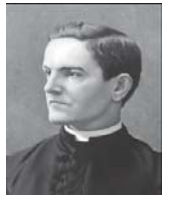




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Chaplain's Corner

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It's wonderful to make a new beginning every year. Weather is usually a concern in winter, so be careful out and about. March for life is an important date and event. Ash Wednesday is February 10th which happens to be my birthday! Bummer on both counts! Enter into Lent whole-heartedly. You know how.

Jesus Lives
Fr. Simmons

Grand Knights Report

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Happy New Year Brothers! We are now halfway through the Fraternal year and what a ride it has been. From the Crab Feast, to Oktoberfest, to Family to Family, Notre Dame Council just keeps bringing you more, more, and more of everything good. And of course, as always we are always looking for new Brothers to join in the fun. As I mentioned back in the July/August grotto, if you know of any practical Catholic men who are looking not only to have fun but to give back to the community just have them contact me. Several chair positions have also opened up so if you're looking to lead your fellow Knights I've got just the job for you!

At the beginning of this New Year we will be focused on the principle of Unity. And what better way to express unity than to stand by thousands of men, women, and brother Knights at the 2016 March for Life! Come with us along with fellow Knights from SS Philip and James Council to Washington, D.C. on January 22nd as we join thousands of others to speak out in a unified against abortion! As always, I ask that you keep the Pro-Life movement in your prayers. Together, unified in action and prayer, we will one day see the end of this scourge. Mary, Queen of the Knights, pray for us!



An Update on Notre Dame Council #2901's Sponsored Child

Many of our Brother Knights and their family members may not be aware that Notre Dame Council has sponsored a young lady living in the Hermano Pedro settlement in Guatemala for several years through the Unbound organization headquartered in Kansas City MO. Ms. Lesbia Olegaria Ortiz Hernandez will celebrate her 12th birthday on March 6, 2016. Unbound periodically forwards letters – in Spanish and translated into English and usually including her art work – from Lesbia. These letters are read to those in attendance at Council meetings. From her letters we know that Lesbia is a happy and healthy child who appreciates the groceries, shoes, and assistance that our Council support provides for her and her family. From a recent Unbound update we know that Lucia wants to be a teacher, likes to study mathematics, helps her mother with chores around the house, and looks after her little sister. Unbound suggests that we may want to contact Lesbia by mailing brief notes offering encouragement. If any Brother Knight or Notre Dame Council family member desires to write to Lesbia we have some tips from Unbound as to how to address your letter, what to say, and what not to send. If interested, please contact the Recorder (410-882-8976) and he will be only too glad to provide you with all the details.

Editor's note: see more at www.unbound.org

Family News



The Notre Dame Family to Family Christmas basket project is not even over (as of the time of this newsletters printing), but already it is a resounding success. Due to the generosity of our Brother Knights and friends we have collected enough donations to once again provide enough baskets for 120 needy families. We have also paired up with our 4th degree assembly to provide three baskets for needy veterans. The assembly donated money to the council to help make this happen. Perhaps this is a sign of more future cooperation between the two organizations to pool our resources for the greater good!

God Bless All. Christmas should certainly be a happy occasion and there are many families in Baltimore who struggle to put food on the table much less provide anything else at this time of the year. At least we can say that we helped in our little way.

"Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'."

– Bing Crosby

Notre Dame's Annual Pancake Breakfast

St. Mary's Church hall

Sunday, January 10th, 12 noon to 1:30 PM



Important Special Election Notice

An election will be held on January 19th, which is a regular council business meeting night, for the purpose of electing a Chancellor for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year.

Credit Union Update

The Credit Union office has been relocated into the office on the second floor of the council home, just outside the council chambers.

District Warden & Council Advocate

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Happy New Year!! I hope the Christmas Season was a happy and spiritual time for your entire family. Please keep the Knights of Columbus in your thoughts as we continue our journey to the New Year and the last half of the Fraternal Year. Remember - One member per Council per Month - If we could continue to grow our Council and our Order, think of how we could further the vision of Fr. McGivney. As I was writing this, I happened upon a gentleman who asked me about my K of C pin. As we spoke, he advised that he had once belonged. To my surprise, we were able to find out that he had been a member of Notre Dame Council. I am now working on information with the Financial Secretary to get his information to see about his re-instatement. Wear your pin, carry a form 100 in your coat pocket. It could help our beloved Order and Council.
Vivat Jesus

Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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Deaths.....Bro. John F. Amtmann, Sr. passed away on October 24, 2015...Mrs. Louise Goetz, widow of Bro. Henry P. "Hank" Goetz HLM, passed away on October 7, 2015. Sick or Injured....PGK Howard Bottiger HLM and Joseph Riely, Jr., son of Joseph and Regina Riely, Sr. were hospitalized...Bro. John P. Gloss HLM was at Good Samaritan Nursing Center...Joan Arnold, wife of Trustee Nelson Arnold PGK HLM, had surgery...The daughter of Carolyn and Inside Guard Bill Magers was ill.

