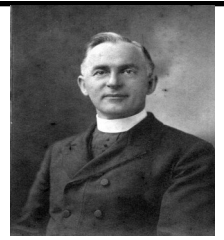




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Chaplain's Reflection The Kingdom of Heaven

Dear Brother Knights,

Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven as being like a treasure or fine pearls that would require us to sell everything that we have in order to purchase it. Thus, to attain the Kingdom of Heaven we must completely dedicate our lives and our possessions to its acquisition and surrender all our worldly goods in the process.

Yet, as great as the promise of Heaven may be, and it is a promise, it still requires a great leap of faith to sacrifice the many worldly allurements that we can see, for something so much greater that we cannot see. We need look no further than the Apostle Thomas to see it is easier to believe what we can see. Although, ironically, most of us can readily profess to loving the God that we cannot see, while we feel less loving toward the neighbor that we do see.

So the price of the Kingdom of God is such that we need to have complete faith in God expressed through our love of God and neighbor. There is nothing wrong with the goods of the world. In fact, God wants us to enjoy them and to use them and to do good with them. Recall the disappointment of the master who gave talents to his three servants and found that one had simply buried them (cf Mt 25:14-30).

Even though we cannot physically see God, He shows his face to everyone of the seven billion people who live on this planet every day. But to recognize God, we must have the lens of faith. That lens might be very well developed, or perhaps is barely there. But if we are open to the possibility of a good and gracious God who knows our needs better than we do, we will be able to see His activity in even the most mundane events of everyday life.

A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I went on a walk around our neighborhood. We walked for over an hour and a half, probably a distance of four miles. We got home just before sunset and my wife realized that she has lost one her favorite earrings which had fallen off her ear during the walk. Finding something like that is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Although the earring was not valuable, it was also not replaceable since jewelry companies are always changing the pieces that they offer. So we decided to try and find it. My wife walked while I drove the car behind her with the high beams on to illuminate the pavement ahead.

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Grand Knight's Station

The following two paragraphs are from a column I wrote last year. Applicable then and even more so today..."There are so many good things in store for us, some already planned and scheduled, others are in concept stage, and even more that will certainly reveal themselves over time. I'm excited about the possibilities, nervous about the realities, and *ever confident in our abilities!*"



There are few Councils across the country as established as Rosensteel, and it's important to remember that it's you - our individual members - that together provide the strength to continue our growth. Given the dire political landscape we face as a nation, it's important that we focus on our roots as Catholic men, raising Catholic families, and looking out for the poor, the sick, the widow and the orphan.

This month, I would like to highlight two components that we can work on to strengthen throughout the year. The first is our good works. Today more than ever we need to exemplify the teachings of James 2:17 - 18. "*So too, faith by itself, if it is not complemented by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.*" Please consider scheduling yourself and your family as volunteer opportunities are announced. Our volunteer work is our faith personified.

The second component I suggest is for us is to deliberately and consciously shift our focus away from the daily barrage of vitriol and negativity incessantly pandered by the media. Choose instead to daily seek out positive influences that reinforce our Catholic faith. Seek out works from Pope Francis. Subscribe to and read the "Magnificat." Read G.K. Chesterton. Read *The Columbian* magazine. Subscribe or follow "The Catholic Gentleman," a blog and Facebook page by Sam Guzman. I'm certain there are many many more sources of joyful, uplifting reminders of God's love for us. In closing, I turn to an oft-heard quote attributed to Esther Jno-Charles: "What you focus on expands. So focus on what you want, not what you do not want." If you're going to spend the most valuable commodity we have (time), choose to spend it focused on the teachings of Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Vivat Jesus,
Bruce Cotting

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

One of the most popular and successful fundraisers conducted by state and local Councils involves collecting donations outside stores and on street corners. The high visibility of this program has led to it being referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." This program raises millions of dollars for the intellectually disabled. We will contact you over the next few weeks to ask for your help. Donating time and money will be most helpful. If you can help, please call Chancellor Gus Gusman at 301-537-5461 or Brian Graham at 301-962-0045.

