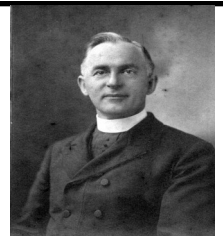




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Chaplain's Report To Be Chosen

There is no more powerful drive in human beings than the drive and desire to be chosen. Everyone is desiring it in any way possible; wrongly or rightly we strive to seek it, to be chosen. One of the greatest, Father of the Church Saint Augustine, said it boldly and unequivocally: "We have been promised that "we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as He is." This promise is a clear sign of being chosen by Him through our Baptism.

"The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. You do not yet see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when he comes you may see and be utterly satisfied.

Suppose you are going to fill some holder or container and you know you will be given a large amount. Then you set about stretching your sack or wineskin or whatever it is. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it and your eyes tell you there is not enough room.

By stretching it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the sack, and this is how God deals with us. Simply by making us wait he increases our desire, which in turn enlarges the capacity of our soul, making it able to receive what is to be given to us. What is to be given to us is His kindness and presence in our daily life through our holy desires, sometime they are not so holy.

He wants to dwell in us as a member of the Mystical body, the Church and brother Knight. Maybe the journey of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 1 2017, is a journey of purification in our desires to stretch the capacity of our soul by practicing what the Catholic Church asks us. Our mother the church knows what we need before we are even aware.

Dear Knight, have trust and faith at the beginning of the path which leads us to the suffering and joy of Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected from death.

A Holy beginning to all Brother Knights.

Your Chaplain
Fr. Ettore Ferrario

Grand Knight's Station

After several 70 degree days in February my shorts and flip flops came out of the closet, only to expose my pasty white legs and feet. Is Spring here or will it be a bitter March? Either way Rosensteel will be very busy.

- * St. Patrick's Day Party * First Sunday Breakfast * Friday Night Dinners
- * Flooring installation Jouvenal Room * Columbian Room Renovation
- *Bingo every Wednesday Night * Business Meeting * Social Meeting
- * Second Degree *Trustee Meeting * Officers Meeting *Clubhouse Meeting
- * Building Meeting * Cup of Joe * Shephard's Table * Panera Bread
- *Catholic Terps
- * Seminarian Support * Lent begin * Friday Night Rosaries * Horner Rosary
- * Easter Party Planning * Beach Party Recovery (just to see if you are still reading) * NCAA Basketball Watch Party
- *Recruitment Open House Planning *State Convention Planning
- * Budget Planning
- * Maryknights Meeting * Retirees Meeting and Bowling * Mary's Widows Lunch
- Forth Degree Exemplification * Golf Tournament Planning

Please contact me if you can assist or chair these events.

As usual, I am sure I have missed a few, don't hesitate to remind me. Many of the above events could use some help planning and running; in particular, the Children's Easter Party is in need of a chair. Please see me if you are interested. Don't be shy - if you would just like to assist we would love to hear from you.

We are very excited about the renovation plans around the Council. The Jouvenal Room is looking great and efforts continue. The Columbian Room is already taking shape. The Building Association has worked for months, planning, budgeting, soliciting bids and reviewing agreements. We all need to understand that while we have our own vision these brothers have worked very hard to communicate plans, thoughts and ideas, while constrained by a very small budget and a great need. We also need to keep in mind that this is being done while they are also trying to perform daily maintenance and operations.

Be Worthy!
Terrence Moore

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From the Warden's Desk

Ruth and I would like to thank our Rosensteel Family for all their prayers for granddaughter Autumn Mackenzie Kesselring. She made a dramatic arrival Monday, February 6, at 11:29 p.m. After a brief pit stop in the NICU, she is at home and doing well. Again, Ruth and I are grateful beyond words.

While there, I attended Saturday evening mass at St. Joseph the Worker. Apparently in California, the pre-Mass announcements include earthquake instructions. After service, I walked around the back to the church hall where the St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus, Council 9037, was sponsoring a Valentine's Day dinner. I met with Grand Knight David Tucker and District Deputy Russell Almendarez, as well as other Knights. As I was leaving, I was handed a container of food, which I tried to decline. They insisted that I take it back, for my wife. As Mary-knight Margie Cuff pointed out, it is exactly what we would do at Rosensteel.

Finally, a big thanks to The Ronald McDonald House. They were gracious and supportive hosts while Miss Autumn was in the hospital. Small world story – my brother-in-law volunteered years ago at the first one in Philadelphia.

