year, the change of the year makes me think about time. What is time? Many would say that time is money. I would say that time is much more than that. Time is a treasure! It is the best gift that God gives us. Time is given to us to search for what really matters in life. God gives us time to choose. Time has to do with freedom and responsibility. Time can be wasted and well used. It depends totally on us.

First of all, we should be immensely grateful for the gift of time. Thus, we need to thank God for the time that He has given us till today. We are grateful for the past and we hope for the future.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus says: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Mt 24:35). Why is time a treasure? Because time allows us to look for and to adhere to the true treasure: Jesus Christ. Everything passes. We cannot stop the hourglass of time. At the end of the day, the criterion to understand if we are using the time of our lives well or not is: are we loving Jesus more now than before?

As we begin a new year, we entrust everything to God. We ask for the intercession of Our Lady, the Mother of God. May she obtain for us, through her maternal intercession, the graces that we need the most for 2015. May she help us to spend our time in the best possible way!

Happy New Year!

Fr. José



## 23rd Annual Pro-Life Kickoff Rally

Sunday, January 18, 2015

5:15 P.M.



Columbian Room  
9707 Rosensteel Ave.  
Silver Spring, 90210

### Free Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

The rally will begin with a short reception, the presentation of Colors by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, welcome by the Grand Knight, and dinner followed by a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment.

For additional information, please contact Pro-life chair PGK C. Michael Koon @ (301) 922-9101.

*All are cordially invited.*

### All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet

Sunday Jan. 4th 8:00-11 AM

Age 11 yrs and up, \$9

Children ages 4-10 \$5

Under 4 yrs \$2



**Fresh Fruit, Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Pastries, Toast, Juice, Coffee & Tea.**

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ISAIAH'S PROMISE

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH



7-10pm

Columbian Room  
\$50 adults / \$25 kids

Contact Margie Cuff -  
[margiecuff@gmail.com](mailto:margiecuff@gmail.com)  
for information or reservations.



## GRAND KNIGHT'S STATION

Frank Cavaliere, GK

"Men and Women for Others"

### Tempest Fugit Indeed

New Year and a new language. Well, not actually a new language, rather a well known phrase in a very old language: tempest fugit. No need to scramble for Google to translate – "Time flies" in case you didn't know it. The phrase is actually mentioned in our First Degree ceremony and is certainly appropriate for the first column of the New Year. For it seemed like just yesterday that we all were concerned about the "Y2K" problem. Remember that? Way back 15 years ago when 1999 was rolling into 2000 we were told to be very concerned about how our various electronic devices would operate.

Well, here we are at Rosensteel 15 years into the new century – time really does seem to fly by. A brief look back to the beginning of our Fraternal Year on July 1, 2014, shows the usual wins and losses that occur to most any organization, governmental, civic or religious. In our Council's case, I can honestly report to you that despite some very real challenges brought before us, the many, many good men, women, and boys and girls (yes, let's not forget Terrence Moore's Squires and Roses because they're the tops, as Cole Porter might say) have always "come up big time" in every charitable endeavor brought before them.

As the fellow sitting in the hot seat, I'm constantly reminded that charity is a bedrock principle of our Order. So no matter the disagreements that crop up among all the cranky old men around the Knights' Room, everyone comes together when informed of someone in

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need. That perhaps is what we should be most proud of. Yes, the building needs some serious short- and long-term maintenance and the clubhouse is constantly challenged to keep our various rooms rented and the Council itself is always facing one issue or another. But we keep our eyes on the prize, so to speak: entry into the eternal kingdom of God. Only by doing God's work on earth can we have at least some hope of being worthy (yes, there's that word again) of God's favorable judgment toward us all.

So what's ahead for Rosensteel in the months ahead? Well, most importantly (just kidding here, of course) there's the continuation of the newly introduced Beer of the Month on tap in the Knights' Room. First up was Old Dominion Oktoberfest followed by an offering from Evolution Craft Brewing in Salisbury, MD. Next up is Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale which should be another big hit among the thirsty denizens of Rosensteel.

But obviously much more importantly, we'll do our best to improve our charitable giving (look for news on a major new focus on that topic in this space come February).

And because a financially healthy Council is a happy Council, both the Building Association and Clubhouse have been diligently working toward making sure all our Squires and Roses have a place to enjoy Christian and Catholic fellowship in the decades to come.