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District Deputy's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Our Maryland State Council met in late June at the Grand Knights' Annual Leadership Seminar. We talked about the importance of growing and strengthening our Councils and our Order and ways of increasing our charitable outreach. These two essential goals for strength and service go hand in hand.

First, let's talk about growing our Councils. The Domestic Church initiative will aid us in both growing and serving. How do we do this? First, visit your pastors. Learn how you can assist them, then initiate effective projects directed toward that assistance. This will open many doors for your Council.

Do not separate but integrate your activities into parish life and invite all parishioners to participate in your activities and participate in all parish-initiated activities. In this way you will display the Knights of Columbus' charism most prominently. This approach is attractive because service is attractive. Catholic gentlemen in our parishes will be encouraged to join you.

It is imperative that we add new members. We must replace the Knights we have lost. This past year, we have seen almost 600 Knights from Maryland alone go to their final reward and naturally this will continue. But most importantly, when men join our Order they are helped to become better husbands, better fathers, better Catholics.

Knights and all Christians are called to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can do this best through our witness of a fruitful and faithful family life. A constantly renewing physical and spiritual vitalization grows and strengthens our Order, our parishes, our families, ourselves.

In his apostolic exhortation to Catholic men titled *Into the Breach*, the Most Reverend Thomas Olmsted, the bishop of Phoenix, reports some astounding facts: Since 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith. Religious education has dropped 24%. Catholic school attendance has dropped 19%. Infant baptisms have dropped 28%. Adult baptisms have dropped 31%. Sacramental marriages have dropped 41%. All this represents a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines. The bishop encourages us to "step into the breach. Be confident! Be bold. Do the work of Christ's soldiers in the world today! Fight the good fight. Put on the armor of God. Forward, into the breach!"

As Knights we do this when we grow in numbers and in faith, then we will have the strength and the unity to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.

What about charitable service? Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to "reach out to the peripheries." This is what we do as Knights and families through our charitable outreach. Our most recent fraternal survey shows that order-wide we donated \$177,500,673 for charitable causes and that Knights donated 75,112,694 hours to carry out these charitable endeavors, all in service to those in need. These numbers represent an increase of more than 2 million dollars and hours over 2015.

In Maryland, we are up as well. Our charitable outreach extends from our work with Special Olympics, vocations support, and the Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs; through our assistance to flood victims of Ellicott City and our donations to our brothers and sisters in Louisiana after their devastation and of course our ongoing support to the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Locally, our efforts support student scholarship and the ultrasound imaging programs. Through all of this our charitable fundraising enables us to reach out

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Council Crabfeast

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

Live Music - \$45 Adults and \$20 Children

Steamed Crabs, Fried Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Potato Salad

To order tickets, contact PGK Rob Seubert at 240-286-1905. Hope to see you there.

Chaplain's Report

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Nonetheless, there were many spots we probably missed. After an hour and 10 minutes of looking over 90 percent of the route we had walked, she saw it on the street. No one had driven over it.

Some might call finding that earring pure luck. Perhaps, but my wife and I know that God smiled on us over a very insignificant incident in our lives. Imagine what God will do when it really matters. The Kingdom of Heaven is real. Jesus himself told us: "The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you." (Lk 17:20-21).

To see the Kingdom of Heaven, all you need is the lens of faith. Even though it costs all the money in the world, it is absolutely worth it. And unlike our lives on earth of "seventy years, eighty if we are strong" (Ps 90:10), with the Kingdom of Heaven comes the promise of eternal life.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

(Deacon Jeeves is the deacon at St. John the Evangelist Parish and is an assistant chaplain at Father Rosensteel Council)

Council Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Business Meeting
- 11 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 19 Social Meeting and First Degree
- 24 PGK Testimonial Dinner

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
- 15 Membership Drive at SJE - see Dan Ward for details
- 17 Social Meeting
- 25 Catholic Terps Dinner
- 29 Children's Halloween Party
- TBD Rosary for the Unborn
- TBD 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

District Deputy's Report

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even further.

And remember our "Pennies from Heaven" campaign, started at our convention in May. This will assist in our ability to expand our outreach even deeper into the peripheries. And above and beyond all these was our recent benefit to aid the family of Past State Deputy Bill Kuchmas. With your help, we raised \$20,000 in just four short hours. This is true fraternal love.

