



# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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Thank you again for all your generosity for my anniversary. The portrait drew rave reviews, of course. Thank you John Coyle & Dan Arthur. I'm booked on the Valentine cruise in February. Thank you all. Best of luck and congratulations to the new officers for the coming council year. Looking forward to seeing you at the installation on July 22.

God Bless You  
Fr. Simmons

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July and August are hot and steamy months but a great time to get behind our new Grand Knight, officers, directors, and chairman. The installation of officers is scheduled in July and our first major event is the Annual Crab Feast. The details of our events are included in this issue of the Grotto.

Our Grand Knight and Council need your help! Please step up to the plate! The business meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is our social meeting. Come and enjoy the evening with our brother knights.

## Grand Knights Report

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With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up and all of the history we enjoy around Baltimore, Washington DC and Philadelphia, I thought it would be interesting to tell you about a baby boy born in 1900. His name was Pier Giorgio Frassati in Turin Italy into a wealthy family, who owned a newspaper called *La Stampa*. Though an average student, Frassati was known among his peers for his devotion and piety. He was dedicated to works of social action, charity, prayer and community. He was involved with Catholic youth and student groups, the Apostleship of Prayer, Catholic Action, and was a third order Dominican. He would often say, "Charity is not enough; we need social reform." He helped establish a newspaper entitled *Momento*, whose principles were based on Pope Leo XIII's encyclical: *Rerum Novarum*.

Despite his family's enormous wealth and power, Frassati's father was austere and never gave his children too much spending money. Frassati, however, donated most or all of his money to people he saw as more "needy" than him, and as a result he became accustomed to giving his train-fare to the poor and running back home or riding in third class. Despite the many organizations to which Frassati belonged, he was not a passive "joiner"; records show that he was active and involved in each, fulfilling all the duties of membership. He was strongly anti-fascist and did nothing to hide his political views.

Frassati died in 1925 of poliomyelitis. His family expected Turin's elite and political figures to come to offer their condolences and attend the funeral; they naturally expected to find many of his friends there as well. They were surprised, however, to find the streets of the city lined with thousands of mourners as the cortege passed by. Poor people from the city petitioned the Archbishop of Turin to begin the cause for canonization. The process was opened in 1932 and Frassati was called Man of Eight Beatitudes by Pope John Paul II, who beatified him on May 20, 1990. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's feast day is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Frassati is the Patron Saint of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City, OK where Frassati's family blessed the school in his spirit.

Enjoy the summer & Vivat Jesus.

## District Deputy Report

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Summer is full of activities in our council, and the MD. state council. Our council has the crab feast, officers installation., and Keswick BBQ. The state has rodeos, baseball games, Grand Knights College and programming & membership seminars, not to mention the state picnic and Navy game shortly after. There is enough diversity to satisfy everyone. Try to attend at least one event in support of Notre Dame and MD State Council. See me for details or check out [www.kofc2901.webs.com](http://www.kofc2901.webs.com) (Notre Dame's Web site) or [www.KofC-md.org](http://www.KofC-md.org) (MD State Web site) for information.

There are some district events planned, like the Oct. 1st Jazz night at Sts. Philips & James Council. See me for the details and flyer.

If you haven't heard by now, there is a completely new 3rd Degree ceremony which is nothing like the old 3rd Degree. I attended the last 3rd Degree of the fraternal year on June 10th., which was only the second new 3rd. Degree they have done. This was done at Patapsco Council and I went in support of St. Vincent Pallotti Council who had two taking the degree. When you have a chance, attend a ceremony to see the differences.

Now that we and the other councils around MD have elected our new officers, be sure to stand behind them. We elected these men to be our leaders. Will they make mistakes? YES. Will someone correct them? YES. Will they learn as they go along? YES. Sound familiar? A lot of us PGKs were in the same boat x number of years ago. Help them out! Lend them a hand.

## 29th Annual Crab Feast



Knights of Columbus  
**Notre Dame Council #2901**  
201 Homeland Avenue  
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### Sunday August 21, 2011

Doors Open at 1:00 PM

### No.1 Maryland Steamed Crabs!

MD Crab Soup, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Cold Cuts,  
Swedish Meatballs, Sauerkraut, Corn on the Cob, Fruits,  
Salads, Rolls/Bread, Beer, Soda, Coffee and Desserts

**All for \$35.00 per person**

Food served 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Catered by Bill's Seafood and Catering Company



Music by  
**Gary Alasandro**  
2:00 - 6:00 PM



Chairman – Ron Novak, PGK (410) 321-1438

Ticket Czar – E. Jere Danaher, PGK

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**Tickets Must Be Paid by August 11, 2011**

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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**Sick and injured...** PGK Nelson Arnold HLM is still under medical care... PGK Neal Prisco HLM is undergoing additional medical tests... PGK Ralph Roos HLM was reported having rehabilitation after being hospitalized briefly... PGK Henry Sadler had knee surgery... Teresa Weis – daughter of Katherine and our late PGK Jay Piombino (who was our 32<sup>nd</sup> GK and served in 1976-1977) – is under treatment for a very serious illness

## Notre Dame Federal Credit Union

**New Car Loans: Only 4.9% up to 60 months**  
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These new rates still include loan insurance at no additional cost to you. For more information and details call Richard Nieberlein at (410) 325-5095.

