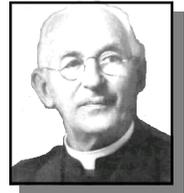




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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. José Cortes

### Fishers of Men

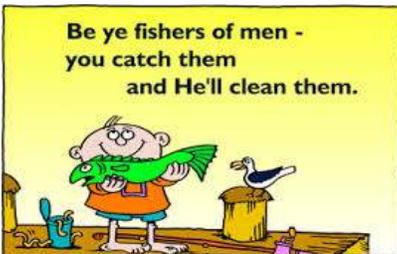
The first Apostles chosen by Jesus were fishermen: Peter, Andrew, John and James. I wonder why Jesus called these four men to be his first disciples.

Fishermen have to prepare the nets and navigate their boats to the fishing place. Then, they cast their nets and wait. What happens does not depend on them. The catch is totally unpredictable. Fishermen know that the most important part of their work is not in their hands. The outcome is determined by the mysterious sea: some days their nets fill with fish and some days they receive nothing from the sea.

Fishers are well aware of the unpredictability of their task. They work hard but the results are beyond their control. Every time they go out to sea and face the horizon, the infinite is before their eyes. Fishers are usually very religious people.

When Jesus invited the fishers of Capernaum to come after him, and he would make them fishers of men, he might have had the characteristics of fishermen in mind. To be a "fisher of men" requires full commitment to the task and total trust, since the success of the mission is not in his hands. This is a lesson that we, as the Church, must also always bear in mind.

Fr. José



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Frank Cavaliere, GK

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### Our First Priority is Charity:

From the first day you become a Knight, indeed even during the First Degree ceremony, you're dutifully informed that charity is the first watchword of the order. And around Rosensteel, we take those words seriously. If you recall last month's column (and I know you hang on every word in this space, of course) I mentioned that news would be forthcoming on a "major new focus" of charitable giving as it relates to our Council. Well, here goes.

This new initiative began late last year when Past Grand Knight Dan Ward spoke at a Council meeting, informing attendees of a family known by his daughter Lauren who is employed by the Frederick County school system. This family - a mother and her two children - were living in a county shelter and barely, and I mean barely, scraping by. Lauren, who also spoke to us at a Council meeting, said one of the children, a young boy, was arriving at school each day in threadbare clothes, ill suited to the coming winter months. The mother was trying her best, but was pulled in so many directions by so many social agency requirements that she despaired of seeing any light at the end of the tunnel.

So what to do? Well around Rosensteel, when a man of Dan's integrity and faith takes on a project, everyone has his back. A hat was passed and, you may want to sit down for this, nearly \$1,000 in cash was immediately raised to address the needs of this family. Clothes, both new and very, very gently used, were dropped off at the Council soon afterward. Luanne Flanigan and the

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Maryknights became involved too (and when I say involved, you know that Luanne can rally the troops like few others).

Myself, Dan and his wife Beth subsequently drove to this lady's downtown Frederick apartment over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to drop off some clothes and canned goods that were donated. On the way back and in subsequent phone and e-mail conversations, it was decided that prudence dictated that we not just give her the entire dollar amount. Rather, we used some of the funds just before Christmas to purchase some more clothes and toys for the children along with a supermarket gift card and a \$100 cash donation to the mother. For now, at least, her situation has stabilized, though obviously her long-term stability is far from certain. But, trust me on this, Dan, Beth and Lauren Ward – with Rosensteel at their backs – won't forget this mother and her children and will do everything possible to assist them going forward.

In addition to helping this family, this new charity fund also purchased shoes and sneakers for a family in Christ the King parish along with coats for another family in that parish. Side note: Dan Ward and District

Deputy/Past Grand Knight Tom Kelly took the lead on both of these projects. It should also be noted that our Council chaplain, Fr. José Cortes is the pastor at Christ the King.

So there you have it. Currently, there's still \$350 in the fund, and that total will undoubtedly increase throughout this year as other hats are passed at future meetings and other immediate needs among the less fortunate among us are brought to our attention and addressed as best we can. Please note that this new fund is totally separate from Rosensteel's other charitable endeavors such as hosting various events and donating to various religious and civic organizations throughout each year. I know you join me when I say that being associated with such generous men and women is truly a blessing from above.

To conclude this month's column, please stay warm in this most chilly of the winter season and pray as much as you can for your Rosensteel Family and those less fortunate among us. And don't forget to visit us at Rosensteel – we're always happy to see some new faces. I'll check back with you here next month. Meantime, as always, Godspeed.

Frank C.



