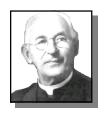


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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Fr. José Cortes

#### Garden of Olives

The first time that I went to Holy Land, one of the places that impressed me the most was Gethsemane, the garden of olive trees. It was very moving to be in the place where Jesus agonized before his Passion, the garden where Jesus sweated blood and felt mortal anguish. The altar of the church was built over big stones, at the place where Jesus lived the most dramatic moments of his life. Around the church are olive trees, some of which are so old that they could have witnessed Jesus' agony.

The place impressed me because it was Jesus' place of prayer, suffering and decision. It was there that Jesus made the most important decision of his life. It was there that he decided to give himself for us. Gethsemane is a place where we can understand how human Jesus was.

In 1977, Cardinal Wojtyla preached at the Lenten retreat of Pope Paul VI. In one of the mediations, commenting on the carelessness of the three Apostles during Jesus' agony, he said: "Jesus asked them sadly, 'Could you not watch one hour with Me?' [...] a reproach of concern to every disciple of Christ. In one way the Church still hears these same words: the reproach addressed to the three Apostles is accepted by the Church as if it were addressed to herself, and she tries to fill the gap left by that lost hour when Jesus remained completely alone in Gethsemane. [...] And now the Church still seeks to recover that hour in Gethsemanethe hour lost by Peter, James and John-so as to compensate for the Master's lack of companionship which increased His soul's suffering (Sign of Contradiction, p. 151).

I should like to conclude with one question: what is our daily contribution to the

recovery of the hour lost in the garden of olives?

Fr. José

# K of C Father Daughter Dance!! Friday, March 6, 6:30-10:00 PM



Columbian Room 9707 Rosensteel Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

\$25 at the door Includes Dinner, dancing, prizes and surprises!

Music by Wayne "Half Step" Miller Contact Info:

> BOB WIGMORE 301.929.0742 BOBWIG15@aol.com

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#### ST. PATRICKS DAY KNIGHTS'



ROOM Tuesday, March 17th 6PM-?

Corned Beef Dinner \$8.00
The Culkin Dancers
John Lyons—Guitar & Vocals
"Happy Hour" drink prices!
Harp on Tap, Guinness,
Baileys, Irish Mist,
Jamesons,
Irish Coffee?
And More!

Wear Your Green!



#### GRAND KNIGHT'S STATION





#### The Core Mission of Fraternity

If you someday find yourself in Midtown Manhattan in need of assistance from the Fire Department of New York, you could do no better than finding Battalion Chief Thomas Steven McCarthy at your service and not just because he's been a very good friend of mine since first grade in Brooklyn. It's because Tom and thousands of his FDNY colleagues are known as "3 a.m. Guys" and, if you give me a moment or two, I'll tell you why that's high praise indeed – and also why such praise extends south toward our little corner of the world called Rosensteel #2169.

You might initially think that the term is used in connection to a fire, but Tom told me that's not necessarily the case. Because if you're on duty at a firehouse at 3 a.m. and the alarm bells ring, you have no choice but to respond. No, the phrase in this case refers to if the phone rings next to your nightstand at home at that hour. If you're awakened in the wee small hours of the morning, what are the first words out of your mouth?

"Do you know what time it is?" is one way to respond, to be sure. Another is, "How Can I Help?" or "I'm on My Way." That's the essence of what "3 a.m. Guys" are – they always place themselves immediately in service to others, no matter the time or circumstance. Tom is certainly one and, I'm very proud to say, I believe each of our Rosensteel Knights and Maryknights (we'll have to expand the saying to also include "3 a.m. Women") fit the description. I know I wouldn't hesitate to reach out to a Council colleague if in dire need of support, no matter the hour.

That's really the subject of this month's column. If you recall, we focused on Charity last month, so I thought a good topic was Fraternity, another watchword of our Order. Charity and Fraternity are intertwined, as you well know. We give of ourselves to

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others because that's what God and Father McGivney demand of us as Catholic men and women. This mission of Fraternity, it seems to me at least, defines us as equally worthy (yes, again with our favorite Council word) in the eyes of our Lord.

Knight of the Month

Mr. Tim Sullivan is the epitome of what a Rosensteel man should be.

Over decades of service to his faith, family and Council, there is no better example of a Catholic council word.

