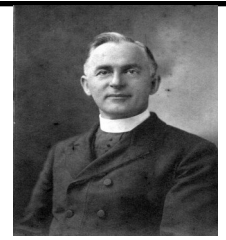




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## Chaplain's Reflection Mountaintop Experience

Dear Brother Knights,

Has there ever been a time in your life or even a particular moment when God was very real and present to you? When you heard the voice of God speak? When God reached down and tapped you on the shoulder or perhaps whacked you on the head? When God was nearby, like a friend, guiding you, protecting you or challenging you? Experiences and times like these move us so deeply that they're almost impossible to forget.

Peter, James and John surely must have felt this way after witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus on a mountaintop. The brilliant divinity of Jesus as the Son of God, conversing with Moses and Elijah, shone so powerfully that it was blinding. The voice of God the Father proclaimed Jesus as his Son. But then, it was all over in a flash. Perhaps it lasted a few minutes, maybe less. We don't know. What we do know that it was not meant to last. Jesus had given his friends a privileged "mountaintop experience." However, the light on the mountaintop would soon give way to darkness. Jesus would lead them back down the mountain and on toward Jerusalem where he would suffer and die. There, His disciples would experience sorrow, shame, fear, confusion and anger.

Perhaps that's been our story as well. We've had mountaintop experiences. They didn't seem to last long or as long as we might like. Then the darkness came. Our darkness might have been caused by all sorts of things. Maybe we lost a loved one. Maybe we suffered a divorce. Maybe we lost a job. Maybe it was an illness or another hardship we had to endure. Things didn't go the way we planned. A dream was shattered, our heart was broken. Perhaps we became discouraged by our sins or failings. Maybe someone else's sins and failings got us down.

We can call times like this a "spiritual darkness." We feel discouraged, empty, hurt, confused, even mad. We can think that God doesn't care. Or that he isn't listening. Or that he's not there for us. Or that he's just not there at all.

It's tempting at times like this to search for or even try to force another mountaintop experience so we can feel God's closeness again. But that's a mistake. When we expect or demand mountaintop experiences, we usually end up being disappointed when they don't come. After all, if we really love someone, we would not make them jump through hoops to prove that they love us. It's no different with God.

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## Grand Knight's Station

In my very first column, I suggested that we commit to constantly asking other Catholic men the question, "Have you thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?" As we look to the coming months, I would continue to expand on that very thought. I would strongly encourage you to read Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's column titled **Going to the Peripheries** in the August edition of *Columbia* magazine. He says the following: *"...the most difficult challenge many of us face 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."*



And with that I'm excited to share with you some opportunities for all of us to exemplify the role of a Knight of Columbus. October is Respect Life month and fittingly it is also the 20th Anniversary of the Fr. Rosensteel Council's Memorial which PGK Russell Sutton championed. Thanks to the swift and diligent work of Pro-Life Co-Chairmen PGK Dan Ward and PGK Mike Koon, I am proud to announce the renewal of the Candlelight Rosary & Benediction for the Unborn. In lieu of our Social Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, Chaplain Fr. Calis will lead us in a candlelight Rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Benediction at the historic St. John's chapel. Immediately afterwards all attendees are welcome to join us back at the Council for a meal. Please invite friends, family, and fellow parishioners; we welcome them to witness alongside us the Respect for Life.

In addition to this beautiful ceremony, we will have two membership drives this month. The first will take place on Sunday October 8, at St. Bernadette's Community Sunday. The second will take place at St. John the Evangelist the following Sunday, October 15. Please see PGK Ward's column "Membership Messenger" on page 3 for further details.

Another way in which we demonstrate the first pillar Charity that Fr. McGivney stressed takes place on October 25th as PGK Mike Miller and his team prepare, deliver, and serve dinner to the University of Maryland's Catholic Terps Chapter. Speaking from personal experience, these dinners are a potent reminder of how beautiful it feels to be surrounded by fellow Catholics, especially the 200+/- students who attend Mass before the meal, and then enjoy good food and wonderful, spirited camaraderie.