There will be much more news to report and I'll get to it in the next few months. Meantime, please make a point of stopping by one evening for a beer and some fellowship, a nice meal among friends on Fridays (don't forget to say the Rosary with us beforehand!). And if you're reading this from points across the United States, please say a prayer for Rosensteel, that we may continue to help the less fortunate among us.

Finally, on behalf of Deputy Grand Knight Allan Jimenez, Chancellor Terrence Moore, Warden Bruce Cotting and the lovely trio of Elizabeth, Emily and Mary Grace Cavaliere, may you have a happy, healthy and holy New Year. And may the phrase Gratia Plena be constantly appropriate to your life (you see, you really did need that Latin dictionary after all!).

Godspeed,  
Frank C.





# Mardi Gras Party!!

Saturday Feb 7th, 7-11pm

Columbian Room

\$35pp in advance, \$40pp at the door.  
Open Bar with a special beer on tap & good wine too!

Homemade Gumbo and rice, salad, with French bread and Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce for dessert!

Call Deirdre Calcutt at 301-741-3718 or Beth Torp at 240-274-7711 for tickets and information!

Grab your Beads and meet us at Rosensteel for a night of fun, food, and friends!



**Laissez les bon temps rouler!**

## Squires/Roses

## January 2015

Merry Christmas! I hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas. January's meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, from 7- 8 P.M..

Let's work together to have a great new year for ourselves and everyone around us, especially the needy.

In the coming months we will be reaching out to many parishes, schools and councils to recruit more members. We have several members that have reached the age of 18 thus allowing them to become members and Maryknights. Please consider this opportunity and feel free to discuss this with myself or one of the many Maryknights.

The registration process is going well with the state, please keep the registration forms coming in. There is not an online version, therefore if you have not received or completed your forms please drop me an email with a mailing address and I will send you the paper copy.

Be Worthy

### An Invitation for the Women....

The Maryknights of the Rosensteel Council invite you to join us for a special evening on Monday, January 12, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Rosensteel Council building. We'll welcome the New Year with champagne and other refreshments during an informational meeting outlining all the activities of our group and answering any and all questions about the Maryknights. It is a perfect opportunity to learn about the many services and activities undertaken by the Maryknights and how you can become a part of this caring and active organization as the new year begins!

**You do not need to join or be a member to attend this meeting!**



The Squires help fill bags with food for needy families. In addition to the food items provided by the council, the Maryknights donated grocery store gift cards to go in each bag.

**Thanks for buying fruit!  
The Florida citrus sale  
made over \$800!**



### Pizza Night!

Made with fresh dough

"Even" Wednesdays Jan 14 & 28

6:00pm to 8:00pm "Carry Out" or "Eat In"



### Super Bowl Party 2015



Time is rapidly approaching for our upcoming Super Bowl events. This is a large fundraiser for the council and we still have a few boxes left at \$110 each. Many of you that signed up for the party have not yet paid. I would like to settle accounts by early January. I will post a list of open and unpaid boxes in the Knights Room. Make your checks payable to the KofC 2169. Please contact me with any questions.

The date for the dinner party (to pull the numbers) is set for Sunday Jan. 25th at 5pm. (note: this is not our typical date and one week before the Super Bowl).

The Super Bowl takes place on February 1st, doors will open at 5 P.M. and game time is 6:30 P.M. Each paid box permits 2 persons to join in these 2 events. At our dinner party, we will have lots of prizes, open bar and great food. Our Super Bowl Party is a large inside tailgate party with tons of food and a large TV to watch the game. I'm around the Council all the time, so drop in and hand me a check or leave it behind the bar in an envelope addressed to me:

Brother Stan McLeod at 240.997.4419

### Knight of the Month

We're going to start off the New Year with a little twist in this space. Each Knight in good standing at this Council should consider himself the Knight of the Month for January 2015 and work diligently to consider himself worthy of the title in each succeeding month.

Next month we'll resume honoring individual members, so any suggestions for February please let the Grand Knight know of your candidate.

### Family of the Month

Each and every Knight, Maryknight, family member and friend are part of the Rosensteel Family and, for January 2015, is part of our Family of the Month. So for this New Year let us all strive toward good works, good intentions and good wishes for everyone in our Council family.

Come February, we'll continue honoring individual Council families, so any suggestions going forward just contact the Grand Knight.

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The New Year is here. We hope you find a wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of 2015 on New Year's Eve. Of course, if you are able to attend the festivities at our Council, everyone will be assured of a very Happy New Year's Eve. January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Let's celebrate the New Year at an early morning Mass.