Helping others in need when, God forbid of course, a tragedy or some misfortune strikes is the essence of what we are. And not just monetarily, but through a nod or gesture of support. "Hey, I've got your back, you'll get through this," or "I've been through something like this, so if you ever need someone to talk to, I'm here for you" are responses I'd like to think I would use if a Brother Knight or Maryknight reached out to me. And there's no question each of you would instinctively do the same.

In good times and bad, sickness and health, the Rosensteel community is a Fraternal organization in the truest sense of the word. We have each other's back, so to speak. We hope that phone never rings in those off hours, but if it does, each of you would – no questions asked – place yourself in service to someone in need.

A final note, as always, please pray regularly for the less fortunate among us and to stop by the Council for a special event or just to say hello. March has arrived and spring nears, thankfully – a season of rebirth. Fingers crossed and Rosary at the ready, here's praying that it will be a wonderful time of year for us all.

Godspeed, Frank C.

## Knight of the Month

Mr. Tim Sullivan is the epitome of what a Rosensteel man should be. Over decades of service to his faith, family and Council, there is no better example of a Catholic gentleman around #2169. He has served countless hours as a volunteer for various events and is one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. We're lucky to have him, so please congratulate Tim next time you see him and let's hope for many, many more years of his presence and Christian example around our Council.

## Super Bowl Wrap-Up

This year we had another successful Super Bowl Event. Thanks to the many folks that chipped in to provide help with the raffles, bartending, cooking, and cleaning. A special thanks to our DJ, Wayne Miller, who worked for a song! We had two great parties and the weather fully cooperated.

Congratulations to the winners and most of all, thanks to all the participants. After paying all expenses, we raised a total of \$3,460 for the Council. If anyone has any suggestions for changes, or if anyone would like to take this over next year, please give me a call.

Brother Stan McLeod

#### Mary's Widows

Lunches begin again on March 2nd. You will receive a call. If schools are closed or delayed 2 hrs due to weather we <u>WILL NOT</u> meet. Call Lois Devlin at 301-681-7448 for more information.



#### **ROSENSTEEL OPEN 2015**

When: April 20, 2015 Tee Times: 8:30-ish Where: University of MD

Cost: \$80

Includes: golf; food and beverages back at the Council; prizes galore!

For Reservations

PGK Joe Marks 301-370-2012

#### *117TH MARYLAND STATE* COUNCIL CONVENTION

MAY 1, 2, 3, 2015

Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD

Plan now to attend the 117th Annual MD State Convention and enjoy a weekend full of fun and fraternity.

#### \* HOTELS:

Princess Bayside on 48th Street 410-723-2900

(ask for the Knights of Columbus Room Rate)



(Oceanside at 64th Street-800-837-3588)

Rates are as follows:

Garden view -\$64-Thursday, \$104 Fri & Sat

South Oceanview-\$80-Thursday, \$120 Fri & Sat

Eastern Oceanview-\$96-Thursday, \$136 Fri and Sat.

(To get these rates, reserve by March 31st and tell them you have the 2015 Pre-Season Savings Rate)

- \* HOSPITALITY: Fr. Rosensteel will have only one Hospitality Room, located on the Atrium at the Princess Royale. Hours of operation with food and libations will be available and posted in the April Knight Life.
- \* REGISTRATION FORMS: You'll be certain to want to register for the Convention this year. Registration forms will be available at the sign-in book in the Knights Room, or call PGK Joe Marks (301-370-2012) to have one mailed to you.
- \* GOLF The Annual MD State Golf Tournament will be held, April 30th at Ocean City Golf Club. Four man scramble with a 12:30 shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per person which includes green fees, cart, hot lunch, prizes and beverages on the course. Call Paul Weber with questions (410-879-0558).

Reservations must be made no later than April 15th.

Hope to See you at the Beach!

PGK Joe Marks

#### 1st Sunday Breakfast Buffet 8:00-11 AM March. 1st



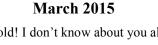
Age 11 and up \$9:

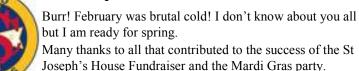
Children ages 4-10 \$5; Under 4 \$2

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

Note: There will be NO breakfast on Easter Sunday.

