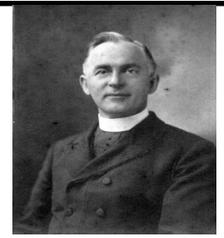




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Chaplain's Reflection The Gift of Eternal Life

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (Jn 3:16)." This is one of the most frequently quoted verses in the Bible. We have heard it so often that it may have lost its impact. But, eternal life is a very big deal, especially for creatures who so often fall short of loving like the God who loves them.

Nowhere in the entire universe does anything have eternal life. Every living creature has a life cycle that begins and ends. Every other element of the created universe has a beginning and an end. All the planets, the stars and galaxies are born and eventually die. Creation itself is constantly in a state of birth, death and renewal.

The first life appeared on earth some 3.5 billion years ago. During that time, the earth has experienced periods of global warming and global cooling, land masses have shifted as tectonic plates have moved. There have been endless seismic events, ice ages and floods. There was even the mass extinction of most living creatures caused by the collision of earth with an asteroid or comet. So, it is indeed remarkable that life in all of its varied forms has managed to endure over the course of 3.5 billion years.

Almost every natural disaster provokes some level of humanitarian crisis. However, these are not "acts of God," as insurance companies may describe them. Rather, they are the byproduct of some type of renewal generated by the processes of creation. Even pandemic viruses, like the coronavirus, are part of that renewal. Yet, creation goes on as every generation begets a succeeding one.

And so we find ourselves born into a created world that St. Paul described as "groaning in labor pains (Rom 8:23)." It is a world ruled by chaotic, unpredictable and unfair events. A world in which the trajectory of our lives is determined primarily by our genes and the circumstances into which we were born. A world that can never be "heaven on

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Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

It's been both a fast and slow 11 months since I was elected Grand Knight. Slow, because of the restrictions we encountered due to the coronavirus and the fact we couldn't hold all the programs planned so far in advance. Fast, in that we did so much in what seems so short of a period of time. I'm proud of how the entire Rosensteel family pulled together to make this year a success.



We're still recruiting members this year. If you know of a Catholic man who isn't a Knight, ask why and invite him to join our Council. Now through June 30, men can join online and enter Promotional Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership.

We are fortunate as a Council to have Brian Graham as our fraternal insurance agent. Brian can answer all your questions regarding insurance, investment, retirement and more. Additionally, the **Knights of Columbus is holding a Fraternal Benefits Seminar on Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m., on "Stress Free Retirement Planning."** A link to the presentation will be sent to all members closer to that date.

Our Nominating Committee (*see page 4 for more information*) is looking for officers to serve the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. All positions are open. Sadly for our Council, Warden Kevin Riley has work commitments that will not allow him to continue through the Chairs at this time. We need nominations for Chancellor and Warden. Please seriously consider running for these positions as well as other Council positions.

As health restrictions begin to ease, consider making a bigger presence in your parish – as a lector, extraordinary minister, religious education teacher, usher, choir member, member of your Parish Council or other ways. Good people are always in need.

If you haven't been to the Council in a while, please stop by and see the amazing work done in the Knights Room by volunteers and through donations only, with no funds provided by the Council. A giant shout-out goes to Abe Jacobs for donating the tent outside the entrances to the Knights and Emerald rooms and to Bill Veith for donating the chairs. It's a great space to enjoy a Friday night dinner at the Council.

Have you considered a legacy gift to Father Rosensteel Council? I've decided I'm going to include a gift to the Council in my will. This is an easy, painless way to support the Council in the future. We

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Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years....if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work? It can happen to us all.

