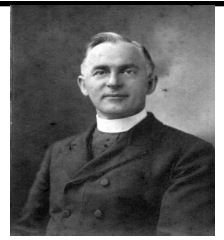




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## Chaplain's Reflection Original Sin

When we consider the sources of bad things that happen to people, we realize that not only is there something outside us in opposition to God, namely the devil, but there is something inside us as well. This is what we call original sin, our inner brokenness that often leads us to make poor choices.

Original sin is the only doctrine of the church that is empirically verifiable. We can't scientifically prove the existence of God or most of the doctrines of our faith. But we know there is something terribly wrong with us humans. We see our human ability to pervert nearly every effort at building up a more just world. This capacity to sabotage ourselves is original sin.

And we inherit that brokenness. Even the great saints struggled with their brokenness. But when we allow our inner brokenness to be coupled with the activity of the devil, the key force in opposing God, then a clearer picture of where death and tragedy come from begins to emerge. If the spirit of evil tempts us to drive too fast, there is a part of us willing to cooperate with that temptation.

But let us also imagine the collective effects of original sin. Look at the cumulative effects of poor choices that lead to pollution and famine and war. How often have terrible atrocities been perpetrated because thousands of people said the same kinds of things: "I was just following orders." "If I hadn't killed him, I would have been killed." "I've got to look out for my own family and loved ones."

Again, just look at those sentences. On one level there is surely nothing wrong with obedience to a superior, with self-defense, with looking out for the best interests of your family or loved ones. Yet, historically, the Father of Lies has so managed to pervert the truth that we humans have been willing to cooperate in those perversions.

Even further, the cumulative effects of original sin become abundantly clear in health issues. Suppose, for example, that world governments had not felt the need to use the best minds of its citizens

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## Grand Knight's Station

### *"Doing Works of Charity with His Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure"*

August has now drawn to a close and with it we are returning easier times. At the Council we marked the end the summer with the Annual Council Summer Picnic attended by about 125 people. If you were there or maybe you heard, there was a new look with the event. Our Warden Frank Zarrelli introduced many new ideas to the day. It looked like the Ocean City Boardwalk.

This year we began the picnic with a Rosary. Praying for the family is what Father McGivney asked us to do. We remembered those who have died or have been sick this fraternal year.

We had more events for our children: kid's cake walk, wet sponge relay, ring toss and slushy drinks. There was one annual event, the water balloon fight. Due to the weather forecast the day before we had to cancel the water slide. Sorry about that.

The adults were treated to some new events. Adult cake walk, slushy margaritas, Council event T-shirts and corn hole (which lasted well into the evening, I heard). Again to the adults, were are sorry that the dunk tank for the Dunk the Franks Show became a victim of the weather forecast.

I hope everyone got enough to eat. Thank you John Lyon for your music solos and Tom Griffin for including a song on your playlist that was played at the Woodstock Concert 49 years ago.

Now with September here we return to matters such as membership recruitment and strengthening the bond with our parishes. There will be an Admissions Degree (1<sup>st</sup>) at the Social Meeting. It's important to that you attend this to show the new knights are welcomed into the Council.

We will be honoring Immediate Past Grand Knight Bruce Cotting and all other Rosensteel Past Grand Knights with a Dinner on the 23 of September. More information will come soon.

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817, Pius VII - suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession - extended the feast to the universal Church.

Finally, our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in his letter

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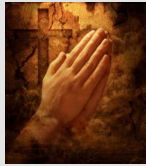
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**Chaplain's Reflection**

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on weapons of war. Suppose all that time and money and genius had been spent curing cancer and heart disease.

Surely had all human energy been focused on goodness, we would have fewer child deaths, no famines, no wars. We would all be living much longer; we might even have colonized some of the planets by now. So despite being tempted to blame death and sickness and tragedy on God, we have no further to look than ourselves. It is not God's will. It is our will.

And surely the height of our capacity to cooperate with the darkness came when cooperated in the crucifixion of our God. Each time we fail to see the image and the likeness of God in each other, we fail to see God. Each time an innocent person dies needlessly we have again crucified the presence of God!

All prejudice is simply another face of original sin, the brokenness in us that would view others with fear and anger, that would make "them" wrong in order to make ourselves "right." How tragic it is that after all these years of human history, we have yet to acknowledge the dignity and worth of each individual and our collective dignity and worth as members of the same human family, members of the same family created by God. To do so would be a statement of unity and peace. But the spirit of evil thrives on division and strife, and unfortunately, we are too often more prepared to cooperate with evil than with good.

So, between the devil and original sin then, virtually all the terrors and tragedies of life can be explained. But out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, God loves us anyway. Just as we suffer when our children make poor life choices, so also does God. God really wants us to be happy. That is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us the way, the truth and the light.