But wait - there are even more ways to share our roles as Knights. PGK Rob Seubert is hosting the (perennially) 88th Annual Rosensteel Crab Feast on Saturday, October 7. PGK Tom Kelly and PGK Joe Marks are spearheading the Rosensteel presence at the St. Bernadette's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 1. The entire month of October is also the Knights Annual "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities," better known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Please sign up to work a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday working the doors at a local store; see flyers and Chancellor Gus Gusman for further details.

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## Chaplain's Report

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Periods of darkness, as hard as they might be, can serve a useful purpose. They're opportunities for us to grow in the trust of God. God knows that it's easy for us to trust him when he seems very close and present to us. He knows it's difficult to trust when he appears to be absent or far away. But it's especially at times like this that our faith can grow much stronger.

Everyone, even the greatest saints, experience periods of spiritual darkness. But like the saints, we must persevere in faith, keep praying, and receive the sacraments. Jesus wants us to remember our mountaintop experiences especially when we are in the midst of darkness.

God sometimes gives us mountaintop experiences so we can understand that he loves us or that he even exists in the first place. Sometimes he does it to change the direction of our life or heal us of a wound. But God allows periods of darkness, too. We need to accept them and ask God how we might benefit from them.

Even if we've never had what we might call a mountaintop experience, there is something we can all remember during our dark periods: Jesus' death on the cross. Even in our darkest moments, this memory of Jesus' darkness before the triumph of His Resurrection can give us the hope to carry on.

*Alan Jeeves*

## Membership Messenger

*By Membership Director Dan Ward, FDD, PGK*

Welcome to a new fraternal year! The Membership Team is looking to set new goals for our great Council for this fraternal year and we have already begun our work. Over the summer, we have been working to schedule recruitment drives for this fall. Our first recruitment drive will be on **Sunday, October 8**, at St. Bernadette's Church in Silver Spring. We have also scheduled a recruitment drive at St. John the Evangelist Church for **Sunday, October 15**. I would like to thank Father Calis and Msgr. Smith for their unwavering support of our Council as we schedule recruitment drives at their parishes.

So what does this mean to you? As our Worthy Grand Knight said in his last column, "*Imagine the increased **strength** of our efforts if we each recruited one new member to the Council this year. The additional opportunities we could respond to or lead would be profound.*" That's where you come in! We need the help of our Brother Knights and Maryknights to talk to potential members about the good works of our Council. The time required is minimal - only about 15 minutes after any Mass of your choosing. And don't worry if you have never done a recruitment drive before; we will have handouts for you and plenty of experienced recruiters to answer questions. All you need is a passion and commitment to our Order and our Council, and the rest will come naturally. Since we are holding our recruitment drives on a Community Sunday, there will be plenty of men, women and families to talk to, we just need the volunteers to help. The good news is that shortly after these drives, we will hold an Admissions Degree so that we can get these men into our Order and our Council as quickly as possible which will help our Worthy Grand Knight with his goal.

On behalf of the Membership team, I want to thank you in advance for considering spending a few minutes of your Sunday with us to help grow our Council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-873-4014 or [djw1952@verizon.net](mailto:djw1952@verizon.net).

## Culture of Life Corner

*By Culture of Life Co-Chairman Dan Ward, FDD, PGK*

Welcome back and we hope you had an enjoyable summer! While you were busy with all of your summer plans, your Culture of Life team was also busy making plans for the upcoming fraternal year. Our goal is to kick off this new year by reinstating the Candlelight Rosary and Benediction program. It has been 20 years since this Memorial was dedicated and it must never be forgotten. **The Candlelight Rosary and Benediction will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. Council Chaplain Father Calis will preside. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The community is also welcome.**



We will post all the details on social media and in the Knights' Room. Please consider joining us!