Remember, we are advocates of the Lord in everything we do in Maryland. As our worthy Supreme State Deputy Stephen Cohen reminds us, "I am asking all members in this great jurisdiction of Maryland to remember always the pledge we made at our leadership seminar in June: It is not I, it is we. It is one goal and our goal is to make this our best year ever!"

*Vivat Jesus,
Andy Michaels*

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month: There walks amongst us a silent sentinel of his family legacy. A guy who draws no attention to himself, yet makes you feel instantly welcome when he sees you. A brother Knight who always answers the call for volunteers. A son who honors his father and brothers by being the living example of their selfless devotion to their Rosensteel family. Someone who can effortlessly pull together the menu, the volunteers and the equipment necessary to host an outdoor gathering for your family and 130+/- of your closest friends. You're thinking of a Horner, and this Horner is the one and only Rick Horner. Please join me in recognizing Rick's familial homage and excellent leadership yet again in captaining the kitchen crew. The Baron is beaming down upon you, Brother.

Family of the Month: What do you call a family who has devoted an immeasurable amount of their lives to the charitable efforts of their faith through their Knights of Columbus Council? How do you address the quiet champion of a major fundraising component of Rosensteel? Can you even call out the name of the family that is consistently on the scene, week after week, year after year? The answer to all of these questions is: Brother Al Wigmore and his Lady, Pat.

Al has been the man behind the Bingo scene for many years and his efforts continue to result in a growth in attendance, volunteer hours and income (and PS - the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, as evidenced by their son John and their grandson Shane's participation in our Council).

Please say a big "Thank You" next time you see Al and Pat.

First Annual Rosensteel KoC #2169 Trap Outing *Please Note New Date

Friday, September 15, at 1 p.m.

RSVP and final payment due by Tuesday, September 5, at 5p.m.

Event location: PG Skeet and Trap, 10400 Good Luck Rd, Glenn Dale, MD, 20769, 301-577-7178

Fields #: 7, 8, 9

Cost: \$60 per person (all proceeds will be donated to the Council)

Payments: Checks should be made to Jeff Campitelli or PayPal (free), send to 630-853-0703 or campitj@gmail.com.

Each person will have four rounds/sessions of Trap (100 Clay pigeons), including four boxes of ammo, dinner, cocktails on-site and additional cocktails at the Council afterward.

Safety Requirements: eye protection (prescription glasses or sunglasses are permitted) and ear protection are mandatory. If you do not have eye (\$4.50/day) and ear (50 cents) protection, you may purchase at the gun shop.

Recommendations: baseball cap, sunscreen and cigars
New shooters, spectators and Democrats are always welcome.

Event chairman: Jeff Campitelli, who can be contacted via cell at 630-853-0703 or e-mail, campitj@gmail.com.

Father Rosensteel Council #2169 Annual Picnic



Father Rosenteel Council's Annual Picnic was held on Council grounds on Sunday, August 20. Grand Knight Bruce Cotting (seen here at center, recreating his centerfold days) and a host of attendees enjoyed a wonderful afternoon thanks to the many volunteers who made the event possible. Below at left, attendees began the afternoon by giving thanks, praying a decade of the Rosary beneath the Wye Oak tree on Council grounds. Below right, Geoff Conway and his merry band of Council chefs gather for an early morning group photo. Lower left, the water slide made its yearly appearance to great delight of the youngsters.



Kudos to Warden and PGK Paul Girolami (at far left) for orchestrating a memorable event!



Photos courtesy of GK Cotting and Maryknight Sue Wiant.

*And the Knight Life wishes to apologize to Nancy Miller for not crediting her with the fine photos of the Council and Maryknight Installation Dinner that were featured in the August edition. Sorry, Nancy!

