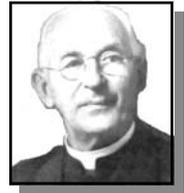




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CHAPLAIN

"My Humble God Jesus"

"I knew that happiness was God, but I did not enjoy You until humble I embraced my humble God Jesus" Augustine, *Confessions* VII. 18, 24. Usually we do not enjoy knowledge for the sake of it, we enjoy knowledge when we are embraced. The obviousness of the truth does not have the force to rid the will of the images of worldly pleasures, of partial pleasures.

Between the law that points to happiness and unhappiness there is a sea. "Mankind is unable to cross that sea" says again St Augustine *In Evangelium Ionnis* II, 4. "Christmas: this is Paradise" said Saint Anthony of Padua, who is a Doctor of the church, therefore a saint whom the Church recognizes as sure teacher and who edifies the faith. "When more than two thousand years ago in Bethlehem Mary gave birth: this is Paradise. Happiness no longer promised, no longer awaited, no longer hoped for, no longer glimpsed from far away. Happiness made flesh was present. It was visible."

It is still present among us today. These feasts days are days of prayer and contemplating this Paradise made flesh and the fulfillment of the gap, this "sea" between God and man. The astonishing miracle of Christmas may rekindle in us the fire of God's love, His humility in becoming like us and appeals to each of us the most.

Dear Knights of Columbus, all my prayers and desires to all of you and your family members in these Joyful Holy Season.

Fr. Ettore Ferrario



O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Pro-life Kickoff Rally

The Knights of Columbus Father Rosensteel Council #2169 is presenting its 24th annual Pro-Life Kickoff Rally on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at the Council on Rosensteel Avenue in Silver Spring.

The rally will begin with a short reception, the presentation of Colors by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps, the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, welcome by the Grand Knight and a free traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner followed by a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment.

For additional information, please contact Pro-Life chair and PGK C. Michael Koon at 301-922-9101. All are cordially invited.

Deputy's Dialog

Merry Christmas! I had to say it just one more time, because I have been programmed to say Happy Holidays. My place of work is very politically correct; therefore just as I have learned to cough into my sleeve, recycle my aluminum, glass and plastic, and not comment on how nice a female colleague looks that day. I, too, have learned to say Happy Holidays, until I step foot into Rosensteel, where I am immediately corrected if I do slip back to work mode.

Before I wish you a Happy New Year, let's first reflect on December. On December 13, we held the combined effort of the PGK Testimonial, 95th Anniversary and CIF Fundraiser. Many thanks to Beth and Dan Ward for chairing this important event. We were treated to a delicious meal prepared by Stan and Jane McLeod.

On Sunday, December 20, we held the Children's Christmas Party. If you have not attended this before you must attend next year. The teams of the Caffi and Dassing families have this down to a science, to watch the children's faces as they walk into the winter wonderland should not be missed. Upon entering the fully decorated room they are welcomed by Santa himself. If they are not amazed by the Nativity scenes, train sets, miniature snow-dusted towns and Christmas figurines, they will be in awe of the transformation of our own Steve Caffi to Santa himself.

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Message from District Deputy

It is with regret I announce that the resignation of Brother Allan Jimenez as Grand Knight of the Father Rosensteel Council has been accepted by the State Deputy. On behalf of the State and Rosensteel families, we wish to thank Allan for all of his efforts this fraternal year. Allan's emphasis on charitable work was very real and he and Sonia spent countless hours working to help the less fortunate in the tradition of Fr. McGivney. Until elections are held, DGK Moore will be acting Grand Knight.

- District Deputy Tom Kelly

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Our December meeting focused on Christmas cheer with our Maryknight sisters and the presentation of the Charity Ball check. So... Drum roll..... Jeremy Lichtenstein and Mike Ridgeway from KIND were delighted to receive our proceeds of a whopping \$20,000.57!!!! The timing couldn't be better for KIND as it was working to expand the children it served and weren't sure how it would do it. This amount of money will feed 200 children on the weekends for a year! We did a great job raising this money for this wonderful organization and special kudos to Polly Seleski and Margie Cuff. Many Maryknights helped in this venture and contributed to the success. Many thanks again to all as well as the Knights, Squires and Roses. If you would like to see photos of the event, they are on the Rosensteel Council Facebook page.

We have decided we will need to start the process earlier next year to capitalize on the budgets for charitable contributions (which are usually depleted later in the year). So start looking for recommended charities now as presentations for next year's ball will be part of our February meeting.

Our anniversary party will be a brunch at Norbeck Country Club on April 10 from noon to 3 p.m. Polly and Peggy Seleski have sponsored us for this special event. We will be organizing car pools for folks who need a ride so everyone can join in. Margie Cuff is at the helm so we know it will be a wonderful event!

