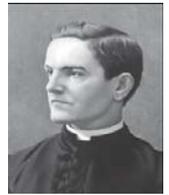




# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it will always fall on a Wednesday—there cannot be an "Ash Thursday" or "Ash Monday."

Lent is intended to be a time of self-denial, moderation, fasting, and the forsaking of sinful activities and habits. Ash Wednesday commences this period of spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday and Lent are observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church does not observe Ash Wednesday; instead, they start Lent on "Clean Monday."

It is important to have a biblical perspective. Jesus warned us against making a show of our fasting: "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen" (Matthew 6:16-18). We must not allow spiritual discipline to become spiritual pride.

## Grand Knights Report

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Lent. A season of penance, fasting, and reflection. Yet, also a season of hope! Hope. Along with faith and love, one of three good things our Lord Jesus has given us. During our Lenten observance, there are times when we get discouraged and forget why we are making sacrifices. In these moments, it is always good to

hope for the wonder and joy of the resurrection of Christ on Easter. For it is from the resurrection of Christ that all faith, hope, and love spring forth and give life to the world! And for that reason it is always good to be joyful, even in times of difficulties.

It is my joy to report that David Krall has been elected as our new Chancellor! Thank you David for stepping up and filling this important role! We are still looking for a Deputy Grand Knight, so if you are interested in experiencing the joy of serving others, please contact me!

On behalf of Notre Dame Council, I would like to wish all of my Brother Knights, family, and friends a very happy, holy, and blessed Easter!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

## Fraternal Benefits

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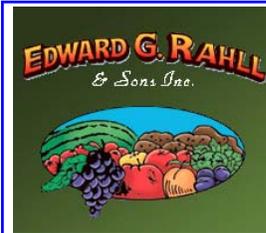
## Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members. As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.



## Family News - George Hollenack

Brother Norbert Bittner introduced Family to Family to Brother Thomas Rahll at the produce market on Pulaski Hwy. It was Edw. G. Rahll and sons. When the produce market moved to Jessup, Tom always took good care of us in getting good produce. He began donating the potatoes. Tom never was able to attend council meetings because of his work hours, 12 midnight until mid morning. The only time that I saw Tom not at work was at Nor's funeral. He did get Knight of the Month award at least once. Then Tom also died. Joe Rahll, though not a Council member, took over our needs for Family to Family. He continues the tradition of donating the potatoes. This year his son-in-law handled our order. When I ordered the potatoes I asked for 120 10lb bags. Bobby, the son-in-law, said he could only get 5lb. bags. He asked if we wanted to just get 5lb for each basket or get two 5lb for each basket. I told him to let Joe decide since he usually gives us the potatoes. Upon delivery, there were 240 5lb bags of potatoes. Now that's what I call Charity! Thank you Edw. G. Rahll Company for many years of charitable service. Remember the Knights, Brother Norbert Bittner and Tom Rahll & Sons.

VIVAT JESUS!!!!!!!

**Editors Note:** Logo above is from the Edward Rahll web site, see more by browsing to <http://www.rahllproduce.com>

## District Warden & Council Advocate

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Notre Dame Council held a special election on Jan. 19th for the vacant Chancellor position and came to a unanimous vote to elect David Krall for the remainder of this fiscal year. We would like to thank David for stepping up to help lead the council, and invite everyone else to also thank him personally. We still have a vacant Deputy Grand Knight position to fill for this fiscal year and invite all 3rd degree men to be nominated. Please pass your name to the GK or Advocate for consideration.

As we come close to completing the third quarter, remember there is still time to achieve Star Council. Every Council should strive to bring all eligible catholic gentlemen into our cherished order. There was a reason we all joined. More importantly, there was a reason you decided to stay an active member of the Council. Isn't whatever reason you joined worth asking another to join? At Mass last week, we joined together at St. Alphonsus Church. We were introduced as Knights and before I left the church, a prospective new Knight was given an application to join. Never hesitate to talk up our Order.

