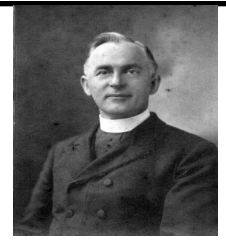




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Chaplain's Reflection God the Son, God with Us

As we reflect on where God is when tragedy strikes, we have seen God as Our Father, the one who watches over us and will not allow even death to contain us. In Jesus, His Son, we see God-with-us, Emmanuel. Jesus is the God who took away the distance between humans and God, took on our flesh and our blood. Jesus became one with us, to show us that God is not afraid to get hurt and not afraid to suffer. In doing so, Jesus shows his inexhaustible love for us.

Perhaps, the sense of God's becoming one with us seems far away and long ago. Yes, the historical life of Jesus did take place 2,000 years ago. However, the resurrected and glorified Jesus, the Jesus who is Lord of history, is not confined by either time or space. When St. Paul experienced his conversion on the way to Damascus, the voice that spoke out of the blinding light said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting **me**?" Notice, Jesus does not say, "Why are you persecuting the people who follow me?" By saying "me" Jesus brings home the point that God never abandons his people.

This is our compassionate God. The word "compassion" comes from two Latin words which together mean "suffer with." Jesus is the one who came to suffer with us. Jesus continues to identify with us and suffer with us. Our pains and tragedies and losses are not at a distance. They are part of our suffering God.

How does this work? Again it is a mystery of love. Quantum physics has demonstrated the interconnectedness of all reality. Theologians speak of God's giving his name to Moses in the burning bush as "I Am." God is the "eternal now." We live our lives with a past, a present and a future. But for God, all of time is present time. So while the crucifixion of Christ is indeed past time and Christ suffers that event no more, Christ continues to identify in the present with our crucifixions and betrayals and pains.

How does this presence look in our world? It looks like us! Whenever tragedy strikes, invariably total strangers turn out to offer sympathy and help. And where is God? Right next to the suffering, in the persons of all those people! We seem so reluctant to accept the fact that we are created "in the image and likeness of God." But when we reach out to each other in love, we reveal the face of God! As Teresa of Avila observed,

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Grand Knight's Station

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

Unprecedented times...

This will be a Holy Week and Easter season for ALL to remember. Social distancing, home quarantine, drive-through confessions and worship, and countless exhortations to wash our hands (we weren't before?). This would have been the time of year where I would have joined 100+ Knights serving 17 Masses at the Basilica. I would have joined over 150 ushers, extraordinary ministers, lecturers, etc., participating in the Masses at our three parishes. The Resurrection of Christ is the World Series and Super Bowl combined in our Catholic faith!

Unprecedented times ... 56 years ago I lost my mother at Easter time to a car accident so this has always been a melancholy time of year for me. And this year, we buried my second mom. Maria Olga Hawkins (*shown here with GK Gus*) the petite lady with a huge heart and fervent devotion to her faith who stepped in and embraced the four of us with her five children. At the graveside service, her eldest daughter Irene (and my sister at heart) smiled and remarked how happy her mom must be heading to heaven during Holy Week. Taking this in, I smiled nodding my head in agreement and suddenly the grief that I was feeling for both of my moms was relieved. It was no longer an overwhelming hurt and I found myself gently smiling.



Unprecedented times ... we are all struggling with our new normal. We are missing and longing, but we are not alone. Let us reach out to a Brother Knight, a Sister Maryknight, a family friend or neighbor with a call or a note and make sure that we are all doing alright. Remind each other that we have His Spirit with us always and that our Blessed Mother (I would always try to sit on her side of the church) is watching over us. That we are not alone. After all, we are ROSENSTEEL STRONG!

Vivat Jesus!

Gus

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Chaplain's Reflection

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God has no hands now but ours, no arms now but ours.

The problem with so much of the mystery of suffering is that we struggle with the mystery of life. We keep looking for God somewhere else. The people who missed God the first time around in human history were looking for God somewhere else. They didn't expect to see God in swaddling clothes as a baby in a manger, as a carpenter or as an itinerant preacher. But, even more than that, they didn't expect a God who would suffer and die on a cross.

This is not said to condemn them because we are no different. We keep looking for God to work some miracle, coming out of the clouds, and we forget that God wants to work a greater miracle of love by coming out of us! The God who stays with us is our reminder and model of how to stay with each other. Love can bring a person back from the depths of depression, back from the graves of our fears, back from despair to hope.

Yes, God is separate from us with powers that transcend us, but God in his Son is present with us, giving us the same power that Jesus had, namely the power to love. Where is God? As close as the closest person who loves you genuinely and unconditionally.