As part of our Christmas festivities, Wayne Miller provided us with music and Father Jerry was here to give us his Advent reflections. He spoke about how this is a special time to appreciate Mary and how her symbol of prayerful expectation is representative of our lives with Christ. In looking at the adoration of the Magi, what they brought to Christ foretell his life. Gold representing his kingship, frankincense his life as a high priest and myrrh as the spices used to prepare bodies after death. They foretell his life as our savior. How lovely.

Luanne shared with us the answer to Charlie Brown's question about the true meaning of Christmas. Linus responded by saying, "And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men.

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." Thanks Linus and Luanne.

We hope you had a blessed and wonderful Christmas and send best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

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Deputy's Dialog:

Our Charitable programs were busy as well, Coats for Kids, Needy Families



Food Drive and Cup of Joe, just to mention a few.

So HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's make this a great one! I already have a good feeling about 2016 and I am getting the vibe that many of you also feel that way. I say this because in the past six days I have been approached with some wonderful ideas for programs and events, so please don't stop; here are a few:

- Return of the "BEACH PARTY"
- "Talent Night"
- "Theme Dances"
- "Comedy Night"
- Another "Cook-off"
- "Family Bingo"
- "Sponsor a Seminarian"
- "Parish Fundraiser"
- "Meals on wheels to members in need"

So keep them coming and together we will make them happen.



Be Worthy,

DGK Terrence P. Moore

Knight of the Month

This member should be nicknamed Radar, not for his uncanny ability to detect incoming aircraft from miles away, but for his ability to "fly under the radar." He does this with quite the entourage.

Once again he and his worker bees collected and distributed 200 bags of food for needy families. They do this three times a year completely under the radar that is unless you happen to stop by the Council bright and early Saturday morning. Tim would not be happy to see his name on this article without the recognition of all those who helped with this wonderful program. So please say a big thank you to Tim Sullivan and his low flying team.

Daniel Zarelli, Joseph Zarelli, Michael Zarelli, Karen Zarrelli, Frank Cavaliere, Mike Audet, Drew Ortner, Brian McCaw, Renee McCaw, Mrs. McCaw, Shannon McCaw and Tom Murphy.

Family of the Month

Santa is known to visit us but once a year, but here at Rosensteel he and his family join us several times. This Family of the Month is as regular as Santa himself, and this year was no different. If you haven't attended the Children's Halloween Party or the Children's Christmas Party you are missing out on quite a treat.

The decorations alone will make your jaw drop, and upon a closer look you can see that this is nothing new to this family. As Tony



opened a box of decorations he was heard saying "look at this one, we used this in 1968".

Please join us in congratulating and thanking the Caffi's.

Building Association News

The season of Advent is a great time to be thankful. The Building Association is blessed with volunteers that put their hearts and minds into caring for our facility. Enough cannot be said for the time and sacrifice they make to ensure our gardens and grounds are attractive and look professionally maintained.

This thanks extends to the Clubhouse team that also provides us with volunteers and collaboratively plan to create a new vision for the facility. The Clubhouse and Building Teams are joining at monthly meetings to share the challenge of making our facility a better place. Those of you who are fortunate to frequent and patronize our many Council and Clubhouse social functions can see the changes. The Columbian Room and Jouvonal rooms are slated for renovations to improve the appearance and repair damages. The planned renovations include new light fixtures, partitions, paint, removal of the wall carpet and paint, refinishing the dance floor, and a new look for the bar and stage.

The remaining new chandeliers are due to be installed by end of January; please stop in and see the ones we've already installed! We recently purchased a wide screen projector that will add much-needed technical presentation ability to our service amenities.

The third and perhaps the most important "amenity" making the Building a better place is you. As members, you support Knight Life by sharing yourself with other members in our fraternal activities. Take the time to bring the family down for a great dinner on Friday Family Night or join in on one of the Council or Clubhouse functions. Your presence at the Clubhouse and Council activities are an integral and imperative part of what makes Rosensteel's history.

You will be surprised how rich and rewarding active life in the Council can be and how the Building itself is changing to reflect the growth in our collective experience together. We are always in need of handy volunteers so feel free to join the team!

Thank you for your continued patronage and support. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chancellor's Chatter

By the time you read this column, 2016 will be well underway. For those of you who know me, you're well aware that music is a big part of what make me tick, and as such I can't help but share a favorite Christmas-time (albeit non-secular) song written and sung by John Lennon. Lennon conceived "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" as a means of elaborating upon the themes of social unity and peaceful change enacted through personal accountability and empowerment, and his sentiments ring true today. We continue to strive for peace, to protect the innocent, and to eliminate fear in and of the world around us. Simplistic verses that succinctly summarize a mindset we should keep throughout the coming year. Here's to honoring personal commitments (maybe you refer to them as New Year's Eve resolutions) and to living the Golden Rule. May you hum this song as we strive for Peace throughout the New Year, my friends...