*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.*

### The Knight of the Month for July - August 2011

July - Jim Schwarz ; August - Tony Levero

### The Family of the Month for July 2011

July - Johannes & Roswitha Schmitz

August Dr. John & Linda Lee Butt

## July & August Birthdays

02 Bro. Peter W. Bartel, Jr.	01 Bro. Charles F. McQuay
03 Bro. William A. Long	01 Bro. William F. Williams, Jr.
03 Bro. William C. Mann	02 Bro. James A. Boehm
04 Bro. Michael W. Schmitz	03 Bro. Samuel D. Cucina
05 Bro. Gerald E. Trees	06 PGK Ronald W. Novak
09 Bro. Robert J. Boyle	07 Bro. Samuel A. Culotta
09 Bro. Louis E. Heil, Jr.	08 Bro. Robert J. Cichowicz
09 Bro. Kenneth L. Crist	08 Bro. Albert Bittner IV
09 Bro. Leonard E. Aumiller	09 Bro. John L. Conway, Jr.
09 Bro. William J. Wolf, Jr.	11 Bro. Nicholas L. Shay, Sr.
11 Bro. Stanley A. Adamski	12 Bro. Loran C. Tinker
12 Bro. George L. Reed	13 Bro. Edward B. Mierzwicki, Sr.
13 Bro. Michael A. Holloway	15 Bro. Milford L. Hall
14 Bro. Joseph C. Peters	18 Bro. Henry J. Faraone
14 Bro. Alfredo R. Pacheco	19 PGK Edward J. Danaher, Jr.
14 Bro. William R. Lawson	20 Bro. Vincent J. Valerio
15 Bro. William J. Weitzel	20 Bro. Bernard A. Bialzak
16 Bro. Willaim F. Burnham	20 Bro. William H. Koch III
16 Bro. John Sampery	21 Bro. John J. Erwin, Jr.
17 Bro. Thomas G. Dobrzykowski	22 Bro. Mario B. Chiafari
17 Bro. Anthony A. DeLuca	22 Bro. Joseph D. Zissimos
19 PFN Henry P. Goetz	24 Bro. G. Scott Fridley
19 Bro. Donald T. Gerard	25 Dr. Elias G. Gouel
20 Rev. Timothy J. Fell	26 Bro. John J. Gloss
22 Bro. Henry J. Witthauer, Jr.	26 Bro. Paul E. Zacharski
22 Bro. Joseph T. Riely	26 Bro. Charles S. Adams, Sr.
22 Bro. John T. Gilmore	26 Bro. Thomas J. Henry, Jr.
24 Bro. Martin C. Bindel	27 Bro. Alan E. Harris
25 Bro. James W. McDonough	27 Bro. Frank C. Kohl, III
26 Bro. Jesse D. Estrada	28 Bro. James E. Schwarz
27 Bro. Paul J. Micciche	28 Bro. Thomas M. Aberle
28 Bro. John C. Norjen	28 Bro. Anthony I. Levero
28 Bro. Barry J. Schech	30 Bro. William J. Conroy
30 Bro. Patrick D. "Dan" Arthur	30 Bro. George J. Walstrum
31 Bro. Gregory S. Miller	30 PGK Jerome J. Eppig
	30 Bro. James H. Gronke
	31 Bro. Barry R. Schimpf

## Fraternal Benefits

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### Still have just group insurance?

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you really need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make "X" amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount or a multiple of your salary. Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family, neighbors – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65, doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Do you still carry just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio of coverage. I can guide you so you can blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so you can be in control.

Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue – taking control of your family's financial future!



The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be holding their July meeting at Notre Dame Council #2901 on July 14th. starting at 8 PM. Please join us.



## Fourth Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375

JUL 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM: VAVS Bingo @ BRECC  
JUL 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM: 375 Officer's Meeting @ #2901  
JUL 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM: **Installation of Assembly Officers**  
AUG 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM: 375 Officer's Meeting @ #2901  
NO VAVS Bingo @ BRECC in August  
AUG 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 PM: 375 Assembly Meeting @ 205

### VAVS Program:

Our Assembly hosts a Bingo & refreshments for the veterans at BRECC every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday [except August] @ 2:00 PM. Volunteers are welcome.

