



# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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This is the month of all souls. I celebrate a Novena of Masses (9 in a row) Nov. 1-7 if you have any intentions (names) to give me, feel free. First Friday Mass at the council (Nov. 4) is one of them.

This month is also Thanksgiving. That is a time to be conscious of people around us who need help with food, clothing, housing, work, you name it. We share with them readily in response to God's generosity to us. We are all his children.

Fr. Cosker, my friend from Scotland will visit with me Nov. 16 - Dec. 2. He looks forward to that each year. It is quite a special time in our country and I can see how he enjoys it.

Advent begins Nov. 27 ushering in the Massal changes (wording mostly). It will be very interesting to experience.

God Bless You  
Fr. Simmons

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My Brothers and Sisters All,

November is the month when we remember all those who the Lord has called home. It is also a time of Thanksgiving for all of our Blessings. These blessings require us to give back to those in need. Family to Family, our Christmas baskets fund raising, provides us the opportunity to help the "least of our brothers". Volunteer at the council. Work at OUR DAILY BREAD or some other event. The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights conducts a Breakfast with Santa at Villa Marie and the Gallagher Center. Volunteers are always needed. You will receive more than you give.

VIVAT Jesus

## District Deputy Report

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November has a real mixture of events at the state level. On the family front we have Navy football on the 5th, for youth we have such things as the soccer shootout, and poster contents. And on the Church, Council, and Family side combined, we have the memorial Mass scheduled on Nov. 13th. I have this listed as three items since when we lose someone the Family loses a loved one, the Council loses a Brother Knight and most probably, the Church loses not only a parishioner but an usher, or Cantor etc. I know so many Knights that are not satisfied just sitting along the sidelines, so they have to pitch in and do something, and helping our Church and Priests is certainly the right thing to do. Many prospective Knights are afraid that we will limit what time they have to volunteer at Church events. But I say that being a Knight makes you want to give more of your time. Give so that others will follow your example, so that the less fortunate profit by your generosity, so that you make the world better by the fact of your efforts. When your time comes to an end, do you want to be remembered in your obit as "someone who was a recluse?" I think I know the answer. We live on this earth for a short time and what we do with this time is our choice. I chose to live my time in service to others, my Church, my Family, my Brother Knights. Tell this to a prospective candidate!

"Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" MLK

## Grand Knights Report

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Brother Knights,

I would like to say "thank you" to all brother knights who supported the **Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz**. It was a huge success, Filipinos through out MD,VA, DC, DE, & NJ in addition to the color guards from Charles Carroll of Carrollton along with the direction by our District Marshall Dave Ballestri and color corp. commander Gary Gray made the occasion successful and very well organized.

As Brother George Hollenack marched down the center aisle, holding the "**Notre Dame Council # 2901 Banner**" we placed our council at the very front of the festivities as the number# 1 supporter of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The visitors and participants will remember our council forever when they look at the pictures they have taken and see our banner. There were 1,170 visitors and an average of 150 visitors for the "tridum mass" on 09/26, 09/27, & 09/28. Again, Notre Dame Council has placed it self as the #1 in the Church Community activities and has earned tremendous confidence and respect from the Catholic Filipinos. For this I thank you very much.

*Let us all be proud and hold our heads high that we are members of Notre Dame Council# 2901.*

Vivat Jesus !



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Show Dates:

Sunday March 11th @ 3:00 pm  
Sunday March 18th @ 3:00 pm  
Saturday March 24th @ 7:00 pm  
Sunday March 25th @ 3:00 pm  
Friday March 30th @ 7:00 pm

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

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Passings... Dorothy Smith – mother of Regina Riely and mother-in-law of Bro. Joseph T. Riely – passed away on September 23, 2011.

## Kay -Cee Club Board of Directors - Ray Duran VP

Brothers, it is time again for the Kay-Cee Club to review and submit changes to the home corporation's by-laws. A committee was formed and suggested changes proposed. You may find the complete by-laws and proposed changes on the council's web site at [www.kofc2901.webs.com](http://www.kofc2901.webs.com). Look under the links section.

To ratify these by-laws there will be a special meeting of the home corporation during the first regularly scheduled council meeting in December. Please bring a hard copy of the by-laws with you to the meeting if you wish to make your concerns known. There will not be handouts available but the changes will be read during the meeting.



### Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Nov. 10 8PM  
St. Louis the King  
Clarksville MD

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*Call now for more information.*

## Traveling Rosary Report

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With sadness in my heart, I must report that the time has come for me to step down as coordinator of the Traveling Rosary of Notre Dame Council. After 30 tears of service with this Traveling Rosary, I must hand this program over to a younger, stronger member in order for this program to continue.

The original Traveling Rosary was conceived and built by Ray Hogarth in November 1963; he was assisted by Russ Hassell, GK Larry Preller and PGK Andy Bonthron.

And so, I am appealing to you younger members of our Council to step up and take charge. The Council needs your involvement in this program as well as our other current programs and to build programs for the Council's future.

Many thanks to Fr. Joe Simmons and to the members who are currently assisting: PGK Ron Novak, PGK Howard Bottiger, PGK James Klein, Francis Wiegmann, Tom Welzant, Kent Smith, Richard Nieberlein, George Hollenack and Jere Danaher; as well as thanks to all who had served in the past.



## Fraternal Benefits

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When thinking of our Order's highly rating insurance program one might have the tendency to think of the Order's insurance operations as completely separate from the Order's fraternal operations. Some may think they are two distinct entities, with two distinct sets of goals and ambitions. In reality the Order's Fraternal and Insurance operations work side by side on all fronts.

For example, when the Order makes an investment decision we have a three way litmus test to determine whether to put money in that direction:

1. Is it good for the Brother Knight who is investing his funds with us?

2. Is it good for the Order in general? Will it allow us to continue funding our fraternal and charitable operations as an organization?

3. Is it good for the charitable beneficiaries of the Order's works? Will we be able to help the people who depend upon us for help each year? Will we be able continue to lobby and support Catholic values and issues that are big picture in scope?

The Order's Fraternal and Insurance operations were one united front when Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus. Today is no different – just much larger in scope. When you do business with the Knights of Columbus you are not just helping your family – you are helping all those that the Knights of Columbus fraternal and charitable tentacles reach out to.

## Fourth Degree

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

#### Schedule:

NOV 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM: VAVS Bingo @ BRECC [LR VA CLC]

NOV 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 PM: 375 Officer's Meeting @ #2901

NOV 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM: 375 ASSEMBLY MEETING

DEC 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM: 375 ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM: VAVS Bingo @ BRECC [LR VA CLC]

**Officer's Meeting and Assembly Meeting: cancelled in December**

#### VAVS Program:

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

## Pro-Life Mass Schedule

**September 28, 2011** – St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, Greenbelt – 5:45 pm Rosary at Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, Mass at 7:00 pm, Fr. Walter Tappe celebrant, Fr. Paul Schenck homilist, Lawrence Grayson after-Mass speaker

**October 26, 2011** – Loyola University, Baltimore – 7:00 pm Mass, Fr. Timothy Brown, celebrant and homilist, Joseph Murtha after-Mass speaker

**November 30, 2011** – 7:00 pm Mass, St. Aloysius Church, Leonardtown, Fr. John Dakes celebrant and homilist, TBA after-Mass speaker

**January 18, 2012** – 7:00 pm Mass, St. John the Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Fr. David Brault celebrant and homilist, TBA after-Mass speaker

**March 24 (Feast of the Annunciation)** – Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore (tentative)

**May 23, 2012** – 7:00 pm Mass, St. Andrew the Apostle, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Fr. Dan Leary celebrant

There still are three spots available for pro-life Masses. They are: February 15 or 29, April 18 or 25, and June 20. If you would like to have a Mass on one of these months, but need another date, let me know. I am sure we can work it out. The icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present at each of the Masses.

**Lawrence P. Grayson-State Director, Pro-Life Activities**

## 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. Donald J. Hochrein Jr	20 Bro. Richard J. Nieberlein
09 Bro. Benedict J. Ferro Sr	21 Bro. Thomas J. Fisher. Sr.
10 Bro. John P. Havrilak Jr.	24 Bro. W. Kenneth Gue
12 Bro. George A. Wertz	25 Bro. Michael J. Ruck
12 Bro. Robert W. Ritter	28 Bro. Ray B. McMillan
12 Bro. Daniel S. Morrison	28 Bro. Jeffery D. Carew

The November Social meeting activity will be a discussion of the **ASSESSMENT PROCESS** in Maryland.