#### Squires/Roses





We are headstrong into to our own charity event "Cup of

Joe". Let me know how you can assist.

We did hold our monthly meeting in February which was lightly attended. Let's plan on meeting on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM; bring

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 form please drop me an email with a mailing address and I will send you the paper copy.

Be Worthy

#### Chancellor's Chatter

Throughout my term as Chancellor I will publish a short "To Do List" every month. This 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 could benefit from this friendly reminder.

#### **February 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.
- \* Give as you would like to receive.
- \* Enjoy a beverage of choice and a meal at Rosensteel!

#### New "To Do"

#### Deny oneself in order to follow Christ.

This calls us to be restrained, not embrace delights, to fast. And by doing so we find time and space to become closer to God.

#### Family of the Month

Please extend congratulations to Kevin, Mary, Jack and Will Carey as the March Family of the Month. Kevin is well known around these parts, among his many duties is creating the bartending schedule for the Knights' Room and lending a hand in the kitchen on many, many occasions. Jack, 13 and Kevin, 11, are students at St. John the Evangelist grammar school and are both squires at Rosensteel. Wife Mary is the braintrust of the operation and also a strong supporter of the Council. She also relishes those rare times when the three men in her life are off on various assignments so she can have some peace and quiet around the Carey Estate. Again, congratulations to one of our terrific families here at Rosensteel.

#### **ROSENSTEEL RETIREES CLUB OFFICERS 2014 - 2015**

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They say March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb. You may remember that last year the Lion (Winter) stayed around until April. However, the good news is that the Official First Day of Spring is on the 15th of the month.

Have you ever heard the phrase: "Beware the Ides of The Roman historian March"? Plutarch records that an acquaintance warned the Emperor Julius Caesar of danger on that day. Al-

so, Caesar's wife had a bad dream or a premonition of danger and she also warned him. Caesar ignored them and was assassinated on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the year 44AD plunging Italy into a civil war that lasted 10 years.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. We honor the husband of Mary on this day. He was born in Bethlehem and worked

as a carpenter. St. Joseph was visited on at least four occasions by an angel of the Lord who gave him information and advice. (This information can be found in Matthew 1:20, 2:13, 2:19, and Luke 2:42).

Do you enjoy or even prefer saying the rosary in the company of other people? In addition to the opportunity presented by our Grand Knight at the Council every Friday, evening many churches offer the rosary recital of prayers at the time of the morning daily Mass. Many people keep a rosary available in their car for private prayer during a daily commute to work or a long driving trip.

The deadline for filing your taxes is April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a good time to research your records, collect receipts and prepare yourself for this annual obligation.

Don't forget to make a donation to the Council Improvement Fund (CIF). We are almost half way to our projected goal. A small donation from a large number of people will allow the necessary improvements to the building without undue hardship on anyone. President Marchone will accept your donations.

Our luncheon meeting this month will be on the fourth Tuesday as usual, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### VP Tom Leonard

#### **MARYKNIGHTS**

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Historian ......Donna Stocker

Laissez les bon temps rouler!.... Oh, yes we did! The Mardi Gras Party, our annual fundraiser for the Rosensteel Council, was a big success and a fantastic time! Great music, great decorations, great company and THE FOOD!!.... Well, the food was off the charts AWESOME thanks to our resident Louisiana gal, Mary Margaret Hathway, and her prep crew in the kitchen. We were able to raise a total of \$1748.22 for the Council due to the strong support of the Maryknights and a few great Knights and their families!! Many thanks to all who attended, donated, organized and supported the event. Special thanks to Mary 301-946-5564....d.stocker@hotmail.com Margaret Hathway, Deirdre Calcutt, Maureen Hathway, Beth Torp and Margie Cuff for their

hard work and creativity in organizing the evening. Also, many thanks to Diane Lynch, Mike and Brenda Graninger, Jeanne Berman, Brad Rippetoe, Kevin Carey and the Squires and Roses and Paul Neff. We look forward to presenting a check to the Grand Knight at our March meeting.

Our reputation is more than just being able to throw a great party, so in true fashion we recently made a donation to "KIND" - Kids in Need Distributors. Our contribution will enable "KIND" to provide 10 at risk students in Montgomery County proper nutrition on weekends. We are always grateful to give a helping hand to such a worthwhile endeavor.

