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Chaplain's Reflection Resurrection of the Dead

In Jesus' time, most Jews including the Pharisees believed in some form of resurrection. The Sadducees were an exception and Jesus challenged them. The dead shall indeed rise. Otherwise, how could Moses have spoken of God as "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob," all of whom were long dead by the time of Moses? (cf Lk 20:37-38)

The idea of a general resurrection was hinted at in the Old Testament starting with Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush (Ex 3). Later, Ezekiel (37:12) proclaims "Look! ... I will make you come up out of your graves, my people ..." And resurrection was clearly taught in the apocalyptic Book of Daniel (12:3): "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some to everlasting life ..."

The Gospels absolutely affirm that Jesus did physically resurrect from the dead. Jesus was not a ghost or a mirage or a vision. Jesus appeared in His glorified body many times to his disciples, starting with the empty tomb, and even ate meals with them.

God's ultimate triumph over sin and death is really the only paradigm or belief that gives meaning to life. If there is no life after death, then life has no meaning. Only God has the power to resurrect the dead. Humans may have figured out how to "light the match," initiating the procreative processes designed by God, but even those who believe that cryogenically frozen bodies can one day be resurrected have no plausible way to do so.

Over the centuries, many skeptics have tried to make the case that a physical resurrection by Jesus could not have possibly occurred. These claims are broadly based on a paucity of corroborating secular accounts of the Resurrection. However, as Father John Meier has researched in *A Marginal Jew*, there is really no reason that the Resurrection would have been of note to the historians of the time.

Jesus lived in a small backwater of the Roman Empire, far removed from its seat in Rome. And as the Gospels have noted, Jesus limited His post-resurrection appearances to a subset of those who had known Him prior to the Crucifixion. Jesus did not appear to anyone outside of his closest disciples.

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Grand Knight's Station "Love is Repaid by Love Alone"

What's going on Rosensteel!

We all know the old saying, "it's not how you start, it's how you finish." We have great momentum as we head into February. On Tuesday, February 7, we will hold our monthly business meeting and it's very important to attend. If all our candidates are interviewed we could be voting in another 14 members. That's on top of the 24 new members since the start of my Fraternal Year. We are currently second in the state; we can do this. I'm so proud of our team, you're doing an outstanding job. Rosensteel is also taking nominations for officers for the next Fraternal Year.



Our game room next to the Knights Room is coming together nicely. Nick Carrescia has finished painting the room and this week the new flooring tiles will be put down. LED lights have been ordered and Abe Jacobs and Dave Donnelly will be putting in a new light system. We are also upgrading the WIFI in the building and Brian McCaw is leading that effort. The Clubhouse is doing an AMAZING JOB! It has made more money than I have heard of in a very long time. This is teamwork at its best. Spike Holmes, Nick Carrescia, Bill Veith, Kevin Carey, Eddie Mullaney, John Dollymore and Terrence Moore are doing an OUTSTANDING JOB! We are strongest when we work together.

On Tuesday, February 21, we will hold our monthly happy hour social. As Knights we are always looking for good Catholic gentlemen who would like to join our brotherhood. This is a good opportunity to invite a friend to show what's going on at Rosensteel. Our family cares so much about others in our community. This is a good chance to build friendships and bring our families together. All are welcome: Maryknights, spouses and friends. Come join us for some complimentary food and beverage and see for yourself.

Lastly, please mark your calendar on Tuesday, March 21 for a very special Exemplification here at Rosensteel. There will be complimentary food and beverage. All First and Second Degree members as well as new members are invited to receive their Third degrees. This is a new ceremony and is open to all membership, families, friends and prospects. The Fourth Degree Color Corp as well as an Exemplification team will be present.

That's what's going on!

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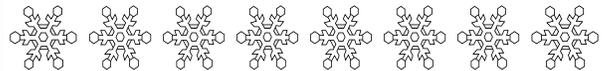


Polar Plunge Update

To date, our Council's Polar Plunge team has raised \$4,246 in support of Maryland Special Olympics. This is 57% of their \$7,500 goal.

Brothers Kevin Riley, Gus Gusman, Derek Wagner and Richard Zdanis will plunge into the Chesapeake Bay at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, MD.

*Donations are still being accepted!
 To donate to the cause or join the team,
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**Chaplain's Reflection
 Resurrection of the Dead**

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Josephus was a first century Jewish historian who wrote *The Jewish Antiquities* about 20 years after the composition of the Gospels. Scholars believe that the brief accounts of the Crucifixion of Jesus and the beheading of John the Baptist were originally written by Josephus. But even if there was no secular confirmation, it is undeniable that something happened three days after the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The tomb was empty. The body was gone. Jesus was alive again.

