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# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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Blessed New Year 2015.

All the holiness of Advent and Christmas should have us poised for a Jan. - Feb. of great activity. The March for Life is always a high point in January. The generous, committed people who attend need our prayer support to see them through. February ushers us into Lent which is another period of time from which we can benefit immensely. Disciplining ourselves is always a worthwhile project. "Eliminate the negative and accent the positive" as the song lyrics suggest. In everything, we do it in and for the Lord and our own improvement. Nothing escapes this connection with the Lord.

Jesus lives,  
Fr. Simmons

## Grand Knights Report

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Happy New Year to all of our brothers and family of Notre Dame Council. A new year gives us the opportunity for a fresh start. The beginning of each year is a great time to clean out clutter from your home on a physical level as well as from you heart and mind on a spiritual level. Take stock in what is working and identify areas that with some additional effort could be even better. We are half-way through the fraternal year and I am taking stock of our progress so far. I am very proud of our accomplishments particularly with the number of new members we have added to the council. I also see areas where I think I, as the Grand Knight, and as a Council could be even better. I am excited about the new year and am looking forward making Notre Dame Council the very best.

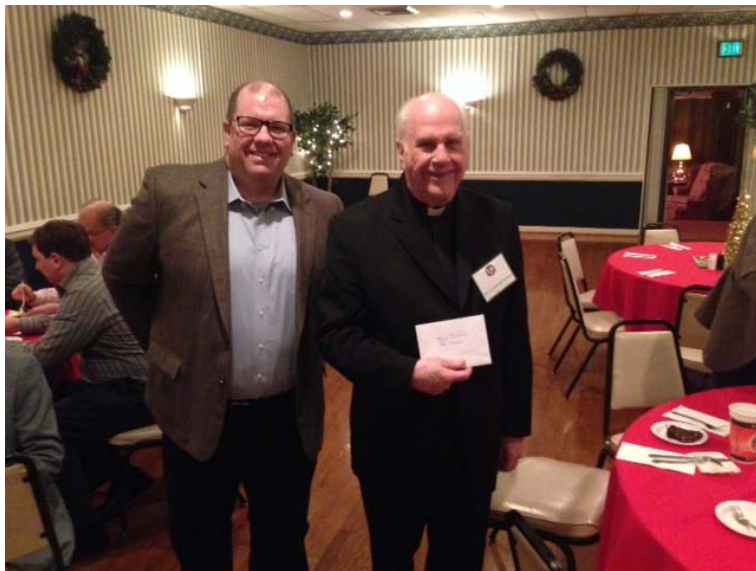
## Financial Secretary Report

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Congratulations to our newest members of Notre Dame Council: David Myers, Bert Peters, Alex Arifin, & Hale Adams. Our 4 new members have already made their 1st and 2nd degrees. We also had 2 new transfers: Mike Sullivan and Daniel Staples. Several other Form 100s are in the process of finalization also. Our Grand Knight is having a banner year as far as recruitment, and this is mostly due to one member, Tyrone Mitchell, who has been recruiting at the cathedral most Sundays. George Hollenack has also brought in a new member as well. Although Bert Peters has been coming to Notre Dame for so long, he was practically already a member!

Congratulations are also in order for the members of the 1st and 2nd degree teams. Their performance last month was great and I am sure that for our own new members, it was much better taking these degrees at our own council home than traveling to another council. It adds much more to the new member experience to be in front brother knights you already know.

December is the month that I will be starting the annual dues process. Expect to be receiving your notice by the end of December. If you have not received either a dues notice or membership card (in the case of Honorary Life members only, who do not owe any dues), please notify me as soon as possible as I may not have a change of address on file for you. Of course, this only applies if you receive the Grotto by email since a mailed copy would not get to you with an incorrect address either! We make every attempt to contact our members who are in arrears, by either email, phone or regular mail. If we do not hear from you over at least 2 years, a suspension would be started. We do not like to suspend anyone, as the paperwork is mountainous, and we will absolutely not suspend anyone who cannot afford to pay dues if there is a family problem or lost employment, etc. Just contact me or the Grand Knight and let us help you in any way we can including waving dues. We would rather retain a Knight for life and assist him in the times of difficulty until he is ready to join us full time at a later date. Another note about the dues process. Supreme has changed their constitution at the 132nd convention, so that dues now are paid ONLY on an annual basis. There are no longer quarterly payment plans. This is supposed to ease the burden on the Financial Secretary and reduce mailings. And most members pay annually anyway so it makes perfect sense to streamline our dues payment system.



