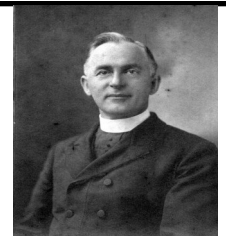




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Chaplain's Reflection Fasting by Subtraction

In the Gospel passage regarding the greatest commandment, a scribe correctly interprets what Jesus said as meaning that 'to love (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." (cf. Mk 12:28-34).

This means that if our Lenten sacrifices do not demonstrate that we love our neighbor as ourselves, they are nothing more than a modern day equivalent of burnt offerings. While traditional Lenten sacrifices like giving up certain foods are a form of self-denial, they are focused only on ourselves and not on the good of our neighbor. And if these sacrifices make us irritable with those around us, they are actually a negative.

Since Lent is a time for spiritual growth, let me suggest a different kind of Lenten penance. Since Lent is still relatively young, you might find these suggestions helpful in your own life.

Lent always highlights three things: prayer, fasting and giving alms. We are all familiar with prayer. Prayer is our personal conversation with God. We can do that in formal prayers or in private conversation with God using our own words.

There was once a little girl who was asked if she said her night prayers. She replied, "I started to. But then I thought to myself, 'I bet God gets tired of hearing all these prayers,' so I told God the story of the three bears!" But, you know what? That little girl got it. Prayer is telling God the story of our lives and inviting God into our lives.

Fasting is typically giving up some amount of food. But there's another way to look at "giving up." What if we decided to give up negativity? One suggestion would be to give up saying just *one* negative thing each day. For example, if you ordinarily say 20 negative things to your brother each day, for Lent only say 19! Don't say the one additional negative comment.

Giving alms, obviously, involves giving of what we have to help someone else. It is stewardship when we do this because we believe in God. But have we ever thought of giving praise or compliments each day? If we are going to subtract one negative thing each day, why not compliment each person in our family each day. Each day for the rest of Lent find something to praise every person in your circle of family or friends, most especially your spouse, to whom you made vows "to

Grand Knight's Station

**"Truth draws strength from itself
and not from the number of votes
in its favour."**

Pope Benedict XVI



It's time. It's time to rip the band-aid off and address the wound. No more kicking the can down the road. No more closing our eyes, covering our ears and hoping things resolve themselves. It's time to face the truth, address the problems and endeavor to institute permanent changes in how we conduct daily operations in order to resolve the problem. "What problem" you ask? The financial crisis that the Clubhouse is in.

In my five short years as a Knight, the hot topic at the Council has consistently been the steeply declining revenue for the Clubhouse. I've heard many well-intentioned proposals for boosting said revenue and ideas for attracting new clientele to rent our Hall, only to watch those ideas expire for lack of commitment to change. I myself succumbed to the seemingly logical decision to renovate the Hall and thereby increase the pool of prospective clients clamoring to throw money at us to use a beautifully-renovated space. The decline in rentals continues - the truth has hit hard yet again.

I have convened an Oversight Committee (comprised of trustees, officers, Executive Assistant Frank Zarelli, and business and financial experts Mark Svrcek and Tim Stocker) to work with the Clubhouse Board to gain a clearer understanding of this crisis. As an example of our findings, allow me to share a snapshot of critical financial data gleaned from Frank Zarrelli and (Clubhouse Accountant) Ed Jordan's initial analysis:

In 2015, catering revenue from membership was \$236,674, and 2018 is on pace to be \$134, 838. **That's a 57% decline in Membership-generated revenue of \$101,836 in just the past four years alone.** Every entrepreneur and businessperson would then look at their expenses and expect a corresponding decline in expenses. Brace yourselves for this calculation: In 2015, catering expenses were \$167,592 and 2018 is on pace to hit \$135,326. **That's a 20% decline in expenses of only \$32,266 over the same 4-year period and equates to 100% of projected 2018 revenue.**

Brothers, this represents only one segment of the analysis done to date. We currently have a stack of 60+ and 90+ day overdue invoices

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Chaplain's Reflection

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have and to hold."