## Mardi Gras Party!!

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*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

### Family of the Month

February's Family of the Month designation goes to Mr. Chris Langley, his lovely wife Tina and their two high maintenance, yet lovable children Nick and Ellie. As you all well know, Chris puts in more than his share of time around Rosensteel as a bartender, kitchen crew leader and volunteer for many, many charitable efforts. Ditto Tina. Their children are lucky to have such wonderful parents and – at least every so often – they consider themselves lucky to have such great kids. (No word yet on whether Tina considers her spousal choice as lucky...)

### Chancellor's Chatter

Throughout my term as Chancellor I will publish a short "To Do List" every month. This is meant for every member of this council, I will add to it but I will never remove a task, as I believe that each and every one of us could benefit from this friendly reminder.

#### February To Do List

- \* Recruit a new member
- \* Engage an existing member
- \* Volunteer to assist/organize an event or function
- \* Attend a council event
- \* Hold an event at the council
- \* Assist/organize a charitable event
- \* Thank a Maryknight
- \* Extend condolences and or assistance to someone who has lost someone close to them
- \* Contribute to the Tootsie Roll Drive
- \* Attend and contribute to a Business Meeting
- \* Make amends with a fellow brother with whom you have had differences.
- \* Give as you would like to receive.

#### New "To Do"

- \* Enjoy a beverage of choice and a meal at Rosensteel!

### Knight of the Month

Does he have more than 3,000 hits in the National League? A statue in front of a ballpark along the Mississippi River? No, he does not. But our Stan the Man is just as valuable to us as Mr. Musial was back in the day to Cardinals Nation in St. Louis. Not only does Mr. McLeod practically live at Rosensteel (to the eternal consternation and occasional exasperation of Mrs. Stan), but he's continually doing God's work by visiting Council members in distress, stepping in where needed around the building (which is pretty much everywhere), running the Super Bowl pool, hosting our New Year's Eve party, all part and parcel of being our MVP. So when you see Stan McLeod offer your congratulations at being the February Knight of the Month and then tell him to get back to work around here!



For most of my life, my perception of the Knights of Columbus was a good ole boy fraternity. I had been asked to join the Knights several times, but because of my skewed perception I refused to even consider it. I wish that I could say a light went off and I realized how great the Knights were but it didn't happen that way. In early 2000 I took the step and made the First Degree. It was a powerful experience as was the Second and Third Degree Ceremonies, but the Fourth Degree put it all together for me.

I became aware of the tremendous impact Catholic Laity and Priests played in the founding and preservation of our country. Because of the Knights and their influence on me over the last 15 years I can truly say I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus, an American and a Catholic.

The Knights of Columbus continues to grow in membership every year. However, as Knights, we still need to ask every eligible Catholic man in our parishes and communities to join the Order so that we can continue to grow and they can continue to grow as a Catholic gentleman. The goal is the same for all of us—ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH. If you need help, call on the professionals. The General Agents and Field Agents will be very happy to step up and help during the council's membership drives and get them closer to star council status.

What helps your council to grow in membership? **PROGRAMS!!** There are too many to list here as the activities that our councils are involved in are many and varied. However, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Habitat for Humanity, Wheelchairs, Ultrasound machines, Walk for Life, and Special Olympics are the featured programs from Supreme that your councils can be involved in that might just turn a potential candidate into a Brother Knight.

We all joined the Order for various reasons, not necessarily to be in a leadership position, but if that is where you have landed, then I hope that your efforts would be that of the best role model ever. All of us have something to offer this Order. Continue to be active and help grow the Order every day. Whether in a leadership role or not, we are all part of a team of over 34,000 members in the state of Maryland.

Vivat Jesus  
DD Tom

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It's February and it's the middle of the Winter Season. Please use caution when you are outside on sidewalks or parking lots covered with snow or ice. Always dress appropriately with warm clothes, hats and gloves for your protection. Please take precautions during inclement weather: keep warm, stay healthy and safe.

also have open this year for visitors. The farm has three villas for its people and they keep chickens, ostriches, turkeys, rabbits and dairy cattle. A variety of seasonal vegetables is grown on the farm. During World War II over 12,000 Jewish refugees were kept hidden on the farm safe from the Nazi invaders.

If you are in Rome on a Wednesday you can most likely see Pope Francis at noon in Vatican City. You must come as early as possible to St. Peter's Square to obtain the best seating. There will easily be about 40,000 people in the Square by noon. Everyone must be seated in chairs before the Pope makes his entrance. There will be a choir(s) singing, prayers by visiting priests and a homily given in many languages by the Pope.

Is it too early to think about a summer vacation at a nice attractive location? No, of course not. In fact the middle of winter is the best time to consider travel plans. The Maryland State Convention is the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ocean City so make your plans now, support our Council and enjoy spring at the shore.

The Lenten Season starts on February 18<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, and is an excellent time to attend Mass for this particular blessing. Lent will end on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, which to many people feels like the beginning of the season of Spring.