*Vivat Jesus!
 Gus Gusman*

Does Our Honored Order Face "Future Shock"

At the recent mid-term State meeting, our Worthy State Deputy Steven M. Cohen reminded us of the unpleasant reality of an aging order. Now the average age of a member in the Knights of Columbus is pushing 60! True, our Order continues to grow, with membership on the edge of 2 million. Albeit the growth is slower and signals a "bellwether" for a possible "future shock" as we grapple with this aging order.

We are part of a worldwide trend that is affecting all fraternal organizations. The state deputy warned that unless we can attract more men in the 18-30 year old bracket, we will in about 10 years enter the "death spiral" currently affecting the Freemasons. Nationwide, membership in the Masons fell from more than 4 million in 1963 to about 1.6 million in 2005. In that year (2005) the average age was 62! Nor is this a purely national trend. In the United Kingdom, Freemasonry is losing up to 6,000 members per year as opposed to gaining 20,000 new members per year in the late '60s!

So, what is happening? There is a generational and societal shift causing the younger generation's lack of interest. There are just so very many competing distractions: cable TV, social media and DVDs. As one brother Knight, Joe Laframboise, observes, "People are just doing things by themselves on their computers and they're not interested in belonging to a group." This trend is the theme of a 2000 book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, written by Robert Putnam. He reports that the number of Americans attending club meetings has declined by 58% in one generation. There are increased options for free time activities and more family income, he says.

Now then, critical to reversing a trend is recognizing what is happening. For that reason our Supreme Council is responding by emphasizing the focus on charitable deeds with lower time commitments. It's this consistency that makes us strong, the quality of deeds not the quantity of hours "invested" in meetings. We know from personal experience that the younger generation is not selfish; it answers the call for tangible deeds to help others. And, at the heart of our order, that is what we are and what we do. As a member observes, "Knights are here to serve, not to be served, and that's what we will continue to do."

So, Brother Knights keep this in mind when recruiting. Emphasize the opportunity to help the less fortunate by dedicating just two hours a month to a cause of the candidate's choosing and review those things that your Council does which are not necessarily within the lifestyle of the younger generation. Do this and we will stay strong and continue to be "Advocates of the Lord."

*District Deputy
 Charles Hayes*

Building Association

Thank you for your patience and support for the Columbian Room project. The repair, painting and updating of the upper floor, including the Columbian Room, Maryknights Room, hallway, foyer and stairwell, will be starting late February or the first week of March. We are coordinating the Clubhouse events schedule with the contractor to minimize disruption. The project will progress for about 4 weeks. Thanks to the many members that spent time and effort to get this project off the ground.

March is upon us! For some that brings anticipation for St. Patrick's Day, or March Madness or merely a harbinger of spring. While those are all noteworthy and exciting, they pale in comparison to the season of Lent.

Indulge me for but a moment please. I have a wonderful calendar that I picked up while Jen and I were visiting The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Harrisburg, PA. Each turn of the page has a specific message of focus, as well as a biblical quote for reflection and contemplation. Glancing ahead into March, the message of focus is this: **"Lent invites us, through prayer, worship, and sacrifice, to open our hearts to God's call to service and to ground our lives in Christ."**

What a powerful message - that we are invited to open our hearts to God's call to service. I think Fr. McGivney would love the powerful simplicity of this invitation. Service is a core premise of our roles as Knights and we should strive to live this calling daily, thereby fulfilling the second half of the statement, to ground our lives in Christ.

The March biblical quote in the calendar also is a template for our role as Knights: **"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."** 2 Corinthians 5:20

In this Lenten season, let us lead by example in our works of service; let us truly focus on being reconciled to God. It's an invitation from God that is open to all, yet heard by few and accepted by even fewer. Accept the invitation.

Bruce Cotting

Maryland State Convention Schedule

Rosensteel has secured a block of rooms at the Sea Hawk Motel on 124th Street. The cost for Friday and Saturday night is \$150 total! Please make checks payable to Sea Hawk Motel and give them to any of your Council officers. Below is the abbreviated and amended schedule (for the full schedule of State events please visit the State website).

Thursday, May 4 – 11 a.m. State Golf Outing – See Joe Marks or Terrence Moore if interested.

Friday, May 5 – 3 p.m. check in, Sea Hawk Motel or Princess Royale Hotel (for registered guests)

3 p.m. Grand Knights Olympics – Princess Atrium

5 p.m. Sea Hawk Hospitality Suite opens

7 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Rosensteel gathering – location to be determined

8:30 p.m. Hospitality Suites open at the Princess

Saturday, May 6 – 9 a.m. Award Ceremony – Princess Atrium – Mimosas and Bloody Mary's at the Princess

4 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's

5:45 p.m. Banquet – Princess (ticket required)

8 p.m. – Party at the Princess – Hospitality Suites open 8 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, May 7 – 7:30 a.m. Mass – Mako Room, Princess

Ocean City Council holds an excellent all you can eat breakfast.