There was a story about a woman who had decided to divorce her husband. However, before she divorced him, she wanted to give her marriage one last chance. So she decided to spend a 30-day period in which she found something to praise her husband for every day and refrained from criticizing him each day. At the end of 30 days, her husband was a different person. She didn't divorce him! But who had changed? She had changed and, therefore, he had the opportunity to be different as well.

We don't change the world by changing someone else. We change the world by changing ourselves. If we are putting out negative energy, it will be reflected back to us. If we are putting out positive energy, that will come back to us as well. We can go through life reacting to what happens to us and ending up frustrated, angry or depressed. Or we can go through life creating a positive energy field around us.

So, if we subtract one negative comment and offer a compliment to each person in our lives for the rest of Lent, we will have a new family on Easter. The family will be different because we are different. We work miracles, not by trying to change someone else, but by changing ourselves!

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Nursing Home Party

We will be having a party at the Springbrook Center, 12324 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901 on Thursday, April 19, at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304. Thank you

Deputy Grand Knight's Dialog

The Rosensteel Knight Life

We all know that our *Knight Life* each month is the best way to reach the majority of our Council Brothers. Below are 11 references to the past 12 issues. How many can you remember (Month and Who/What)?

1. Name the Council officer who announced in the *Knight Life* he had received a new assignment.
2. In what *Knight Life* issue was it announced that a fundraiser had enough donated to buy two of these?
3. This *Knight Life* issue announced Logan Donnelly as the winner of what contest?
4. This *Knight Life's* Deputy Dialogue stated that the Church recognizes what month as the Month of the Most Holy Rosary?
5. In this month's article the Grand Knight told us he was centering his Fraternal Year on which Core Principle?
6. This month's Fraternal Insurance information stated that the Knights of Columbus raised \$3M and countless hours for what recent events?
7. This issue of the *Knight Life* had an ad that stated the Maryknights were celebrating what anniversary?
8. This Month's *Knight Life* told us that a piece (what?) of our history was taken from the Council.
9. This month's *Knight Life* had a picture of which Knight receiving a Silver Knight Award?
10. This Month's *Knight Life* announced visits and parties at the Woodland Center and the Springbrook Center by which Brother Knight?
11. In what *Knight Life* did the Clubhouse thank this Brother Knight for his dedication and support?

(Answers are on page 5)

Jim Mannion

Fraternal Insurance

"Based on my experience, I would urge every person in their 50s to invest in a long term care policy (5 years). If you every need a reference why it is important, I would be happy to share my experience."

This was sent to me once again by a long-time member who would like to share his experience with you if you are having any doubt regarding long-term care coverage. Please contact me and I'll put him in touch with you.




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MARCH

- 3 Maryknights Casino Night
- 4 First Sunday of Month Breakfast
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 30 Good Friday *Council Closed

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday

Maryland State Convention Schedule, May 4-6, 2018

Fr. Rosensteel Council is securing a block of rooms at the Sea Hawk Motel on 124th Street. The cost for a Friday and Saturday night stay is only \$150 plus tax! Two room types are available: Efficiency rooms include 2 queen beds and full sleep sofa, plus microwave, full-size refrigerator, sink and 4 -burner stove with oven. Motel rooms (upper floor) include two queen beds, full sleep sofa, room divider, mini-fridge and balcony.

Please make checks payable to the 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, see https://www.mdkocconvention.org/PDF/120th_Maryland_Schedule.pdf). The State Convention Headquarters is the Princess Royale Hotel on 94th Street. Rooms in parentheses are at the Princess. If you can help with our Council Hospitality Suites at the Sea Hawk and Princess Royale, let a Council Officer know.

