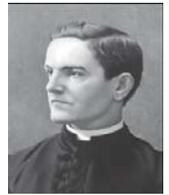




# The Notre Dame Grott



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## Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Joseph Simmons 410-679-2191, Hspiritchurch@aol.com

We're coming off the exhilarating five days with Pope Francis. Implement as much as possible what is suggested to us. November is the month of ALL SOULS. Remember deceased relatives, friends, and KC members in your daily prayers. December is Advent and Christmas. Food baskets for the poor are available. Prayers for peace are always needed. Do your part to help others in every way you can.

Jesus Lives.  
Blessed Christmas.  
Fr. Simmons

**"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 began 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 over \$4,000 each year which is raised through your donations. Be a part of this program and please be generous.

Please make your check payable to "Notre Dame Council, No. 2901", and memo it "Family to Family" Mail in the self-addressed envelope to:

Barry Schech, PGK  
Financial Secretary  
801 Regester Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21239

If you know of a family in need, reserve a basket by calling Betty Kerrigan at 410-561-3110. You will then pick up and deliver the basket to the needy family on December 20, 2015 at 9:30 AM. The baskets will be assembled on Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 8:00 A.M. If you would like to help with the basket assembly please feel free to come to the council and pitch in on the 20th; more hands always make the work go faster. Please pray for the success of this program. What we have done in the past is important, and we thank you for your past contributions. However, there are still plenty of needy families who depend on our support this year. Please help make someone's Christmas dinner special.

I wish to thank you in advance for your generosity. If you would like to have an acknowledgment of your gift, please indicate it with your donation.

## Grand Knights Report

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Greetings my Brother Knights, families, and friends! The holiday season is upon us. In this season where God gave his only Son for love of the world, it is only appropriate that our hearts are filled with gratitude and charity. I would like to personally thank you all for everything that you do for the council. I am truly moved by the time, effort, and sacrifices you make for the good of the council and the Knights of Columbus. It is with great pride that I can say I am Grand Knight of Notre Dame Council #2901.

This season we will be focused on the principle of Charity. I encourage you to join us on Thanksgiving morning to help feed the hungry at Our Daily Bread or help assemble gift baskets for those less fortunate than us on December 20<sup>th</sup> as part of our Family-to-Family project. And of course the Christmas Season would not be complete without a little Christmas cheer! Come out and join us for our Christmas Party on December 15<sup>th</sup> where, in the spirit of charity, we will be accepting donations to benefit Pregnancy Center North, a local pregnancy center. Have a Happy Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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Deaths. Bro. Samuel A. Culotta HLM passed away on September 7, 2015. Mrs. Joyce M. Bartolomeo, wife of Bro. Albert J. Bartolomeo, passed away on September 18, 2015... The father of Bro. David Myers passed away in late September.

Sick or Injured. PGK John Cosaraquis HLM and Bro. Dr. Walter D. Welzant HLM were hospitalized briefly. PGK Ron Novak underwent a medical procedure. Mrs. Rita Hayes, widow of Bro. Walter Hayes, was under medical care.

Best wishes for a bountiful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy 2016! Please remember our sick and shut-ins at this special time of the year!

## 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. 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 no longer prints and distributes 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.



## District Warden & Council Advocate

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

Brothers, As we enter the road to the New Year, we pass through the prominent Holiday of Thanksgiving (now somewhat overshadowed by "Black Friday") and then comes Christmas, the Birthday of Our Savior (now overshadowed by how much can we buy that we don't need). Let's remember that among the reasons for the season is to help our fellow man. Find a cause, maybe Family to Family, or maybe a Pregnancy Center to try to spread some joy to those in need of help or life. May the holiday season be good for you and your family. Remember to take a membership application to church with you and ask the man in the pew behind you to join our Order. One member per Council per month.



Council Anniversary  
&  
Traveling Rosary  
Oct 6th



Family Zoo Day  
Sept 13th.



Oktoberfest  
1st Friday  
Oct 2, 2015



(left)  
Orioles vs Royals  
Sept 11  
(2 Grand Slams in 1 inning !)



(below)  
Crab Feast



5th Sunday Sept 30th St.Dominicks & Valentino's

## Church & Youth

John Butt 410-458-8442 drjohnbutt@gmail.com

Our First Friday and Oktoberfest was a great success thanks to all who volunteered to help, and to fellow Knights and their families who braved the weather to participate. The volunteers included Jere Danaher , PGK, Tony Genovese, PGK, Joe Olaszewski, PGK, Tom Welzant, and Zach Butt. Special thanks to Zach who made the Hall look so festive with all the Oktoberfest decorations.

Our next First Fridays are on November 6th and December 4th. We still need volunteers for all of our remaining First Fridays. Call John Butt at 410-458-8442.

## Financial Secretary Report

Barry Schech PGK FDD PFN 410-377-0390 bschech@yahoo.com

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Kathy and Barry Schech to all my brother knights.

Brothers all, the old year is coming to an end and that will mean that I will be mailing dues reminders to all billable members sometime around the middle of December. Please try and be prompt with your remittances. Remember that "Honorary" members owe \$9, so you will still get a bill. At this time of the year I will also be sending out all of the "Honorary Life", "Active Military" and "Disabled" membership cards. These are ones which require no dues payments. Please let me know if your status as disabled or active military is the same or changed as each year this has to be qualified by me to Supreme. We send out these cards because the permanent plastic cards that "Honorary Life" members receive, may not have which degree you have attained. You could be turned away at the door if a degree ceremony is taking place and you only have the plastic membership card.