Happy Christmas (war Is Over) Lyrics

*So, this is Christmas
And what have you done?
Another year over
And a new one just begun
And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear one
The old and the young
A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear
And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong
For rich and the poor ones
The road is so long
And so happy Christmas
For black and for white
For yellow and red ones
Let's stop all the fight
A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year*

Kitchen Crews

We are in desperate need of Kitchen Crew Leaders and Team Members. Please contact DGK Terrence P. Moore if you can assist at tpmoore@pbs.org or -571 436 5776

Give a weekend to God! Ignatian Weekend Retreat - "The Way"

Ignatian Weekend Retreat - "The Way." The men of St. Bernadette go on retreat each year at **Loyola on the Potomac - A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD**. This retreat is conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. It is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. The retreat includes time for prayer, worship and personal reflection. The retreat begins Friday evening, February 26, 2016, and concludes with lunch on Sunday, February 28.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jerome McNamara at jerome.mcnamara@gmail.com. The retreat fee for the weekend is \$235 (\$185 for first time retreatants and/or young adults up to age 30). A deposit of \$115 is required. You can also reserve online: www.loyolaonthepotomac.com



Remember in Your Prayers

Brother Bill Weithman
Tommy Smithhisler, son of PGK Henry Smithhisler

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Cheri Nagel
Jerry Fitzpatrick, father-in-law of PGK Dan Ward
Mrs. Borkoski, mother of Bro. Mark Borkoski
Jack Morgan, father of PGK Dave Morgan
Bro. Michael Marinari, recovering from hip surgery

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Rob Seubert at 301-681-8181

Looking Ahead at Rosensteel:

- **New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party** - No band this year? No problem! Building on the success of last year's event, come December 31 please consider joining your Rosensteel friends and family for an informal Pot Luck Dinner. Just bring a dish to share and pay for your drinks (and Geoff's too, of course) at the bar. Last year we had a room full of folks who had a great time. Questions? Hunt down PKG Dan Ward for answers.
- Bro. Stan McLeod wishes to remind all who are in arrears in the Super Bowl Pool to please settle accounts.

Motions on the Council Floor

Two Money Motions presented by PGK Paul Girolami for the disbursement of benevolent bequest of deceased brother Knight Fred Carberry.

Money Motion: To obligate \$2,000 for the design, development and maintenance of the Rosensteel Hall catering and events Web site.

Money Motion: To obligate \$33,000 for renovations, primarily focusing on the Columbian and Maryknights Room.

Motion presented by Russell Sutton, PGK voted on and approved at the December 1 Business Meeting:

Motion to direct the Grand Knight to appoint three members in good standing to a Nominations Committee. This committee will serve the rest of the fraternal year. The Nominations Committee will present qualified candidates for the vacant positions of Recorder and Outside Guard at the January 2016 Business Meeting. The names of the potential candidates will be published in the January 2016 Knight Life and be voted on by the general membership no later than the February 2016 Business Meeting.

Nominations Committee Report

The council has four elected officer vacancies, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder and Outside Guard. Elections will be held at the February 2016 Business Meeting. The Nominations Committee reviews credentials and eligibility from members in good standing to fill vacancies in office. The Nominations Committee recommends and presents the following candidates to the council for the vacant positions:

For the office of Grand Knight: Terrence Moore, DGK
 For the office of Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Koon, PGK
 For the office of Recorder: Gus Gusman
 For the office of Outside Guard: Joseph Dassing

In accordance with Council Bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor at the January Business Meeting, January Social Meeting, and the February Business Meeting prior to the election.

Geoff Conway
 Mike Donnelly
 Russell Sutton, PGK

Friday Jan. 1st, 2016 New Year's Day Football!

*Noon to 6 p.m.
 This is not a stag event, spouses, Maryknights
 and age appropriate
 kids are welcome.*

Columbian Room

*50% of the proceeds will go to the Peter Haley Scholarship Fund to
 benefit the Blessed Sacrament football program
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CIF Update

The CIF Committee thanks all who have donated to the Capital Improvement Fund. When started, for the purpose of making capital improvements to our physical plant, we announced a goal of \$20,000. Please know your contributions will help us to continue to enjoy the facilities at Fr. Rosensteel Council

Thank you,
 The CIF committee

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The Warden's Take...

Jim Mannion

The 10 Commandments are obligatory for Christians; the justified are bound to keep them:

The Ten Commandments...

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

Practicing the 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct make good Supplemental sense:

The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct...