More than 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire; 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security, but an SSDI report says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Remember in your prayers:**Sick:**

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Continued prayers for Fr. Calis and all of our clergy, and for our healthcare providers and all those affected by Covid-19

*In case of illness or death of a member,
 please contact Financial Secretary Kevin Carey.*

Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

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saw how one such gift transformed the Columbian and Maryknights Rooms. Deputy Grand Knight Frank Zarrelli is developing a legacy program and will have more information available soon.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, make a special effort to pray to Mary. Pope Francis will open this Marian month of prayer with a livestreamed Rosary to end coronavirus, with a livestreamed Rosary each day of the month at 6 p.m. Rome time (noon our time, if I converted the time correctly). The initiative involves 30 Marian shrines from around the world. Hopefully, you will be able to participate in one or more of these Rosaries.

It always amazes me how, despite our various backgrounds and talents, we always come together as Knights and members of the Rosensteel family based on the four principle of our Order – charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Let's use these principles as best as we can to spread and reinforce our Catholic faith.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and sunny May.

Paul Girolami

Chaplain's Reflection The Gift of Eternal Life

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earth." A world where we are not "in control" and self-determination is merely an aspirational myth.

Yet, in the midst of all this randomness, this is not a world without hope. God gave Moses the Law on Mt. Sinai so that mankind could be joyful despite the chaos and dysfunction all around him. Through the Incarnation, God injected himself into human history.

As Christ walked the earth, he was aware of every social and economic problem in the world. However, Christ did not come to fix them. Rather, He called on us to be His agents in building the kingdom of God. Even so, sin continues to run rampant all around the world because collectively we remain more focused on our own self-interest than that of our neighbor. Jesus knew that would not change either. But God loves us anyway. Jesus assures us that the Son of Man has come into the world not to judge it, but to bring it hope and the promise of eternal life.

Eternal life is a gift of unfathomable magnitude, especially because it will be in a perfect world. The Book of Revelation (21:3-4) tells us, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away."

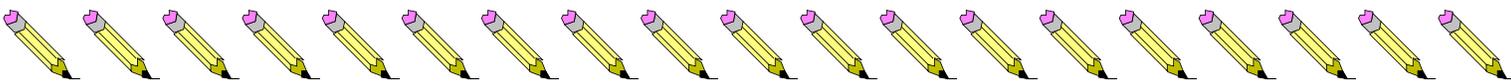
God created the universe 14 billion years ago from the instantaneous bang of a single particle. That single act triggered the long chain of events which has brought us to where we are today. Fourteen billion years is a long time, but eternity is even longer. And Jesus has promised us the gift of eternal life.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Member Dues Update

Notices will be mailed for all members with outstanding dues in the first week of May. This will be the third mailed notice along with multiple e-mail notices. Members can make payment via venmo to @kevin-carey-44546. If you have paid your dues, membership cards will be mailed in the first week of May as well. Thank you for your support.

Members with outstanding dues : 170
 Total outstanding: \$24,755



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Rosensteel News and Notes

Nominations – We Need You

Have you considered running for a Council or committee office? We're currently recruiting men to serve as Council officers as well as for two positions each on our Clubhouse and Building Associations. All Council offices are open, **particularly Chancellor and Warden**. We try to minimize everyone's time commitment but please know the time you give is a personally rewarding way to give to the Council and its membership.

Make a serious effort to run for an office. Speak to any of the Chair officers or members of the Clubhouse and Building Associations to see how you can serve or see Nominations Committee members Frank Zarrelli, Jim Mannion and Brian Graham. Elections will take place at our June 1 Membership meeting. Nominations can be made now through June 1. Don't wait, announce your interest now. We need your help to keep our Council, committees and programs running strong. *(See page 6 for more information.)*

Paul Girolami

Easter Food Baskets

On March 27, Father Rosensteel Council distributed Safeway gift cards of \$25 each to coordinators from Christ the King, St. Catherine Laboure, St. John the Evangelist and St Michael's parishes, along with Maryvale Elementary School, Holy Cross Hospital, St. John's House, and the Gabriel Project. The cards allowed struggling families to buy food for their Easter celebration.