It will include the following:

Assessment and Taxation history Real Property Valuation process

Appeal process – How and when to appeal

Tax Credit – Homestead vs. Homeowner credit

New construction vs. maintenance

Legal requirements.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Jere Danaher

Assistance Supervisor of Assessments for Baltimore City - Retired

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

Thank you to Tony Levero for cooking our October First Friday meal. The spaghetti and the sauce were home made and absolutely delicious! I think it was the best I've ever tasted! Also thank you to John Morrison DGK and Jim Klein, our Advocate, for assisting.

Our November 4th First Friday is a Memorial Mass for all of our Knights who have passed to their eternal reward. The price for dinner is \$7.00. Widows of Knights are welcomed as guests and will not pay. There is a reduced price for children.

**Family of the Month** - Joe & Stella Sirera PGK, PFN  
**Knight of the Month** - Anthony Genovese

## Tootsie Rolls !!!!

Tom Antonicci will be asking for some help with Tootsie Roll distribution and collection at local Giants or other businesses. Please donate your time, make an effort, this is for a very worthy cause. The children who receive the money collected don't have it as good as you and I do. They can't stand outside and ask for donations, but we can, and we do this for them. We only do this a few weeks of the year. Say "yes" to Tom when he calls on you to help! Thanks in advance.

## Financial Secretary Report

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The Maryland State Council 2011 Incentive Program [Car Raffle] is now over and the winning tickets have been drawn. Notre Dame Council has sold tickets totaling \$1,906.00. From these receipts, our Council has earned \$1143.00, 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, DGK John Morrison.

## 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. William J. & Dolores Weitzel for their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 5, 2011**

**Bro. William C. & Catherine Mann for their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 8, 2011**

**Bro. Robert F. & Mary Angela Brown, Sr. for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 11, 2011**

**Bro. Philip P. & M. Victoria Weber for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 25, 2011**

## November Anniversaries

04 Bro. Jeffery D. & Sara Carew	11
05 Bro. William J. & Dolores Weitzel	65
08 Bro. William C. & Catherine Mann	70
09 GK Nelson J. & Joan Arnold	43
09 Bro. Robert J. & Margaret Boyle	21
11 Bro. Robert F. & Mary Angela Brown, Sr.	50
14 Bro. Mario B. & Lois Chiafari	52
19 Bro. Ronald T. & Carla Murphy	6
22 Bro. Peter W. & Claire Bartel Jr.	36
23 Bro. Walter E. & Anna Aycock	37
23 Bro. Gerald A. & Leona Atteberry	54
24 Bro. Herman & Marjorie Williams Jr.	62
25 PGK Joseph P. & Stella Sirera	46
25 Bro. Philip P. & M. Victoria Weber	50
25 Bro. Herbert L. & Diane Keough	46
27 Bro. Anthony P. & Mary Ellen Green	69
29 Bro. George A. & Gloria Wertz	64
29 Bro. James W. & Anita Busch Jr.	64

## 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..

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

Joseph P. Sirera, PGK  
3007 Edwards Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21234-1801

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 18, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

The baskets will be assembled on Sunday, December 18, 2011, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 again 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.

Fraternally yours,

Carlo Alinsod  
Grand Knight



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**NOTE:** OCT 30th-5th Sunday Mass & breakfast canceled due to a scheduling Conflict.

**Calendar of Events  
November 2011**

1. Council business meeting 7:30 PM
2. Keswick bingo 7 PM
4. First Friday 6:30 PM
5. Navy Football -Annapolis 3:30 PM
6. Spaghetti/Line Dancing Party
8. Kay Cee Club meeting 7:30 PM
10. BCGK meeting St. Louis the King 8PM (Memorial Mass)
11. Veteran's Day - Thank a vet today !!
13. MD State Council memorial Mass & Reception
15. Council Anniversary Social 6:30 PM
22. Officers & Chairmen meeting 7:30 PM
24. Thanksgiving - all day
30. Singing Knights at Keswick 7 PM

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