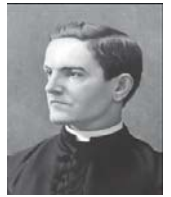




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Chaplain's Corner

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May gives us the state convention and awards program. Many thanks to our officers and committee chairmen for their efforts. June is clean up month: Star council awards and tying up loose ends. Again, thank you. Plans for a new administration formulate in June. Step up to the plate and do your share. New people bring new ideas and enthusiasm. That's what we want. Success will follow during Supreme's suggestions. We don't have to innovate, simply implement. Keep up your good work and encourage others in their role of leadership.

Jesus lives.
Fr. Simmons

Grand Knights Report

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As our fraternal year comes to an end the words that are said at the end of every Mass are on my heart: Thanks be to God. After a year full of activities that exemplify the four principles of our order, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, a spirit of thanksgiving overwhelms me. So Thank You! Thank you to my fellow brother Knights who have worked hard to support me as Grand Knight and ensure the success of all our activities. Thank you to their families who have given so much time and effort to support the council. And thank you to the loyal friends of Notre Dame Council who have stood by us time and time again over the years. For just as the Church is many parts but still one body, Notre Dame Council is more than just the Grand Knight, more than just the Brothers, but all of us united in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. It truly is a beautiful thing and I am so glad to be a part of it. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of Notre Dame Council #2901. May God Bless all of you and forever keep you in his love!

Fraternal Benefits

Deacon Don Cupps FIC/FICF/PGK
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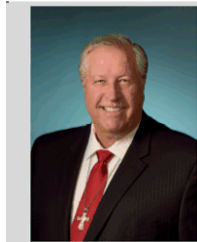
Hi I'm Deacon Don Cupps your Knights of Columbus Field Agent and I'd like to introduce myself. I am originally from Evans City PA. My father was a farmer and a high steel construction worker. He died at the age of 46 and left my Mom with 3 young girls to raise facing large debts but no money to support them.

Being 18 at the time and seeing the financial struggles and debt my Mom faced made me painfully conscious of the need to have a plan to protect our families financially.

I spent most of my professional life as a manager in hi-tech electronics companies but by 2009 felt the need to work directly with families rather than corporate personalities. Working with you all directly, knowing your loved ones are protected, gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction.

In 1986 I converted to Catholicism, joined the Knights of Columbus in 1989, was ordained as a permanent deacon in 2007 in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and became a Knights of Columbus Field Agent in 2009 supporting families in New Mexico for the McCabe Agency. By 2015 our son and his family had moved to Maryland so Ellie and I decided to move to the Baltimore area where she has lots of family.

I am blessed to be Catholic, honored to be a Field Agent and fulfilled as a Deacon. Hopefully God will allow me many more years to serve you, my brothers and sisters.



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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.

34th Annual Crab Feast



Knights of Columbus
Notre Dame Council #2901
201 Homeland Avenue
Baltimore MD, 21212
Website: www.kofc2901.webs.com

Sunday August 21st, 2016

Doors Open at 12:30 PM

Fun, Food, and Music

*All you can eat Steamed Crabs and Crab Soup
Country Smoked Ham, Smoked Turkey, Top Round of Beef, Pork BBQ
Italian Sausage with Onions and Peppers, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
Shells & Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob
Tossed Garden, Potato, and Macaroni Salads
Sheet Cakes, beer & soda.*

All for \$45.00 per person

Food served 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Catered by Atlantic Caterers



Chairman – Joe Olszewski 410-254-0242
FOR TICKETS CALL – Barry Schech 410-377-0390

Tickets Must Be Paid by August 14, 2015

District Warden & Council Advocate

James Klein Sr. PGK FDD PFN 410-882-7354 pgk2901a@yahoo.com

As I retire from my two years of serving the Maryland State Council as District Warden, I would like to thank all at Notre Dame for all the kind considerations shown to Kathy and me. Please remember that the Maryland State Council is always there to assist in all your fraternal needs.

Nominations for positions of 2016-2017 Officers will be accepted at any time, by the Grand Knight or Advocate and will be announced at the May 3rd council meeting. Elections will be held at the May 17th council meeting. Any knight who has attained the rank of 3rd degree is encouraged to be nominated. All positions are open except Chaplain and Lecturer which are appointed by the Grand Knight. The Financial Secretary, is appointed by Supreme for a 3 year term, upon the nomination of the Grand Knight

Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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Deaths Bro. Anthony J. Lombardi passed away on March 8, 2016. **Sick** Joseph Riely, Jr. was in the pediatric intensive care unit at Sinai Hospital.