We will be developing more programs throughout the year, so stayed tuned to this column for more information as we continue to build a culture that values life at all stages.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan



### Council Calendar

#### OCTOBER \*Is Tootsie Roll Month - see Chancellor Gusman for details

- 1 St. Bernadette's Fall Festival
- 1 Breakfast
- 3 Business Meeting
- 7 Crabfeast
- 7 State Columbus Day Ball
- 8 Membership Drive at St. B's - see Dan Ward for details
- 15 Membership Drive at SJE - see Dan Ward for details
- 17 Rosary for the Unborn (\*this serves as the Social Meeting
- 25 Catholic Terps Dinner
- 29 Children's Halloween Party
- 29 Oktoberfest
- TBD Soccer Challenge

#### NOVEMBER

- 5 Breakfast
- 7 Business Meeting
- 11 Maryknights Charity Ball
- 18 Needy Food Baskets
- 21 Social Meeting
- 22 Potluck Smoker
- TBD Coats for Kids Drive, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

#### DECEMBER

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

### Fraternal Insurance

Worthy Brother Knights,

I just received the Notice of Dividends for the first policy I purchased from the Knights of Columbus. The dividend was \$614.50 last year and has increased every year since I bought it. I have a savings account that currently pays .5%, that is a half percent. In order to generate \$615 in this savings account I would need to deposit \$125,000. Do you know what my annual premium is? It's \$897.60.

So for \$897.60 going in, my dividend is \$614.50 and in order to generate \$614.50 from my savings I would need almost \$125,000. Which account would you choose?



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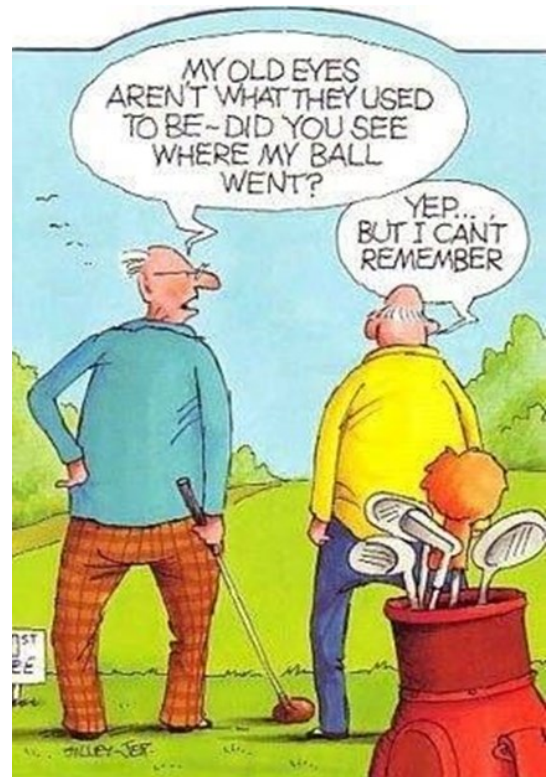
### Chancellor's Chatter Tradition or old fashioned?

There has been a great deal of debate regarding standing, or not, during our national anthem. While I do not agree with the protests, I wrestle with the principal of free speech versus respect and tradition. As Knights, we have some traditions. For instance, rising when our chaplain enters the room, certain meeting protocols and removing our hats when we say grace at Friday night dinner. There also has recently been a change for the Fourth Degree ceremonial uniforms, which has created some considerable discussion as well. So where does tradition change to old school?

And I would like to give special recognition to Brother Joe Rodgers – did anyone else notice that he stood for both patriotic songs at the officers installation dinner? I cannot imagine a single one of my Brother Knights “taking a knee” or staying in a locker room for the anthem.

So I am asking you, my Brother Knights, what traditions do you hold dear? Or what traditions do you consider too old fashioned? Let me know what you think!

*Vivat Jesus! - Gus Gusman*



Rosensteel KOC invites you to play in the Annual Ham and Eggs Tournament  
Two-man best ball

Friday, October 20 – 8:30 a.m. at Northwest Park  
Mini-shotgun start

Cost = Green fees plus \$20  
Lunch follows at the Stained Glass Pub  
You must contact Mike Miller at [msmiller9701@gmail.com](mailto:msmiller9701@gmail.com) or 301-325-9067

## The Best of Rosensteel

**Knight of the Month** - As I spend more time at the Council, 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 (and by all, see my column as a frame of reference). You'll hear his name mentioned far more times than you'll see his face. You'll have benefited in some form or fashion as a result of his quiet, unseen hard work behind the scenes. And it's exactly this kind of unselfish giving of time and energy that goes into the making of a Knight of the Month. While there are many candidates in the making within our ranks, this month's recipient is a star in everyone's book. From the many, many meals he makes for Council functions to the sangrias he concocts when bartending, Danny Bongero is a crowd pleaser! Please congratulate Danny when (or should I say - if) you see him next.