If you should happen to find yourself in Rome, Italy in the coming months you may want to consider Pope Francis' recent invitation to visit the Papal Palace in Castle Gondolfo just 15 miles South of Rome in the scenic Alban Hills. President George and Laura Bush visited Pope John Paul II there in 2001. The Papal Palace is on Freedom Square in the city and the adjoining Barberini Gardens are open for guided one hour tours. Nearby is the Vatican's 135 acre farm (maintained by eight Vatican employees) that Pope Francis says he hopes to

If there is a special loved one(s) in your life you will not want to forget Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The modern custom of sending cards, flowers, chocolates and gifts to loved ones started in England. It is one of the most popular days of the year.

Our Luncheon & Meeting this month will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>. All your friends hope to see you there.

VP Tom Leonard



**Squires/Roses      February 2015**

My apologies for the last minute cancellation of January's meeting. February's meeting will be held on Thursday the 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. By the time you read this we will have helped serve for the St Joseph House fundraiser and I will make the assumption that all in attendance enjoyed it. February 7<sup>th</sup> we would like volunteers to assist with the Mardi Gras Party, I will not be present but Mr. Carey and Mrs. Torp will assist and direct (as if you all need it). In the coming months we will be reaching out to many parishes, schools and councils to recruit more members. We have several members that have reached the age of eighteen thus allowing them to become members and Maryknights. Please consider this opportunity and feel free to discuss this with myself or one of the many Maryknights. The registration process is going well with the state, please keep the registration forms coming in. There is no online version, therefore if you have not received or completed your form please send me an email with a mailing address and I will send you the paper copy.

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Despite the weather, we had a good turn-out for our January meeting. If you remember, it was an informational meeting to let other interested women know what the Maryknights are all about. We hoped to be able to recruit new members by acquainting them with our charitable activities. Well, recruit we have done with the prospect of 2 new members. Our Maryknight sister Polly Seleski presented a booklet entitled “Time & Talent”, in which every committee is listed along with a description of their various roles. The booklet should be helpful to our present members but invaluable to the newer members when making the important decision of where their particular talents could best serve our organization. The booklet was handed out to those in attendance and can be downloaded to your computer. Watch for an email attachment from Carol or Polly.

It is now time to deal with cold, dreary February. Have no fear! The Maryknights have a plan that can brighten things up considerably while supporting the council as well. We have a promise from Mary Margaret Hathaway and her Bayou Crew that the evening of February 7 will explode with her specialty, the “Real Deal” Mardi Gras Party. Mary

Margaret is the perfect chair and party planner. This native of Baton Rouge, LA, and chef extradonaire– draws on her Cajun roots for us using old family recipes for Gumbo and Jambalya bread pudding that are to die for! For reservations call Dee Calcutt (301) 741-3718 or Beth Torp (240) 274-7711. Reserve a space now for \$35.00 or at the door \$40.00. Needless to say there will be music (Cajun and regular) and a cash bar with bottled beer ( a limited amount of Cajun beer will be available).

Do us and yourself a big favor and join us for a pre-lenten party that you will long remember. “Laissez les bon tempes”!

It isn't too early to mark your calendar for the Maryknight Spring Card Party, March 16<sup>th</sup> to be held at Leisure World Club House. Lois Devlin and Diane Lynch will be chairing this event with more details to come next month.

February's speaker is Eileen Whalen, WJLA's Channel 7 Meteorologist. I am predicting a clear and mild meeting so come on out and you may have a chance to win the attendance prize which has ‘skyrocketed’ to \$30!

**CIF Update**

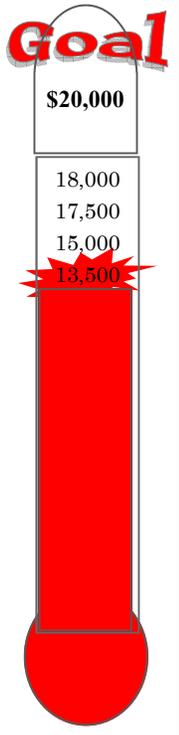
Dear Knights and Maryknights of the Father Rosensteel Council and friends, As chairman, I am pleased to report that, thanks to your generosity and support, we have over \$13,500 in the CIF account toward maintaining and improving the infrastructure at our beloved Council building. This is due in large part to the generosity of our Honorary Lifetime Members. In December the Council sent a letter to these special members explaining the request and asking them to support the efforts of the

CIF. They have been responding with open hearts! Since January 1st, 2015, 38 H.L.M. members have contributed an average of \$75 each! Furthermore, two of our active members have been donating to the fund on a monthly and bi-monthly basis. (The category where their name appears will change according to the cumulative amount they have given.) Won't you follow their lead and consider being a regular contributor?