Our March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (7pm) is our Lenten talk and Potluck dinner. Bring a salad or appetizer, a main dish or dessert to share. We are privileged to have Father Ray Fecteau lead us in this prayerful evening. Our dear Chaplin, Father Jerry is going through a difficult time with his health and is taking a leave of absence. Requesting prayers for his return to good health – and soon! Remember to bring a dish

Later in the month, Monday, March 16, the Maryknights are hosting a Spring Card Party at the Leisure World clubhouse. Now would be the time to contact your card playing friends and make them aware of this fun afternoon. An \$8.00 ticket includes coffee, tea, desserts, a 50/50 prize and also a chance to win door prizes. Diane Lynch and Lois Devlin are in need of baked goods, desserts and door prizes (unwrapped) for the card

FYI-Pillow Project Ladies, the evening for your stuffing and stitching gatherings has been changed to the first Monday of the month.

Mindful that we are in the midst of Lenten Season let's use this opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and prepare ourselves for Christ's Resurrection on Easter.

#### **Free Throw Contest Winners!**

Thanks to Bob Wigmore, Wayne Miller and Kenny Tullis for their help with the Council and District Free Throw Competition. The District champs who will advance to the State Championship from the Rosensteel Council are

Age 12 Girls Caroline Hathway

Age 10 Girls Mary Grace Hathway

Age 14 Boys Von Natavidad

Age 13 Boys Jack Carey/Joe Bromley

Will McDonnell Age 12 Boys

Age 11 Boys Timmy Hathway

Age 10 Boys Femi Tanimowo

Congratulations to all of our competitors!!

#### Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hardworking members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is

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#### **Rosensteel Squires/Roses Present:**



And we need your help!

For the men and women staying in overnight emergency shelters, mornings often begin on an empty stomach. To meet this need, the Squires/Roses will be working with Catholic Charities to assemble healthy "breakfast-to-go" bags to

be distributed to the 400 to 500 women and men who have a safe bed with them each night.

We plan to raise funds (each breakfast costs about \$1.80) as well as collect items needed to package, seal and deliver the meals. Donation boxes will be available at the council. Brown paper sacks, plastic spoons, V8 juice, applesauce pack, Nature Valley Trail Mix bar, NutriGrain bar, and a pack of crackers are the only items allowed.

All funds collected will be used to purchase the items re-

Monetary donations may be made payable to **Rosensteel** Knights of Columbus with a note in memo "Cup of Joe", and should be directed to Rob Seubert or Terrence Moore. They may be left in an envelope behind the bar, or sent to:

> Terrence P. Moore 1900 Etna Place Silver Spring, Md. 20902

Contact: Terrence Moore tpmoore@pbs.org or 571 436 5776



Brother Knights,

Lent is a penitential season of prayer starting with Ash Wednesday and continuing until Holy Saturday. It extends for a period of forty days, exclusive of Sundays, since fasting never occurs on the Lord's Day. Aptly the season

begins with everyone receiving a sprinkling of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Ultimately, then, Lent is a time of doing. After truly listening, we must respond and put into practice what we have learned. In this way, we will bring about the inner conversion to God that is the most fitting preparation for Easter.

Lent is not just a time for "giving up" something, (after all, 10 days into lent and many of us have already slipped), it is a time for giving.

- 1. Donation to Catholic Charities;
- 2. Give ½ hour a day for morning Mass or individual prayer;
- 3. Give a hearty thank you or compliment to someone you take for granted;
- 4. Give some volunteer hours to your Council; and lastly
- 5. Give yourself a fresh start by partaking in the sacrament of Penance.

Recruitment is still the life of the Order and we need to pursue the Catholic men in our parishes. So, continue to ask your friends, parishioners and family members to join us in our Order and all we do for the Faith and Family.

