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## Chaplain's Reflection Love Your Neighbor

In the Gospel of Matthew (22:34-40), Jesus calls on us to love God with all of our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is the foundation from which Jesus works, the entire law and the prophets. So as a disciple of Jesus, that should be our foundation as well.

So let's think about how we love God. Jesus is asking us to love God with our whole being, but he takes it a step further. And it is this commandment to love your neighbor as yourself that is the challenge that we always struggle with. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Think about the people in our circles that are very difficult. Sometimes, it is in working with them, in our reactions to them or our relationships with them. And especially regarding the people who are most difficult, we tend to want to wish them away.

We may think that our life would be so wonderful if so and so wasn't a part of it. That coworker, if he or she were gone, my job would be so much easier. That family member we think could be doing more to help himself or herself. But instead of wishing these people away, Jesus invites us to connect with these people. That's what loving one another means. It is to respect, to honor and to recognize the goodness of others.

Often, what we may dislike in another person is what we may dislike in ourselves. Maybe we find that a person can be a bit stubborn. Well, we can be stubborn, or maybe strong about a particular theme, item or whatever it may be.

So, sometimes what happens is that we meet ourselves. It's like looking at another person and seeing our own image in the mirror. And sometimes we dislike what we see and sometimes we dislike what may be in us. And that is where we need to start to heal, to look at, to change and to really bring forgiveness and also some reconciliation. In all of His parables, Jesus challenges to really look at the other. We can't neglect people.

What is especially helpful is to pray for those with whom we may have a difficult time. Bring them to prayer. Ask the question, is there something in them that actually is in us, that we may dislike. Something that we see because we may dislike something that's

## Grand Knight's Station "Faith and Family Foremost"

We've entered our fifth month of the Council year and I still haven't seen most of you in person. We're missing spending time together at Council events because most have been



postponed, cancelled or scaled back. We still can't get back to normal with our many family activities at the Council, watching football or baseball games, shaking hands at Mass or doing charitable works. We continue to do good works for those in need but must come up with creative ways to keep our traditional programs running smoothly. It's not the year we thought we would have but we're going to make it better and stronger because of the challenges we face throughout the remainder of this fraternal year. I like to think our work is not done, it's just starting.

November is the month of remembrance, when the Church remembers the many men, women and children who have died over the past year. On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day. On November 2 we pray for the souls in Purgatory, that they attain the grace of heaven. We are invited this month to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. One way we do this is at our annual Memorial Mass, at which we remember those Knights who have passed in the previous 12 months. This year's Memorial Mass will be on Sunday, November 8, at noon at St. John the Evangelist Church on Georgia Avenue.

Other ways to remember those who have passed are to pray a Rosary for the dead and to visit a cemetery and say prayers for a loved one or even for a stranger. Years ago, my children and I ended our prayers by asking for grace for those who have died and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please remember to honor our veterans this month and thank them for the sacrifices they made to preserve our freedoms.

We've scaled back on our Thanksgiving and Christmas food programs this year due to the pandemic, but under the coordination of Chancellor Tim Stocker, the programs run smoothly. Thank you, Tim.

We continue to meet virtually for our monthly membership

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actually in us that needs to change. Can we change some of our attitude?

Doing this can open the door and allow us to get to know some wonderful people along the way. We will be graced and blessed because other people can reach us in many different ways, even challenge our very thinking. There are some wonderful people with gifts and talents that make them so unique that we need those individuals in our life because they also bring out a part of us.

Remember that. Think about your best friends. Think about the people that you love. They bring out something wonderful in us and that's what we should focus on. So when Jesus says to love our neighbor as ourselves, it's really an invitation to recognize and to work with them.

So don't wish people away. That's impossible. Whenever we wish someone away, someone else is going to come in their place because God is the one who invites those individuals into our lives so that we are challenged to change. We need those voices. We need voices that call us to change, to really look at ourselves.

So the invitation of Jesus to love God and neighbor is the foundation of his entire message. Jesus invites us to allow ourselves to be motivated by those around us that need our love, because if we love them then we truly love God.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Financial Secretary's Report



Sick: Tony Durso Tom Devlin

Deceased

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.

Remember in your prayers:

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meeting. I expect it will be this way for several months. Members, please join us for these meetings. We're trying to keep them to no more than an hour. Your voice needs to be heard.

Mark your calendars: We still hope to hold our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on February 20, 2021 at the Council. This special ceremony and dinner will celebrate everyone in the Rosensteel family – past and present – and those we have been privileged to serve and aid. Look for more information in next month's *Knight Life*. Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary date is December 15, 2020.

If you didn't see any of the beatification Masses for Fr. McGivney the week of October 25-31, see if you can find one on EWTN or another channel. All the Masses were beautiful and portrayed the dedication and pastoral service of the founder of the Knights of Columbus we now call Blessed Fr. McGivney.

We are always recruiting new members. If you know of a Catholic gentleman who might be interested in our programs and the Knights of Columbus, tell a Council officer and we'll reach out and invite him to one of our many activities. Joining online is easy, and the half-hour degree can be taken with family present. Our Council has been fortunate this year to bring in several new members through online enrollment.