1. Pay attention
2. Acknowledge others
3. Think the best
4. Listen
5. Be inclusive
6. Speak kindly
7. Don't speak ill
8. Accept and give praise
9. Respect even a subtle "no"
10. Respect others' opinions
11. Mind your body
12. Be agreeable
13. Keep it down (and rediscover silence)
14. Respect other people's time
15. Respect other people's space
16. Apologize earnestly and thoughtfully
17. Assert yourself
18. Avoid personal questions
19. Care for your guests
20. Be a considerate guest
21. Think twice before asking for favors
22. Refrain from idle complaints
23. Give constructive criticism
24. Respect the environment and be gentle to animals
25. Don't shift responsibility and blame

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District Deputy Report



Happy New Year!!

We are half way through the fraternal year and what a year it has been. We were blessed with a visit from our Holy Father and we now enter the "Year of Mercy."

You have probably noticed "Giving trees" in your Parish. As a member of the state leadership I go to various churches throughout the State. What a difference a parish can make. In the richer ones they are asking for toys and games for needy children. In the less fortunate parishes the giving trees have requests from children for shoes and clothing. I nearly cried and wanted to take every request. Maybe when I hit the lottery.

I am amazed at the generosity of my brother knights. **THANK YOU.** Two recent examples show how my brother knights continue to give:

- 1) PGK Ward and DGK Moore for all of their efforts with coats for kids, but especially the last minute efforts in December which put coats on an additional 36 children.
- 2) PGK Sutton for his leadership and the members of the Council who rallied at the last minute to help our Chaplain ensure the children of two families in his parish would have new shoes and coats this Christmas.

For every success we have, it is because a member has stepped up. The success of the Council depends on the members and their involvement. In the past year we have lost a few of these special members who were always there assisting in our programs. Please keep them in your prayers. Too often we think someone else will do it. Please add these to your New Year's resolutions: continue your involvement in the Knight's charitable efforts and continue the great Works of our founder Father McGivney.

Squires/Roses January Update

Save the date for the Council Free Throw Competition to be held Thursday, January 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Barrie School (ages 9-14).

The Squires and Roses have again been asked to provide assistance for the annual fundraiser for St. Joseph's House on Saturday, January 23, from 6:30 - 10 p.m. We are looking for eight or so of our older Squires to assist with coat check and busing tables.

The 24th annual Pro-Life Kickoff Rally will be held on Sunday, January 17, at 5:15pm at the Council with a free traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner. The Squires and Roses will provide support as needed that day.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, January 14, at 7 p.m

Clubhouse News

The Clubhouse takes a moment to say thanks to all the volunteers who continue to help make the events enjoyable and profitable. Thus far, our financial reports show the Clubhouse has made a small profit. We have very quiet months ahead in the books for catering. Catering is the life blood that keeps the Clubhouse doors open. If you or someone you know needs a place for an event of any kind, please recommend Rosensteel. The Web site is up and we ask everyone to take a look (www.rosensteelhall.com). The Clubhouse continues to work with the Building Committee with improvements throughout the Hall. The Clubhouse hopes everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

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JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. NEW YEARS DAY Classic Bowl Bash	2.
				New Year's Day		
3. 8-11 Sun. Breakfast DOLLYMORE, BROMLEY & DELANEY	4. 5-8 D'ANTUONO 8- ZAPPALLA	5. 7—Business Meet- ing	6. Bingo PIZZA	7. 5-8 CAVALIERE 8-11 MANNION	8. Team 4 Paul Neff, fried shrimp, fries, coleslaw 5-8 CONWAY, CAREY, WIGMORE	9.
10. 8-11	11. 5-8 D'ANTUONO 8- DeVOL CAREY, CONWAY	12.	13. Bingo PIZZA 8-11 MCNAMARA	14. 8—SLATTERY	15. Team 5 Joe Marks Pork Loin w/black cherry glaze, mashed potatoes and beans 5-8 LYNCH & LYON	16. 8-11 DASSING
17. 8-11 PONCE	18. Tony Horner Memorial Rosary 5-8 D'ANTUONO 8— MCNAMARA	19. 7 – Social Meeting	20. Bingo PIZZA MOORE & LANG- LEY	21. KREITZBERG	22. Team 6, Paul Gi- rolami, Oktoberfest menu 5-8 E III 8-11 MADDOX	23. 8-11 SEUBERT
24.	25. 5-8 D'ANTUONO 8-1 MCNAMARA	26. Retirees Lunch	27. Bingo PIZZA	28.	29. Team 7 Chris Lang- ley, Meat Lasagna, salad, garlic bread 5-8 LUANNE & MARGIE	30 BEACH PARTY
31.						