So why should we believe in the veracity of the Resurrection accounts two millenniums later? It is very clear from the Gospels that the early followers of Jesus did not always believe in him while he was alive. So why would they suddenly put their faith in a dead man? And their faith in Jesus, alive again, did not win them honor, prestige or fame. It brought them persecution, rejection, dishonor and ultimately exile and death.

Also, recent scholarship reveals that there were many other people similar to Jesus at that time. There were miracle workers, magicians as they were called then, some of them even claimed to be the Messiah. So there had to be something different about this Jesus, something as wonderful as rising from the dead for him to have died with virtually no followers and now, 2,000 years later, to have over a billion followers worldwide.

For those of us that were not there to witness the Resurrection, we must rely on faith and the testimony of eyewitnesses. Faith is God's gift and God will give faith to those who honestly search for it by opening themselves to His gracious presence.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

When the Saints Come Marching In

St. Veronica - Patroness of Dressmakers and Photographers Feast Day - February 4

St. Veronica is believed to be the pious matron of Jerusalem who, moved with pity as Jesus carried the cross to Calvary, wiped His face with her handkerchief. The handkerchief or cloth was left with the clear and miraculous imprint of Jesus's face. In Western tradition, Veronica was called to Rome by the Emperor Tiberius who was cured of his illness when she touched him with the cloth, which at her death she left to Pope Clement. The story of Veronica found in the apocryphal Acts of Pilate identifies her as the woman mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew whom Jesus healed of a blood issue. In France, she was known as the wife of Zaccheus who helped to evangelize the south of France when her husband became a hermit.

The veil was seen in Rome in the 8th century and by the request of Pope Boniface VIII placed in St. Peter's in 1297. In popular speech of the time, the veil was referred to as the Veronica, a name made up of the Latin word 'vera' and the Greek word 'icon,' together meaning "true image."

It was mentioned in several medieval texts by the Bollandists and Matthew of Westminster speaks of an image of Jesus called Veronica. Thus, it is said that the name which referred to the cloth was mistaken for the name of a person. Although St. Veronica's name is not mentioned in Scripture and she is not included in Roman martyrology, the memory of her single act of charity is commemorated in the 6th Station of the Cross and she is given a feast day. Veronica's veil, bearing the face of Christ and the Crown of Thorns, is one of the most cherished relics of the church.

St. Veronica Prayers

O My Jesus, Saint Veronica served You on the way to Calvary by wiping Your beloved face with a towel on which Your sacred image then appeared. She protected this treasure and whenever people touched it they were miraculously healed. I ask her to pray for the growth of my ability to see Your sacred image in others, to recognize their hurts, to stop and join them on their difficult journeys and to feel the same compassion for them as she did for You. Show me how to wipe their faces, serve their needs and heal their wounds, reminding me that as I do this for them, I also do this for You. St. Veronica, pray for me. Amen!

Lord God, You showered heavenly gifts on St. Veronica. Help us to imitate her during our earthly life and enjoy eternal happiness with her in heaven. Amen!

"Love is Repaid by Love Alone"
Respectfully, GK Timothy Stocker

We Don't Thank You Enough

Have you noticed how sometimes we forget to say "thank you" to people for their goodwill, an act or gesture? We often overlook telling people what a good job they've done, regardless of individual efforts. Many extraordinary efforts go unnoticed. Therefore, on behalf of Council officers and program chairs past and present, here's a hearty **thank you** your efforts, thoughts, volunteerism, contributions and participation when we hold or finish an event or project at the Council or in our community.

Brother Knights and Maryknights, we **thank you** for your continued support of our Council and its programs, family activities, Friday Knight dinners, communications, serving as officers and program volunteers, serving on our various boards ... the list is very long.

Thank you for helping us conduct our many programs, some of which have been started at other Councils because of our success.

Thank you to the wives and families that allow our Knights and Maryknights to be so involved at our Council.

Father Rosensteel Council is recognized as a leader in Maryland Knights of Columbus and we can't be there without you. So, a truly sincere **thank you** goes to the entire Rosensteel family for jobs well done!

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - The Knight of the Month who everyone knows has a huge personality and is very worthy of this honor. He's a good family man with four adult children, two of whom have graduated from college. I met this Knight about six years ago on the Oversight Committee when he was Grand Knight. He would take charge of the meetings and we all know the look, the stare, that it was time to knock it off and let's get back to business. He always had an agenda and wanted to stick with it. Over the years we have become friends and I very much appreciate all his efforts for the good of the order. I learned very early after our first meeting that when it comes to parties, he is known as the Dancing Queen. He has a big heart and is very generous. We have built a friendship outside of the Council, having lunch together and have enjoyed a couple of football games. He has his own real estate business and has many talents. His large wingspan allows him to take awesome selfies. So, if everything fails, he has a backup plan. In fact, in my office he gave me as a thank you a large collage poster of our memories at one of the Redskin games. It was very generous and thoughtful. That is the kind of men we have at the K of C.