Keep smiling and praying, and we'll be together soon.

Brother Knights,

There are 152 Knights with dues outstanding. It could be that you have forgotten to pay your dues or meant to pay and it slipped your mind. A Knight Alert for dues collection for the calendar year ending 2020 was sent; please consider bringing your dues current.

# Members are reminded that they may not participate in any Council meetings if your dues are not current.

If you are having trouble making your dues payment, please contact PGK Gus Gusman at <u>guskoc2169@gmail.com</u> or Financial Secretary Kevin Carey at <u>kdcarey@loyola.edu</u>.

The members below all had their mail returned, so if anyone has information on their new address it would be greatly appreciated.

- Stepan Rebmann
- Harry Wachter
- Chris Wines
- Allan Baird
- John Derry
- Roy Kwan
- Brian Labay
- Vince Stofa
- Joseph Wallace

## Box of Joy Thank You to Our Maryknights

A special thank you goes to our Maryknights for their outstanding donations to the Box of Joy program, which involved them buying a shoebox full of ageappropriate items for boys or girls between the ages of 1 to 14 years.

The boxes are a project of Cross Catholic Outreach and promoted by the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, to provide a Christmas gift to a needy child in a developing country who otherwise may not be receiving a Christmas gift. The Maryknights originally set out to fill 25 boxes; to date, more than 40 have been prepared. Another outstanding effort, Maryknights. You continue to amaze us with your gen-

erosity.

Paul Girolami

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## THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that assists lowincome pregnant women and their children. During the pandemic and economic crisis, the need for the Gabriel Project's services has grown tremendously while typical sources of support are greatly reduced.

Please support the Gabriel Project. You can help provide critically needed material resources by purchasing essential items like baby gear, diapers and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage/ ref=smi\_se\_cl\_rd\_ge?orig=%2Fhz%2Fcharitylist%2Fls% 2F384MSEZYW4WVQ%2Fref%3Dsmi\_ext\_Ink\_lcl\_cl% 3FpldnSite%3D1

For more information, please visit the website at www.gpmoco.org.

### The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - He's a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus. Think all-around nice guy and it's him. Among his many accomplishments: Council volunteer, Friday night Family dinner regular, former music man at Council degrees, charity fund accountant, and Table 21 lifetime member. Our November Knight of the Month is Bob Brown. Thank you, Bob, and keep working on behalf of our Council.

**Family of the Month -** You see them nearly every Friday night at our family dinners at the Council. Both bartend from time to time. Both were on a kitchen crew. She sells Super Bowl squares, he help with food and both organize. He's been a member since the early 1980s. Their son is a member of our Council. Our superstar Family of the Month for November is Jane and Stan McLeod. Congratulations, Stan and Jane.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, at 6 p.m. SHEPHERD'S TABLE COLLECTION

Drop off your donation when you come to pick up dinner!

In addition to toiletries, items most needed are napkins; brown bags, plates with three compartments, Ziplock sandwich bags, coffee, powdered creamer, sugar, sugar substitutes, salad dressings; vinegar (any type, but prefer rice or cider), ponchos and umbrellas.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Calling all children ages 5 to 14 years (parents and grandparents, take note)! The Council will be collecting original artwork centered around the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas for state and national judging. This is a fun and easy way to get families and children involved in their faith. By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of or our young children, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups: ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10 and 11 through 14. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person and not a group. Original artwork must be 11" x 17" in size and must be original hand-done artwork – no electronic or computerized artwork will be accepted.

We'd like all artwork submitted to the Council by December 20 for judging.

## Annual Car Raffle

Get your tickets NOW. **60 cents of every dollar collect**ed goes to OUR Council! So BUY them a plenty and BUY them often. \$1 per ticket.

When you pick up your Friday Family Night Dinner, ask for 10 or more tickets. Take them home, fill them out and return them the next Friday Night Dinner with a check or cash.

You may also mail a check for any amount and the Council will fill out the tickets for you. Please give use your name, address and phone number for the ticket stub. Make the check payable to Father Rosensteel Council and mark Car Raffle on the note line.

Send money and info to:

#### ATTN: Grand Knight Paul Girolami Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council #2169 9707 Rosensteel Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

#### \*Please include the following with your check

Name	
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The drawing will be held at the State Founders Day din-ner being held at our own Rosensteel Hall in March 2021.

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# Father Rosensteel Council Face Masks

It looks as if we'll still need to wear face masks for some time to come, so we've created a Father Rosensteel Council face mask for sale. We have a limited supply of breathable soft masks that show the Knights of Columbus logo, the Council name and location, and the phrase "Celebrating 100 Years." Masks are blue with the color logo and gold writing. Each is only \$10. You can tighten the mask to fit your face and cover your chin.

Order your masks one of three ways: pick one up at our Friday night dinners; email your name, contact information and number of masks requested to <u>KOC.Rosensteel@gmail.com</u> or by calling GK Paul Girolami at 301-388 -2227. Show your Council pride by wearing one of these fine masks.