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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**Deaths** PGK Howard A. Bottiger HLM passed away on December 16, 2015...Bro. George L. Reed HLM passed away on December 12, 2015...Bro. John J. Gloss HLM passed away on February 1, 2016...PGK Thomas J. "Tom" Murphy passed away quite suddenly on February 4, 2016...We recently learned that Bro. Gerald E. Trees HLM passed away on October 28, 2015...Mrs. Emma G. McFadden, widow of PGK Henry "Hank" McFadden HLM, passed away on December 4, 2015...Francis X. Donohue, brother of Council Widow Mrs. Mary Adele Morris and brother-in-law of our late Bro. Bob Morris HLM, passed away in Ocean View, DE on December 2, 2015...Former Council member Michael J. Bruno, Sr. passed away on February 1, 2016...Mrs. Ellen Douglass, wife of Bro. John P. Douglass (a Singing Knight and former Notre Dame Council member, passed away. **Sick** Bro. Dr. Walter D. Welzant HLM, father of Warden Tom Welzant, underwent gall bladder surgery.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Council Priest Father John J. "Fr. Jack" Mattimore, S.J. as he embarks on a new ministry assignment in the South Pacific. Thankfully, Fr. Jack will remain a member of Notre Dame Council.

### 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.



## 3rd Degree Banquet

Saturday April 23rd 6-9 PM

**Honoree: Dan Arthur PGK**

& 3rd degree members from this past year

**Location:** Los Amigos 5506 Harford Rd. Baltimore MD 21214

**Menu:** Each person can order from the general menu as this will be a pay-as-you-go event.

*Please notify Jere Danaher at least by April 16th if you are interested in attending so the restaurant can make arrangements.*

## Church & Youth

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5th Sunday, January 31st, at St. Alphonsus Church. Unfortunately, as you can see, not many made it to the church. Probably due to the weather or maybe last minute change of venue. But the church was a beautiful gothic styled church. Fr. Spacek, who is a 4th degree knight, had many nice things to say about Notre Dame and the knights in general. It was decided to postpone brunch until more brothers can be in attendance on the May 5th Sunday, which is May 29th At St. Leo's, and Miss Shirley's afterward.

The February First Friday was a "heartfelt" celebration for Valentine's Day and for Father Simmon's birthday. Kudos to PGK and Advocate Jim Klein and his wife Kathy. The feast included roast pork, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, gravy and homemade cake and ice cream for dessert. Father Simmons got to take his cake home for later enjoyment. First Friday at Notre Dame is still \$10 per person and we need cooks for the remaining dinners in March, April and May. Widows and clergy are welcome as our guests. As usual, Mass starts at 6:30 with dinner following immediately afterwards. Fellowship goes on until.....!!

## Financial Secretary Report

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Brothers all, by the time you read this, we will be sending out the 3rd dues reminder letter, called the "Knight Alert". If you still have not had time to make your dues current, please try to do so now. Your 2015 membership card will expire at the end of March, so this is the end of the grace period. There was a notice on the dues letters that if you were having monetary issues, you should contact me or the GK to work out the details. Many times we can help or have Supreme help based on your issue. You may qualify for a dues waiver due to medical or other problems. Also included was a note indicating that you should send me a written notice if you wish to no longer be a knight. The process to suspend someone is not only costly and time consuming, but may lead to hard feelings as we have to try at least 3 times to contact a member and consequentially it looks like we are pestering you inordinately. But look at it this way, we have so many brothers who are brothers in name only, as we do not see them at any events, meetings or in any other situations. We don't know if you really even want to remain a knight if we can't make contact. And one of the few times we do make contact is when dues reminders are sent out. This is only done because it is required by Supreme that either dues are current or we send letters, call, email or make arrangements to satisfy your dues. Remember, even if you don't pay your dues, the council owes a portion, the per-capita, to Supreme and State. We have to know one way or another if you wish to remain a knight and dues payment is one way we know that at least you still support the order, even if this is the only way you can! In a perfect world, we would like to contact all of our "dormant" brothers during the year to say hello. And our widows as well should be called to at least say "hello" and "we are thinking about you". But we have so few active members anymore, that this is difficult to do, and these remaining active members are filling the officer and chairmen positions and running our charitable endeavors. Some meeting nights we have so few sitting in the audience that the meeting is almost entirely comprised of committee members! Come visit us at a meeting, we would love to see you again and say "hello"!

## Birthdays

March		April	
1 Rev Casimir M Peterson	95	1 Richard J Muffoletto	92
2 Rev William P Foley	69	3 Eric J Stallings	34
4 Michael F Slawinski	51	5 Kevin M Donohue	60
6 Austin X Wallace	70	8 Nicholas A Fuhr	47
8 Charles L Hill	68	8 Timothy M Sibol	55
10 Donald E Kyne Jr	56	10 Robert J Flores	64
11 Rev Michel Ngantchop	40	10 Charles C Hogg III	49
12 Ricardo B Gonzales	66	12 PGK Joseph P Sirera	83
13 Daniel T Mc Hugh	50	12 Michael G Wise	61
14 John M Davis Jr	57	12 Donald F Yakel Jr	55
16 Kent M Smith	69	16 Henry J Jerscheid	57
18 Vincent J Battaglia	87	18 George W Hollenack	82
18 Stephen E Cohill	62	19 PGK Nelson J Arnold	76
19 Raymond V Infussi III	50	19 Emmett D Sinnott	64
21 Stephen M Blair	58	21 James J Thim	93
23 PGK Joseph Olszewski	66	21 Peter D Zirpolo	52
24 George J Mikulski	62	22 Joseph J Roberts	71
24 Stephen A Morgan	29	26 Br. Joseph L Fulca	95
29 Rev Kennedy C Seketa	46	26 Stephen J Mc Hugh	54
31 Carroll J Fitzgerald	81	29 Ruben D Maxey	46
31 Christopher J Klein	36		