Our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Simmons, and our Grand Knight, Frank Semon after the Board Christmas Party on Dec. 9th. Father was just presented with a Christmas gift from the Council as a small token to thank him for all he has done for Notre Dame Council. Most certainly thanks are in order for all the First Friday Masses he celebrates for us during the year, plus all of the guidance he gives us spiritually.

~ photo by Todd Sanft

## October

Knight of the Month— John Morrison PGK  
Family of the Month— James PGK and Kathy Klein

## November

Knight of the Month—Steve Holloway PGK  
Family of the Month—Nelson PGK and Joan Arnold



## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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**Deaths....**PGK William F. "Bill" McDonald HLM passed away on October 5, 2014...Bro. Robert F. Brown, Sr. HLM passed away on November 15, 2014...Bro. James W. "Jim" Busch HLM passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2014... Mrs. Dottie Eppig - wife of PGK Jim Eppig - passed away on December 2, 2014.

**Sick or Injured...**Bro. Tom Antonicci was still being treated at Stella Maris...PGK Jim Eppig is recovering from a fall... Inside Guard Bill Magers has returned home after being hospitalized and undergoing rehab at Stella Maris... ..PGK Ron Novak, Mrs. Ronnie Klein - wife of Inside Guard Ray Klein PGK - and Council Widow Mrs. Teresa Klein - mother of Advocate Jim Klein Sr. PGK - are mending after surgery.

## Church & Youth

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The First Fridays will be January 2, and February 6 at 6:30 PM at the Council. The cost of the meal will be \$9.00. Widows and religious are our guests. I am in need of volunteers to work in the kitchen on both those dates. Call me if you can help us out: 410-532-6713. Thanks to those who attended the 5th Sunday at St. Mary Govans. The breakfast at Valentino's was delicious and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Father Simmons for joining us there.

## Advocates Report

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Brothers, Happy New Year!

On December 2nd, members in attendance at the regular Council meeting approved the changes to the By-Laws of Notre Dame Council. The by-laws were changed as a result of a mandate from Supreme. Most changes were minor, or were updates to administrative procedures. The main change, was to how we administer the Member Relief Fund. Now, no amount over \$1000.00 may be given without a vote of the Council. There is still no need to mention the name of the member in need. When the by-laws are printed, they will be available for all members. When approved by Supreme, they will be placed on the Council web site. Vivat Jesus



### Our Daily Bread - Knights in Action !

Jere, Jake, John, Frank , Frank's brother-in-law Todd & son plus some of our pals from other councils; Ed (with daughter Christina) & Terry.

## Save the date

Pancake Breakfast - St. Mary's of the Assumption  
Sunday Feb 15th. After the 9AM Mass



## Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Thursday Jan 8th Fr. O'Neill #4011

Thursday Feb 12th Patapsco

(Ladies Night)

Friday Feb 6th-Chapter Anniversary-  
Columus Gardens

## Notre Dame Council #2901

# Bull/Pig/Oyster Roast

Sunday Feb 22nd 2015 1-5 PM

\$38 / person

(includes beer, soda & wine)

Food by Atlantic Catering

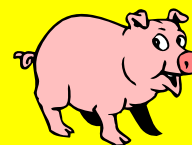
Doors open at 12:30

Chairman: Todd Sanft

Tickets: Jere Danaher

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### Notre Dames Newest Knights!

Seen after our last 1st degree with our GK Frank Semon; David Myers, Bert Peters, Alex Arifin and Hale Adams. Since this picture all have also made their 2nd degree. Congratulations to all! One more step to full knighthood. To all our members-make sure that you introduce yourself and congratulate our newest members.





## Birthdays

January		February	
1 Robert F Bindel	80	1 Joseph R Hoesch	92
2 Richard A Costanza	62	1 Patrick J Otterson	81
4 Joseph J Woodward	81	1 Francis L Phelan	76
5 James P Kelly	96	4 Dr Nicholas W Morog	51
6 Amos H Adams	53	8 Glenn W Atteberry	53
6 Jeffrey S Collier	53	10 Rev Joseph C Simmons	79
6 Jerome Joseph Egan III	50	10 Michael J Sullivan	78
7 Raymond L Klein	73	11 Maurice J Klein Jr	72
9 Dennis E Harrington	60	14 David L Barnes	40
10 Kevin D Frick	45	14 Rev D Patrick Peach	36
10 Theodore J Lingelbach	74	17 Louis T Foudos	58
11 James T O Hare	58	17 Harry D Miller	90
11 Kristian J Slenbaker	44	18 Charles D Mandeville	25
14 James B Tinker	43	19 John F Hartnett	68
16 Gerald A Atteberry	82	21 Robert B Garrett Jr	73
18 Anthony J Lombardi	94	21 Michael J Skinner	45
20 Frank B Semon	47	22 Thomas A Amaefule Sr	50
21 Charles L Gill Jr	74	23 PGK Thomas J Murphy	77
22 George W Lampke	83	23 Adam D Trocki	36
23 Martin J Blair	54	24 PGK Anthony J Genovese	85
		27 John P Micciche	54

