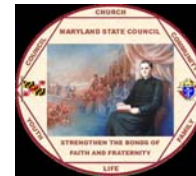




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The Notre Dame Grotto



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Chaplain's Corner

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November is the month of All Souls. I will offer a Novena of nine Masses, Nov. 1-9, for all the intentions that I receive. Just give me a written list of names and I will gladly remember them. November 1st is All Saints Day when we celebrate all the un-canonized good people who are in heaven with no church and/or devotion named for them. Included among the Saints are many of our relatives, brother knights, neighbors and friends who have gone before us. Honor them by following their example of virtuous living. The world so needs it today. Finally VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE Nov. 6th. Our country's leadership and many issues of morality are at stake. May God guide us.

Grand Knights Report

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This November let us give thanks to God for all we have. This month we also remember our departed brothers as we celebrate our Memorial Mass on First Friday. Make an extra effort to attend. There will also be a Memorial Mass for Ruth Semon on Saturday, November 17, at 11 A.M. at St. Mary's Church. Election Day is November 6 and, as well as a presidential election, there are several important ballot questions. The Maryland bishops have asked all Catholics to support the DREAM Act by voting yes on Question 4, and to support traditional marriage by voting no on Question 6. We need to make an informed decision, as Catholics, as to how we cast our ballot. That night we also have another election – the Council will vote for a new Deputy Grand Knight. On a more festive note, the Shrimp Feast is November 11. Join your brother knights and their families for an afternoon of food, music and fellowship. The Christmas party is Tuesday, December 18, and there is no charge but we do ask that you bring a donation for the Pregnancy Center, either financial or some item, like Pampers, that a new mother could use. And, as always, the highlight of December's activities will be Family to Family – give generously. May you and your family have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving, and I hope to see many of you somewhere this month.

Knight and Family of the Month for October

I am happy to announce the Knight of the Month for October is out Treasurer Ray Duran, PGK and that the Family of the Month is Stella and our Financial Secretary PGK Joe Sirera. Thanks for all you do for the Council.

20th Annual Shrimp Feast



Knights of Columbus
Notre Dame Council #2901
201 Homeland Avenue
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Sunday November 11, 2012

Doors Open at 12:30 PM

Fun, Food and Music

Fruit of the Sea – Steamed Shrimp

Homemade Shrimp Soup, Shrimp Creole over Rice Pilaf
Honey Glazed Ham, Smoked Turkey, Top Round of Beef
Italian Sausage with Onions and Peppers
Baked Ziti, Filet of Fish, Vegetables and Cheeses
Salads: Potato, Macaroni and Italian Tomato
Sheet Cakes

All for \$35.00 per person

Food served 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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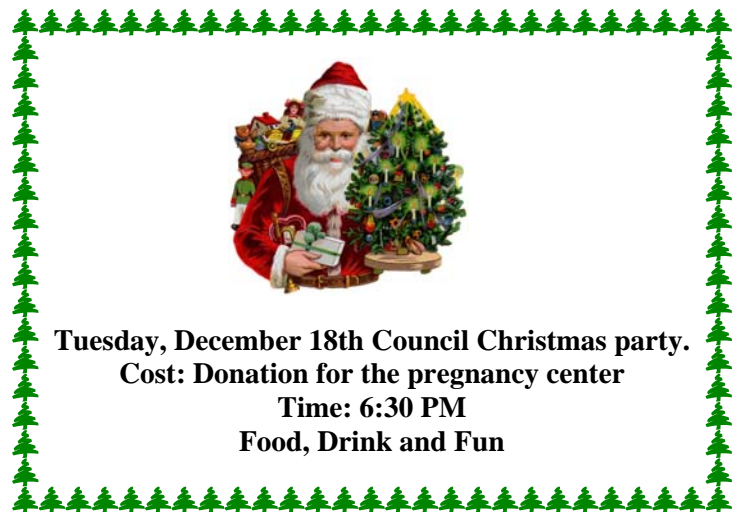


TICKET CHAIRMAN Jere Danaher, PGK 443-844- 6282

Or 410-426-8236

GENERAL CHAIRMAN – JAKE NOVICKY 410-570-4833

Tickets Must Be Paid by November 1, 2012



Tuesday, December 18th Council Christmas party.