9:30 a.m. Closing Sessions

If you can help with the Hospitality Suites, let a Council Officer know.

POP QUIZ

Are you smarter than our Grand Knight? Test your knowledge.

1. What two items should a Brother Knight bring to a Council Business or Social Meeting?
2. When certifying Council votes, the Deputy Grand Knight makes this proclamation?
3. What happens most Wednesday Nights in the Columbian Room?
4. What two Council Officers sit to the right of the Grand Knight when we meet in the Emerald Room?
5. What's the theme of the picture in the Council building center stair landing? What Knight degree does it relate to?
6. Who was the Grand Knight when the current Council Chancellor was born the 1950's?
7. What date is on the Date Stone in the front of the Council building?
8. What Council officers do not have reserved parking?
9. Behind the bar in the Knights' Room a sign tells you what not to do. What does it refer too?
10. What day of the week was the Council Charter granted?
11. What type of oak tree grows on Council grounds?
12. The year the Council bylaws were last revised?
13. Our financial secretary played this in college?
14. This sign is posted on Council grounds during Christmas?
15. This college coach visited our Council while collecting for the intellectually handicapped in 2016?
16. What is a practicing Catholic?
17. Why are you a Knight of Columbus?
18. What did you do with the two hours you gave the Council last month?
19. When are you volunteering again?

Grand Knight/Correct Answers available March 21 (Social Meeting)

Jim Mannion

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse Board would like to remind everyone that the Hall is available for business meetings, weddings, birthday parties and other events at a very competitive rate. Additionally, there will be positions on the Clubhouse Board that will need to be filled at the end of the Fraternal Year. If you are interested in making a difference with new ideas as Rosensteel Hall goes through the changes and improvements, please consider joining the Clubhouse Board. Any questions can be directed to any member of the board or join us at a meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Don't Forget First Sunday Breakfast

Eggs scramble, bacon & sausage sizzle, hash heaps, pancakes flip and grits add to a memorable start to the month. And let's not forget healthy fruits and those ever tasty, homemade pastries.

When time is short, make — or at least try to make — a memory.

Rosensteel Recruitment Open House

Sunday April 23, 2017 - 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Columbian Room
9707 Rosensteel Drive
Silver Spring, Md. 20910

We will be publishing this announcement in all three of our parishes. Please spread the word and accompany a candidate to our Order.

For more information please speak to any of your Council officers:

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The Best of Rosensteel

Family of the Month: It was a typical Friday night at the Council when Cheryl and I were joined by this Family of the Month. The father started telling stories of the good old days around the Council. We listened, laughed and then came to the conclusion that he was either 20 years older than he looked or many of the events occurred when he was a teenager. Well, it was the latter; he spoke of the Council as a historian (but much funnier). He has been a Knight for over 25 years, served as lecturer for two Grand Knights, a regular bartender and attends many Council events.

Brian met his wife, Lisa, at the Council. They held their reception in the Columbian Room. She is best known by Beach Party attendees as the perennial winner of the limbo contest. They are the proud parents of seven-year-old twin girls, Karen and Morgan.

So please join me in thanking Brian and Lisa Slattery for their service to our Council and the Order.

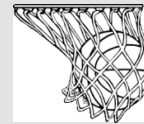


Knight of the Month: This Knight has been a member since 2002 and obtained his Third Degree in 2004. He works on the Breakfast Crew and a Kitchen Crew, is a regular bartender, plays on the softball team and is a director on the Building Association. Most recently, he ran the Super Bowl Party, which was another overwhelming success. I am pretty sure he didn't get to see much of the game as he was constantly shuffling food back and forth. He can be seen most Friday nights with his family and rarely misses a Council event. We could use more 39-year-old members like him.

Please join me by thanking Brother Dave Donnelly for his great commitment to our Council and the Order.

March Madness at the Council

The Day before Celebrating the wearing of the Green



There's some March Madness college basketball to watch at the Council. Follow your brackets beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Knights' Room doors open at noon and the games begin around 12:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, french fries, nachos and cheese available.

Questions? Want to help? Contact Jim Mannion at kocjim2169@gmail.com

Community Activities

The nursing home parties will be held at Springbrook Center, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday May 18, at 3 p.m. and at the Althea Woodward Nursing and Rehab Center, 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday April 20, at 3 p.m.

If you are able to help at either of the parties, please contact Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304.