Important Notice – Notre Dame Council #2901 Rosary Policy

It is the policy of Notre Dame Council #2901 to offer the recitation of the Holy Rosary of Our Blessed Mother at the funeral home by Brother Knights in the event of the death of a Brother Knight of our Council or his wife or widow. A request for the Rosary must be made by the Brother Knight, his wife, or an immediate family member. Due to the difficulty of obtaining contact information (the telephone company does not print or distribute residential phone directories) it is no longer possible for the Council to contact the family to determine their wishes. To report a death or illness or to request recitation of a Rosary please contact the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or the Sick and Memorial Director whose phone numbers and/or email addresses are listed in each edition of the *Grotto* newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday February 7th

5:30 to 10:00 PM

Notre Dame Council Bar

Please let the GK know if you plan on attending-this event will not be held if there is no interest - Thanks!



Church & Youth

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Thanks go out to Jere, John, Jim, Joe, Tony and Frank (hope I did not miss anyone!), who cooked and served our December First Friday. We will not have one in January as it occurs on January 1st, so we will continue on February 5th. Cooks are still needed for the remainder of the First Fridays in 2016, please let me know if you can help.

A youth based event is being considered for sometime in 2016 if there is any interest. A notice will be sent out via the Grotto and email. Our last youth event, Zoo Day, was a very nice outing for all those who could attend

Financial Secretary Report

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R.I.P. Notre Dame Council #2901 1944 to ???

This is the worst case scenario we could have imagined. No brothers are coming forward to run for officers positions, no brothers are coming forward to replace chairmen or board positions. A vast majority of brothers are in name only, as they have not been seen or heard from in many years if at all. I personally know several brothers who have never attended a council meeting. What are the implications of this? There are many things that will have to happen with declining membership and participation. For sure we will compress into a run of the mill council who meets once a month, plans few if any activities, has no major events such as 3rd degree banquets, crab feasts, Christmas parties or maybe even First Fridays. Without replacing key brothers we could lose most of our charitable endeavors such as Family to Family, one of our legacy programs. We have already seen the Tootsie Roll campaign go by the wayside when nobody stepped up to chair the project. The sad part is that all of the Tootsie Roll money went to St. Elizabeth's school for disadvantaged children. So we don't directly suffer, but the children did. Of course, without more than a dozen or so active members, will we need a council home? Probably not. Our Board of Directors will not last forever, and without our members pitching in to keep up the council home, as was the norm in the "old days", our rentals will plummet and then it is a matter of expenses overwhelming the income. So then we have a run of the mill council, most probably meeting in some church basement or rented space at a college or maybe business. Maybe even merge with another council.

How does it affect me or the other active brothers? Well, I won't be as busy anymore as there will be fewer brothers due to attrition, and no new members. A lot less newsletters to post, membership cards to print, events to chair. Lets face it, would you want to join a run of the mill council? Or would you rather join a large robust council where everyone else does all of the work and you can just sit back and do nothing. The sad part is that Notre Dame, in the "old days", was the council everyone wanted to join, was the council that actually had several men vying to run for office positions, much like the state officer positions. And the stuff we did back then.... the legacy programs we started that continue today....the men who volunteered to build and rehab the council. Read our history on our web site, then name me council in existence today that had such an illustrious history, had the best home, had their own credit union, had 1st and 2nd degree teams, won so many awards, etc etc etc.

But I tend to ramble on. If you want to be a member of a run of the mill council and do nothing and let everyone else do the work, then I would have to agree that your plan of action is working. Notre Dame is heading for the dumpster of lackluster councils that have taken so many great councils, even Santa Maria, our mother council, who we split from so many years ago. They are on life support and going fast. Let's not follow them down this road. And hopefully not in my life time.

