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## Chaplain's Reflection Love Jesus First

Scripture contains many passages that, if taken literally, can be misunderstood. One such passage is in the gospel of Luke (14:26, 33) in which Jesus is quoted as saying, "if anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple ... everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

If we were to take these words at face value, it would seem that Jesus is telling us that we need to hate every member of our immediate families and renounce all our earthly possessions if we wish to be his disciples. Thankfully, we know that Jesus does not want us to hate our mothers and fathers or to live without any worldly possessions. His heavenly Father told us to love and honor our mothers and fathers when he gave us the Ten Commandments. We know Jesus loved his own mother perfectly and He called his Father "Abba."

So just what is it that Jesus is trying to tell us? Well, to understand his words we need to understand that Jesus was using hyperbole, a typical Middle Eastern linguistic technique in order to stress an important point. Namely, that his disciples, and that means us, need to place loyalty to him over and above any family ties, human relationships or worldly possessions. In other words, since we should love God above all things, Jesus, the Son of God, must be our first priority.

To some that may sound like a recipe for unhappiness. However, as counterintuitive as it may seem, these words of Jesus are really the recipe *for* happiness. To place following Jesus before all else is the only way to discover the deep and abiding happiness we all seek and long for. Because if we try to find that happiness in human relationships or worldly possessions, we will ultimately wind up disappointed.

One of the greatest American myths is that money can buy happiness. Another is the "Myth of Romantic Love." Divorce lawyers can tell you that many divorces result from such romanticized expectations that can never be fulfilled. People get married thinking that their life together will be perfect bliss, and that they'll ride off into the sunset just like in the

## Grand Knight's Station

## "Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words!"

We celebrated Ash Wednesday last week. This is the beginning of the repentant period of Lent. A most holy and reflective time, 46 days, preceding Easter. As children we were taught of the need to sacrifice something important to us. In recent years, there has grown the notion of not necessarily giving something up, but further embracing and committing to some act or spiritual tenet.

Here are 10 quotes from Pope Francis that resonate with me:

- Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.
- Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him.
- Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which good seed can grow. You have to trust in God.
- Each of us has a vision of good and evil. We have to encourage people to move toward what they think is good. Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight the evils as he or she conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.
- I believe in God not in a Catholic God; there is no Catholic God. There is God, and I believe in Jesus Christ, his incarnation. Jesus is my teacher and my pastor, but God, the Father, Abba, is the light and Creator. This is my Being.
- A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.
- Wretched are those who are vindictive and spiteful.
- The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.
- We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.
- We all have the duty to do good.

This reminds me of the St. Francis Prayer, one of my favorites. I wish all of my Rosensteel Family a fulfilling Lenten season, and hope that you experience meaningful reflection and spiritual rejuvenation!

We have the Father Daughter Dance on February 28, Grand Knights Appreciation Dinner on March 8 and the Beach Party on March 21.

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### **Chaplain's Reflection**

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movies where they will live happily ever after. But then reality hits as each begins to realize that the other is far from perfect. The day-to-day struggles and challenges of ordinary life begin to wear them down and drive them apart. Resentment gradually replaces romance and so they split, each leaving to seek another who will give them the happiness that they so desperately long for. People also place the same unrealistic expectations on their relationships with relatives, children or friends.

Now don't get me wrong. There are lots of happy marriages, families and friendships. That's what God wants! And we can certainly enjoy many things that money can buy us and that's part of God's plan, too. Everything God has made is good and he wants us to enjoy it in a responsible way. We can also find a measure of happiness in our work and leisure activities. But if we go looking for ultimate happiness in these things or people we will eventually wind up discouraged and dissatisfied.

We need to put Jesus first in order to be truly happy. And the surprising thing is that once we put Jesus first, we can begin to find more happiness in every other aspect of our lives, like our relationships and possessions, because they will have found their proper place. We won't be expecting them to do for us what only Jesus himself can do. The bottom line? Following Jesus won't lead us to hate our mothers or our fathers. Indeed, by following Jesus, we'll probably come to love them even more. Just as Jesus loves us. Maryknights Card Party

## Tuesday, March 24, 1-4pm Leisure World Clubhouse 1

\$10 per person includes dessert, beverages, and door prize chances. There will also be an optional 50-50 drawing.

Bridge, canasta and pinochle supplies provided or your foursome can bring board games or other games.

Contact Carol Walper at 301-933-4219 or cawalper@aol.com for tickets and information

## **Annual State Convention**

There are rooms available May 1 and 2 for the Maryland State Convention in Ocean City. We have secured a block of rooms at the Sea Hawk Motel on 124<sup>th</sup> Street for Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. Per night cost is \$75 plus tax. Please reserve a room through one of the Council officers so we know how many rooms are available. Please make your one-night deposit directly with the Sea Hawk.

The deadline to reserve your room is Friday, April 17.

Deacon Alan Jeeves



## The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - This Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month is and has been involved in so many areas of the Council over the years. You might catch him in the kitchen, behind the bar, on the deck, manning the grills, quietly making repairs around the Council, or quietly helping PGK Frank Cavaliere at St. John's House. On a Friday night, or at any of our functions, you might find this Knight attending with his wife and children. He is a Third Degree Knight, serves on the Clubhouse Association and has been a member since 2002. Oh, I almost forgot to mention that he is a member of our world-class softball team.

I am sure that by now you know to whom I am referring. When you see Dave Donnelly, thank him for all of his contributions and congratulate him on being the Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month!

**Family of the Month** - The March Father Rosensteel Family of the Month is active throughout the Council. It has worked in the kitchen, from Friday night dinners to catering events. It chairs one of the Council's most favorite and longstanding events – the Super Bowl Party. And he and she have been known to spin old-school 45's. He has been a member since 1982, she has supported the Maryknights and their son is also a member of the Father Rosensteel Council.

