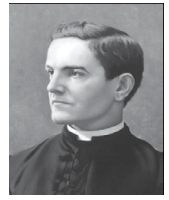




# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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September is back to school and the end of vacations and back to our regular routines with church and council duties. Hopefully all had the ability to attend Mass at a unique church while on vacation. Please don't forget the membership and mention the knights to any good Catholic men you meet. October is the month of the rosary, so try to say the rosary every day especially for the sick and needy. Bring your friends to the Traveling rosary and anniversary celebration at St. Pius X on October 17th. It is a wonderful experience and marks our 79th year of being in existence and we hope to make it to 100 years!

Jesus Lives !

## Grand Knight's Report

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Hello fellow brothers and families, I hope your summer has gone well and it is a good autumn for you all. It's been good to be a part of St. Pius X, we appreciate them having us. We look forward to helping them and St. Mary's throughout the year. Thank you brothers and families for your continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

## Program Director

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## JUNE LOTTERY

Many thanks to our brothers and sisters that supported this council activity. Winners were: John Conway, Joe Mitala, Mary Louise Maranto, Marybeth Bindel, Robert and Marylin Bonnett, Dan Mandeville, George Hollenack, Ms Margaret Miller, and Barry R. Schimpf.

## Membership Chairman Information

Brothers, don't allow a few dollars cost you your membership in our council. As our Financial secretary has informed you a number of times, if you need help paying, contact him. If you look at items where you spend money, this item is very small. Second, come to one of our meetings and meet our brother knights. You joined a great organization, please don't allow it to slip away! As of August, we still had 10 members in arrears for the year. Unfortunately, we had to suspend 5 members as of June 2023.

## Council Errata

We have been exploring ways to streamline our council by perhaps jettisoning certain things that are either not well attended, old or just not fun anymore. We are also exploring what things we may discontinue that are not fiscally responsible as well, or maybe changing the parameters to be on better financial footing. One of the ideas we have been talking about is to discontinue the newsletter and put all of our content on our web site, which is basically a duplicate of the newsletter anyway. If no one comes forth to take on the responsibility as editor of the newsletter, it will disappear after this fraternal year (2023-2024). We will start talking about this at our July 18th meeting, and continue pursuing this idea all year, until we either amend the 2024 budget or pursue a new budget in 2025. We would love to hear what you have to say or to volunteer. Nothing definite has been decided and we want everyone to have a chance to voice their opinion. Ultimately, this will produce a stronger council, and put us in a better position going into the future.

To access our web site, go to [www.kofc2901.com](http://www.kofc2901.com). The upper menu bar will help you to navigate our pages. Many of our accessible files are in Adobe Acrobat, which is a free file reader you can install at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> The current version is v23. There are some sensitive files that are password protected so email the Financial Secretary for the password.



**5th Sunday**  
9AM Mass  
St. Isaac Joques  
9215 Old Harford Rd.  
21234



**Brunch**  
Double T Diner  
9010 Belair Rd. 21236  
(at intersection of Joppa)

## District Deputy

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No report received before the Grotto went to the printer.

## 54th Annual Cash Incentive MD State Council Raffle

Brothers, most of you should receive 4 raffle tickets in the mail shortly for the state raffle. We did not receive as many tickets as usual, but we have a request in to get more. So if you want more tickets, please let the GK or FS know and we will try to mail you more, or stop by at a meeting and pick them up, but please check with us to see if we received them first! The council earns 60% of each sale and 40% goes to the state for their charity and scholarship programs. Please be generous. This year the 1st prize is \$5000 cash, 2nd is \$3000 cash and 3rd is \$2000 cash.

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

**Deceased**-Wayne Althoff August 7th.

**Sick**-Regina Riely is back in the hospital and needs our prayers.

**Congratulatory**- George and Yoshi Hollenack on the birth of their great-grandson on March 22nd.

### Birthdays

#### September

7 Br. David J Haller 66  
 8 Br. John J Coyle 57  
 13 Br. James Martin Fuhr 58  
 16 Br. Joseph J Mitala Jr 45  
 22 PGK Andy Bonthron Jr 101  
 23 Dr John B Butt 78  
 24 Br. Gerald Gietka 78  
 24 PGK Bernard F Semon 88  
 26 Br. Robert W Fantom 71  
 27 Br. Jeffrey M Vonasek 58  
 28 Br. William Johnson Jr 76

#### October

11 Br. Albert Bartolomeo 90  
 13 Br. Aaron D Cupps 50  
 13 Br. Mark Lippy 64  
 15 Br. Ronald H Athey 82  
 16 PGK Steve Holloway 70  
 16 PGK John Morrison 75  
 16 Br. Richard J Sirera 57  
 20 Br. James B Morris 65  
 24 Br. J Patrick Frank 75  
 27 Br. Howard F Rew 88  
 28 Br. Patrick T O'Malley 57  
 29 Br. Iskandar A Arifin 49

### Anniversaries

#### September

1 Br. Richard Nieberlein 61  
 11 Br. John M Davis Jr 40  
 12 Br. Lawrence D Glose 36  
 12 Br. Michael G Wise 31  
 17 Br. Michael R Duran 23  
 22 Br. Stephen J Mc Hugh 23  
 22 Br. Gregory S Miller 67  
 26 Br. John F Hartnett 43  
 28 Br. Martin J Blair 38

#### October

8 PGK Andy Bonthron Jr 68  
 21 Br. Kenneth L Crist 34  
 23 Br. Martin C Bindel 36  
 23 Br. William J Simmons 58  
 27 Br. Howard F Rew 66  
 31 Br. Glenn W Atteberry 36