*We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give
~ Winston Churchill*

Birthdays

| January | February |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Robert F Bindel | 1 Joseph R Hoesch |
| 2 Richard A Costanza | 1 Francis L Phelan |
| 4 Joseph J Woodward | 4 David E Krall |
| 5 James P Kelly | 4 Dr Nicholas W Morog |
| 6 Amos H Adams | 5 Steven M Schmitt |
| 6 Jeffrey S Collier | 8 Glenn W Atteberry |
| 6 Jerome Joseph Egan III | 10 Rev Joseph C Simmons |
| 7 Raymond L Klein | 10 Michael J Sullivan |
| 9 Dennis E Harrington | 11 Maurice J Klein Jr |
| 10 Kevin D Frick | 14 Rev D Patrick Peach |
| 10 Theodore J Lingelbach | 17 Louis T Foudos |
| 11 James T O Hare | 17 Harry D Miller |
| 11 Kristian J Slenbaker | 18 Charles D Mandeville |
| 13 Rev John J Mattimore | 19 John F Hartnett |
| 14 James B Tinker | 21 Robert B Garrett Jr |
| 16 Gerald A Atteberry | 21 Michael J Skinner |
| 17 Hywel P John | 22 Thomas A Amaefule Sr |
| 18 Anthony J Lombardi | 23 PGK Thomas J Murphy |
| 20 Br. Frank B Semon | 23 Adam D Trocki |
| 21 Charles L Gill Jr | 24 PGK Anthony J Genovese |
| 22 George W Lampke | 27 John P Micciche |
| 23 Martin J Blair | |

Anniversaries

| January | | |
|------------------------|----|--|
| 7 Mark Lippy | 27 | |
| 11 Stephen M Blair | 30 | |
| 15 Louis E Heil Jr | 11 | |
| 17 George L Reed | 63 | |
| 20 David C Myers Jr | 6 | |
| 29 Richard A Costanza | 38 | |
| February | | |
| 12 Louis T Dardozzi | 27 | |
| 18 PGK George A Trocki | 38 | |
| 19 George Norman Penn | 61 | |
| 26 Pasquale M Ercolano | 66 | |

November Knight of the Month: Ted Lingelbach
November Family of the Month: The Magers Family

December Knight of the Month: Tom Welzant
December Family of the Month: The Peters Family

Thanksgiving at Our Daily Bread

Jake, John, & Jere from Notre Dame helped out on Thanksgiving Day, the same as they do each month!



Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights



Jan 14th 8PM

Bishop Sebastian Council #5058 (Business Mtng)

Feb 11th 8PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel #2452 (Ladies Night)

Program Director & Retention Chairman

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My Brothers and Sisters All, Well, we begin a new year! Let us support the activities of our chairman and directors especially membership. We are looking for a few good men! I believe the best men are in the church pews, so just ask them. For our senior members and our PAST GRAND KNIGHTS, you can continue your dedication to our Council and our order by bringing in a new member! May you have a wonderful new year!

God loves you and so do I

5th Sunday and Membership drive at St. Pius X Church

December's 5th Sunday was a great success. We had the Color Corps in attendance, and after Mass, the Color Corps lined up and handed out membership forms and tri-folds with information about Notre Dame. Afterwards most went to Bob Evans restaurant where we met Fr. Joe and had a nice brunch. Color Corps members in attendance were; Jim Klein, Sal Lenzo, Barry Schech, Ron Teller, George Hollenack & Jere Danaher. All are from Charles Carroll Assembly except Jere who is from Christopher Columbus Assembly. We thank Ron and Sal who are from other councils but who happily joined us with the membership drive anyway. Sal is the current FN of Charles Carroll. Fr. Ray Chase (right) was very kind in his words spoken about the Knights.



March for Life 2016

We will be joining members from SS Philip and James Council on the March for Life on Friday, January 22, 2016. RSVP before January 6th and tickets are \$7 which includes roundtrip Marc Train ticket and SSPJ Pro-life hat. After January 6th, tickets are \$14. Meet @ SS Philip and James Chapel @ 8:30 am Mass. After Mass, take train to DC. Return approximately 4:00 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, appropriate winter clothing (you will be outside all day), and good walking shoes. Will involve walking several miles. Contact Grand Knight for more information.

5th Sunday Jan 31st

St. Leo's 9:30 AM
227 South Exeter St.



Brunch

Miss Shirley's Café
750 E. Pratt St.



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Calendar of Events
January 2016

1. First Friday **Canceled**
2. State Mid Term Meeting
5. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
6. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
10. Pancake Breakfast 12noon-1:30 PM
12. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
19. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
22. March for Life, SS Phillip & James 8:30am
26. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM
31. 5th Sunday St. Leo’s 9:30 AM followed by brunch at Miss Shirley’s 750 E.Pratt St. 21202


February 2016

2. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
3. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
5. First Friday 6:30 PM
7. Super Bowl party 5:30 PM
9. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
16. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
23. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM

4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375
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Schedule for Nov/Dec
 Jan 18 & Feb 15 - Officers Meeting @2901 7:30PM (if notified)
 Jan 15 & Feb 19 - VAVS Bingo 2PM Loch Raven VA Hospital
 Jan 25 & Feb 22- Assembly Meeting @205 7:30PM

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





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