Is your parish church "Historic"? There are many old Catholic Churches in this area that have wonderfully interesting historic backgrounds. St. Peter's is a Catholic Church with a Blue-Ribbon Award winning school at 2<sup>nd</sup> and C street, SE. It is situated on Capitol Hill just three blocks from the Capitol, two blocks from a House of Representatives office building and one block from the Capitol South Metro Station.

How did this prime real estate location happen?

In 1664 a Colonial Maryland Land Grant was issued covering the whole of the Capitol Hill area which was later divided into areas for government purposes and for neighborhood residences. The present area of St. Peter's was designated for a Catholic Church to be constructed at a later time. In the 1820's a temporary church was built and the first pastor, Fr. James Lucas, took on his duties. Later, the parochial school was started with the Sisters of the Holy Cross as teachers. In 1889, the cornerstone of the present church was laid and the church was completed in 1890. The character of the parish remains strong and holds its place as an element of stability and progress in the family life of the residents of this Capitol Hill neighborhood.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This is a matter of the greatest concern to the Knights of Columbus and is a matter of particular action and prayer taken by some members of our Council.

Did you receive your orders of Florida fruit to support the Council Improvement Fund? This was good fundraiser and very helpful to Rosensteel Council.

The monthly luncheon schedule will return to its regular day and time on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

VP Tom Leonard

**Mary's Widows**

December 1st found 32 Widows & Father Perkins at the Council celebrating Christmas. John Matosian prepared a super lunch for us and it was enjoyed by all. After lunch we had door prizes of wine and candy which seem to be the door prizes the ladies like best. After some friendly chit chat we all left for home.

Remember Ladies, we will not meet again until March 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.  
LOIS DEVLIN

**BINGO**

Thanks to all of you who have helped keep Bingo going this year. We still struggle to keep our numbers and profits up. Your continued support is appreciated.

Please pass the word about our Wednesday night Bingo. Try to participate if you can and bring a few friends with you. Our last week of the year was the best in 6 weeks!

It may not seem like a lot of money on a weekly basis but it adds up and helps our bottom line with utility and other bills around the council.

**Chancellor's Chatter**

This short "To Do List" is meant for every member of this council. I will add to it but I will never remove a task as I believe that each and every one of us benefit from this friendly reminder.

**December To Do List**

- \* Recruit a new member
- \* Engage an existing member
- \* Volunteer to assist/organize an event or function
- \* Attend a council event
- \* Hold an event at the council
- \* Assist/organize a charitable event
- \* Thank a Maryknight
- \* Extend condolences and or assistance to someone who has lost someone close to them
- \* Contribute to the Tootsie Roll Drive
- \* Attend and contribute to a Business Meeting
- \* Make amends with a fellow brother with whom you have had differences.

**January's New "To Do"**

**\*Give as you would like to receive.**

**Worthy Brothers,**

Happy New Year to all! I hope that your Christmas was an enjoyable and blessed one. Thank you to all those who helped their fellow man this Christmas season by volunteering for the Council's Christmas events. These events are just like all our other events: to show the love of Christ to others, but our actions take on special meaning during the Christmas season.

As we begin the second half of our fraternal year, now is the time to prepare to make the remainder of this year a successful one. We need to make sure we are doing all we can to support the six areas of programs; church, community, youth, family, culture of life, and council. It is because of your dedication to our order and its principles that we are able to share the success that we enjoy.

There are a few deadlines coming up in the next few weeks that are important to remember. The council's annual survey of fraternal activity and the partnership profile with Special Olympics are due at the end of this month. It is important that each member of a council report his charitable activities from the past year so that it can be reported to Supreme by the council Financial Secretary.

In closing, Lady Deborah and I want to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015!

Tom Kelly, District Deputy







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The Advent-Christmas Season was no exception, the Maryknights could be found hustling around the Council helping the Knights with the Citrus Sale, also putting together the Christmas Food Bags and Food Gift Cards. These Maryknights were full of good cheer and made these small projects joyful. Speaking of joyful, that was our December meeting! All it really took was to see the reaction on the faces of the “Good Sisters” of Sacred Heart Home when we presented them with a check for **\$25,837.87** to see joyful personified. Yes, I said **\$25,837.87!** We can all be so proud of our record shattering Charity Ball.

So now we have a few weeks of down time to enjoy the beautiful Christmas Season with family and friends, keeping in mind that “Jesus is the reason for the Season”. Give praise and thanksgiving to Jesus and His Holy Family.