**Congratulations to the following men from Notre Dame Council, who were elected as Officers of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375 for 2011-2012:**

Faithful Navigator: James A. Johnson, PGK  
Faithful Comptroller: Joseph P. Sirera, PGK, PGF  
Faithful Scribe: James P. Klein, Sr., PGK, PFN  
Faithful Purser: Ronald W. Novak, PGK

### Appointed:

Color Corps Commander:  
James P. Klein, Sr., PGK, PFN



## Traveling Rosary Report

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During this fraternal year, the Traveling Rosary has "traveled" to 15 different places with a total of 1,030 persons in attendance. Donations of \$435.00 were received. These receipts were donated by the Council, as a Pro Life project to the Chimbota Mission in Peru, which is a free hospital for expectant mothers. 2,000 Rosary pamphlets were distributed by the team. Many thanks to the following members who assisted: PGK Ron Novak, PGK Howard Bottiger, PGK James Klein, Francis Wiegmann, Tom Welzant, Kent Smith, Richard Nieberlein, George Hollenack, and Jere Danaher.

### HELP NEEDED:

With the aging of the current team members, we are in need of younger members who would be willing to take the responsibility for transporting, handling and storage of the Rosary. These new members would take charge of the Traveling Rosary and continue this special project into the future.

Reverend Fathers, Family and Friends of Fr. Joseph Simmons,

Twenty-five years ago, as Grand Knight of Notre Dame Council, I had the honor of presenting Fr. Simmons with a check that would take him to the Supreme Convention that year. A quarter of a century later, I have again been asked to say a few words about Fr. Simmons and his association with the Knights of Columbus. Suffice to say that there could be several hundred other brother knights that would jump at the chance to be in this position, but I gratefully was the one asked to speak.

Fr. Simmons joined Notre Dame Council on October 28, 1964 at the request of one of his parishioners at St. Matthews Parrish, Tom Blair. Fr. Simmons went on to be our Council Chaplain a short time later. He has been our Council Chaplain or Associate Chaplain since then. He has also served as State Chaplain for two different State Deputies and as Faithful Friar of Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly. His combined chaplaincy to the Knights of Columbus alone is twice as many years as he has been a priest.

They are the hard cold facts of Fr. Simmons and the Knights of Columbus. What those simple facts do not show are the man that God called to the priesthood those many years ago. He has spent countless hours as chaplain advising Grand Knights on the spiritual needs of the Council.

When I first joined Notre Dame Council, Fr. Simmons was the chaplain at the University Hospital. Upon being reassigned, I remember thinking that his talents were not being used to their fullest. You see, during his tenure at the Hospital, my family was trying to cope with several deaths and serious illnesses. I, naively at the time, thought that he had done something special for me and my family. I was so wrong. Over the last thirty-four years, I have seen and heard stories of how Fr. Simmons has done the same for countless brother knights. Fr. Simmons has a way of making everything he does special for all, not just my family.

It was not all spiritual though. I remember a story that a Past Grand Knight left the Council one night after a party and forgot to bring his wife home. This was before cell phones. As he remembered he left his wife at the Council, here she comes in the house, thanks to the Fr. Simmons' taxi service.

Most recently with me, Fr. Simmons provided spiritual guidance on the loss of our Great-Granddaughter. For us, and countless other Knights and their families, Fr. Simmons always has the right words and the ability to make us know that the Lord is with us and he can give comfort with his soft spoken words.

When he came to Holy Spirit Church as pastor, the Knights of Columbus paid back some of the kindness and devotion to him by having a fund raiser for the building fund to get the present church off the ground. I forget how much we made for the fund, but there were knights and their wives falling over each other to help him and his parish. The Knights, in recognition of his service to the Council, Assembly, and State, have also bought and installed the flagpole on the lawn of Holy Spirit. Several weeks ago, at the State Convention of the Knights of Columbus I took Fr. Simmons to lunch. He offered to pay but the last time he bought me lunch, I was the main laborer for the installation of the flag pole. I can't put in another pole ..... so I paid.

Personally, for the last thirty-four years, I have been blessed to have Fr. Simmons as a spiritual advisor and friend, and the Knights of Columbus have been blessed with his guidance for 47 of his 50 years. I know we all hope to be blessed by him for many more years to come.

~ James Klein PGK PFN FDD - May 22, 2011 - Honoring Fr. Joseph Simmons 50th. Anniversary of Ordination.