Cost: Donation for the pregnancy center

Time: 6:30 PM

Food, Drink and Fun



Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Thursday November 8th

St. Charles Borromeo #3960

Holy Family Church

Chapter Memorial Mass

Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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Passings... We were just notified that Council Widow Margaret "Marge" Crostic passed away on May 11, 2012... Alex Miller – the brother of Bro. Harry D. Miller HLM – passed away in late August or early September... Mary C. Bolgiano – mother of former member Deacon Richard Bolgiano – passed away... The Memorial Mass for Ruth Semon – wife of Lecturer Bernie Semon PGK HLM and mother of Warden Frank Semon – will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at St. Mary's-Govans parish... Sick... Bro. Bob Brown Sr. HLM was reported to be hospitalized at Good Sam Hospital after suffering a heart attack and stroke... PGK Barry Schech is on the road to recovery after surgery ... Inside Guard Jake Novicky's mother is ill.

Fraternal Benefits

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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.

Maryland State Council Calendar

Nov. 3rd. Navy Football Game
Nov. 8th. One day couples retreat/Marriage seminar
Nov. 10th. State Soccer Challenge-Our Lady Queen of Peace
Nov. 11th. State Memorial Mass
Dec. 8th. State Christmas Party-Cardinal Gibbons Council

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My Brothers and Sisters All,
Thanksgiving will soon be upon us with turkey coming out of our ears, but first, join us for the Annual Shrimp Feast. If you are unable to make this function, consider donating a cake for the wheel. Family to Family (Christmas baskets) for the needy will be filled in December but *only* with your support. 'Tis better to give than to receive! Brothers, continue to pray and support our brother knights as they carry out the activities in our council.

Save the date 2013 KC Players Dinner Theatre
April 13 & 14, 20 & 21, & 27 & 28
(see future Grotto articles for more detail)

Laughter on the 23rd floor

A play by
Neil Simon

Financial Secretary Report

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The Maryland State Council 2012 Incentive Program [Car Raffle] is now over and the winning tickets have been drawn. Notre Dame Council has sold tickets totaling \$1,028.00. From these receipts, our Council has earned \$616.80, which will be used to help fund our Surge for Service programs. Our thanks to the members, widows and friends of the Council and our special thanks to Chairman, GK John Morrison.

Congratulations to our newest members who took their 1st Degree on September 18th:

Jeider S. Barraza (443-465-8702)
Blake A. Cass (443-451-2680)
Alexander R. Caylan (240-289-3229)

Congratulations to our members who took their 3rd Degree on October 5th:

David L. Barnes (410-377-7942)
Daniel L. Morrison (410-377-7942)

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The following will receive a Supreme Knight's Wedding Certificate at the First Friday Mass in November for attaining a special wedding anniversary in November:

Bro. Gerald A. & Leona Atteberry 55th Anniversary on November 23, 2012
Bro. Anthony P. & Mary Ellen Green 70th Anniversary on November 27, 2012
Bro. George A. & Gloria Wertz 65th Anniversary on November 29, 2012
Bro. James W. & Anita Busch Jr, 65th Anniversary on November 29, 2012



November Birthdays

01 Bro. Paul B. Schmitz	12 Bro. Lawrence J. Novicky
01 PGK Robert A. Breschi	13 Bro. Anthony J. Montcalmo
04 Bro. Anthony N. DePalo	17 Bro. George K. Paliath
04 PGK James A. "JJ" Johnson	17 Bro. Thomas D. Welzant
05 Bro. Wayne A. Strupp	18 Bro. Jerome E. Welsh, Sr.
05 Bro. Jeffrey M. Gonzales	18 Bro. David R. Kenyatta
08 Rev. James E. Risacher	19 Bro. John F. Amtmann Sr.
09 Bro. Benedict J. Ferro Sr	20 Bro. Richard J. Nieberlein
10 Bro. John P. Havrilak Jr.	21 Bro. Thomas J. Fisher. Sr.
12 Bro. George A. Wertz	24 Bro. W. Kenneth Gue
12 Bro. Robert W. Ritter	25 Bro. Michael J. Ruck
12 Bro. Daniel S. Morrison	28 Bro. Ray B. McMillan

FOURTH DEGREE

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375

Joseph P. Sirera, PGK, PFN (410) 661-4785



November 16th @ 2:00 PM: VAVS Bingo @ LR VA CLC
 November 19th @ 7:00 PM: 375 Officer's Meeting @ #2901
 November 26th @ 7:30 PM: 375 ASSEMBLY MEETING

VAVS Program:

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly #375 hosts a Bingo & refreshments for the veterans at LR VA CLC [BRECC] every 3rd Friday [except August] @ 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

To my brothers of Notre Dame Council, this is just a note to thank you for 50 years of Catholic fraternalism. Those who were at the last business meeting heard that I transferred to a new council. My reasoning was very simple. I cannot make that drive comfortably any more, especially, at night. After my blow-out on Rt. 83 while traveling to attend an Installation, it became necessary for me to re-evaluate my membership in the Council to which I belonged for so many years.