So when you see Stan and Jane McLeod, thank them for their years of service and dedication. And congratulate them for being the Father Rosensteel Family of the Month!

## Fraternal Insurance

Worthy Grand Knight, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

New members are the life blood of our Order! I'll say that again: New members are the life blood of our Order! I think everyone agrees with that, don't you? New members give the Council they join more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man, and maybe just as importantly, it infuses the Council with new and fresh ideas.

Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

Lead with Faith - becoming a better Catholic man,

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Father Rosensteel Council #2169 PGK Testimonial Dinner

Special Guest Our Very Own New Yorker, PGK James Mannion and His Better Half ... Lady Terry March 8, 2020 5:00-9:00PM Rosensteel Hall Columbian Room \$25 per person

5-6 Appetizers 6-7 Dinner (Chicken Dinner) 7-8 Evening Program 8-9 PGKs Tell Rosensteel Stories of the Past



Please make your reservations by March 1<sup>st</sup> Contact: GK Gus Gusman, (301)593-1171, <u>guskoc2169@gmail.com</u> or Chancellor Frank Zarrelli, (240)499-5959, <u>flzarrelli@gmail.com</u>

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## Dear Maryknights,

With Lent upon us we prepare for the Easter Season and the coming of spring. Both are synonymous with renewal of life: One is spiritual and the other in our natural world. Let's also make a renewed commitment to this auxiliary. There are many ways to become more involved such as by inviting others to join, attending meetings regularly, agreeing to chair a committee, saying yes when asked to run for an office, providing a dish at the meeting, bringing items to donate to our supported charities or joining a Friday night bake team.

Thanks to all who donated PJs for Comfort Cases at our last meeting. There were A LOT of them in all sizes! Thank you to Sue and Margie for presenting a total of four worthy charitable organizations to consider for the Charity Ball. More vetting will be done and brought to our Executive Board to make a decision.

Please note that the Maryknights are providing the Catholic Student Center with dinner on March 11. In addition to needing servers at the center we need Maryknights to provide desserts. Squisito's is once again contributing the main meal and the Maryknights will purchase bread and salad - those who can help at the center will set out the meal and serve. So please consider helping in some way. Let Sue Wiant know if you will help: <u>susanwiant@gmail.com</u> or 301-593-8689.

Coming soon! Our card party will be held on Tuesday, March 24, at Leisure World Clubhouse 1 from 1 - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from Jenny Wilson, Mable Capacchione or Carol Walper (301-933-4219 or <u>cawalper@aol.com</u>). Price always includes FUN! Complimentary dessert and beverage, door prizes and optional 50/50 raffle and bake sale are also part of the day. Don't miss this annual event that benefits our charity fund. The Special Activity (for the benefit of our Rosensteel Council) has been set in motion. There are two parts: first, we have begun an ongoing Friday night 50/50 raffle. It has been a great success so far and the total proceeds from the 50/50 will be given to the Council. Set aside March 14 to help with the second part of our Special Activity. If all goes as planned with the remodeling preparations, we will be painting the lower floor Ladies Room. We are asking for volunteers to paint as well as a volunteer team to prepare lunch for our Council workers. While the Maryknights take on the Ladies Room our Knights will be tackling the Emerald Room. The Maryknights will provide and prepare lunch for all <u>workers</u>.

Our March meeting takes place on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. and is our annual Lenten Reflection and Potluck Supper. Please plan to join us for this lovely evening of community and prayer. Please bring a dish based on the following: A-F MAIN DISHES; G-O SIDES or SALAD and P-Z DESSERTS. Thanks!

Margie Cuff

## <u>Fraternal Insurance</u>:

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- father and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights. Right here in this Council you have a number of programs that speak to that.
- Serve Others This is where many of our Councils excel...they do so much to support the local community needs. Councils like this one also help support our larger initiatives for the Order nationwide...even worldwide. Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Global Wheel-chair Mission...
- **Defend Your Values** From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved with issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.
- **Protect Your Family** This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products. Just last month I met with several of this Council's members to update their Family Service Record and make sure the family is secure no matter what situation they face.

So the next time I ask a Catholic man about joining the Knights, I'm going to tell him about why I joined, what it's meant to me, how I'm better for it and how I hope I've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of my membership in the Knights. Then I'll ask him what he's looking for. I think no matter what he says, I'll have a solution for it...right here in this Council.





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- 12 Easter Sunday
- 21 Social Meeting

# **MARCH 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. D'Antuono Happy Hour	3. Business Meeting Dollymore, Mullaney and Bromley	4.	5. Mannion	6. Team #4, Marks - shrimp creole Pistol Pete, Dassing Hardman	7.
8. PGK Testimonial Dinner	9. D'Antuono Happy Hour Cassagnol	10. McKinney	11. Carey, Conway	12. Cavaliere	13. Team #5, Girolami - fish and chips Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore	14.
15.	16. D'Antuono Happy Hour Dassing	17. St. Patrick's Day Social Meeting	18. Horner Memorial Rosary	19. March Madness - Doors open at noon Sullivan	20. Team #6, Langley - artisan grilled cheese w/ tomato soup and fries Diane and Nick C. Langley	21. Beach Party
22. Maddox	23. D'Antuono Happy Hour	24. Culkin and DeVol	25. Hozdic	26. Colburn and Nick C.	27. Team #7, Moore - General Tso's shrimp w/ broccoli and rice Eddie McCaw and Campitelli	28.
29.	30. D'Antuono Happy Hour	31.	April 1.			