Tom Kelly, District Deputy

Pizza Night! "Even" Wednesdays March 4 & 18 6:00pm to 8:00pm ᡮᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐᡐ

Pray the Rosary with us! **Every Friday** 5:30 PM Juvenal Room "Eat In" or "Carry Out" 🏌 No experience necessary

#### CIF Update

The CIF Committee is pleased to announce our Second MARCH MAD-NESS MEN'S BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER! Two Semifinal prizes of up to \$500.00 and one final game winner of up to \$1,500.00 will be awarded. Each square is \$50.00 and more than one player can own a square. Squares

17,500

will be available for sale or to the first semifinal this year's chairperson for er. Buy a square and help provement projects at the

\$20,000 some prize money. 18,000

#### Thank You- CIF Donors

**Platinum** (\$1,500) Gold (\$1,000-1499)

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Tom Rogers

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John and Mary Lyon

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Mr. Tom Leonard

Mr. Tom Hawes

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Clarke

Mr. Guy B. Beltz

Mr. Don Phillips

Mr. John McNamara

from February 20th to just prigame. PGK Dave Morgan is the March Madness Fundraisraise needed funds for capital im-Council. You may even win

Mr. Jim Reis

Mr. Joe Rogers

Mr. Rob Seubert

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Warner

Mr. John Wigmore

Mr. & Mrs. Walter MacDermid

Mr. John Simmons

#### **Honorable Mention**

(\$100 - \$249)

Mr. Dan Gargano, PGK, HLM Robert & Jenny Wilson

Dr. John Collins, PGK, HLM

Mr. Albert Pearce, HLM

Mr. Charles Plunkett, HLM

Mr. Carl Bergman HLM

Mr.Rostkowski, PGK, HLM Mr. Thomas Simms, HLM

Soda

Canned Beer

Frances Fitzgerald

Mary's Widows

Mrs. Elizabeth Beltz

#### YOU BE THE JUDGE!!

Burgers Hot Dogs NY style sausage

1st Annual Rosensteel Cookoff Water Saturday Feb. 28th

4 PM to 9 PM

Adults \$25 (food only \$15); 10-21yrs \$15; under 10 yrs \$5.

Family Admission \$60

You know them from Friday night dinners! You may have been to their homes! You know they can cook! But who will "out cook" everyone?!

### Team Langley; Team Moore; Team Seubert; Team Ward

More teams in the works!

Food to be entered: Two Whole Pigs!; Brisket; Sausage; Grilled Oysters; Chicken; Potato salad; Cole Slaw; Baked Beans and so much more!

**Entertainment: Bob Wigmore's infamous Horse Races!** 

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Sunday, March 8, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Appetizers

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner

To benefit St. Bernadette's Social Concerns Committee Adults (13 and older) \$20; Kids 6-12 yr \$6.00; under 6 FREE

For reservations and further information contact: PGK Dan Ward at 301-873-4014 or djw1952@verizon.net.

Deadlines for reservations is Monday, March 2, 2015.

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## Father Rosensteel: REFLECTIONS OF OUR OWN

#### **Sunshine Girl**

by Luanne Flanigan

"You know you have a lot of friends around here now, Luanne". What a nice thing to say, I thought, but then he continued. "Your dad is going to die soon and you won't have any affiliation with Rosensteel after that. You better join the Maryknights". WAIT!!! WHAT???? Why is this loud, although warmhearted, Italian Knight telling me my dad is going to die and what the heck is a Maryknight!? After I regained my composure and let the tears drain back out of my eyes, I whispered something along the lines of why in the world would you say such a thing to me and what is a Maryknight? In his inimitable way, Ross Baccanari tried to soften his original words and explained that since my dad was 89 he probably wouldn't be around the Council much longer (Ha! He fooled you, Ross!) and that I should secure my own association. More to get away from the conversation than anything else, I said okay. He said "Don't worry. I'll take care of everything for you. I know the lady in charge. She'll handle it and you'll get an application in the mail." Ross made it seem as though he was doing me a HUGE favor and that few were selected for this opportunity. He also made me feel that this was an extreme honor. Well...at least the honor part

So I spoke with Dad and asked about these "Maryknights". He said he didn't know much about what they did but that I should go ahead and join if I wanted to. So the application arrived and I procrastinated a few weeks. In the evening of the very day I finally put my application and check in the mail, Dad said "I was talking to some of the guys at the K of C today...." (Uh oh! This is a sentence I knew well and one my brothers I and had come to love. We always greeted it with a smile and a sideways glance at one another because we just knew we were about to be treated to 'expert' opinions on one topic or another. More on those experts, who I miss so much, at another time!) He went on to tell me that he felt I should NOT join the Maryknights because the 'panel of experts' in the Knights Room that day, decided the Maryknights were a bunch of grumpy, old ladies. Hmmm...great timing, Dad! (And on this particular topic the experts were wrong!)