Don't forget to check out our January meeting. As we all know, we are in great need to grow our membership. So we ask all Maryknights to reach out to a lady friend who you think might be a good fit for our organization and bring her to experience our meeting.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet all the committee heads, ask questions of them and get a feeling of our commitment to all our charities. The evening can also serve as a refresher course for all of our current (and possibly stir up some new) interests.

Before we know it will be February and closing in on pre-Lent. We have a wonderful Mardi Gras party on tap for February. Bourbon Street is coming to Rosensteel Avenue! This event is our “Special Event” of the year which in short means it is our way to give thanks to the Council. All the revenue raised is donated back to 2169, 100%. So Brother Knights, we need your support to support your council! Gather your friends and families! Make early reservations (\$35 advanced and \$40 at the door—see the ad on page 3) and be prepared for a great evening with authentic New Orleans food, music, beer (working on something special on tap), good wine and open bar, raffles and more! In other words the “Real Deal.”



MK President Luanne Flanigan looks on as Nancy Marchone & Cecile Fecteau present Sister Vacha of the Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville with a check from the recent Charity Ball and Silent Auction in the amount of **\$25,837.87!**

**The Annual March for Life**  
takes place on  
**January 22, 2015.**

*Thank You- CIF Donors*

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**CIF Update**

Dear Knights and Maryknights of the Father Rosensteel Council and friends, Your Capital Improvement Fund Committee hopes you are enjoying a great holiday season and wishes you a healthy and happy 2015.

As chairman, I am pleased to report that, thanks to your generosity and support, we have over \$11,000 in the CIF account toward maintaining and improving the infrastructure at our beloved Council building. Please know that your CIF Committee is planning an even more successful 2015 and continues to request that you be generous in donating to the fund.

The CIF Committee thanks all those who purchased the fresh Florida citrus fruit and worked behind the scenes to attract buyers and deliver the orders. We especially thank those who came to the Council at 8:00 a.m. on a cold Saturday morning in December to unload the delivery truck and store the boxes of fruit. This fruit sale was a success because of the above and the coordination and direction of Maryknight Margie Cuff. Well done Margie!

Very respectfully,  
J. Patrick Warner, chairman  
Capital Improvement Fund Committee



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After providing a plan for a member I often hear them say;  
"I wish I had started this sooner."

Einstein said that compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. It is more effective if it is started sooner rather than later. Are your finances where you want them to be? Is your debt overwhelming? Contact me and I'll be happy to sit with you and review all of this with you.

**Congratulations!**

**New HLM members:**

- Peter Lone
- Robert Phelps
- David Byers

**Hon Member**

- Daniel Moreland



**REFLECTIONS**

**By Lawrence P. Grayson**

**The Challenge of Being a Catholic American**

Our nation was established by people who desired freedom -- freedom in both their private and public lives, freedom in their homes, churches, enterprises, and associations. They wanted a person's conscience to be held inviolable so that individuals could freely express themselves on political and social matters and worship the Almighty as they choose. The genius of the Founders lies in the basis they pronounced for that freedom.

In the England they had left, liberties and rights were granted by the king and a parliament. In the France they knew so well, liberties and rights were rooted in the will of the majority of the populace and set forth in a constitution. But views can change and constitutions altered. If a king or a parliament or a majority of the people can grant rights, they can also take them away.

In America, the Founders recognized that certain rights are inherent in the very nature of man, in the sacredness of the human psyche, independent of any state, government, or dictator. These rights are God-given and not subject to any human power. They may be infringed upon by a state, abused by a government, encroached upon by a tyrant, but they cannot be taken away.

It was made explicit in the Declaration of Independence that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." On this basis, the Founders created a distinctly unique government, one valuing pre-existing rights granted by a transcendental power.

This is the core of Americanism, that man as a creature of God is free to be his own master, free in his conscience, free to pursue his ultimate end. As the Declaration of Independence further states: "to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed." Thus, government's primary purpose is to protect pre-existing rights, not to create or dispense them. Its authority to act resides in the will of the people.

A government of, by and for the people, as in the United States, requires public goodness, an ethic among the citizenry that they will govern themselves by virtuous norms so that public office will not be used for personal gain and views of the minority will be respected. Religion plays a large role in nurturing public virtue. George Washington expressed this clearly in his Farewell Address, when he warned that "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

The essence of Americanism is also the foundation of Catholic social teaching: that man is made in the image and likeness of God, and as such has an innate dignity worthy of respect. As that dignity comes from God, the person has certain intrinsic rights to personal liberty, freedom of conscience, and basic economic well-being. Indeed, this understanding is common to the beliefs of all of Christianity. Americanism, as understood above, may be considered a political expression of Christian doctrine regarding man. As such, the church and the state have distinct, but complimentary functions in promoting public virtue. The church through its teachings develops the moral character of the people, while the state is to create an environment within which the church can flourish and carry out its teaching mission.

