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Chaplain's Reflection The Evil of Gossip

Dear Brother Knights,

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does **no** evil to the neighbor" (13:10). And one of the greatest evils we can inflict on our neighbor is gossip, the act of revealing things about people that others should not hear even if they are true.

How many times has a piece of gossip about another person unfairly cast aspersions about his or her reputation? And how many times have you discovered after you met that person that the gossip was largely or even completely untrue? When we allow gossip to mold our opinion of someone else, we deny that person the opportunity to make a good first impression, all because of the bad name he or she had been given by someone else.

Gossiping is a sin of "detraction" because it takes away from a person's good reputation and takes the shine off his or her good name. Everyone has a right to a good reputation and to start with a clean slate. It is never an act of love to reveal things about someone else that others shouldn't hear, even if they are true. To do that is to violate a person's privacy, hurt relationships with others and maybe even put that person in danger in some way.

Jesus commands us, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone" (Mt 15:18). So we are not to go around telling everyone else how this person hurt us. Jesus knows that's tempting, because it can feel **so** good to get other people on "our side" of a conflict. Not only can we receive sympathy, but it's a way for us to "get back" at that person by making him or her look bad in the eyes of others.

However, gossiping never fosters greater love and understanding. Yet ironically it is frequently our weapon of choice against those who should be closest to us such as spouses, other family members or even in-laws. Regardless of whether there may be truth to what we say, saying it doesn't improve the situation, resolve the problem or help a relationship heal or grow.

What we do accomplish with gossip is to make someone we love look bad in the eyes of others. Even worse, gossip has the potential to cause significant harm that can be almost impossible to repair. Despite any forgiveness, the damage is done, what was said cannot be taken back and relationships

Grand Knight's Station

Last month I referred to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's column entitled **Going to the Peripheries** in the August edition of *Columbia* magazine; specifically this "...the most difficult challenge ...may not be in reaching out to peripheries around the world; the most difficult challenge may be in reaching out to



our own neighbor. Those closest to us are precisely the ones who discern most clearly the authenticity of our witness. This is why the work of our local councils in parishes and communities...is so important."

Continuing the theme of reaching out to those closest to us, we had membership drives at St. Bernadette's and at St. John the Evangelist. The priests and parishioners were very welcoming and we had many conversations with potential candidates, Knights and their spouses as well. It was reassuring to hear that although we may not see the parishioners, they see us by our works and in our participation in the parishes. Our work does not go unnoticed, and we will continue to raise awareness and seek to positively impact men and their families by increasing our membership.

Another October highlight was the Candlelight Rosary and Benediction in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Memorial to the Unborn. We had a gorgeous evening, a terrific turnout and a beautiful celebration led by Chaplain Fr. Calis. Truly a heartwarming experience, followed by a communal meal in Rosensteel Hall.

On Tuesday, November 21, we'll hold another special evening ceremony. All are invited to join us for the Council's Memorial Mass, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Historic Church and followed with a communal meal. Please join us in remembering the departed souls from our Rosensteel family.

Fr. McGivney's first pillar of Charity will be on display again on Saturday morning, November 11, as PGK Frank Cavaliere facilitates another Cup o' Joe event. We'll be in the Emerald Room putting together meals for home-less shelters tended to by Catholic Charities. Having participated in several of these events, I can tell you it's an invigorating way to give back to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our very own Maryknights take over the building Saturday the 11th as they host their Charity Ball and Silent Auction to benefit The Gabriel Project. While this event is a wonderful date night, it's an even better example of charity in action. I can't guarantee that any tickets will be available by the time you read this, but I can guarantee that all who do attend will leave with huge smiles on their faces and warmth in their hearts.

But wait - there's more! There's the Breakfast Buffet on Sunday the 5th, and the Business Meeting on the 7th. PGK George Carter has arranged for the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly to participate in a wreath laying ceremony on November 15th at 1:15 p.m. You don't have to be a Fourth Degree Knight; all are welcome to go and honor those represented at the Tomb of

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AT ONE TIME IN YOUR LIFE YOU MAY HAVE WANTED ONE FOR BREAKFAST



Remember in your prayers:



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Sick: Red Smith Joe Damiano Rick Arone Helen Borkoski, mother of Mark Borkoski Joe Caron Joe Brannan

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Chaplain's Report

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may never be the same.