Deacon Alan Jeeves



Remember in your prayers:

Sick:

Trent Burroughs, grandson of Dan and Beth Ward; Isabella, granddaughter of Tom Firestone; Patty Ethridge, sister of Dan Ward; Terry Mannion, PGK Dave Morgan, Bryan Broomall, Tommy Thompson, Josephine Gusman Kalin and the well being of all our clergy.

Deceased:

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*In case of illness or death of a member,
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Forest Glen Building Association, Inc.

Revenue 2020-21 Proposed Budget

Holy Cross Parking Lot Rent	\$33,540
Clubhouse Rent	\$18,000
Council Reimbursement	
- D&O Insurance	\$665
Total Revenue	\$52,205

Expenditures

Comprehensive Insurance - Council, Clubhouse and Building	\$11,000
Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$24,000
Capital Improvement Bank Loan Payments	\$12,000
Real Estate Taxes	\$3,600
Professional Fees	\$400
Total Expenditures	\$51,000
Net Surplus	\$1,205

Capital Improvements Loan

Debt for Capital Projects	\$175,000
Monthly Payment	\$1,000
Interest Rate	2.75%

Capital Projects

New Heating and Cooling Systems	\$65,000
Parking Lot Patch and Expansion	\$100,000
Roof Patch	\$10,000
Total	\$175,000

**Rosensteel Hall 2020-21 Fraternal Year
*Proposed Budget**

	2019-2020	*2020-2021
Income		
Catering Activities		
Catering Members	45,000	22,692
Catering Non-Members	55,000	400
Meetings Member - Sponsored	67,000	74,036
Pool Events - Member Sponsored	10,000	37,300
Receptions - Member Sponsored	5,000	
School Events - Member Sponsored	5,000	
Wakes - Member Sponsored	75,000	105,328
Catering - hall rental, other	8,000	
Linens rental fees	5,000	
Hall rent and setup fees	15,000	
Total Catering Activities	290,000	239,756
Fraternal Activities		
Ad Hoc Income	2,000	848
Council Reimbursements - food	43,750	12,276
Council Reimbursements - rent	12,000	
Kitchen Bingo/Rent		
Kitchen Clubhouse Activities	35,600	28,532
Knights' Room Bar/Snacks/Food	7,250	3,128
Knights' Room Beer Sales	70,000	69,428
Knights' Room Liquor/Wine Sales	26,000	22,152
Total Fraternal Activities	196,000	136,364
Total Income	486,000	376,120
Expense		
Cost of Catering Activities		
Advertising - Internet/Website	2,000	1,204
Credit Card Service Fees	5,000	7,892
Maintenance	3,000	
Payroll	60,000	72,920
Supplies - Food Items	95,000	103,276
Supplies - Linens	2,500	4,560
Supplies - Liquor/Wine/Beer	20,000	13,300
Supplies - Non-Food Items	20,000	8,804
Total Cost of Catering Activities	207,500	211,956
Cost of Fraternal Activities		
Cash over/short	500	3,168
Payroll	12,000	
Supplies - Food Items	23,805	
Supplies - Bar Snacks	2,595	2,200
Supplies - Beer	35,000	61,772
Supplies - Liquor/Wine	13,000	6,976
Total Cost of Fraternal Activities	86,900	74,116
Management & General Expenses		
Accounting Service	9,600	9,000
Administrative Salaries	35,000	34,512
Electric	20,000	22,600
Gas	5,000	3,492
Insurance	5,000	
Janitorial Salaries	26,000	26,956
License/Permits	1,200	2,700

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The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - This Father Rosensteel May Knight of the Month has been a Knight for just over 40 years. He can be found in the kitchen, behind the bar, outside mowing the grass and digging in the garden. He is a regular at both the Friday evening and the Horner Rosary.

He brings enthusiasm and energy to our Council and not only is he a Past Grand Knight, but he has agreed to be our Grand Knight for our 100th Anniversary year! He is either a real standup guy or a glutton for punishment. And did I mention that he has his own adult beverage named after him, courtesy of Brother Geoff?

He has personally been a huge resource for me. Proffering advice and counsel and, along with all the other PGKs and officers, providing valuable support. And in the spirit of full disclosure, he has edited and corrected this Knight's prose and has even done a stint or two as my ghostwriter.

Of course, you know who I am talking about, SK Paul Girolami. So, when you see (or talk to) this Catholic Gentleman with the sparkling smile, congratulate him on being the Father Rosensteel May Knight of the Month.

Family of the Month - The Father Rosensteel Council April Family of the Month has a long history with the Council. You will find them participating at the Council Picnic, Friday night dinners and all the dinners and events. Most recently, almost the entire Family attended the Past Grand Knights' Testimonial Dinner. And they would have made a strong appearance at the Nuns' Appreciation Dinner. They are stalwarts of our Council and to be commended for their participation.