## Anniversaries

January	
7 Mark Lippy	26
11 Stephen M Blair	29
15 Louis E Heil Jr	10
17 George L Reed	62
20 PGK Raymond J Duran	64
29 Richard A Costanza	37
February	
12 Louis T Dardozzi	26
18 PGK George A Trocki	37
19 George Norman Penn	60
26 Pasquale M Ercolano	65

### Program Director

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Brothers we would love to see you at our regular meetings that begin at 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We need volunteers for bingo at Keswick Multi-Care Center the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. We are hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary of the Assumption on Sunday, February 15th after the 9:00 am mass in the church hall. We have a Bull & Pig Roast on Sunday, February 22nd from 1 to 5 pm. Contact Jere Danaher for tickets. First Friday mass with a buffet dinner to follow continues on January 2nd and February 6th. The cost is \$9.00 per person.

**Fraternal Benefits** - Larry Pryor  
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### “Live On” or “Leave On” Money

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focused shifts to those “golden” retired years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relaxing at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to “dump” somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to “live on” or “leave on”?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care and retirement products backed by the strength and security of a AAA-rated insurance provider.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner.

### 4th Degree News - Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly #375

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### Exemplification of the 4th Degree Saturday March 7, 2015

Holiday Inn & Conference Center 5400 Holiday Dr. Frederick MD 21703

**To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:** Be over 18 years of age. Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your council. Be a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See. Have served the Order, the Church, and the community with distinction.

#### EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates .....	9:30 AM
Ladies of Candidates report .....	10:00 AM
Ladies Entertainment .....	10:30 AM
Exemplification .....	11:15 PM
Mass .....	4:00 PM
Reception (Cash Bar) .....	5:00 PM
Banquet .....	5:30 PM

#### SCHEDULE OF FEES

Initiation Fee - (includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel pin, social baldric, and processing fees)	
Lay Candidates, Deacons and Seminarians .....	\$70.00
Priests and Members of Religious Orders .....	\$40.00
Additional Banquet Tickets .....	\$40.00

Each candidate will receive one banquet ticket, included in his fee. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet. **Tickets are not transferable.**

All banquet reservations must be made through one of the assemblies. Make all checks payable to the Fourth Degree Assembly you will be joining.

#### LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

There will be entertainment for the ladies beginning at 10:30 AM. Dress will be casual. There is no charge for the entertainment.

#### DRESS

The official dress for the Fourth Degree Exemplification is black tuxedo, black bow tie, pleated white tuxedo shirt (**No Ruffles or Wing Tip Collar**), black socks, shoes and cummerbund (**No Vests**). Religious may wear their clerical garb and members of the armed forces or full time police and firefighting officers may wear their respective dress uniforms. Members shall wear the official dress plus social baldric, lapel pin and current jewel of office.

#### DEADLINES

All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree must be received by **February 16, 2015** and banquet reservations must be made no later than **February 23, 2015**. Payment in full must accompany all banquet reservations. Room reservations must be made by **February 2, 2015**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Calendar of Events  
January 2015**

- 2. First Friday 6:30PM
- 6. Council Meeting 7:30PM
- 7. Keswick Bingo 7PM
- 13. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 20. Council Meeting 7:30PM
- 27. Officers Meeting 7:30PM
- 31. 5th. Sunday

**February 2015**

- 3. Council Meeting 7:30PM
- 4. Keswick Bingo 7PM
- 6. First Friday 6:30PM
- 10. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 14. Valentines Day
- 15. Pancake Breakfast St. Mary's
- 17. Council Meeting 7:30PM
- 20. 3rd Degree at Notre Dame ?
- 22. Bull/Oyster/Pig Roast
- 24. Officers Meeting 7:30PM

**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
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Schedule for Sept/Oct

- Jan 19 & Feb 16- Officers Meeting @2901 7:30 PM (if notified)
- Jan 16 & Feb 20- - VAVS Bingo 2PM Loch Raven VA Hospital
- Jan 26 & Feb 23- Assembly Meeting @205 7:30PM

Please visit <http://www.assembly375.webs.com>  
for more information on the Assembly



**KayCee Club Inc. Hall Rentals**

201 Homeland Ave. Baltimore MD 21212  
410-433-9756 Robert Jones - rental agent

**Notre Dame Room (190 people) \$850**  
**Marian Room (110 people) \$750**  
**Discount available for members.**