Gossip can also inflict great damage outside of our primary relationships, such as in the workplace, other social communities and, sadly, even Church communities. We've all experienced it and it is hard to resist, sometimes because it sounds so juicy and sometimes because we don't want to be left out of the crowd and miss what's being said. But this type of gossip poisons morale, leads to divisions and cliques, and can ruin reputations and careers.

Gossiping is also a bad reflection on us. As pointed out in Proverbs (20:19), "A gossip reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a babbler." Or, as expressed in modern conventional wisdom, "the one who gossips with you, will gossip about you."

On our own, we probably can't hope to stop gossip. But we can make a choice not to contribute to it. As Jesus said, "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles that person; but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one (Mt 15:11)." It may be that someone may have hurt us, but that doesn't mean that everyone and their brother needs to know about it. Because according to Jesus, we should treat the person we're talking about as our brother. And Jesus wants us to "win them over." Not put them down.

Deputy's Dialogue

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ONE WITHOUT A HOME AND NOWHERE TO REST HIS HEAD

To protect one's family (a Knight of Columbus virtue) and community is part of human nature. We are asked as Knights to be hospitable to guests and strangers, and provide protection to the displaced and homeless. We do this in the events, activities and programs we plan and execute at Rosensteel. The Catholic Church is straightforward and unchanging in support of migrants and refuges, but at the same time upholds the right of countries to protect borders. We are taught to work past our fears and help the poor and the stranger.

Scripture teaches us to love the foreigner, especially in Genesis where Abraham is asked to give up his home and move to a new land. Jacob and the Israelites go to Egypt to escape a famine. Then in Exodus He tells of the Tribe of Israel's fleeing of Egypt in search of the Promised Land. Leviticus tells of the people having to love the foreigner in the midst. The Nativity story tells of the Holy Family becoming refugees to avoid Herod's slaughter of the innocents as they fled to Egypt. Jesus became one without a home and nowhere to rest his head.

One of the greatest movements of peoples has taken place over the last 200 years. We took in millions of immigrants fleeing political persecution, famine and lack of a livelihood. Mainly European, they arrived to find resistance about their religion and political forces working on those fears. Again after World War II, more arrived from Europe and Southeast Asia. The latest immigrants come from the Middle East and our southern borders.

All during this great migration the Church's mission was to help the refugee, especially their rights. During his visit, Pope Francis stated that as we are the people of this continent we are not fearful of foreigners and the reason is we all were once foreigners. The Pope reminded us that he was the son of immigrants to Argentina.

As Knights of Columbus we do this in the events, activities and programs we plan and execute. We can pray for an end to the reasons why peoples have to flee their countries. Meet with newcomers within our parishes and Councils, listen to them and share our families' own migration stories. Keep helping the shelters we support through our activities and our parish programs. Use our gift of treasure to help Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief services and local migration and refugee services.

You may read more about this at www.catholicnews.com

Jim Mannion

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Council Calendar

NOVEMBER

5 Breakfast

7 Business Meeting

11 Maryknights Charity Ball

- 18 Needy Food Baskets
- 21 Council Memorial Mass (in place of Social Meeting)
- 22 Potluck Smoker
- TBD Coats for Kids Drive

*Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at Friday Evening Dinners

DECEMBER

- 3 Breakfast
- 5 Business Meeting
- 17 Children's Christmas Party
- 19 Social Meeting and First Degree
- 23 Needy Food Baskets

Grand Knight's Station

the Unknown Soldier.

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Then Tim Sullivan and company assemble their Food Baskets for the Needy on the 18th. There's a Potluck Smoker on the 22nd (check with Joe Marks for details, rumor has it he'll make room for more participants). There's the month long "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest and we're looking for lots of contestants from our Rosensteel kids and from our parish schools as well. Keep an eye out for details on our Coats for Kids Campaign as well!

In closing, our Fr. Rosensteel family is hard at work exemplifying Charity, which means we have much to be thankful for. Keep Christ in your hearts and an Attitude of Gratitude for the many blessings he bestows upon us.

Vivat Jesus, Bruce

Fraternal Insurance

Worthy Brother Knights,

Just a note to let our members know that the Knights of Columbus are at the forefront of disaster relief in the Caribbean Islands and the Southeastern United States. We have raised almost \$3 million and countless hours of volunteer time have been spent on this effort. Numerous Council homes have been opened for people to stay until their homes are inhabitable again. For those of you who contributed, many thanks.