Through the generosity of the Council, Maryknights and several individuals who stepped up with additional personal donations, we purchased more than \$4,000 in gift cards. A huge thank you to all who participated. We continue to receive positive feedback on our program from many of the families who received the cards. If you would like to donate to the Gabriel Project, which currently serves more than 200 families, visit its website and look for the gift registry: www.gpmoco.org. May God bless you and all your families. I wish you well.

Respectfully, Council Chancellor Tim Stocker

Spring Cleanup

Father Rosensteel Council put out a request for cleanup help on April 3 and did you respond! Some 20 Knights, Maryknights and friends showed up to wash windows, scrub bathrooms, vacuum carpets and set up the Columbian Room for a wedding (including putting on chair covers), clean behind the Columbian Room bar and wash the steps leading from the upstairs foyer to the lower level. Outside cleanup included a host of yardwork - pruning bushes, weeding, mulching and edging, splitting wood, raking and clearing leaves and debris from the parking lot and field, and trash removal.

A special thanks goes to everyone who spent hours helping at the Council that day, including Joe Barone, JC Butts, Geoff Conway, Julie Cuff, Dave Donnelly, Bonnie and Mike Donnelly, Ruth Gusman, Spike Holmes, Tom Keepers, Jim and Mary Mannion, Brian McCaw, Morgan Minnick, Kevin Riley, Ed Sloan, Mike Smithhisler, Tim Stocker, Sue Wiant and Joe Walper. I apologize if I missed anyone. Two people also took home and washed chair covers and tablecloths. Good job, Rosensteel family!

Paul Girolami

Little Sisters of the Poor Collection Update

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the April Little Sisters of the Poor collection in April. We had our best collection to date, thanks in part to Jim Polk, who made a special trip to the commissary just to buy items for this drive. Our next collection is Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Council. Most in need by the Sisters are donations of money (checks written to Little Sisters of the Poor), bottled water, cleaning supplies (such as antiseptic wipes, disinfectant sprays, bleach, Soft Scrub all-purpose cleanser and liquid dish soap), food items including canned goods and individually packaged lunch snacks (potato chips, crackers, granola bars), personal care items (including scent-free body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, and socks), office supplies and household items. Let's aim for another stellar collection. **Think how much good we could do if 30 people purchased just \$10 in needed items.** Remember, when there's a need, there's always a Knight (and at Rosensteel, a Maryknight).

Paul Girolami



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Dear Maryknights,

Well, it is May! Goodbye winter, hello pollen! We are almost at the end of the sororal year, one we could never have thought would unfold the way it did. We did some pretty great things under not-so-great circumstances and found some pretty good ways to work around the limitations. But as the year nears an end, we can't let it go without a thought for the future. We still need officers to take us into 2021-2022. And though some have come forward and generously offered to serve, we still lack a president, a vice president and an historian, not to mention a nominating committee! Please have a think on it, you will have lots of support and if the Holy Spirit pops a suggestion into your head, please don't say no.

We are also going to be planning some sort of Charity Ball-like event to support the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) on November 13; it will depend on where we are in the battle against Covid-19, but help will be needed so if you'd like to volunteer, now is the time. And if you have any experience with online auctions, please give a shout out as we will probably be relying on that for generating funds for WCC. Let's just say there are lots of opportunities to let our little lights shine, so don't be shy.

WE NEED YOU!

Many thanks to Jeanne Berman for putting a ton of effort into preparing the recipe submission of our cookbook to the publisher. The status as of now is looking good as all the recipes were delivered to the cookbook company and we are hoping that the book will be published and for sale by Mother's Day.

KUDOS For the March charity collection, Kathy Arvedlund and Sue Wiant coordinated donations for The Gabriel Project. The results were spectacular! The Maryknights and friends came through again as 2,817 individual items were received, including diapers, baby wipes, maternity and baby clothes and other baby care items. Also collected was \$410 cash and a \$50 Kohls gift card. We received a heartfelt thank you note from the folks at the Gabriel Project and no doubt you have seen the pictures of Kathy with all the donations on Facebook! In lieu of an April collection, Maryknights were asked to provide bake sale items for Friday Night dinners to help build our Charity Fund back up. Thanks to everyone who provided baked goods and to those who manned the sales tables.