## July & August Anniversaries

### July

03	Bro. Bradley J. & Eugenie Schwind	30
03	Bro. Dennis P. & Nancy Fahey	46
04	PGK Tony & Anna Marie Genovese	59
05	Bro. Scott A. & Ellen Beagle	9
08	Bro. William R. & Carolyn Magers	61
08	Bro. John J. & Mary Lou Coyle	10
11	Bro. George & Yoshiko Hollenack	54
11	Bro. James V. & Vera Dunnigan	69
13	Bro. Dennis E. & Joyce Harrington	15
13	Bro. Anthony U. & Emily Olandu	14
14	PGK Robert A. & Tish Breschi	49
15	Bro. Barry R. & Jeanne Schimpf	44
16	Bro. Donald & Maureen Hochrein, Jr.	24
21	PGK Clement L. & Mary Klug, Jr.	60
21	Bro. Henry J. & Mary Witthauer, Jr.	55
23	Bro. James E. & Ertin Kahar Schwarz	13
25	Bro. Michael R. & Jeanne Baker.	49
25	Bro. Anthony A & Beverly DeLuca	14
30	Bro. James P. & Jeanne Catterton	6

### August

01	Bro. Ricardo & Terry Gonzales	35
02	Bro. Timothy M. & Judy Sibol	25
04	Bro. Ruben D. & Maria Maxey	16
09	Bro. Robert & Kathleen Garrett, Jr.	42
12	Bro. Christopher & Suzy Mitchem	17
13	PGK Ted & Shirley Holloway, Jr.	39
16	Bro. Michael J. & Wendy A. Ruck	42
17	Bro. James B. & Mari Morris	26
19	PGK Barry J. & Kathleen Schech	39
19	PGK Thomas J. & Denise Murphy	50
20	PGK James P. & Kathy Klein Sr.	36
21	Bro. W. Kenneth & Shirley Gue	57
21	Bro. Charles L. & Joyce Hill	40
22	Bro. Marinaldo & Delcia Figueiredo	55
25	PGK Ralph E. & Theresa Roos	38
25	Bro. Francis G. & Kathy Debelius	32
26	Bro. Thomas E. & Teresa Antonicci	44
31	Bro. Ray B. & Mary McMillan	60

### Happy August Ordination Anniversaries

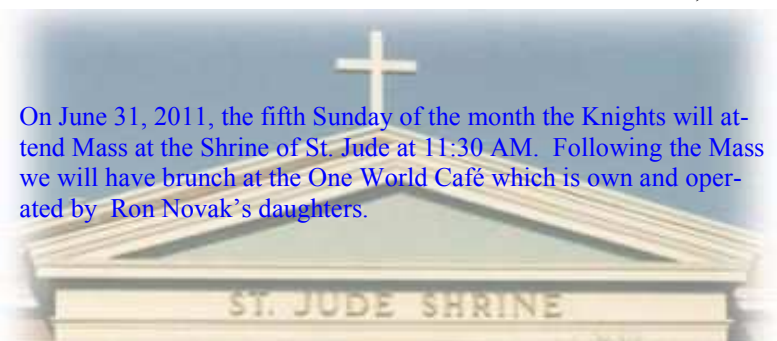
15	Rev. Kennedy C. Seketa	12
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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The following will receive a Supreme Knight's Wedding Certificate at the First Friday Mass in September for attaining a special wedding anniversary in June, July, August or September.

Bro. Edward J. & Virginia Tewey 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 16, 2011  
PGK Clement L. & Mary Klug, Jr. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 21, 2011  
Bro. Henry J. & Mary Frances Witthauer, Jr. 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 21, 2011  
PGK Thomas J. & Denise Murphy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 19, 2011  
Bro. Marinaldo M. & Delcia Figueiredo 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 22, 2011  
Bro. Ray B. & Mary McMillan 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 31, 2011  
PGK Henry J. & Dorothy Sadler 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 15, 2011  
Bro. Gregory S. & Carol Miller 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 22, 2011

**Church & Youth Activities** Dr. John Butt 410-532-6713,



On June 31, 2011, the fifth Sunday of the month the Knights will attend Mass at the Shrine of St. Jude at 11:30 AM. Following the Mass we will have brunch at the One World Café which is own and operated by Ron Novak's daughters.

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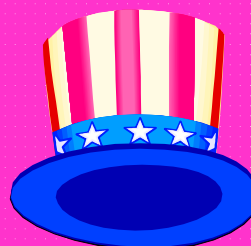
**Calendar of Events**  
**July 2011**

- 5. Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 6. Keswick Picnic 6 PM
- 8-10. GK College Emmittsburg MD
- 12. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14. Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
- 19. Council Social Meeting 7:30 PM
- 22. Installation of Officers 6:30 PM
- 25. Membership & Program Seminar
- 26. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM
- 31. 5th. Sunday

**August 2011**

- 2. Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9. KayCee Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11. Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
- 15. Semi-Annual Audit
- 16. Council Social Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21. Crab Feast 1 PM
- 23. Officers Meeting 7:30 PM

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**Marian Room (110 people) \$630**  
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