God Bless! Fraternally, Ray Klein PGK, PFN, FDD

Editors note: article shortened to fit available space- full content sent previously as email to members on the email distribution list.

Church & Youth Activities

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A thank you to Jere Danaher who was the cook for October First Friday and to all of those who assisted him. I still need cooks for our upcoming First Fridays. Our next Mass and dinner is on November 2nd at 6:30 PM at the council hall. Youth Activities are still being planned.

Advocates Report

James Klein Sr. (443) 255-5356 pgk2901a@yahoo.com

Brothers,
 Due to personal reasons, Deputy Grand Knight Charles Heslen has resigned from his position. On Nov 6, 2012 we will have a special election to fill that position and any other positions that may become vacant at the time of the election. The Grand Knight and I are working on making this a smooth transition. If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact the Worthy Grand Knight or myself.

On September 26th, I was able to attend a meeting of the Maryland Marriage Alliance that was hosted by Archbishop William Lori. Simply put, we need to vote against Question 6 on November 6th. In addition to redefining marriage, there are the following misleading parts of the bill: The ballot does not include a provision of the services by religious organizations if they receive state of federal funds. No provisions to protect religious organizations (K of C) from lawsuits. No protection for individuals. Please assist in any way possible to assist the Maryland Marriage Alliance whether through the making of a donation or volunteering at the polls. Traditional marriage is central to the continuation of civilization. We, as Catholics and as Knights of Columbus need to "WAKE-UP, SHOW UP, STAND UP AND SPEAK UP" for the affirmation of traditional marriage and the need for keeping it the same.

November Anniversaries

05 Bro. William J. & Dolores Weitzel	66
08 Bro. William C. & Catherine Mann	71
09 GK Nelson J. & Joan Arnold	44
09 Bro. Robert J. & Margaret Boyle	22
11 Bro. Robert F. & Mary Angela Brown, Sr.	51
14 Bro. Mario B. & Lois Chiafari	53
19 Bro. Ronald T. & Carla Murphy	7
22 Bro. Peter W. & Claire Bartel Jr.	37
23 Bro. Walter E. & Anna Aycock	38
23 Bro. Gerald A. & Leona Atteberry	55
24 Bro. Herman & Marjorie Williams Jr.	63
25 PGK Joseph P. & Stella Sirera	47
25 Bro. Herbert L. & Diane Keough	47
27 Bro. Anthony P. & Mary Ellen Green	70
29 Bro. George A. & Gloria Wertz	65
29 Bro. James W. & Anita Busch Jr.	65

Dear Family of Notre Dame Council:
"If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart".

Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to think about our "Family to Family" Charity. Our Family to Family is a program which was started in December, 1973 by PGK Ted Holloway, Sr. through which boxes of food are prepared and distributed to families in need. The program has flourished throughout the years, helping many needy families at Christmas time. It has lived through the years because of the generosity of our members and widows. Remember, the first principle of our order is Charity. What better way could you practice this principle than to help a family in need at Christmas. This program costs about \$4,000 each year, which is raised through your donations. Be a part of this program and please be generous. A letter will be sent out to all Notre Dame members, and will contain more information. Look in next months Grotto for more information also.

Please make any checks payable to "Notre Dame Council, No. 2901", and memo it "Family to Family".

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Headline News—Joppa MD August 12, 2012

Archbishop William E. Lori dedicated the new parish center building after celebrating Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit, which is the home parish of our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Simmons. The Knights were in full attendance as 4th. Degree Color Corps and as supporting guests for Fr. Joe. The new building replaces the old one tragically lost in a fire in 2009. PGK Jim & Kathy Klein provided all of the food & food preparation for the event. (See the Catholic Review for the full article and pictures)

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**Calendar of Events
November 2012**

- 2. First Friday 6:30 PM (Memorial Mass)
- 6. Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
- 11. Shrimp Feast (see ad on page 1)
- 13. Kay Cee Club Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17. Ruth Semon Memorial 11 AM St. Mary’s
- 20. Second Degree Ceremony 7:30 PM
- 22. Thanksgiving - All Day
- 27. Officers & Chairmen Meeting 7:30 PM

December 2012

- 4. Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 5. Keswick Bingo Christmas Program
- 7. First Friday 6:30 PM
- 11. Kay Cee Club Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18. Council Christmas Party (see ad on page 1)
- 23. Family to Family Christmas Baskets
- 25. Christmas - All Day
- 30. Fifth Sunday TBD

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