## Financial Secretary Report

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We did get recognition in some publications these last few months due to the councils generosity and charity, which is basically our reason for existence. It is always nice when someone recognizes the good we do, since the 3rd degree is not always the "visible" arm of the order, as the 4th degree is seen. If you missed it, these are the publications that you may want to check out. We made the Curley magazine, we made the St. Pius X bulletin twice, once for the scholarships we endowed and the second for the GK charity presentation to St. Mary of the Assumption church. The last that I know of, and there are probably others I missed, was the Columbia magazine. Now we did not make the printed copy, but we did make the alternate which is the electronic version found at [www.kofc.org/knightsinaction](http://www.kofc.org/knightsinaction). I believe that we are under the sub-category "family". We should all be proud of the work we have done to make this happen. Especially those men who were our founding fathers, that purchased, renovated and ran our council home for so many years until we unfortunately had to sell it. They put their blood, sweat and tears to work many years ago, so that we could reap the rewards of these monetary contributions. Also, many of us older members had a hand in the upkeep, rentals, board of directors, etc over the past decades that helped keep us afloat financially, so that we could put ourselves in this situation of charity. While many may mourn the loss of our building, which afterwards made us sort of like nomads in search of a meeting space, it did become overwhelming with our loss of members to run the place and the overwhelming amount of time we put forth to keep us there. An almost instant outcome of all of this, is that we now have time to pursue what we should be doing, and that is, taking a more active part in supporting our church and priests. This is the Knights' true purpose in life, to be the "strong right arm of the church", which is what Pope John Paul II said about the Knights during his papacy.

I challenge every brother knight, to assist our order in any way possible. Even if it comes down to once a year, we will take that. And I also challenge every brother knight to go to his respective parish, and see what you can do to help them. There are so many ways you can assist, as usher, lector, sacristan, office assistant, event planner or volunteer, pastoral or financial council member. Our church needs us today more than almost any other time in their history. Declining church attendance and lost parishioners are causing church closures. Lost tithing is causing pressure on parish priests, who should not have to worry about this but concentrate on religious matters. Be there for them, ask what you can do to help!



**5th Sunday in July**-we had a great turnout at St. Mary and Seasons Pizza. Fr. Jon was very gracious and mentioned during Mass, especially at the prayers of the faithful, the Knights and the good works we continue to do. Keep up the good work, and thanks Fr. Jon!



RSVP recipient Deacon Franz Belleza seen here receiving a check from Treasurer John Morrison. It will help pay for his trip to the Holy Land as part of his seminarian experience.

### Traveling Rosary

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As this issue of the Grotto goes to press (early August) we will be at Oak Crest on Friday, October 6 after the 2 PM mass and at St. Pius X on October 17, for the Council's anniversary. As we get closer to October, I expect more of our regular dates will be added. Watch for information by email.

**Anniversary Celebration/Traveling Rosary**-Tuesday October 17th, St. Pius X Genesis Hall, 6:30PM. Desserts and coffee/tea will be available afterwards. All are invited so please bring family, friends and neighbors!





# Picture Page



## GK Party and Installation

We had a combination party and installation on June 20th at the rectory garden of St. Pius X. I believe that everyone had a good time, and the weather was pleasant all night. The first 4 pictures are of the party portion. And we had a special guest of PSD Steve Cohan and his wife Vickie, who are not only friends of the council but neighbors as well. The last two pictures are the installation part with our DD Greg Lynch officiating. We had this type of picnic a few years ago and everyone seemed to like the idea probably due to the casual atmosphere and fraternity. Unfortunately, our Pastor Fr. Jojo, had a prior engagement but our Chaplain Fr. Joe could make it, as shown above.



GK Tom Welzant is shown presenting the Knight of the Year award to DW Greg Leftwich. Greg also doubles as our Recorder at the council and is a great contributor to all our events as well. Congratulations Greg !



DD Greg Lynch presented GK Tom Welzant with certificates honoring the council for their continuing contribution to the RSVP and Food for Families programs. The RSVP program is an initiative to help support a chosen seminarian in need through a financial means. A previous Grotto showed the recipient from this year.



Fr. Jojo accepts a \$2000 check from FS Barry Schech that was from our GK Charity fund for 2022-2023. The presentation had to be made at St. Pius X Church, even though it was for the St. Mary boiler repair fund as Fr. Jojo was leaving for vacation and there was not enough time to do the presentation at St. Mary as was the original plan. We wish Fr. Jojo a pleasant vacation back home in the Philippines and will see him back in September.

Sept Knight of the month– PGK Nelson Arnold  
 Sept Family of the month– Schech family

Oct Knight of the month– PGK Jake Novicky  
 Oct Family of the month– Danaher family

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**Calendar of Events Quick Look**

**September**

- 1. Adoration/Benediction St. Pius X, 8-10AM.
- 5. Planning/Business meeting 6:30/7:30PM, St. Pius X admin building meeting room.

**October**

- 3. Planning/Business meeting 6:30/7:30PM St. Pius X admin building meeting room
- 6. Adoration/Benediction St. Pius X, 8-10AM
- 7. Columbus Day Ball
- 17. Anniversary/Traveling Rosary 6:30PM, St. Pius X
- 28. Trunk or Treat (TBA)
- 29. 5th Sunday St. Isaac Jogues, 9AM Mass/DoubleT Diner on Belair and Joppa Rds.



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Schedule:

- Sept 25th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON
- Oct 23rd 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON

Please visit <http://www.ccofc375.wixsite.com/my-site> for more information on the Assembly.