# Let Me Think About It

Many times people will delay the purchase of needed life insurance because they assume there is no rush. A recent study of claims paid on Knights of Columbus life policies reveals that in 2018 there were a number of claims paid on plans that were in force less than 12 months\*. The leading causes of death were cardiovascular disease and motor vehicle accidents. The claims paid were from seven states and three provinces of Canada.

#### Less Than Twelve Months

Time In	Force				
Months	Days	Cause of Death	Age	Occupation	<b>Amount Paid</b>
0	1	Motor Vehicle Accident	25	Hotel Management	\$15,000.00
0	11	Blood Disease	61	Restaurant Owner	\$23,203.00
1	8	Musculoskeletal Diseases	30	Disabled	\$25,000.00
1	21	Diseases of the Digestive System	46	Taxi Driver	\$33,338.00
1	29	Motor Vehicle Accident	57	Unknown	\$5,000.00
2	21	Natural or Unknown Causes	0	Infant	\$10,000.00
4	22	Cancer	66	<b>Electrical Consultant</b>	\$10,000.00
4	23	Cancer	79	Retired	\$50,267.18
4	23	Motor Vehicle Accident	17	Student	\$10,000.00
5	24	Cardiovascular Disease	72	Retired	\$10,000.00
6	22	Cardiovascular Disease	0	Infant	\$5,000.00
7	1	Cardiovascular Disease	49	Insurance Agent	\$200,000.00
8	10	Unknown	0	Infant	\$100,000.00
8	15	Cardiovascular Disease	63	Retired	\$100,000.00

\* Death proceeds payable from the Order's Fraternal Benefits are excluded.

On the 14 claims processed, a total of \$596,808.18 benefits were paid out.



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## Dear Maryknights,



Happy Thanksgiving early! As we begin this November only time will tell if our community is finally succeeding in our efforts to leave the COVID-19 pandemic behind. Still, as hard as the last few months have been, there is always something for which to be thankful. More on that later.

At our general meeting on October 12, President Margie Cuff outlined a new way to support our charities during the pandemic: a monthly drop off similar to the drop off we did for dues. Each month we will feature a specific charity and provide suggested items to donate. Maryknights sponsors for each month's charity will provide information ahead of the collection and will be at the Council to collect your donations. Our first collection was in October for a Christmas shoebox collection for *Box of Joy*, which provides gifts and supplies to kids all over the world through Cross Catholic. Many thanks to Carol Walper for coordinating that successful event.

Our November charity will be local – Shepherd's Table, which provides meals, resources, clothing and an eye clinic for the most vulnerable experiencing food insecurity, homelessness and poverty which is growing as the pandemic continues to put our neighbors out of work and at risk right here in our community. Helen Vallone will be coordinating the collection that will take place November 20 at the Council starting at 6 p.m. After discussion with the folks at Shepherd's Table of their needs right now, Helen is requesting that we focus on providing paper products such as plates, cups, silverware, napkins, paper towels even soap suds! Toiletries and canned goods will also be welcome, but the paper products are a critical need.

Finally, a change will be happening with the Executive Board meetings. The Executive Board meetings are moving to Wednesdays, starting November 4 at 7 p.m. Please note that the general meeting is still the second Monday of the month, so see you on November 9 at 7 p.m. for the ZOOM call!

In his *Little Burgundy Book* highlighting the Gospel of John, the late Bishop Ken Untener tells us about Sister Anna Mae Nadeau who loved teaching first graders. He describes her as perfect for the job: small, always smiling, kindness in her eyes. She lived her adult life as a teacher and in other ministries in her community, always with a smile. In her 80's she entered the infirmary at her motherhouse. When she died at age 93, they found in her journal something very special. At the end of each and every day she wrote down one joy she experienced that day. *Every* day – good day or bad day – she found one joyful thing to celebrate. What a great way to end a day, acknowledging that gift of joy from God! No wonder she was always smiling!

Since we celebrate Thanksgiving this month in a way in which we are probably not accustomed, in a year that has been so difficult for so many, why not try borrowing a page out of Sister Anna Mae's book? This November, try and share with the Lord one thing you are *thankful* for each day. Do it with just yourself or do it as a family. See what effect it can have on your day, your week, your month and, of course. your holiday!

Praying that everyone has a safe and *thank-filled* November,

Peggy Seleski

## **ATTENTION MARYKNIGHTS!**

Please be sure your membership dues are up to date. If not paid by December 1, you will be dropped from the rolls.



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# **NOVEMBER 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2.	3.	4. 7 p.m Maryknights Execu- tive Board Meeting	5.	grilled chicken breast, linguini, Caesar salad, garlic bread, fresh made charcoal burger, Knights bites	7.
8. Council Memorial Mass - noon at St. John the Evangelist Church on Georgia Ave.	9. 7 p.m Maryknights Monthly Meeting	10. Council Membership Meeting	11.	12.	13. Team 7, Moore - baby back pork loin ribs, tater tots, corn on the cob, Knights bites	14.
15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	Sullivan - spiced shrimp, fries, slaw, Knights bites	21. Thanksgiving Needy Food Baskets
22.	23.	24.	25.	26. Thanksgiving	27. Team 2, Beane - TBA	28.
29.	30. Trustees Meeting	December 1.				