From the beginning of my Fraternal Year this Knight said he was going to help me in any way that he could because he believed that my intentions were genuine and that my best interest was for Rosensteel and he was behind me. That was encouraging from the very beginning. I have reached out to him multiple times and he's a man of action and a leader. All those attributes are important to me. I talk about our team frequently and he is definitely a team player. Currently, he is our lecturer and speaks at some of our business meetings. He is one of my go-to guys when it comes to interviewing prospects before we except them as members of our brotherhood. This Knight helps with promoting and participating in our Friday Night Rosary which is gaining momentum. You should check it out. It's an opportunity to come together as a family and pray for one another. Occasionally, he works behind the bar. When we had our lobster seafood feast, for which he purchased tickets, he volunteered to help serve and make this a 5-star event. A short time later we held a Council Exemplification that I wanted to promote, welcome and re-engage members back to our Council to see this new ceremony. This Knight suggested we make a video. I took advantage of his offer and we made a 2-minute video; I was very happy with the turnout for the event. Bringing in about 80 members and guest. I'm currently working with him to better promote our upcoming Oyster Seafood Bull and Pig Roast. You better get your tickets; about half the seats are already sold. I could go on and on.

I'm very grateful for this family man who's dedicated to the K of C. We are so blessed to have this Knight on our team. I go to him often and he gets the job done. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I very much appreciate all you do for Rosensteel. I appreciate our friendship and thankful for taking my calls and responding to my messages. You're doing an OUTSTANDING JOB! So, the next time you see Bruce Cotting, congratulate him on being the very worthy February Knight of the Month. Thanks Bruce, I love you, brother!

Family of the Month - The Family of the Month is very special to our Council and is known to everyone at Rosensteel. We are very blessed to have them and I'm thankful for all they do for us. Since the beginning of my fraternal year they have been helping and or participating in most of our events. This family has three daughters, each of whom is out of college; two are married and one of them is expecting her first grandchild. How special is that? We are honored to have this Knight as part of our team, he just celebrated his 10th anniversary and is one of our Guards and attends almost every business meeting. As Grand Knight, that means so much to me, he is always there to help me when he can. Over time, I have come to know this Knight as a real family man. I very much appreciate him and our friendship and all his words of encouragement. His wife is the current secretary to the principal of St. John the Evangelist School. So you know she has a big heart helping the principal in caring for and giving guidance to the children and working for their best interest.

Around the Council this couple is active. The Knight is on at least one kitchen crew and recently I have noticed both of them helping out at the Friday Night family dinner. This couple is a lot of fun. At most events you can find them on the dance floor. At the Pro-life dinner held just a couple of weeks ago they were there early helping to prepare the spaghetti and meatball dinner and helped serve about 100 people. It was a wonderful 5-star Rosensteel event and this family played an active role in making it a huge success. At the end of the event down in the Knights Room, there they were, just finishing up. It's so rewarding at the end of a successful event to sit back and enjoy all the dedication and commitment to make sure others had a good time. GREAT JOB!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! This family is setting an example of what we can do working together to help one another. Our community is counting on us. We can always count on them. When you see Rick and Angela Colburn around the Council, please give them a big shout out and a huge round of applause for being the February Family of the Month. We love you, we thank you and we very much appreciate all you do for our family here at Rosensteel. May God continue to bless you and your family.

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Dear Maryknights,

Only six more weeks of winter!

KUDOS: Many thanks to Margie Cuff and all who contributed to the Luxe collection last month! No results to report this month, but I'll get to that in next month's article. And in case you haven't heard, we are very happy to report that the Charity Event for HealWell was a great success, providing the organization with \$12,270.22 to further its mission! Many thanks to Pat Haley and all who helped with this fine effort!

NEWS: GO RED!! February is Women's Heart Health Month, so if you can wear something red on Friday, February 3, to acknowledge the importance of taking care of your's and your loved ones heart health! And check out <https://www.goredforwomen.org/en/about-heart-disease-in-women/signs-and-symptoms-in-women> to get heart smart this month.

REMINDERS: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. and the General Meeting will be on Monday, February 13, also at 7 p.m.

REFLECTION: Ash Wednesday is February 22 and so begins the Lenten season. Our reflection this month is adapted from Joe Iovino of United Methodist Communications. Lent is a time for self-reflection and deepening one's relationship with God in Jesus Christ. For many this season leading up to Easter will be weeks of giving up something they enjoy. Others will spend extra time in devotions and prayer, while a few more will carry a cross or nail in their pocket as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for them and the whole world.