*Deacon Alan Jeeves*

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## Council Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Business Meeting
- 6 Bowling League Opening Day
- 10 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 16 Special Olympics Week
- 18 Social Meeting, \*First Degree
- 23 PGK Testimonial

### OCTOBER

- 2 Business Meeting
- 6 SJE Auction & Bazaar
- 6 Columbus Day Ball
- 7 Council Sunday Breakfast
- 16 Rosary for Unborn \*During Social Meeting
- 21 Oktoberfest
- 28 Children's Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Soccer Shootout
- 4 Council Sunday Breakfast
- 6 Business Meeting
- 10 Catholic Charities Cup of Joe Program in Columbian Room
- 17 Maryknights Charity Ball
- 17 Needy Food Baskets
- 20 Council Memorial Mass \*Social Meeting
- 21 Potluck Smoker

### DECEMBER

- 4 Business Meeting
- 16 Children's Christmas Party
- 16 Anniversary Event
- 18 Social Meeting
- 22 Needy Food Baskets
- 31 New Year's Eve event

### JANUARY

- 8 Business Meeting
- 12 Knighthood Degree (offered)
- 13 Pro-Life Kickoff
- 22 March for Life

## Grand Knight's Station

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about the Issues concerning the sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report that we Knights have an important role to play in repentance, reform and rebuilding the Church.

He asked us to stand steadfast in faith, to chart a course that puts Christ at the Center. Father McGivney asked us to support our parishes. They need us more than ever.

*Vivat Jesus,  
Jim Mannion*

## Fraternal Insurance

### Why Waiting to Buy Income Protection Can Cost You Big Time

*By Leslie Schultz*

Like many others in their 20s, I remember not being thrilled about the chunk of income that was taken every month by insurance. It always seemed like money that was going out and would never come back in and felt especially significant at a time when my income was low. The temptation was always to either skimp on insurance, wait until my income increased or bypass it altogether. The same holds true for many people today when it comes to income protection, an insurance policy that replaces your income if you are unable to work due to an accident or sickness. While the reluctance to spend more on insurable is understandable, it's important to take the time to discuss the cost of waiting to purchase this important coverage.

Here are the three major costs to be aware of:

**Cost 1: You're most insurable when you're young** - When you are young, you are generally in the best health of your life. As you get older, nagging injuries and health issues tend to pop up. This can affect the policy terms of your disability insurance (DI) policy. The older you get when applying for DI coverage, the more likely it is that your policy will include restrictions like exclusions, ratings and even being declined altogether.

For example, if you have a serious back issue, the insurance company may offer a policy with a back exclusion meaning that it would not pay out benefits if you were unable to work due to an issue with your back. Or if you have a history of heart issues, the insurance company may include a modification like adding extra premium to cover its extra risk.

**Cost 2: Premiums increase** - The premium cost for coverage goes up as you get older. In addition to health considerations that may increase your premium, the cost for coverage is also based on age.

**Cost 3: Peace of mind** - While we tend to think we are invincible while we are young, the truth is that disabilities can happen to anyone at any age. *The Council for Disability Report* in 2014 shows that ages 40 and under filed 21 percent of all disability claims in 2013.

Know that there are ways to address the very real concerns about fitting the cost of income protection into your budget. There are a lot of options to keep the coverage affordable, including multi-life discounts, business owner discounts or simply making changes to the amount of monthly benefit or benefit duration. Many people start with a minimal benefit amount and include a rider called an increase option so they can increase their benefits as their income grows regardless of their medical insurability.



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PGK Mike Miller is the Rosensteel Council Knight of the Month. Tell him thanks for all he does for Rosensteel.

**Family of the Month** - Along with the Council Warden, the Council Guards are the ‘watchdogs’ for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. They assist the Warden in setting up the Council chambers for meetings and ceremonial exemplifications. The Outside Guards tends to the outer door, admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that membership cards are current. They insure that a record of attendees is kept that will verify that a quorum is present if needed. They are there also to maintain order in the room.

They are truly a Rosensteel Family. Congratulations to the Council Guards Terrence “Burr” Brady, Richard Colburn and Mark Borkoski as the Family of the Month. Please tell them thanks. And don’t forget you membership card to the next meeting!



### *Great Time, Great People at Annual Rosensteel Picnic:*

Despite forecasts for thunderstorms and rain, the power of prayer provided a blessed day of family, fun and great food. The Father Rosensteel Annual Picnic was kicked off under the Wye Oak Tree with a Rosary in memory of our sick and deceased. The kids enjoyed games and prizes and had fun with the famous water balloon bath. A mini boardwalk was set up with decorated stands with games for kids, Council T-shirts, slushy drinks for kids and margaritas for adults. Many thanks to our master grillers, the Maryknights for the kids’ games and cake walk, and the volunteers that set up and manned the food and events.