Their collective wisdom, participation and institutional knowledge is priceless. They have been invaluable to me during this Fraternal Year. Yes, of course, I am talking about the Father Rosensteel Council Officers, Trustees and Past Grand Knights. After travelling and visiting other Councils, we are fortunate to have so many involved and generous with their time and wisdom. When you see any Trustee, Past Grand Knight, Officer (including Guards, Recorder and Financial Secretary) or Committee Chair, give them a (virtual) pat on the back and let us express our gratitude for all that they do!

Rosensteel Strong!

Money Motion

A motion to amend the Council bylaws to raise dues to \$75 per year has been discussed and approved by the Trustees of the Council. Should circumstances dictate, it can be discussed and approved at the June 2 Business Meeting.

Rosensteel Hall 2020-21 Fraternal Year *Proposed Budget

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Maintenance	3,000	9,160
Miscellaneous	500	452
Office Supplies	500	2,560
Payroll Taxes/Benefits	11,590	12,396
Training	1,000	
Pest Control	2,400	
Insurance	5,000	
Rent to Building - Hall Rent + Utilities	xxxx	
Telephone/Internet	4,200	4,592
Trash Pickup	11,000	13,756
Water	5,000	248
Total Management & General	145,990	142,424
Total Expense	440,390	428,496
Projected Profit	45,610	-52,376

Fraternal Insurance

What a month this has been! I pray that all of you are safe and well and that you remain so. Let's pray for those who have lost their lives, especially those heroes, those health care workers, who made the ultimate sacrifice to help save others.

Perhaps being with our loved ones for this extended period of time has opened your eyes a bit. I know it has opened mine. What's really important in my life? What are my priorities? What are my opportunities to serve... to love?

As we pray for a return to our normal lives, let's pledge to not let the lessons of these past weeks be forgotten when we return to the hustle and bustle of "normalcy."

Vivat Jesus!



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Proposed Council Budget for Fraternal Year 2020-2021

Proposed Expenditures, 2020-2021

Expenditures	Proposed 2020-2021
Faith	
Building Domestic Church Kiosk	\$ 200
Into the Breach program	\$ 100
Marian Prayer - Our Lady Help of Christians	\$ 200
Refund Support Vocations - RSVP	\$ 2,000
Rosary and Prayer Cards	\$ 1,300
Consecration to the Holy Family	\$ 200
Sacramental Gifts*	\$ 250
Spiritual Reflections - Required	\$ 400
Supreme Recommended	\$ 4,650
Comm. / Memorial Mass(Nov)	\$ 900
Gen. Church Support (SJE, StB, CTK)	\$ 1,500
Nun's Appreciation Night	\$ 3,000
Holy Family Icon or Statue	\$ 400
Council Sponsored	\$ 5,800
Total Faith	\$ 10,450

Community	
Coats for Kids	\$ 400
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 200
Free Throw Championship	\$ 120
Helping Hands - Required food, help, etc.	
Catholic Essay Contest (schools, CCD)	\$ 700
Soccer Challenge	\$ 50
Supreme Recommended	\$ 1,470
Council Member Memorial Mass	\$ 900
University of Maryland Support	\$ 1,500
Tootsie Roll	\$ 1,800
Council Sponsored	\$ 4,200
Community	\$ 5,670

Family	
Food for Families (food baskets)	\$ 7,500
Family of the Month / Year	\$ 200
Keep Christ in Christmas	\$ 200
Consecration to the Holy Family - Required	\$ 200
Family Prayer Night	
Supreme Recommended	\$ 8,100
Council Picnic	\$ 1,800
Children's Christmas Party	\$ 300
Children's Easter Party	\$ 300
Children's Halloween Party	\$ 300
100th Anniversary Day Special	\$ 400
Council Sponsored	\$ 3,100
Family	\$ 11,200

Life	
March for Life	\$ 3,000
Novena for Life - required	\$ 200
Rosary for the Unborn (Oct)	\$ 350
Supreme Recommended	\$ 3,550
Life	\$ 3,550

Council Expenditures	
100th Anniversary Celebration	\$ 12,000
Event Cost - Charity Fundraiser	\$ 3,000
Convention Expenses	\$ 3,740
Council Crab Feast	\$ 4,000
Council-sponsored Functions (2)	\$ 4,000
General Council	\$ 2,000
GK Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000
Installation of Officers	\$ 2,000
Columbus Day Ball (State)	\$ 900
Monthly Council Business Meeting	\$ 2,400
Obits & Wakes	\$ 1,000
PGK Testimonial	\$ 1,650
Promotional items	\$ 2,000
Softball	\$ 1,200
Superbowl Party	\$ 8,000
Father Daughter Dance	\$ 750
McNamara Chapter	\$ 350
Supreme Council dues	\$ 9,100
Volunteer Appreciation Night	\$ 600
Council Expenditures	\$ 59,690