## Anniversaries

March		
4	PGK James A Johnson	10
16	John Sampery	26
23	Joseph F Schmitz	37
25	Daniel T Mc Hugh	21
31	William Macsherry	9
April		
4	Stephen E Cohill	35
4	Francis L Phelan	52
5	John P Havrilak Jr	30
7	Carroll J Fitzgerald	58
16	Albert J Bartolomeo	50
16	Dr Nicholas W Morog	22
19	Richard J Muffoletto	62
22	Charles L Gill Jr	40
22	David J Haller	20
23	Leonard E Aumiller	67
23	J Patrick Frank	38
24	Vincent I Keenan	62
25	Joseph D Zissimos	47
26	Paul B Schmitz	41
30	Br. Thomas M Aberle	22

**Editors Note:** If you do not see your birthday or anniversary, or if the information presented is incorrect, there is a distinct possibility that the Supreme database has the wrong or no information at all. These dates presented above are generated from the Supreme database each time the Grotto is published. Please notify the Financial Secretary for any corrections as he is responsible for all member information.

### Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

March 10 Fr. Abendschoen #11615 8PM  
Council Honoree Night  
April 14 McGivney #7025 8 PM  
Past Chapter Presidents



January Knight of the Month: David Krall  
January Family of the Month: The Schwind Family

February Knight of the Month: Ray Duran (In memoriam)  
February Family of the Month: The Novak Family

### Program Director & Retention Chairman

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The **Lottery** is back by popular demand for the month of June. If you want certain numbers contact me. **1st Fridays:** March 4th, April 1st, May 6th - cooks needed for all! **Maryland State Convention** scheduled for May 15, 2016. **Keswick Bingo** always the 1st Wednesday, help is always needed, 7 to 8 PM. **May 5th Sunday** Mass-St. Leo's and Miss Shirley's. Look in May for **election of officers** and **budget presentation/approval**. For information on any event contact the Grand Knight, the Program director or any of the Chairman or officers.



**St Patrick's Day  
at Notre Dame**  
March 15th, 6-8PM, \$15  
All are invited-Children free!

Corn Beef/Cabbage and other  
Irish delicacies!  
Please RSVP Jere Danaher  
410-426-8236

### Christmas at Notre Dame 2015



Starting at the top left ; This is how many people it takes to make Family to Family so successful, 2nd picture-here is what 120 Christmas baskets all assembled look like. 3rd picture-our Family to Family volunteers in action (note our main Elf in the foreground- George Hollenack, who masterminds this whole operation!. 4th picture-our GK Jake at the start of the council Christmas party. 5th picture-Brad selecting a gift at the Chinese Auction. 6th picture-Linda walking back to select another gift at the Chinese Auction., She must have had at least 3 stolen including the "plum" Home Depot gift card which eventually ended up in Jimmy Eppig's hands. But all had plenty of fun. Can't wait until next year!

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- Calendar of Events**  
**March 2016**
1. Council business meeting 7:30 PM
  2. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
  4. First Friday 6:30 PM
  8. KayCee Club Board Meeting 7:30 PM
  15. St Patrick's Day Party 6-8 PM
  22. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM

**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
*Sal Lenzo PGK 410-828-4383 slenzo@gmail.com*

Schedule for Nov/Dec  
 Mar 21 & Apr 18 - Officers Meeting @2901 7:30PM (if notified)  
 Mar 18 & Apr 15 - VAVS Bingo 2PM Loch Raven VA Hospital  
 Mar 28 & Apr 25 - Assembly Meeting @205 7:30PM

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



- April 2016**
1. First Friday 6:30 PM
  5. Council business meeting 7:30 PM
  6. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
  12. KayCee Club Board Meeting 7:30 PM
  19. Council business meeting 7:30 PM
  23. 3rd Degree Banquet 6-9 PM
  26. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM



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