You will notice the colorful blue T-shirts in the picnic group photo. If you missed out these awesome Rosensteel Council #2169 shirts, e-mail Frank at [FLZarrelli@gmail.com](mailto:FLZarrelli@gmail.com).

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In the early, 1900's there was a widespread debate concerning the place of God in accepted religious beliefs in light of recent scientific discoveries. This debate prompted a young girl to write to the most prominent scientist of the time, Dr. Albert Einstein, who was a physicist and a mathematician at Princeton University. He had released his theories on relativity and our place in the vast cosmos of the universe. There was widespread concern that new scientific discoveries were incompatible with the religious beliefs of many of the world's religions.

A letter from "Phyllis" written in 1936 asked him, "Do scientists pray, and what do they pray for? We are in a sixth grade Sunday school class and wonder if we can believe in both science and religion".

He replied to her a few days later: "Dear Phyllis, Scientists believe that every occurrence is due to the laws of nature. Therefore, a scientist cannot be inclined to believe that the course of events can be influenced by prayer, a supernaturally manifested wish. However, our knowledge is imperfect, so that the final ultimate spirit rests on a kind of faith. Also, everyone involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that some spirit is manifest in the laws of the universe, one that is vastly superior to that of man. In this way the pursuit of science leads to a religious feeling of a special sort."

"With Cordial Greetings, Yours, A. Einstein"

Einstein recognized the impossibility of a non-created universe. He wrote "in all the laws of the universe is manifest a spirit vastly superior to man, and to which we with our powers must feel humble."

"It's Never Too Late." Remember that old phrase? Well, it's not too late join our Retirees Bowling League. The season starts on Thursday, September 6. If you are interested in bowling on a team full-time or as an occasional substitute, contact Diane Cattone at 301-774-2418. And don't forget our modest annual dues fee for the Retirees Club membership is due.

Our monthly Retirees Club luncheon will be on September 25 and we hope to see everyone there.

*Thomas Leonard*

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Are you ready to begin a new year? We are! We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Monday, September 10, at our Memorial Mass at 7 p.m. in St. John's Historic Church. Fr. Calis is our celebrant. After Mass we'll meet in the Emerald Room for our first meeting. GK Jim Mannion will address us regarding the hopes he has for the Council and letting us know where we can help. The Executive Board will provide refreshments, but feel free to bring whatever you like. And be sure to invite a friend to join us and possibly become a Maryknight.

If you have not sent in your dues for the year please try to take care of this on Monday. Remember, we voted an increase to \$25. Our directory will be updated soon and you'll want to be included!

We'll soon be collecting toiletries, glasses, school supplies, stamps cell phones for our great causes: Gift of Sight, Birthright and Adopt a Soldier. Keep these in mind throughout the year. A little bit each time goes a long way!

We are in "Full Speed Ahead" mode for the Charity Ball. We will fill you in on what's new and how we can all join forces to make this a great event (as always!)! Thanks to Kathy and her daughter Amy for taking on the raffle tickets. You can turn in your sold tickets and get more on Monday. Kathy is already "full speed ahead" with the raffle ticket sales! If you want to volunteer to help we still are looking for an auction chairperson, registration/check in/check out chairperson and someone to put together the program.

Let's do our best to make this a great year!



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*Thank you very much,  
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COMING EVENTS...

**OCTOBER**

- 2 Business Meeting
- 6 SJE Auction and Bazaar
- 6 Columbus Day Ball
- 16 Rosary for Unborn
- 28 Children's Halloween Party

## SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2.	3. <b>Labor Day</b> D'Antuono Bromley, Mullaney, Dollymore	4. <b>Business Meeting</b>	5.	6.	7. Team #3, Neff - fried shrimp platter  Pistol Pete, Jeff, Mark Hardman	8.
9. Cassagnol	10. <b>Maryknights Memo- rial Mass</b>  D'Antuono, McKinney	11.  DeVol, Conway, Carey	12.	13.  McNamara	14. Team #2, Hibernians - TBA  Conway, Carey, DeVol, Wigmore, Slattery	15.
16. <b>Special Olympics Week</b>  Dassing	17.  D'Antuono, Sullivan	18. <b>Social Meeting, *First Degree</b>	19.	20.  Langley	21. Team #5, Girolami - crab cake special  Lynch and Lyon Slattery	22.  Maddox
23. <b>PGK Testimonial</b>	24.  D'Antuono, McNamara	25. <b>Retirees Luncheon</b>  Culkin, DeVol	26.  Cavaliere	27.	28. Team #6, Langley - jambalaya  Eddie McCaw, Beane	29.
30.	October 1  D'Antuono, McNamara					