The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - While there are consistently a long list of worthy candidates-in-the-making for Knight of the Month recognition, there are a few that fly beneath the radar. As I mentioned last month, I've come to understand a little-known secret: the Knight of The Month isn't necessarily the one you see at all the functions. Many of you might not even know this Knight's role within the Council. He's someone that willingly accepted a huge challenge and a huge role within the Council. He works long days into the night on many occasions, giving far more of his time as he toils unseen. He pours over reports, invoices, checkbooks and scribbled notes, all in an effort to keep Clubhouse books as accurate and thoroughly detailed as possible. What may seem to be a straightforward task is quite the opposite, yet this gentleman never complains, and always delivers as promised. Please congratulate Ed Jordan as our November Knight of the Month. Thank you for all you do, Ed!

Family of the Month - The selection for Family of the Month continues the theme of unselfish contribution of time and energy that often goes unseen, yet much appreciated. This family was on a health-related sabbatical for a significant portion of the year. It took months and months of doctor appointments, inpatient and outpatient visits before this family got a green light to return to action, and did they ever! I'll always remember the phone call I received from Dan Ward saying that his doctor had given him permission to return to a normal activity level and I could just hear the excitement in Dan's voice as he offered to pitch in again. Within a week of joining FS Mike Koon as membership director, he had scheduled two membership drives. With the strong support of his wife, Beth, he orchestrated the resurrection of the Candlelight Rosary and Benediction on the 20th Anniversary of the Memorial for the Unborn. And folks, Dan and Beth are just getting warmed up! Please congratulate our Family of the Month, Dan & Beth Ward!

Clubhouse Association

Brothers All,

The Clubhouse continues to struggle to meet its fiscal responsibilities. Recently, a Brother Knight supplied me with a letter published in the *Knight Life* from a previous Clubhouse president that detailed the same issues we face today. It's a shame that the same problems exist. However, we know have (due to the hard work of Frank Z. and the Building Association) a beautiful Columbian Room and bar that is beginning to bring in new interest. Bottom line, the Clubhouse continues to need the support of the members to assist in promoting the rental of the Columbian, Emerald and Maryknights rooms.

Thanks,

Bill Zimmerman The Clubhouse Association

Rosensteel Council Annual Soccer Shootout

On October 16, the Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Council held its annual Soccer Shootout. An enthusiastic group of 9– to 14-year-olds came out for the challenge. There were six winners: 9 Boys, Michael Lopez; 12 Girls, Nora Torp; 13 Girls, Lilly Comello and Molly Gilgunn; 13 Boys, Clay James and 14 Boys Josh Meseela. In all, we had close to 30 kids participate. Thanks to Wayne Miller, Bob Wigmore, Tom Gilgunn, Carolyn Yong, Brian Pullin and Mike Burgess for their help. *Save the date for the Council Free Throw contest for boys and girls 9 - 14 in January 2018. Date and location to be announced.

Kevin Carey, Youth Director



Pictured from left to right are Kevin Carey, Francis Burgess, Josh Meseela, Femi Tanimowo and Wayne Miller.

Candlelight Rosary and Benediction

Tuesday, October 23, was a warm clear evening, a gift from God as our Council gathered for the 20th Anniversary of the Memorial for the Unborn. Attendees gathered in the parking lot and then, led by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly 386 Color Corps,

proceeded across the street along a candlelit path into the cemetery. The luminaries led to the Memorial for the Unborn, immediately in front of the Historic Chapel. Fr. Calis led the crowd in a Rosary and then led everyone along another candlelit path to the Historic Church where a beautiful Benediction ceremony was offered. After the Benediction, everyone returned to Rosensteel Hall for a communal meal. It was a wonderful testament to the enduring dedication of the Fr. Rosensteel Council's enduring commitment to the Culture of Life.

The Council thanks all of those who participated along with those who coordinated the event, including PGK Dan Ward, Father Calis and many others.



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What do you know about Father Charles Rosensteel? The name of our Council and the street is named after him. What was life like for our Council 100 years ago?