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When one thinks of March, the first thing that comes to mind is ST. PATRICK'S DAY. I recently learned something very interesting about the Irish. The first vernacular Masses celebrated in Irish Catholic churches were on March 7, 1965, bringing to an end the widespread tradition of the Latin Tridentine Mass, which had lasted since 1570 and which was the most widely celebrated Mass liturgy in the world.

However, the first recorded Masses in the vernacular actually date back to the ninth century when St. Cyril and St. Methodius (commonly known as the "Apostles to the Slavs") were early proponents of celebrating Mass in the vernacular to the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe.

So happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you and be sure to wear your green at our next luncheon on March 28.

Ray Koski

Fraternal Insurance

Tony Robbins, in his new book, *Unshakeable: Your Financial Freedom Playbook*, interviewed 50 of the brightest minds in finance and identified techniques that the richest used to grow their wealth. He simplified this to what he calls the Core Four and these should be at the heart of your investments. Core Principal #1 is Don't Lose. You're more apt to look at it from the perspective of how can I make money. But if you lose 50% of your investment it's going to take a 100% return to get back to even. So the loss of the principal should be foremost.

I invest in mutual funds and stocks and lost half my portfolio from 2008 to 2009. But I also protected myself for this downside by contributing money to the K of C. I'm glad I did because I needed money during that period and it would have been a terrible time to take money from those other accounts. Please consider this for your overall portfolio and call me to discuss it further.

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"In like a lion, outlike a lamb"... Well, I'm not sure this is happening this year with the crazy weather we are having, but Spring is just around the corner! As everyone turns to their spring cleaning, don't forget to set aside items for our next Charity Ball! Three charities were presented at our February meeting: The Shepherd Foundation, The Youth Leadership Foundation and Circle of Rights. The board and I will be vetting these organizations so we can make a recommendation to the membership as to whom the 2017 Charity Ball recipient will be. I am in search of a Charity Ball co-chairman, so please prayerfully consider stepping up to serve in this fulfilling capacity.

Not only is spring just around the corner, but so is Lent. As has been our tradition, the March 13 meeting will also be our Lenten Mini-Retreat. Fr. Jerry has arranged for Msgr. O'Connell to be our retreat master. In addition, there will be a pot luck dinner; everyone is asked to bring a dish as follows (first letter of your last name): entrees A-F, sides G-L and desserts M-W.

I want to thank Judy Rosenthal, a speech therapist at Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program, for speaking at our February meeting. She provided great insight into how the county services families that have children with special needs.

Ash Wednesday is March 1st and it is fitting for us to take a step back from our very hectic lives, think of those less fortunate and be thankful for what we, ourselves have. And, of course to remember:

"Do something beautiful for God." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Beth Ward

Council Money Motion

In accordance with Council bylaws, the following Money Motion is scheduled to be discussed and voted upon at the March 7 Business Meeting if a quorum exists.

Motion made and seconded at the February 7, 2017, Business Meeting for the Clubhouse to "transfer funds received from the Lexi Thomas Fundraiser from Clubhouse to Council."



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COMING EVENTS...

March 1, Ash Wednesday
March 17, St. Patrick's Day
April 9, Children's Easter Party
April 15, Needy Food Baskets (Sullivan)
April 14, Good Friday (Council Closed)
April 16, Easter
April 27, Nuns Appreciation Night
May 4-7, State Convention, Ocean City

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. Bingo	2. Mannion, Borkoski	3. Team 2: McLeod Tuna/shrimp/potato salad platter Pistol Pete & Rick, Hardman	4.
5. First Sunday Breakfast	6. D'Antuono, McNamara	7. Business Meeting	8. Bingo	9. Cassagnol	10. Team 3: Neff Fried Shrimp Conway, Carey, Wig- more, DeVol, McKinney	11. Conway, Carey and DeVol
12. Ponce	13. Maryknights meeting D'Antuono McNamara	14. Slattery	15. Bingo Joe & Pat	16. Noon - NCAA 1st Round Mannion	17. St. Patrick's Day Team 4: Marks Corned Beef & Cabbage Lyon & Lynch	18.
19. Maddox	20. D'Antuono Langley	21. Social Meeting Kreitzberg	22. Bingo Maddox	23.	24. Team 5: Girolami Fish n' Chips E-III & Sheets	25.
26.	27. D'Antuono McNamara	28. Retirees Lunch -noon Culkin & DeVol	29. Bingo Cavaliere	30.	31. Team 6: Langley Fish n' Shrimp Tacos, Green rice, black beans Margie, Luanne, Diane	April 1.