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.

Church & Youth

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Thanks to PGK Frank Semon and crew for planning and executing the pancake breakfast at St. Mary's. There were about 100 people who joined us for the breakfast in the church hall.

Thanks goes out to PGK Jere Danaher for cooking the First Friday meal in March which was a nice Lenten fish dinner. Unfortunately the crowd was slim that night but all had a fine time. A thanks also goes out to Fr. Jack Mattimore who filled in as our Chaplain in the absence of Fr. Joe. I am not sure if everyone knows but Fr. Jack will be leaving the U.S. around July for a tour of duty in the South Pacific for a few years.

The 5th Sunday on May 29th will be at St. Leo's in Little Italy (9:30 AM Mass), followed by Miss Shirley's inner harbor location.

May First Friday will be the last of the year and will be also our Mothers Day celebration. All mothers are free, but you must RSVP to John Butt, if you did not do so already, by April 26th.



Installation of Notre Dame Officers for 2016-2017

When: Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Where: Notre Dame Council

Time: 6:30 PM

Dress: Suits and Jewels for all Officers

There will be lite fare following the ceremony. Family are invited but please RSVP to the Recorder Ted Lingelbach, by July 5th, so we know how much to prepare. No tickets will be available at the door.

Financial Secretary Report

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On behalf of the Grand Knight and Treasurer, I would like to announce that a budget proposal will be presented at the May 3rd council meeting and voted upon at the May 17th council meeting.

On behalf of the Retention Chairman, Jere Danaher, I would like to say that we have made great strides toward retaining 3 members who we thought were lost. Unfortunately, we still have 4 suspensions pending and one brother who withdrew. Thanks go out to George Trocki PGK, who helped with one of the retained brothers. It is clear to me, from reading dues letters returned, that some brothers are having financial difficulties meeting their obligations. I will repeat this again, **WE WILL NOT SUSPEND A BROTHER IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY**, as long as we know about it or the brother calls the FS, GK, retention chairman or any other officer. Please, I implore you, help us cut down on paperwork nightmares and call us first. We have helped several brothers again this year with dues waivers temporarily or through Supreme, permanently. Supreme has a more rigid dues waiver process involving more paperwork, so if you think you have a temporary problem, we can most likely take care of it at the council level. If you have a disability, this can be a permanent waiver solution. Call or email me.

Vivat Jesus



Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights



May 19 Holy Trinity #3413 8PM (nominations)
May 21 Anniversary Ball Columbus Gardens 7PM
June 4 St. Vincents Villa Carnival 8AM
June 9 Dundalk Council 8 PM (elections)

Birthdays

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|---------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| May | | 27 Peter S Ashton | 69 |
| 1 Robert C Sasscer | 61 | 27 Bryon R Schimpf | 46 |
| 1 Bradley I Schwind | 66 | 28 William J Simmons | 77 |
| 1 Daniel W Staples | 38 | June | |
| 1 Stanley F Stockwell | 91 | 1 Johannes J Schmitz | 89 |
| 2 George Norman Penn | 83 | 1 Edward W Zelinski Jr | 90 |
| 3 Joseph Buttarazzi | 47 | 4 Walter E Aycock | 64 |
| 4 PGK Ted Holloway | 65 | 5 PGK George A Trocki | 69 |
| 10 Thomas E Antonicci | 86 | 8 Rev Joseph L Kuchar | 56 |
| 13 Michael R Duran | 60 | 8 Charles F Trovato | 90 |
| 14 Charles F Heslen | 51 | 10 William R Levasseur | 81 |
| 17 Jeider Barraza-Jimenez | 29 | 17 Bernard J Machovec Sr | 89 |
| 17 William G Hudson | 92 | 17 James V Murray | 74 |
| 17 John M Mc Glone | 65 | 19 Pasquale M Ercolano | 93 |
| 18 Marinaldo Figueiredo | 88 | 20 Walter J Kordecki Jr | 76 |
| 19 Salvatore V Barnaba | 88 | 21 PGK Ralph E Roos | 84 |
| 19 PGK Louis G Pohl Jr | 83 | 21 Maradona M Sylvester | 30 |
| 21 William Macsherry | 46 | 22 Robert J Martel | 83 |
| 22 David C Myers Jr | 33 | 22 Rev Joseph K Mitko | 64 |
| 24 Joseph F Schmitz | 60 | 23 Michael I Fisher | 40 |
| 25 William R Magers | 89 | 27PGK John M Cosaraquis | 96 |
| 26 Paul G Coleman | 82 | 28 David Michael Carter | 52 |
| 26 William J Stricker Sr | 87 | 29 Peter Sylvan | 69 |
| 26 William J Van Cuyk | 73 | | |

Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| May | | 3 Thomas G Dobrzykowski | 39 |
| 2 Ronald H Athey | 57 | 6 Ronald J Dunaway | 57 |
| 2 Michael W Schmitz | 40 | 10 PGK Edward J Danaher Jr | 44 |
| 4 Robert F Bindel | 59 | 10 William F Johnson Jr | 44 |
| 6 Robert C Sasscer | 21 | 12 Henry J Jerscheid | 34 |
| 7 Gregory S Fridley | 28 | 12 PGK JoeM Olszewski Sr | 45 |
| 10 Jeffrey S Collier | 30 | 14 James A Boehm | 47 |
| 16 Clement Louis Klug III | 35 | 15 Robert J Martel | 59 |
| 17 PGK Ronald W Novak | 58 | 15 Jeffrey M Vonasek | 21 |
| 23 Dr John B Butt | 46 | 18 Michael J Skinner | 22 |
| 25 Joseph T Riely | 14 | 19 Ernest E Ellis Jr | 34 |
| 26 George J Walstrum | 24 | 20 Kevin D Frick | 24 |
| 27 PGK Stephen Holloway | 27 | 23 John M Mc Glone | 38 |
| 30 Charles F Heslen | 18 | 24 Peter S Ashton | 43 |
| 30 William G Hudson | 52 | 25 John L Conway Jr | 56 |
| 30 William R Levasseur | 58 | 27 James B Tinker | 13 |
| June | | 29Walter R Welzant MD | 53 |
| 1 Raymond V Infussi III | 14 | | |



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.

Program Director & Retention Chairman

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As we approach a new fraternal year, my sincere thanks to the chairman, directors, brother knights and officers who conducted our programs the year. Our charities and volunteer activities are indicative of true knights dedicated to the highest principles of our order - CHARITY! Let's continue Notre Dame Council fine tradition in the coming year!

March Knight of the Month: Fr. Andrew DeFusco
March Family of the Month: Nieberlein Family

April Knight of the Month: Fr. Jack Mattimore
April Family of the Month: Butt Family



When: Friday May 6th - 6:30 PM
Where: Marion Room
What: First Friday Mass and Dinner
Who: All Mothers Free
Everyone else: \$10
RSVP: John Butt by April 26th

(Note: no tickets at the door-please spread the word)



Our June 2016 lottery is under way. I have the tickets available at \$5 each. There will be some tickets mailed out to our repeat customers in April. If you need them, and they did not come in the mail, call me and I can mail them to you. Our game is based on the MD daily pick 3 lottery and you don't even need to check it! We check the numbers and mail out the checks to the winners automatically.

Good luck to all.....Jere Danaher Lottery Chairman



Grand Knights Appreciation Party

When: Tuesday, June 28th.
Where: Marion Room
Time: 7:30PM
Who: Officers and Chairmen, anyone who worked on any event for the Grand Knight this fiscal year.

RSVP: Jake Novicky by June 21st so he knows how many are coming.
 (note: no tickets at the door)

Traveling Rosary

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Brothers, May, the month of Mary, is upon us and it is always a busy month for the Traveling Rosary. The dates that have been booked as I write are:

Friday, May 13, for the Cardinal Gibbons Ladies (7:30PM)
 Wednesday, May 18, for Our Lady of Fatima (7:00PM)
 Monday, May 23, Sacred Heart of Mary (7:00PM)
 Sunday, May 29, for the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (TBD)

If you can join us at any of these let me know, your help will be appreciated. If you can't make any of these dates but might be interested in helping at any new dates that might be added give me a call.

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- Calendar of Events**
May 2016
- 3. Business Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 4. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
 - 6. First Friday/Mothers Day 6:30 PM
 (must call John Butt for reservations)
 - 10. KayCee Club Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 17. Business Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 24. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 29. **5th Sunday-St. Leo's 9:30 AM Mass and Miss Shirley's following (Pratt St. location)**

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

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

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



- June 2016**
- 1. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
 - 7. Business Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 14. KayCee Club Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 21. Business Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 28. GK Appreciation Party 7:30 PM
 (must call the GK for reservations)



Robert Jones - rental agent

KayCee Club Inc. Hall Rentals
 201 Homeland Ave.
 Baltimore MD 21212
 410-433-9756

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