Miscellaneous	2020-2021
Council Web Site	\$ 2,500
Fin. Secretary compensation	\$ 4,500
General Operations	\$ 1,500
Knight Life	\$ 7,000
Membership Growth and Development Prg	\$ 2,000
Postage (dues notices *& car raffle)	\$ 900
Council (Grand Knight) Banner	\$ 200
Maryknights Ball ad	\$ 200
Supreme Convention in DC 2020 ad	\$ 400
Computer, monitor, and printer for Grand Knight	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 20,200

Proposed Total: 115,410

Council Revenue	2020-21
100th Anniversary Celebration	\$12,500
Event(s) - Charity Fundraiser	\$6,750
Convention	\$400
Council Crab Feast	\$5,000
Council-Sponsored Functions/Fundraisers (2)	\$8,000
Installation of Officers	\$2,000
PGK Testimonial	\$2,000
Super Bowl Party	\$13,400
State Council Car Raffle	\$800
Father-Daughter Dance	\$1,100
Proposed Council Revenue Total	\$55,450
Miscellaneous	
FS FICA (Reimbursement from Supreme)	\$100
Needy Family Reimbursement (Supreme)	\$500
New Member Installations	\$400
Supreme Reimbursement - Seminaris	\$400
<i>Knight Life</i> ads	\$600
Degree Fees Reimbursement	
Member Dues	\$45,000
Council Revenue	\$55,450
Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Century Club Fundraiser	\$15,000
Total Projected Revenue	\$117,450

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Dear Maryknights,

It's been a scary and difficult few weeks, no doubt about it! Trying to stay well mentally, physically and spiritually has been a real challenge for most of us. So as May begins let us look to Mary, our spiritual mother, to help us stay connected to Christ.

Staying in touch with each other has led to new ideas, "new" computer skills and "outside the box" thinking! Some of our members braved the quarantine and stepped "outside of the box" to join a drive by birthday parade for MK Sarah Warner (*at left in photo*). Knowing she was confined to home and celebrating her first birthday without her beloved Pat, President Sue Wiant (*seen at right, in center*) and First Lady and MK Ruth Gusman (*far right*) put out the call. We met on the Council lot in our cars and caravanned to Sarah's where we honked horns, held up signs and wished her a great day!

We've been unable to meet in person, but we have found ways to continue our MK mission to serve others. A big thank you goes to Ruth Gusman who started making masks for Council members who needed them. Ruth put together a few volunteers to help with the process, including Jim and Terry Mannion, Sarah Warner, MK Pat McCaw and daughter-in-law Renee, a part of the Holy Cross Home Care & Hospice team. As a result, we supplied masks for her nurses and those they care for at home, a Rosaria home, St. John's House and a Jubilee Association home (member Elaine Carney's home) with masks for their residents and staff members. These 100% cotton, washable masks are available to anyone! If you, or someone you know, need a mask please call Ruth at 410-507-4850 and she will be happy to see that you get one.



The Executive Board has been navigating the unusual circumstances to tend the business of our organization in a safe manner for all. It met by video conference to discuss our activities moving forward, as well as how to disperse our charity fund. Charities supported by us in the past as well as new suggestions were considered. Times being what they are, there was a lot to consider. Most importantly, how to get information to as many members as possible and how to take a vote. Parliamentarian Nancy Koski allowed that desperate times call for unusual methods and so it was agreed to e-mail the members. And thanks to Luanne for the awesome job of communicating with those of us who have e-mail, but we also want to be sure those without e-mail are getting our messages. Please inform us if you know of anyone who does not use e-mail and needs a phone call.

Thanks to all of you for passing the motion to donate \$500 to join The 4Corners Pub's efforts to feed health care providers and first responders in our area. The passing of this motion prompted several of our members to donate personally as well. It is our understanding that each week food will be brought to a different location: Holy Cross, Suburban and MedStar Montgomery hospitals for starters. It was our first online motion and vote.

The next issue tackled was the disbursement of the Charity Fund. Checks to the following organizations will go out shortly: In The Name Of The Mother, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Jubilee Association of MD, Kids In Need Distributors, The Gabriel Project, Mid-County United Ministries, Sacred Heart Home and Father Rosensteel Council.

Our May meeting and the State Convention have been cancelled. Our Charity Ball and Anniversary Party will be on hold until further notice. Regarding election of new officers- watch your e-mail for information when it becomes available. The June meeting is anyone's guess.

Margie and Luanne

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1.	2.
3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
10. Mother's Day	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
24.	25. Memorial Day	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	June 1.					