The original St. John's Church was established by Fr. John Carroll who moved into Montgomery County with his mother, Eleanor, from Upper Marlboro and started the first St. John's Church in 1774. That church is gone, but a replica has been built and you are invited to see this small white frame church in the cemetery across from our Council. If you wish you may visit Eleanor's grave just a few feet from this church. The second St. John's Church built in 1873 is the brown stone church on the corner. Fr. Charles Rosensteel's Memorial and grave are near the rectory of this church.

Fr. Rosensteel was the resident pastor from 1889 to 1940. A large church festival was held every summer to raise money for the parish. It was the largest social event of the season in Silver Spring. Booths were set up with vendors selling fancy unique goods, cakes, candles, pies, baked goods and various crafts. Many games were established for children and adults alike. A merry-go-round was popular with everyone. But the event that drew the most interest was a jousting tournament (jousting is the official sport of Maryland).

Many of the men brought their horses and jousting lances for the event. A small brass ring was suspended on a line tied to trees and stretched across the street. Each Knight brought his horse to a full gallop and lowered his lance, running at full speed trying to capture the brass ring. The Knight who managed to spear and catch the ring was declared the winner. And the official duty of this Knight as the winner of the jousting tournament was to "crown" the lady of his choice as "the Queen of Love and Beauty" at the evening dance in the parish hall.

A large dinner was cooked and served on tables set up under the large tall trees just north of our present Council building. The festivities with the dinner, music and dancing lasted long into the night. I think you can easily imagine the popularity among the people of the Forest Glen area 100 years ago for Fr. Rosensteel's annual festival.

It's time to plan on attending our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 19. You must obtain tickets early from Nancy or Ray. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door. The plans are being made for an exceptional luncheon with many prizes being given to the winners of raffles. You are invited to bring guests to the luncheon.

Tom Leonard

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As the *Knight Life* goes to press, the Maryknights are busy and hard at work pulling together the 2017 Maryknight Ball. Sue Wiant has worked tirelessly to make this year's ball wonderful and I look forward to an amazing evening. We will be raising money for the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County, an organization that has helped women and their families for over 20 years. Some of you have been volunteers with this organization and know first hand how this has helped those women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. It is exciting to be a part of supporting their mission. Work has been underway for this event for months and we still need help right up until the event is over. Please consider giving your time to this worthy cause.

Our next Maryknight meeting will be held on Monday, November 13. Please make an effort to attend the meeting.

November is All Souls month. It is the month in which the Church reminds us to pray for our family members and Maryknights who have died.

Beth Torp

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Council 2017 Picnic a Huge Success

A belated but heartfelt thank you to the many Knights, Maryknights and Mary's Widows who helped make this year's Council picnic a tremendous success. When you have Rick Horner and Geoff Conway leading a committee that includes Grand Knight Bruce Cotting and Stan McLeod, you know it's going to be a great event.

The weather cooperated and more than 200 Knights, ladies and children attended this year. The Council raised \$196 through its share of a 50/50 raffle and the event was held well under budget. It was truly inspiring to see so many Knights, Maryknights and families reciting a decade of the Rosary to start the picnic - an event we'll continue at future picnics.



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- 19 Social Meeting and First Degree
- 23 Needy Food Baskets

*January 14 Culture of Life Kickoff Rally

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Biogo	2. Bromley, Dolly- more & Mullaney	3. Team 1 - Calcutt/ Sullivan, spiced shrimp, fries and slaw Pistol Pete, Hardman	4.
5. First Sunday Break- fast Ponce	D'Antuono, McNamara		8. Biogo Kreitzberg	9. Cassagnol	10. Team 2 - McLeod, baked chicken with roast- ed potatoes Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore, McKinney	11. Conway, Carey
12.	13. D'Antuono, McNamara	14.	15. Biogo Cavaliere	16. Dassing	17. Team 3 - Neff, fried shrimp, fries and slaw Lynch and Lyon	18. Horner Memorial Rosary
19.	20. D'Antuono Moore & Langley	21. Memorial Mass (in place of Social Meeting) Thompson	22. Biogo Smoker Maddox	23. Thanksgiving Mannion	24 Team 4 - Marks, BBQ pork Eddie McCaw	25.
26.	27. D'Antuono, McNamara	28. Retirees Luncheon Culkin, DeVol	29. Biogo	30.	December 1.	