THURSDAY, May 3

11 a.m. State Golf Tournament – see Joe Marks or Terrence Moore if interested

FRIDAY, May 4

- 9 a.m. Mass (Mako Room)
- 3 p.m. Grand Knights' \$1000 Olympics for Charity (Atrium Area)
- 3 p.m. Check-in at the Sea Hawk
- 5 p.m. Sea Hawk Hospitality Room Opens
- 7 p.m. Mass & Opening Session of the Convention (Caribbean Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Rosensteel Council gathering – location to be determined
- 8:30 p.m. to midnight Open House - Hospitality Rooms (Atrium)

SATURDAY, May 5

- 9 a.m. Awards Program (Atrium)
- 11 a.m. Second Session of Convention (Caribbean Hall)
- 3 p.m. Assemble for Convention Mass in front of the Princess
- 4 p.m. Concelebrated Mass, St. Luke's Church
- 5:45 p.m. Banquet (Black Tux) ticket required (Palmetto Ballroom)
- 8 p.m. to midnight Open House - Hospitality Rooms (Atrium)

SUNDAY, May 6

- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mako Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Closing Session of Convention (Caribbean Hall)

Convention badges are required for admission to convention activities, Hospitality rooms and the Atrium. Only Brother Knights are allowed to attend official convention sessions and they must present a current Third Degree card.

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - Are you familiar with the adage "He can't see the forest for the trees?" And are you familiar with the philosophy of Yin and Yang? If not, let me help explain. The first is a reference to myself, because I can often get so micro-focused on minor details that I fail to see the bigger picture. (I see a lot of heads nodding in agreement over this one!) And the yin-yang reference is to the Knight(s) of the month. Our new-world reference source Wikipedia defines yin-yang as "*seemingly opposite or contrary forces may actually be complementary, interconnected, and interdependent ... and how they may give rise to each other as they interrelate to one another.*"

In the last two months, this month's recipients have continued their significant roles in maintaining Rosensteel programs that appeal to audiences of all ages. A new Rosensteel year does not commence without their New Year's Day football extravaganza. They kick it off behind the scenes at 6 a.m. and carry on til early evening, generating vast amounts of camaraderie, good-natured ribbing and cash for the Council. And after they've recharged their batteries for a month +/-, they come right back and run a renowned Father-Daughter Dance that continues to grow in attendance and in spirit. It would be impossible to list everything managed by these two for each of these events, let alone their regular volunteer efforts, but for all they do, please congratulate Geoff Conway and Bob Wigmore as our March Knights of the Month!

Family of the Month - The selection for Family of the month represents tenacity and unselfish contribution of time and energy for the greater good. The family of the month also personifies the quote "Behind every successful man is a great woman." The quote and this family live the truism that no man becomes great in a vacuum, but instead is helped to achieve great heights through the love and support of his wife.

Year in and year out, this family has quietly yet diligently worked at other locations on behalf of the Council. Twice a month, they venture out and shower attention and love on senior citizens in nursing homes. Though one is frequently wheelchair bound, his wife is always by his side, supporting his every effort. And with that, I've tipped my hand: Please congratulate Joe and Gloria Rogers as our Family of the Month! Quite honestly, they are quiet, wonderful role models of leading a Christ-like life in service to others and Rosensteel is all the better for having them in our family.

Maryknights' Card Party

Tuesday, March 20, at 1 p.m.
Cost is \$8
To be held at Leisure World
Clubhouse 1

For more information, contact Nancy Koski at 301-288-7808

Grand Knight's Station

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for products delivered and services received and that stack grows daily despite Ed's herculean efforts prioritizing and paying bill as cash trickles in.

While we can look to past practices and lament missed opportunities to change how business was conducted, that's all water under the bridge that no one can change. The great news is that starting now, as stewards of the legacy inherited from Fr. Rosensteel himself and the founding fathers of Council 2169, we can effect change for the preservation of our Clubhouse and for our Council.

As Catholic Gentlemen, we have the noble and worthy charge of accepting the burden of responsibility for change in how we conduct business. We bear the obligation to the rich history of this Council to work arm-in-arm in changing how we do business.

There is much work to be done and it begins with a crucial money motion at our March 6 Business Meeting. The Oversight Committee will work alongside the Clubhouse Board to institute changes in daily business practices ranging from increasing rental rates and food & beverage prices, alongside reductions in operational inefficiencies. Your support and participation is critical.

There are two outcomes ahead of us: continue to do business as usual and Clubhouse will be gone before summer is underway. Alternatively, we can join in forging a viable business model for the continued existence of our Clubhouse.