**Family of the Month** - The selection for Family of the Month continues along the theme of unselfish contribution of time and energy that often goes unseen, yet much appreciated. This family attends many functions and are regulars at Friday family dinners. What most folks don't know is that while we're just arriving to relax and enjoy a good meal or a Council function, this family has been hard at work for hours, often days in advance. Whether decorating, planning events, cooking, or bartending, Stan and Jane McLeod have done all the heavy lifting to ensure our happiness at the Council.

Please congratulate Stan and Jane when you see them. And don't be afraid to offer to assist them with their efforts, many hands make light(er) work.

## Grand Knight's Station

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I challenge all of us to continue to strengthen our membership through these tremendous opportunities to invite those closest to us to see Knights of Columbus in action. Step up, join in, pray with us, and experience faith in action.

*Vivat Jesus,  
Bruce*

*Jim Mannion*

## Deputies Dialogue:

### The Most Holy Rosary and Christopher Columbus

October is here. Summer is over and we settle in to life that we call normal. There are many things happening around the Council. We wrap up the Incentive Car Raffle with final receipts being tallied October 4th - thanks if you bought a ticket. Chancellor Gus Gusman kicks off the "Tootsie Roll Program" also known as the Campaign for People with intellectual Disabilities.

The Church recognizes October as the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. Many Rosensteel Brothers and Maryknights participate in our two Rosary programs; each Friday night preceding the family meal and the Tony Horner Memorial Rosary held in the early evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. I ask each Brother Knight to attend one of these in October and in the words of our most recent past grand knight, "Stay for some food and fellowship with your fellow Brothers."

Again this month, Supreme and our State Knights of Columbus call attention to Columbus Day. As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, Father McGivney's new organization took as its patron Christopher Columbus, recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. This is why we still celebrate Christopher Columbus on the day the government (of the new world) sets aside and asks all citizens to recall his braveness and desire to spread Catholicism. Please make plans on October 8 to attend the wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus statue in front of Union Station in Washington, DC or the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore. See the flyers in the Knights Room.

## Fr. Rosensteel's 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Crabfeast



Saturday, October 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Live Music

\$45 Adults - \$20 Children

Steamed Crabs, Fried Chicken, Corn on the Cob

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The Knights of Columbus have been existence since Fr. McGivney founded the order in 1882 with the purpose of providing protection for Catholic families. This was all with the blessing and support of the Pope. But did you know that there is another Order of Knights that also has had the blessing and support of the Vatican for almost 952 years? It is the oldest chivalric order of Catholic Knights in the world.

The Knights of Malta, the Hospitaller Knights or just called The Hospitallers began their existence as a Brotherhood, the Order of St. John, who maintained a hospital for Christians in Jerusalem. They offered medical services in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. After the First Crusade from Europe captured Jerusalem and the Holy Land, the Hospitallers expanded their services to a series of seven Fortresses along the Mediterranean Sea to provide shelter and protection for people traveling to the Holy Land. Soon a military unit was added to include armed knights who would protect and fight for pilgrims. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century the crusades ended and the European Countries withdrew from the Holy Land. The Hospitallers also drew back and settled on the island of Malta still providing medical services, but they also offered protection from the Barbary Pirates and Muslim armies from the East. In 1530, a Turkish Muslim army of 40,000 attacked Malta seeking to gain control of the Mediterranean. Malta was defended by 700 Hospitaller Knights and 8,000 Spanish soldiers. After a three month battle, the Turkish Muslim army withdrew in defeat. The Hospitallers had lost over 300 knights. Malta was saved.

In modern times the Hospitaller Knights have disbanded their military, but still work throughout 120 countries to offer medical relief to disadvantaged poor and sick people, especially the recent refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Africa and other war zones.