If religion is so important to self-government, why is our nation today more anti-religious than at any time in its history? To a significant extent, it is because too many Christians – and Catholics in particular - have distanced themselves from the teachings of their Faith. They have been secularized and have diluted their religious beliefs in pursuit of worldly prosperity, acclaim and social acceptability.

When one professes to be Catholic, the person states that he ascribes to a body of dogma dating back two thousand years and lives his life by it. The Church's teachings, including those on socially-controversial matters such as abortion, euthanasia and same-sex marriage, must influence a Catholic's public posture and decisions. Without adhering to the unchanging beliefs about God, man's purpose in the world, how he should live his life, and his ultimate end, a claim to be Catholic is hollow and may indicate a cultural or social affiliation and not communion with the Church.

The lack of adherence – or lack of knowledge – to the tenets of Christianity is so widespread that we may be approaching an unexplored, perilous social condition. Pope Benedict XVI described the challenge in today's secular world, writing: "[O]ur century has been characterized by an entirely new phenomenon: the appearance of a people incapable of relating to God...our distance from God – the obscurity and dubiousness surrounding him today – is greater than ever before." If left unaddressed, the ignorance of the Faith among the laity will continue to grow, and lead to an increasing exclusion of Catholic truths from public affairs and to a decline in the values that underlie this nation. If human dignity and liberty come from God, then the loss of faith in God will lead to a loss of belief in the unalienable nature of those liberties and rights which derive from Him.

There must be a resurgence of the Faith among Catholics in America. There must be a new evangelization, an education about what it means to be Catholic. This requires an effort at every level of responsibility. The bishops as stewards of the Faith, and priests as leaders of the local parishes, must assure that the laity are appropriately educated and form proper consciences, so that they can lead lives in conformity with the Faith. Parents must improve their own knowledge and behavior so they can pass the Faith to their children. And it is the duty of all of us to take action in our public and private lives to change society for the better. A Catholic population, stoutly embracing the teachings of their Faith could have a serious leavening effect on American life.

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**February 2015**

1st– Breakfast  
1st– Super Bowl Party  
7th– Mardi Gras!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. New Year's Day Bar: 2-5 Conway, Wigmore Bar: 5-8 Conway, Wigmore 8-11 Conway, Wigmore	2. Crew #7 Chris Langley Pit beef sandwiches/sides/ jalapeno poppers  Bar 5-8 R.Horner; Pete 8-11 Hardman	3.  Bar: 5-8 8-11
4. Breakfast 8-12  Bar: 5-8 8-11	5.  Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	6. Business Mtg.  Bar: 2-5 Rogers 5-8 8-11:	7. <b>Bingo</b>  Bar: 5-8 Lynch 8-11	8.  Bar: 5-8 8-11	9. Crew #8 Rob Seubert NY Strip Steak, Salad, Baked Potato Bar: 5-8 Conway, Carey, Wigmore 8-11 Cassagnol	10.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 McKinney
11.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 DeVol, Con- way, Carey	12. Maryknights Mtg 7 PM Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	13.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 McNamara	14. <b>Bingo</b> <i>Pizza Night</i> Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11 Slattery	15.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 McNamara	16. Crew# 9 T. Moore Baby back ribs, shoe string fries, slaw, Bar: 5-8 Lyon, Lynch 8-11 Dassing	17.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 Moore, Langley
18.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 Dassing	19.  Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	20. Social Mtg.  Bar: 5-8 8-11: Moore, Langley	21. <b>Bingo</b>  Bar: 5-8 8-11	22.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 King, Maddox	23. Crew #1 Sullivan Spiced Shrimp; seafood chowder, slaw, fries  Bar 5-8 Spike and Sheets 8-11 Seubert	24. SJH/IP Fundraiser  Bar: 5-8
25. Super Bowl Dinner Bar: 5-8 8-11	26.  Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	27. Retiree Luncheon  Bar: 5-8 8-11	28. <b>Bingo</b> <i>Pizza Night</i> Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11	29.  Bar: 5-8 8-11	30. Crew #2 Stan McLeod Lasagna Bar: 5-8 Flanigan, Lynch, Cuff 8-11	31.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 McLeod