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**BINGO**

Thanks to all of you who are attending Bingo on Wednesday nights. While we still struggle to keep our numbers and profits up, your continued support is appreciated.

We have been trying to “think outside the box” for new ways to maximize profits. To that end Terrence Moore and his crew have helped improve our meal offerings. Paul Neff says we are selling more meals each week which helps the Clubhouse.

The Maryknights continue to be a strong presence and this helps to keep the number of players up. But we need to increase this number to make a comfortable profit. Please pass the word about our Wednesday night Bingo. Try to participate if you can and bring a few friends with you. Remember “You gotta play to win!” and someone is going to hit our \$1,000 jackpot very soon!

# Father Rosensteel: REFLECTIONS OF OUR OWN

## A Powerful Witness

Those of us who are parents know that setting a good example is the best way to teach our children. I witness this first hand every time I gather to say the Rosary on Friday night at the Council.

We are well aware that the Supreme Order of the Knights of Columbus encourages devotion to our Blessed Mother. So Grand Knight Cavaliere instituted the Friday Night Rosary as Rosensteel Council's way of "demonstrating our commitment to Our Lady while at the same time strengthening the bonds of Faith and Fraternity." I would like to add "Family" as well.

Participation in this activity has grown slowly but steadily since our Grand Knight began leading this beautiful prayer each week in July of 2014.

The size of the group varies, but a young family with three small children joins us almost every week. I was struck recently by the intent with which their young son paid attention, not only to his father (whom he obviously adores), but to each Knight who led a decade. It was clear that his young heart was being moved. His respect and admiration was unmistakable as he followed with his own Rosary beads and recited each prayer with us.

I feel a genuine sense of hope when praying the Rosary with the men, women and families who gather with me. A glance around the room reveals a continuity for the council that has been one of the hallmarks of the Fr. Rosensteel Council. Here are gathered five, possibly six, generations of Knights praying to Our Lady together for the Council along with other intentions the group has requested.

With all these voices in the room, how can our Blessed Mother not respond to her children?

There are other activities where our Knights are visibly setting examples— many times unaware of the effect they have on this next generation: the Sunday breakfast, the Friday dinners, the Food Baskets, the Children's parties, the Charity Ball. But I believe this simple recitation of the Rosary—before the fun of Friday night begins—offers them a profound and deeply human witness to the fullness of life, and way to chart the course of their own happiness. In all of these activities, they see Catholic men (and women) helping in the community, feeding and clothing the poor, supporting each other, loving one another and celebrating life, guided by the Mother of Jesus.

Do you have a Rosensteel Reflection to share?  
Send it to [Margicuff@gmail.com](mailto:Margicuff@gmail.com)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Breakfast 8-11 Super Bowl Party 5pm	2. Bar: 5-8 8-11	3. Business Mtg 2-5 Rogers 8-11	4. <b>Bingo</b> Pizza Night Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11	5. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	6. Crew #3 Allan Jimenez Chicken & rice Central American style Bar 5-8 R.Horner; Pete 8-11 Hardman	7. Mardi Gras 7-11 Bar: 5-8 8-11
8. Bar: 5-8 8-11	9. Maryknights Mtg 7 PM Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Cassagnol	10. . Bar: 5-8 8-11:	11. <b>Bingo</b> Bar: 5-8 Carey, Conway DeVol 8-11	12. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	13. Crew #4. Paul Neff Fried Shrimp, fries, slaw Bar: 5-8 Conway, Carey, Wigmore 8-11 McNamara	14. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Slattery
15. Bar: 5-8 8-11	16 Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Dassing	17. Social Mtg. Bar: 5-8 8-11	18. Ash Wednesday Pizza Night Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11 <b>Bingo</b>	19. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	20. Crew #5 Joe Marks Garlic Shrimp w/ angel hair pasta Bar: 5-8 Lyon, Lynch 8-11 Moore, Langley	21. Bar: 5-8 8-11
22. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Maddox	23. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Seubert	24. Retiree Luncheon Bar: 5-8 8-11: J. Grey	25. <b>Bingo</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	26. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mannion	27. Crew #6 Girolami Fish and Chips Bar 5-8 Spike & Sheets 8-11	28. Bar: 5-8 8-11
<b>MARCH 1st</b> Breakfast 8-11 Bar: 5-8 8-11	2. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	3. Bar: 5-8 8-11	4. <b>Bingo</b> Pizza Night Bar: 5-8 8-11	5. Bar: 5-8 8-11	6. Crew #7 C Langley Crab Lasagna, grilled cheese Bar: 5-8 Horner, Pete 8-11 Hardman	7. Bar: 5-8 8-11