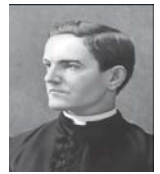




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## Chaplain's Corner

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Ash Wednesday, originally called *dies cinerum* (day of ashes) is mentioned in the earliest copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary, and probably dates from at least the 8th Century. One of the earliest descriptions of Ash Wednesday is found in the writings of the Anglo-Saxon abbot Aelfric (955-1020). In his *Lives of the Saints*, he writes, "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the New that the men who repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent that we strew ashes upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten fast." Aelfric then proceeds to tell the tale of a man who refused to go to church for the ashes and was accidentally killed several days later in a boar hunt! This quotation confirms what we know from other sources, that throughout the Middle Ages ashes were sprinkled on the head, rather than anointed on the forehead as in our day. Since this time, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins.

## Grand Knights Report

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We are heading into the early spring of the year and looking forward to warmer temperatures and getting outdoors. It is also a time of self reflection during Lent while we prepare for the joy of Easter. Family comes first with the Knights of Columbus. This Lenten and Easter season is a good time to reflect on your family as well as close friends that are extended family and take stock of how blessed we are for our families. We have had a very good year so far adding many new members, many with young families. I am looking forward to developing some spring and summer activities for our new members and their families. If you have any ideas for activities for our new members and their families please feel free to share them with me.

## Financial Secretary Report

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Congratulations to Iskandar "Alex" Arifin, who completed his 3rd degree on Jan 16th in Ellicott City sponsored by Resurrection Council. For any 2nd degree brothers still out there, Fr. Leo Abendschoen Council will sponsor a 3rd degree on March 20th. Please let me know if you are interested as I must notify their DD and submit a degree authorization form. I have every intention of attending, as do several others in the council, along with any Notre Dame Knights men wishing to "complete their journey to full knighthood". If you need the details such as address, etc., please let me know.

Brothers, by now we are past the first notice for payment of dues, and second notices may have already been sent out. If you still have not sent in your annual dues, please do so now. Each mailing reminder costs the council which takes away funds better used in our charitable areas. My assumption is also that we may have a few more suspensions this year, as we have lost touch with many brothers for one reason or another. We struggle to keep in touch, keep current, and try fresh ideas for all the brothers' enjoyment. Sadly many do not join us on a regular basis and we rely on the same brothers time and again to fulfill our mission. Our task would be much simpler with just a few more volunteers, even if it is only once a month! Many brothers send in dues and are never seen at the council. Is it something we said? Is it something we have done? Can we start off on another foot and try this again? We, (all of the officers and chairmen), will pretty much do anything, within reason, to bring back men we have not seen in years. But we have to know what you want to do, what you want us to do, or explain to us simply what we are doing wrong. We want to be the place everyone wants to come to, as it was 20 years ago. Help us bring back our council once again to its glory days! We need you to make this happen!

Have you moved? Have you forgotten to change your address with the Knights? Do you have a computer with an internet connection? If you answered "yes" to all three of these questions, then let me tell you how to change your address online. First go to <http://www.kofc.org> and hover over the top menu bar that says "insurance" and to the right it will say "change address". So click on this and a new page displays. Type your membership number from your membership card along with your name. The second section is for the old address and the third section is for your new address, phone, email etc. Then click the submit button at the bottom! All done.

## Notre Dame Council #2901 3rd Degree Banquet

April 25th 6 pm \$35/person



Honoree: James Johnson PGK

Also honoring all new 3rd Degree Knights

Chairman: DGK Jake Novicky

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## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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**Deaths....** We were notified in late December, 2014 that Bro. Milford Hall HLM passed away on April 14, 2009...Mrs. Patricia A. Vonasek - wife of former member Frank A. Vonasek and mother of Bro. Jeffrey M. Vonasek - passed away on December 17, 2014...Mrs. Eileen B. Taylor - widow of Bro. Lawrence H. "Larry" Taylor HLM - passed away on December 23, 2014.... Bro. Anthony N. "Tony" DePalo died on December, 24, 2014...Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dietrich - mother of Julia A. Marlowe and mother-in-law of Robert S. Marlowe (manager of the local Knights of Columbus insurance agency and a former Notre Dame Council #2901) - passed away on December 25, 2014...William F. Leach, Jr. - who was a longtime member of our Council and a Singing Knight before transferring to Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521 - died on January 13, 2015...PGK Aloysius J. "Al" Stritzinger died on January 16, 2015 at age 94. PGK Stritzinger led our Council in 1958-1959 as our 14<sup>th</sup> GK and until his death was our senior surviving PGK. Several years ago PGK Stritzinger transferred to Long Green (MD) Council #8736 after moving to that area...Mrs. Regina Carmen DelPapa Arthur and Michael Arthur - mother and brother of PGK Dan Arthur - both passed away on January 27, 2015 in Springfield, Missouri.

**Sick or Injured...** We are pleased to report that PGK Jim Eppig, Inside Guard Bill Magers, PGK Ron Novak, and PGK Henry Sadler - who have been on our sick list for some time - participated in some of our Christmas, 2014 or January, 2015 activities...Mrs. Ronnie Klein - wife of Inside Guard Ray Klein PGK - and Council Widow Mrs. Teresa Klein - mother of Advocate Jim Klein Sr. PGK - continued mending after surgery... Inside Guard Magers had a successful procedure to correct a problem with his implanted defibrillator... Bro. Tom Antonicci and his wife Teresa were both hospitalized briefly for treatment of pneumonia...Bro. Jack Finck was hospitalized...PGK Ralph Roos reportedly suffered a slight stroke.



## Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

March 12th Fr. McGivney Council #7025  
Honoree Night  
April 9th Bishop Sebastian Council #5058  
Past Chapter President Night



Jan 20, 2015 - Worthy Grand Knight Frank Semon presented a check for \$600 to Cindi Ritter, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Center 6805 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212 [www.pcn4you.org](http://www.pcn4you.org) \$500 was the amount donated by everyone attending the council Christmas party, and \$100 was from our Brothers Knights at O'Neill Council.

~Photo by Todd Sanft

## Family to Family 2014

Here are just a few pictures of another successful Family to Family Christmas food basket extravaganza! In the middle below are the 240 boxes (2 boxes per family) that get distributed and the pictures surrounding show how many people get involved to make this go so smoothly. Of course, this would not be a success, if we did not receive the funding from so many generous brothers and friends! On behalf of the Grand Knight - Thanks to all for helping us give a Christmas meal to those most in need of our help.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35-40*



## Birthdays

March		April	
1 Rev Casimir M Peterson	94	1 Richard J Muffoletto	91
2 Rev William P Foley	68	3 Eric J Stallings	33
4 Michael F Slawinski	50	5 Kevin M Donohue	59
6 Austin X Wallace	69	8 Nicholas A Fuhr	46
8 Charles L Hill	67	8 Timothy M Sibol	54
9 Christopher J Mitchem	54	10 Robert J Flores	63
10 Donald E Kyne Jr	55	10 Charles C Hogg III	48
11 Rev Michel T Ngantchop	39	12 PGK Joseph P Sirera	82
12 Ricardo B Gonzales	65	12 Michael G Wise	60
13 Daniel T Mc Hugh	49	12 Donald F Yakel Jr	54
14 John M Davis Jr	56	16 Henry J Jerscheid	56
16 Kent M Smith	68	18 George W Hollenack	81
18 Vincent J Battaglia	86	19 PGK Nelson J Arnold Jr	63
18 Stephen E Cohill	61	21 James J Thim	92
19 Raymond V Infussi III	49	21 Peter D Zirpolo	51
21 Stephen M Blair	57	22 Joseph J Roberts	70
23 PGK Joseph M Olszewski Sr	65	26 Joseph L Fulca	94
24 George J Mikulski	61	26 Stephen J Mc Hugh	53
24 Stephen A Morgan	28	29 Ruben D Maxey	45
29 Rev Kennedy C Seketa	45		
30 James F Deming	58		
31 Carroll J Fitzgerald	80		
31 Christopher J Klein	35		

## Anniversaries

March	
4 PGK James A Johnson	9
16 John Sampery	25
23 Joseph F Schmitz	36
25 Daniel T Mc Hugh	20
31 William Macsherry	8
April	
4 Stephen E Cohill	34
4 Francis L Phelan	51
5 John P Havrilak Jr	29
7 Carroll J Fitzgerald	57
16 Albert J Bartolomeo	49
16 Dr Nicholas W Morog	21
19 Richard J Muffoletto	61
22 Charles L Gill Jr	39
22 David J Haller	19
23 Leonard E Aumiller	66
23 J Patrick Frank	37
24 Vincent I Keenan	61
25 Joseph D Zissimos	46
26 Paul B Schmitz	40
30 Br. Thomas M Aberle	21

## December

Knight of the month - Ron Novak PGK  
Family of the month - George & Yoshi Hollenack

## January

Knight of the month - DGK Jake Novicky  
Family of the month - PGK Jim & Kathy Klein

## Program Director

Bernie Semon PGK 410-435-4466 [bfsemon@aol.com](mailto:bfsemon@aol.com)

March 4th and April 1st we have bingo at Keswick at 7:00 pm. The Boy Scouts will be having their Pine-wood Derby at the Council home on Saturday morning, March 8th. We will be having a 5th Sunday mass with breakfast to follow at the council home on March 29th (Church to be determined). There will be no first Friday in April as it is Good Friday. There is a 3rd Degree on the evening of March 20th at Fr. Aber-schoen council for any member needing their 3rd de-gree. Finally, the 3rd Degree banquet is Saturday night, April 25th. Jake Novicky DGK is the chairman and has the details.

**Fraternal Benefits** - Larry Pryor  
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## Insurance Check-Up for 2015

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down. Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. **Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection.** Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change. Did I mention my check-up is **free** of charge? When was the last time you received something for **free** that could provide value to you and your family for generations? At our meeting I will also provide you with a **free** copy of the PERSONAL PLANNING WORKBOOK! Call me today.



## New 2nd Degree members!

Far left is Bert Peters and to the right is David Myers, both of whom had recently made their 2nd Degree and are being congratulated by the Grand Knight, Frank Semon, and being presented with an certificate of achievement. Also making their 2nd Degree but we may not have taken a picture, were Alex Arifin and Hale Adams. Congratulations to all.

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**Calendar of Events  
March 2015**

- 3. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 4. Keswick Bingo 7 PM (Ash Wed)
- 6. First Friday 6:30 PM
- 8. Pinewood Derby 9AM
- 10. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14. St. Patricks Day Party
- 17. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM
- 29. 5th Sunday

**April 2015**

- 1. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
- 3. Good Friday-First Friday Cancelled
- 7. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 25. 3rd Degree Banquet
- 28. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM

**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
Barry Schech FN PGK FDD PFN 410-377-0390 bschech@yahoo.com

Schedule for Mar/Apr

Mar 16 & Apr 20- Officers Meeting @2901 7:30 PM (if notified)  
Mar 20 & Apr 17- - VAVS Bingo 2PM Loch Raven VA Hospital  
Mar 23 & Apr 27- Assembly Meeting @205 7:30PM

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



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