So somewhere around the first week of the following month, I received a phone call from a very lovely lady. Her name was Arlene

Draize and she was the 2002 Maryknight president. Arlene wanted to let me know my application had been received, to make sure I knew the where and when for the meeting and offered to answer any questions I had. Hard to ask questions when you don't know what you don't know, but she made me feel welcome which was one of Arlene's many talents. She secured my promise to attend the meeting before we closed our conversation and let me know that my youth (thank you, Arlene!) and my business acumen were greatly needed in the organization. (How did she know that I'm a 'need to be needed' gal? Good call, Arlene!)

On the drive to my first monthly Maryknight meeting, I said a little prayer that Mrs. Horner (Ellie) would be there since she was the only woman I really knew who was a Maryknight. Upon my arrival, I was scanning the room hoping to sit with her. Just as I spotted her in the crowd, a woman approached me. She was small in stature but had a megawatt smile! She told me her name was "Ollie" and that she was the "Sunshine Girl". She wanted to give me a hug and welcome me to the meeting. Well, all my nervous anticipation disappeared through one loving action from one special lady! By then end of the meeting, I was befriended by several ladies, in particular, Cecile Fecteau, Jane Johnson and Mary Freund who made me promise to return for the next meeting. The rest, as they say, is history! As the years went by, Ollie Pearce remained the Maryknights' Sunshine Girl and welcomed countless new Maryknights, just as she had welcomed me and countless before me. Ollie WAS sunshine and she brought it to each meeting! When I became Maryknight president for the first time in 2007, I arrived for the first meeting of our sororal year with major butterflies in my stomach. Would I remember what to do, what if I step on a Robert's Rule?, what if?, what if? .... but I needn't have worried. Upon my arrival, there she was! Ollie was waiting for me with her infectious smile. Her hug and kind words lifted me up and I made it through my first presidential duty unscathed! When Ollie was no longer able to make it to our meetings, we unanimously decided that she would forever be our Sunshine Girl and that no other Maryknight would ever hold that distinction. Ollie passed away on January 18, 2015. I thought the world might be a little less bright because of the loss. Instead, I think I noticed that the sun is shining a little bit brighter!

Thanks Ollie!

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because no one has asked him yet?

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**Above Left:** Kate Comello with Mardi Gras Chairs Mary Margaret Hathway and Maureen Hathway. **Above Right:** Matt and Carol D'Antuono won the basket of cheer at the Maryknights' Mardi Gras Party!



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1. Breakfast 8-11 Bar: 5-8 8-11	2. Mary's Widows Bar: 5-8	3.Business Mtg 2-5 Rogers 8-11	4. <b>Binge</b> Pizza Night Bar: 5-8 Evans	5. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	Crab Lasagna, grilled cheese Bar: 5-8 Horner, Pete	7. Bar: 5-8 8-11
8.	8-11 9. Maryknights Mtg 7 PM	10	8-11 11. <b>Bingo</b>	12.	8-11 Hardman 13.Crew #8. Seubert Pasta Bar: 5-8 Conway,	14.
Bar: 5-8 8-11	Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Cassagnol	Bar: 5-8 8-11:	Bar: 5-8 Carey, Conway DeVol 8-11	Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	Carey, Wigmore	Bar: 5-8 8-11 Slattery
15. Bar: 5-8 8-11	Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Dassing	17. Social Mig Bar: 5-8 8-11	Pizza Night Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11	19. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	Shrimp Taco w/mango salsa	21. Bar: 5-8 8-11
22. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Maddox	Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Seubert	24. Retiree Luncheon Bar: 5-8 8-11: J. Grey	25. <b>Bingo</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	26. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	Spiced Shrimp/ Sea-	28. Bar: 5-8 8-11
29. Bar: 5-8 8-11	30. Bar: 5-8 8-11	31. Bar: 5-8 8-11 McLeod	1. April Fools!  Bingo Bar: 5-8 8-11	2. Bar: 5-8 8-11	Council Closed	4. Bar: 5-8 8-11