Our May collection will be for cleaning supplies for A Wider Circle. Kathy Arvedlund is coordinating and plans to have two collections on Saturday mornings in May at the Council; we will also have a Friday evening collection at the Council. A flyer listing all the needed items and drop off dates will be provided shortly, but we know that the list includes more than just cleaning items.

Don't forget the next Executive Board ZOOM call will be Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. The Maryknights general meeting will be Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m.; watch for the ZOOM details from Margie Cuff and Luanne Flanigan.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION - I received this prayer inside a mailing from the Maryknoll Lay Missioners during Lent. I liked its simple directness so I saved it to share with you because for the last year or so we have been discovering how hard it sometimes seems to be able to care for each other. It was written by Sheila Cassidy and is included in *A Maryknoll Book of Prayer*, Orbis Books, 2003.

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Comforter of widows, Washer of feet, show us how to care for each other. Teach us to love as you did: Unconditionally, unilaterally, without fear or favor, pride or prejudice. Give us open hearts and wise minds and hands that are worthy to serve in your name.”

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Maryknight Moms,

Peggy Seleski

The Best of Rosensteel

Family of the Month - You see them at the Council every Friday night when you pick up your dinners. They work hard to make your evening a bit easier. There's usually is no break in service. They're in the kitchen rain or shine. A tasty, enjoyable dinner – some of which are very creative – is waiting for you. This family's service dates back many years. Our family of the month for May is our kitchen crews and servers. They, along with our Friday night Rosary crew, make our Council the place to be every Friday night. Have you considered forming or joining a crew? Help is always needed. See one of the crews or coordinator Terrence Moore for more information.

Knight of the Month - If it were allowed, I'd have everyone be Knight of the Month because of the work you've done, continue to do and will do to support our Council and programs. I'd even recognize Geoff Conway who prefers to work behind the scenes but is a true hero to our Council and has supported me even before this Council year began. Our Knight of the Month for May always brings a smile to everyone, is a hard worker and a tireless advocate for our Council. He's a cigar-smoking dance machine, a Past Grand Knight, current Trustee and dedicated parishioner. There's no one else like him. Please give a shout to Bruce Cotting the next time you see him. He truly is a Knight of Columbus.

Nominations for Elections For Council Fraternal Year 2021-2022

The Nominations Committee has received the following nominations for Council officers for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. Nominations will continue to be accepted through Tuesday, June 1, when elections for offices will be held at our June Membership Meeting.

Council Officers

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Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Stocker
Chancellor: VACANT
Warden: VACANT
Treasurer: Ed Jordan
Advocate: George Carter, PGK, PFN
Outside Guards: Terrance Brady and Rick Colburn
Inside Guard: Mark Borkoski
Trustee 1-Year: Jim Mannion, PGK
Trustee 2-Year: Gus Gusman, PGK
Trustee 3-Year: Paul Girolami, GK, PGK

Clubhouse Association: Two 3-year positions are open. Nominated are Nick Carrescia and Bill Veith

Building Association: One 3-year term and one 1-year term are open.

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Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker, behavioral finance expert and brother Knight, Joe Jordan.

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1 - Membership Meeting and Elections
15 - Officers Meeting, Next Year's Planning
20 - Father's Day, First Day of Summer

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2.	3.	4. Council Membership Meeting - 7 p.m.	5. Maryknights Executive Board meeting - 7 p.m.	6.	7.	8.
9. Mother's Day	10. Maryknights monthly meeting - 7 p.m.	11.	12. Retirement Planning Seminar - 7 p.m. (More information on page 6)	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18. Council Officers Meeting- 7 p.m.	19.	20.	21.	22.
23.	24.	25. Clubhouse and Building Association Meetings - beginning at 6 p.m.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30.	31. Memorial Day	June 1.				