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It is September and all our children are returning to school. That includes the Midshipmen who attend classes at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. In 2010, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented a charter to the members of Commodore John Barry Knights of Columbus Council #14534. If you would like to join our Brother Knights for Sunday Mass at the 9 or 11:30 a.m. service, enter the Academy at Gate # 1 just a block from the harbor and the guards will direct you to St. Andrews Chapel. After Mass, you may enjoy visiting with some Midshipmen or taking a tour of the Academy. Lunch is available at many restaurants nearby in Annapolis, and if you are a military veteran you may enjoy going to the Fleet Reserve Club located on the harbor next to the Marriott hotel.

Our monthly luncheon will include a vast array of delectable appetizers and a good hot meal prepared by John Matosian. All this is followed by an especially tempting dessert. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26. Fr. Perkins always entertains us with humorous stories and provides a prayer of Grace before the meal.

Tom Leonard

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I am writing this in late August, coming on the end of a wonderful summer. I hope that your summer was as relaxing and enjoyable as mine. Soon we will be back to all the regular activities of life. Vacations are over, children back to school and, of course, the Redskins. Hopefully, this fall will also see very successful playoffs for our Nationals.

September will see a major development for the Torp family. My oldest daughter, Ingrid, is off to the University of Maryland. This will be a big adjustment for all of us but it is a part of life, a part many of you have already experienced. Ingrid will be especially in my prayers this year as should all of our children leaving home for the first time.

In addition to all this, we have some wonderful Maryknight events planned for the upcoming year. Our Annual Mass will be held on Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. and the Maryknights Gala for the Gabriel Project will be held on Saturday, November 11. You should have received my president's letter with 5 booklets of raffle tickets. Sell, sell, sell! And finally, don't forget the Friday Night Rosary. I haven't been able to get there as often as I would like, but I have resolved to get there at least once a month during this Maryknight year. I hope you can join me.

Beth Torp

Nursing Home Activities

Our next two parties will be at Althea Woodland Center, 1000 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD on Thursday, September 21, at 3 p.m. and at Springbrook Center, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD on Thursday, October 19, at 3 p.m.

If you are able to help, please call Joe Rogers at 301-593-2304.

Mary's Widows

July 10 saw us dining at a new restaurant to us called AIU Char. Thanks to our hostess Pat Pingatore. Mike Koon and 15 ladies enjoyed the lunch; the food was great. Thanks also to Constance Browne, who is now handling our 50/50.

August 7th we returned to Bar Louie's. Our hostesses Aline Morin and Kathy Fenton, along with Mike Koon and 16 widows, found the food great as always and the service was fine. Aline and Kathy also volunteered to do the September lunch - thank you very much. I believe we will be going to the China Gourmet in Kensington in September. You will be called with details. Thanks also to the few ladies who volunteered to host these lunches. We really appreciate you!

Lois Devlin

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COMING EVENTS...

October 7 - Council Crabfeast
October 8 - State Columbus Day Ball
October 29 - Children's Halloween
Party

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. Team #6 Langley - All American BBQ Pistol Pete, Hardman	2. Terps vs. Texas - noon
3. Bromley, Mullaney, Dollymore	4. Labor Day D'Antuono, McNamara	5. Business Meeting	6. Bingo Kreitzberg	7. McKinney	8. Team #7 Moore - baby back ribs, onion rings, apple slaw Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore	9. Terps vs. Towson - noon Cassagnol
10. Skins vs. Eagles - 1 McKinney	11. Maryknights Memorial Mass D'Antuono, Conway, Carey	12. Mannion, Thompson	13. Bingo McNamara	14. Cavaliere, Slattery	15. Team #1 Calcutt/ Sullivan - spiced shrimp, fries and slaw Lynch and Lyon	16. Dassing
17. Skins vs. Rams - 4:25 Ponce	18. Horner Memorial Rosary D'Antuono, McNamara	19. Social Meeting, First Degree	20. Bingo Moore, Langley	21. Eddie McCaw Maddox	22. Team #2 - McLeod, taco salad	23. Terps vs. UCF
24. Skins vs. Raiders - 8:30 PGK Testimonial Dinner Dowd	25. D'Antuono, McNamara	26. Retirees Lunch Culkin, DeVol	27. Bingo Cavaliere	28. Ladies Bartending Night Margie & Luanne	29. Team #4 Marks - Aggies crab imperial	30. Terps vs. Minnesota