If those practices work for you, wonderful! Others may want to find another way of observing this holy season. Consider adopting one or more of the following creative uses of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

Apologize to someone - Lent is a season of repentance. Most often we think of asking God for forgiveness from our sin, but that is only half of the story. Most sins include hurting others, which mattered to Jesus. Lent is a great time to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed.

Perform random acts of kindness - Express your love for Jesus by loving others. Pay for the order of the person behind you in the drive-through. Give an extravagant tip. Carry gift cards to give away. Ask others how they are doing, then stop and listen to their responses. Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of each day during Lent.

Tell others you love them - Some of us struggle to say those three little words. Maybe we assume others already know how we feel. Maybe we think we *show* our love and don't need to say it. Or maybe we are concerned it won't be reciprocated. Fight the fear and say "I love you" to friends, family members and everyone else you love at least once during the season.

Say "thank you" - Parents, family members, mentors, coaches, teachers, authors, clergy, School of Religion teachers and others have shaped you into the person you are. Each week during Lent, send a note of gratitude to one of them. Tell them how much they meant to you and how they inspired you.

There are many ways to be observant during Lent. Be original. Find yours.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION: The Pope's intention for this month is that we pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome toward those most in need.

Peggy Seleski



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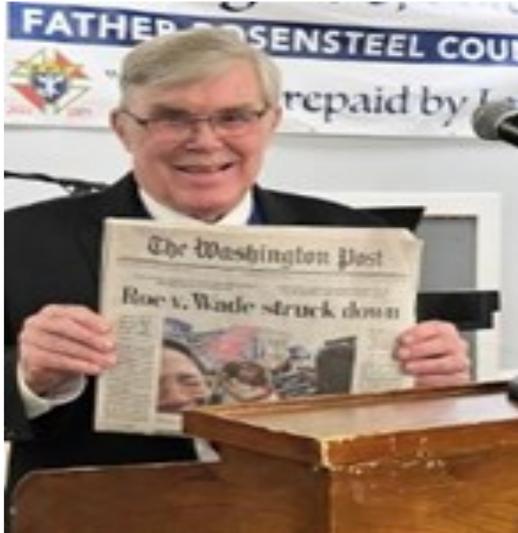
The 30th PRO-LIFE RALLY KICKOFF DINNER

On January 15, our Council held its Annual Pro-Life Dinner. As in the past it was held just prior to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. After dealing with the pandemic and last year's very timely snow event, we were finally able to stage the dinner as we had in the past under the leadership of PGK Michael Koon and Lady Katie (*see photo below*). But this time the Koons were there as guests and they received the award plaque that was shown last year in the Zoom event for their leadership at the Council in our Life programs that have spanned many decades.

This year's event still featured the traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner, but this time it was prepared by Brother Danny Bengero and his kitchen crew of Brother Knights and Maryknights. These Brothers and Maryknights also volunteered as setup help, photographers, food servers and bartenders. Theresa Trigiani and Sylvia Stanton returned and played prolife music and the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps (*see photo below*) presented the colors.

The Pro-Life speakers were State Deputy Christopher Powers, DEFENDLIFE.ORG co-founder Jack Ames and Maryland Right to Life Executive Director Laura Bogley who was the keynote speaker of the evening. Our State Deputy spoke of the importance of supporting pregnancy support centers and the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. Jack Ames told us about the heroes of the 50-year modern day pro-life movement. Keynote Speaker Laura Bogley told of the more important push now to get our states legislatures not to pass legislation to codify the right to an abortion or allow assisted suicide.

"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." -USCCB Pro-Life Activities



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Mac n Cheese Salad Desserts
2 Beers Included - Cash Bar for Wine and Liquor**

Disc Jockey Playing Tunes

Wine Grab



CASH RAFFLE FOR \$300 and \$200



and more

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COMING EVENTS...

MARCH 2023

- 5 - Oyster, Seafood, Bull Roast Fund-raiser
- 7 - Business Meeting
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 16 - NCAA Watch Party
- 29 - Founder's Day

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1.	2.	3. 5:30 - Rosensteel Family Rosary	4.
5.	6.	7. Council Business Meeting	8.	9. Maryknights Executive Board Meeting	10. 5:30 - Rosensteel Family Rosary	11.
12. Super Bowl Party	13. Maryknights Monthly General Meeting	14. Valentine's Day	15.	16.	17. 5:30 - Rosensteel Family Rosary Father/Daughter Dance	18. Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
19.	20. Presidents' Day	21.	22. Ash Wednesday	23.	24. 5:30 - Rosensteel Family Rosary	25.
26.	27.	28.	March 1.			