We have tried making our dues as reasonable as possible, while still maintaining some of the services and activities which we all have come to expect. If you are in need of help with your dues, please contact the GK or myself and apprise us of your problems before we start sending out suspension notices. We will not suspend members unless they are in arrears multiple years and are unresponsive to our calls and letters. If we don't know what is going on in your life, we cannot know how we can help you. Just ask us please. We also need your help when you change your address, phone or email address. The Grotto mailing is not a great indicator to us that you moved, as 3rd class mail is not forwarded or returned back to us, so we only know when dues or charity mailings bounce back that you may have moved as we do get these returned back. Address changes are very important also if you have any life insurance policies with Kof C. If you are a widow or widower, we would also like to know if you have another person we can call in the case of a death. We always are happy to arrange a rosary, and in the case of a 4th degree knight, a casket watch by our honor guards, if the family desires. If you would like to add a contact person to your own contact information, just call, mail or email me that information. I promise that this information will only be used in an emergency and would never be used or sent to anyone for solicitation. The Knights of Columbus treat your personal information with the utmost secrecy. If you are a widow and receive mailings from us, and would prefer not to, please just let me know and I will remove you from all of our mailings.

One other bit of information, there is no phone in the council that is publicly available. The phone that was behind the bar, was simply not being used in these days of cell phones so it was removed. We had incorrectly listed it in the Grotto.

*"Some businessmen are saying this could be the greatest Christmas ever. I always thought that the first one was."*

*~Art Fettig*

## Birthdays

<b>November</b>	4	James C Gelhard
1	7	James M Stallings
1	8	Joseph Piombino Iv
4	8	David L Stallings
8	10	David M Harrison
10	10	Donald S Keough
12	12	Michael R Baker
12	13	James P Klein Jr
12	17	Walter R Welzant MD
12	19	Dennis P Fahey
17	19	William C Spuck
17	24	Anthony U Olandu
18	26	PGK Howard A Bottiger
19	26	Robert L Stadter
20	27	Charles Piersanti
21	29	Vincent I Keenan
25	29	Keith E Sellner
28	30	Lawrence D Glose
<b>December</b>	31	Alfred M Fitzsimons
4		David A Carey

## Anniversaries

<b>November</b>		
9	PGK Nelson J Arnold Jr	47
9	Robert J Boyle	25
23	Gerald A Atteberry	58
23	Walter E Aycock	41
24	Herman Williams Jr	66
25	PGK Joseph P Sirera	50
29	George A Wertz	68
<b>December</b>		
2	John J Gloss	74
6	Peter D Zirpolo	29
15	James I Keenan Jr	53
16	Charles C Adams Sr	48
18	PGK John C Finck	33
26	Salvatore V Barnaba	62
26	George K Paliath	55
27	Donald F Yakel Jr	29
31	Gerald E Trees	55

## Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights



Nov 12 Memorial Mass  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Dec 10 Chapter Christmas Party  
Our Lady Queen of Peace



# Bob Evans

## FARMS®

### 5th Sunday - Nov. 29th.

St. Pius X Church 10:30 AM Mass 6428 York Rd. 21212  
Bob Evans Restaurant Joppa and LaSalle Rd. 1265 East Joppa Rd.

### Program Director & Retention Chairman

*Jere Danaher PGK FDD PFN 410-426-8236 jeredanaher@gmail.com*

My Brothers and Sisters All, Keswick Bingo is the 1st Wed of the Month (Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd). First Fridays are Nov. 6th and Dec. 4th. There is a 5th Sunday November 29th.

For those of my brother knights who have put off paying dues - NOW IS THE TIME! Soon another notice for the 2016 year will be going out! It is very costly to send out additional notices including possible suspensions. Some of you are near HONORARY OR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Honorary is 25 consecutive years and age 65 and Honorary Life is 25 years and age 70. The council has already paid for your part of the per capita to Supreme, State, and Chapter. So, please forward your dues to our Financial Secretary Barry Schech as soon as possible.

September Knight of the Month: Jim Klein  
September Family of the Month: The Price Family

October Knight of the Month: Nelson Arnold  
October Family of the Month: The Butt Family

**Fraternal Benefits - Larry Pryor**  
410-796-3260 [larry.pryor@kofc.org](mailto:larry.pryor@kofc.org)



### Think You Are Beyond The Age for Insurance Coverage? Maybe Not....

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need. When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older. If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me - and it could be for you, too. Now, I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members? Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

**Notre Dame Council Family Christmas Party**  
Tuesday, December 15th, 7:30 PM  
Food, Fun, Music




**Free - Donation requested for Pregnancy Center North**

**Thanksgiving at Our Daily Bread**  
Consider joining some of the brother knights at 8:30 AM  
On Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26th  
to serve Thanksgiving dinner.  
Call Jere at 410-426-8236  
for more details.



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**Note:** *Even though others have special auto loan "deals" presently available, you can still save money with your Notre Dame Federal Credit Union loan. All family members are eligible to participate in this special offer. Call now for more information*

**Calendar of Events  
November 2015**

- 3. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 4. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
- 6. First Friday 6:30 PM (Memorial Mass)
- 10. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17. Council Meeting 7:30 PM (1st Degree)
- 24. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM
- 26. Thanksgiving - All Day !!
- 29. 5th Sunday St. Pius X (10:30 ) & Bob Evans

**December 2015**

- 1. Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 2. Keswick Bingo 7 PM
- 4. First Friday 6:30 PM
- 8. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 15. Council Christmas Party 7:30 PM
- 20. Family to Family 8AM
- 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

Nov 16 & Dec 21 - Officers Meeting @2901 7:30PM (if notified)  
Nov 20 & Dec 18 - VAVS Bingo 2PM Loch Raven VA Hospital  
Nov 23 & Dec 28- Assembly Meeting @205 7:30PM

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



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