The Hospitallers are located at Fort St. Angelo, Valetto, Malta for historic and cultural purposes. The main offices of the Knights are located at the Magistral Palace, Via dei Condotti across the Tiber River from Vatican City in Rome. The flag of the order is a Silver Cross on a red background. The Knights formal attire is similar to the regalia worn by our Fourth Degree Knights with the colors of black and silver. And after 950 years, they still maintain a modern hospital in the spirit of the Brothers of St. John in the old city of Jerusalem for all Christian pilgrims to The Holy Land.

The tickets for the always popular Christmas Luncheon on December 19 will be sold by Ray and Nancy starting at the October luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a wide variety of appetizers offered before the main meal and Fr. Perkins will entertain us with some humorous stories. Remember, only current Retirees Club members and invited guests are allowed to attend luncheons or participate in the Bowling League.

*Tom Leonard*

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It is so nice to begin our year with the Annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased sister Maryknights. Thank you to all the Maryknights, spouses, friends and guests who attended this special Mass on September 11. I also want to thank the following people for their assistance with the Mass: Theresa Fitzgerald and Diane Lynch for being our greeters and handing out the programs; Nancy Koski for being our lector, Kathy Arvedlund for being our Eucharistic Minister; Julie Cuff for being our cantor; Anna Colella for playing the organ; Ella and Margaret Torp for being the altar servers and another BIG THANK YOU for Theresa Fitzgerald for taking care of all the details. Last but not least, thank you to Father Trancone and Father Brice for presiding at the Mass. We are truly blessed!

The September meeting was my first meeting as president and I would like to thank everyone for being so patient and kind as I worked through it. Thank you to Grand Knight Bruce Cotting, Deputy Grand Knight James Mannion, Chancellor Gus Gusman and Warden PGK Paul Girolami for being in attendance at both our Mass and our meeting. We look forward to working with all of you this year!

In addition to the Grand Knight's address at our September meeting, Russell Sutton's daughter Sarah spoke about the S.M.I.L.E. Program which provides assistance to expectant mothers. She assembled baskets and diaper cakes for these women with the help of some Maryknights at the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting. Thank you to all that attended.

I can't believe that fall is right around the corner and that means the Charity Ball will be here soon! By the time you read this article we will be six weeks away! Our raffle ticket sales are going well; however, we have not hit our goal yet so please keep selling! Bring the SOLD books to the October meeting and give them to me and of course pick up more books to sell! We are also still in need of a silent auction chairwoman. Please consider giving your time and effort to a great cause. You may continue to drop off silent auction items at Sue's house or bring them to the October meeting. Also, consider buying a "Shout-Out" in the program book. What's a "Shout-Out"? - come to the **October 9** meeting and find out more!

*Beth Torp*

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NOVEMBER

- 11 Maryknights Charity Ball
- 18 Needy Food Baskets
- 22 Potluck Smoker

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. D'Antuono, McNamara	3. <b>Business Meeting</b> Bromley, Mullaney and Dollymore	4. <b>Bingo</b>	5. Mannion	6. Team 3 - Neff, Fried Shrimp Pistol Pete, Hardman	7.
8. Ponce	9. D'Antuono, Cassagnol	10. McKinney	11. <b>Bingo</b> Conway, Carey	12.	13. Team 5 - Girolami, Dijon chicken, scalloped potatoes & cranberry- orange relish Conway, etc., McNamara	14.
15.	16. D'Antuono, Dassing	17. <b>Candlelight Rosary and Benediction - 7 p.m.</b> Thompson	18. <b>Bingo</b> <b>Horner Memorial Rosary</b> Kreitzberg	19.	20. Team 6 - Langley, All American BBQ: Chicken, pit beef, corn, beans, salads Lynch & Lyon Moore & Langley	21.
22. Maddox	23. D'Antuono, McNamara	24. <b>Retirees Club Lunch- eon</b> Culkin, DeVol	25. <b>Bingo</b>	26. Cavaliere	27. Team 7 - Moore, Baby Back Ribs Eddie McCaw	28.
29.	30. D'Antuono, McNamara	31.	November 1 <b>Bingo</b>	2.	3.	4.