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

R. Buckminster Fuller

*Vivat Jesus,
Bruce*

Bingo Needs Your Help

Are you looking to spice up your Wednesday nights? Our Bingo Team is in search of a few energetic folks who love having fun while helping others.

If you're interested in getting out and mixing and pitching in, please contact Al Wigmore at [\(301\) 649-5410](tel:3016495410) or awigmore3@gmail.com.

Motions on the Floor

Brothers All,

As per Council Bylaws, this is official notice that there are currently two motions to be considered and voted upon at the March 6 Business Meeting if a quorum of 30 members is in attendance. Each was introduced at the February 6 Business Meeting. They are as follows:

- 1) A motion to donate \$2,000 to St. Bernadette Church for the church's renovation project.
- 2) A motion to transfer \$12,500 from the Council General Fund to the Clubhouse General Fund for the purpose of paying past due invoices under the direction of the Council Oversight Committee.

Rosensteel Council Seeks a Few Good Men

Father Rosensteel Council is in need of candidates to be considered for elective office beginning in the next Fraternal Year which starts July 1, 2018. Such positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard (two Outside Guards may be elected) and Board of Trustees.

The Council will also elect a Delegate, First Alternate and Second Alternate to the State Convention. Each of these three must be a Past Grand Knight of the Council and will be elected at the same time as the positions above.

If you would like to be considered for a position or know of a Brother Knight who might be interested, please contact Nominating Committee Chairman Frank Cavaliere at fcavaliere@nrmca.org, work phone at 301-587-1400, ext. 1141 or cell, 240-338-9025.

Please note that only members who are in good standing and who have achieved Third Degree Knighthood are eligible for elective office. Also note that no member shall hold more than one Council office at the same time.

Deputy Grand Knight's Dialog

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1. Fr. Ettore Ferrario, June
2. January, AEDs
3. February, Free Throw Contest
4. October, October
5. August, Charity
6. November, Recent Disasters
7. April, 57th
8. December, Bar Stool
9. April, Rob Seubert
10. September, Joe Rogers
11. July, John McNamara

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On March 17, we celebrate the death (not birth) of St. Patrick. What began as a religious feast day in the 17th century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe, but not always on March 17.

As everyone knows, the biggest celebration is in Dublin, Ireland. In Chicago it is celebrated by dyeing the Chicago River green starting on March 14. The largest *parade* is held in New York City, of course. The second largest parade is held in Sidney, Australia. South America's largest St. Patrick's celebration takes place in Buenos Aires, a city which boasts the fifth largest Irish community in the world. But instead of a parade, there is a 10-block area of street parties. Both Munich and Tokyo celebrate the holiday. 2018 will make the 21st year of celebrating for Tokyo.

So happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you and Erin Go Bragh! And be sure to wear your green at our next luncheon on March 27.

Ray Koski

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COMING EVENTS...

APRIL

1 Easter Sunday

MAY

4 - 6 State Convention, Ocean City

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. Team 4 - Marks, sea- food gumbo Pistol Pete, Hardman	3. Maryknights' Casino Night Bromley, Dollymore & Mullaney
4. First Sunday Break- fast Ponce	5. D'Antuono, McNamara	6. Business Meeting	7. Bingo	8.	9. Team 5 Girolami - crab cake sandwiches Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore, Cassagnol	10. McKinney
11. Conway, Carey	12. D'Antuono, McNamara	13. McNamara	14. Bingo Cavaliere, Slattery	15.	16. Team 6 Langley - seafood scampi w/ linguini, grilled cheese platter Lynch & Lyon, Dassing	17. St. Patrick's Day
18. Horner Memorial Rosary	19. D'Antuono, McNamara	20. Social Meeting Maryknights' Card Party Culkin, DeVol	21. Bingo	22. Mannion, Maddox	23. Team 7 Moore - shrimp po-boy platter and homemade black bean patties Eddie McCaw, Beane	24.
25.	26. D'Antuono, McNamara	27. Retirees Club Lunch- eon	28. Bingo	29.	30. Good Friday Council Closed	31.
April 1 Easter						