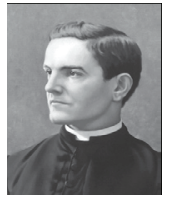




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Chaplain's Corner

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May is the month of Our Lady, Mary. Notre Dame council was named for Her. Say the Rosary more often and attend weekday Mass if possible. May 12th is also Mothers Day so keep our Mothers in your heart. Pentecost will be May 19th, and we will be back to Ordinary Time. Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit. Memorial Day we should remember everyone from the Ukraine, Middle East, and all those victims and families suffering from, war, famine, natural disasters all over, plus all military personnel. June will be the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. Please remember our men who will be ordained as Deacons or Priests this May 18th and June 24th respectively. Also pray for our church leaders as the Seek the City initiative draws to a close in June. We need more lay people to assist our churches and priests now more than ever. *Jesus Lives*

Grand Knight's Report

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Hello Brother Knights and families!
I hope this newsletter finds you to be well. It is the last paper copy of the Grotto. Thanks to Barry for publishing it for the past 15 yrs. We will still have the council news and information on all our activities and events available on the website. It has been an honor to be your Grand Knight this past fraternal year and thank you for your support in helping it go so well. There will be a new group of officers taking over the council starting in July. Please support them as well as you supported me and the council will continue to be in great shape. Thank you! I wish you all the best.

Vivat Jesus

Important information about this newsletter.

This May/June issue of the Grotto most probably will be the last editions of our Grotto newsletter. According to my information, we have been circulating a newsletter for 69 years! After 16 years, our current editor has decided that we need a fresh body to take over, and as of March 2024, no one has come forward. This and additionally, all of the information in the Grotto can also be found on our web site located at www.kofc2901.com. We, and many other K of C councils are totally electronic these days, so it may be time we joined the crowd. Unfortunately, we know that many of our older readers may not be fluent with a web site or social media in general, and it is our hope that we don't lose anyone because of this. Money is not what is driving this decision, but it is manpower allocation. Also, we are spending money publishing a paper copy and paying for a web site that has the same data, so we are wasting money.

Our web site is very intuitive. Once you open a web browser such as Firefox, Edge or Safari (on iPhones), you simply type in the URL listed above (www.kofc2901.com). URL stands for Uniform Resource Locator (Geek talk!!) Once you successfully go to our web site, you are on what is known as the "Home" page. Just below the name of our council, you will find sub-menus across the top. These are listed as "home", "Officers and Chairmen", "Grotto Newsletter", "Family to Family basket request form", "Links", "Contact Us", and "Pictures". On a PC, if you hover over some of these menu items, you will find sub-menus under them. For example, under the "Officers and Chairmen" heading you will also find listings for Past Grand Knights, PGK Pictures and Deceased Council Members. Clicking any of these 4 items will take you to a new page with information suggested by the title of the menu item. You should know that the top headings do not change when you go from page to page so you can easily go back to the home page or any other page by clicking again at the top.

The top menus are not the only thing that you can click on to go to more info. For example, at the home page, an item is listed in red that says "Click here for more details". Clicking here takes you to a non-menu listed page, but again the top menu items are still available to go back or to another page. One way to determine if a word or phrase will take you to a new location of file, is that when you move you mouse cursor over the word or phrase, the cursor turns from an arrow to a hand.

Our "Links" page is almost entirely made up of clickable files or new web sites, which by the way, exit you from our web site and place you in another web site. Some items on the "Links" page are password protected files, available only by contacting the Financial Secretary for the password. This is because these are sensitive financial or member contact files, not for everyone who is not a Notre Dame member. Our web site otherwise, is open to anyone on the web. And we maintain a menu item listed as "Contact Us", which takes you to a form to fill out for possibly joining the council, so we want outsiders (non Knights), to be able to send us their contact information, which would not be available if our entire site was password protected.

One additional item is that the majority of our downloadable files are in Adobe Acrobat reader format, which is free on the internet for almost every known type of computer or phone. And iPhones automatically open Acrobat files without downloading an app. For the free PC Adobe Acrobat reader, go to <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> and follow the instructions.

Occasionally, an item may take you to an obsolete item, such as when a web site outside ours, changes their URL. If this happens, go to the contact page and let us know so we can fix it. Also, our Family to Family page may not be available until November since this is an event that is only held at Christmas time and not appropriate the rest of the year, so don't be alarmed if it disappears from the menu system or you are locked out.

Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

Sick– PGK Nelson Arnold, PGK Joseph Olszewski, PGK Jere Danaher.
Deceased–Howard F Rew 3/9/2024

May Birthdays

1 Br. Daniel W Staples 46
 3 Br. Joseph Buttarazzi 55
 4 PGK Ted Holloway Jr 73
 13 Br. Michael R Duran 68
 14 Br. Charles F Heslen 59
 17 Br. John M Mc Glone 73
 18 Br. Marinaldo Figueiredo 96
 21 Br. William Macsherry 54
 23 Br. Luciano M David 86
 24 Br. Joseph F Schmitz 68
 27 Br. Bryon R Schimpf 54
 28 Br. William J Simmons 85

June Birthdays

4 Br. Walter E Aycock 72
 5 PGK George A Trocki 77
 8Br. Charles F Trovato 98
 10 Br. William R Levasseur 89
 20 Br. Walter J Kordecki Jr 84
 22 Rev Joseph K Mitko 72
 27 Br. Louis R Fritz 65
 28 Br. David M Carter 60
 29 Br. Peter Sylvan 77



May Anniversaries

2 Br. Ronald H Athey 65
 2 Br. Michael W Schmitz 48
 23 Dr John B Butt 54
 25 Br. Joseph T Riely 22
 27 PGK Stephen Holloway 35
 30 Br. Charles F Heslen 26
 30 Br. William Levasseur 66

June Anniversaries

1 Br. Raymond Infussi 22
 10 PGK Edward Danaher 52
 10 Br. William F Johnson 52
 12 Br. Henry J Jerscheid 42
 12 PGK Joe Olszewski 53
 14 James A Boehm 55
 15 Br. Jeffrey M Vonasek 29
 23 Br. John M Mc Glone 46
 25 Br. John L Conway Jr 64



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There are still a few things left in this fraternal year that we can assist with, namely;

- 1) April 19th-21st St Pius X Carnival. We have been asked to man the beer stand. Please contact Barry Schech if you can help.
- 2) The Grand Knight's party on June 18th, 6:30PM in the St. Pius X Rectory garden. Enjoy a cookout free of charge ! It's the Grand Knights way of saying thanks to everyone who helped this year. Please call Barry Schech for a reservation so we know how much food to buy!
- 3) 5th Sunday, June 30th, St. Pius X, 8:30AM Mass followed by brunch at McFaul's Iron Horse on Cromwell Bridge Rd. Please let John Butt know if you can make it.
- 4) From May 5th until June 2nd, there will be a collection bin at the side door of St. Pius X church for donations to the Women's Center, which is located on Belair Rd. and is also GK Tom Welzant's charity for this year. They can use diapers, layettes, bottles etc. This will be in addition to any monetary donations we receive. If you cannot make it to the donation bin, give your items to any officer or drop it off at the rectory Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Fri 9-noon.

We hope to see all our brothers at our monthly meetings, which is always the first Tuesday of each month.



Financial Secretary Report

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We made it through another year! And unlike other years, we have a new younger group of officers to guide us through the next few years. New men means new ideas, means more new members when they see what can be done, and more participation from older members who may get tired of the same old same old ! Please support these new officers in any way you can, they need as much support as possible to make their term exciting, fresh and well attended. Even if you only volunteer at one event, that makes a huge difference. And to the people we serve, it makes an even bigger difference. God gave each of us different talents and expects us to use them as best as we are able. Some are organizers, some can cook, some are handy with crafts, some are people persons, and some make the world better just by their presence. Be one of these people since the best present we can receive is your presence.

Vivat Jesus !



Grand Knights Party 2024

Where: St. Pius X rectory garden

When: Tuesday June 18th 6:30PM

Who: All family members are invited!

What: Please let Barry Schech know how many are coming



5th Sunday June 30th

St. Pius X Church 8:30AM Mass
 6428 York Rd.
 McFauls Iron Horse for brunch
 Cromwell Bridge Rd.



District Deputy

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Hello my Brothers and sisters of Notre Dame Council. It has been six long, but short years, and my time as District Deputy is coming to an end. My thanks to past Grand Knights Sal Lenzo, James Kline, Greg Leftwich, and Bert Peters. Your help and leadership of the council was great. To Financial Secretary Barry Schech and Past Grand Knight Jere Danaher, your guidance and advice was helpful. To everyone else, the work you do that you are " Serving Christ by serving others, as Servant Leaders, By crying the Gospel with Your Life ". It has been a pleasure and privilege working with you, and if you ever need any help just call.



From left to right: St. Mary's pancake breakfast, St. Elizabeth's receiving the Christmas party donation, Elizabeth Wagner of St. Pius X receiving the Giving Garden donation, and George and Barry dishing out Lenten soup (and thanks also to Jere and Jack, not shown in the picture).

Pictures from our past-Memories we will cherish forever!



Fathers Day 2015
PGK Ralph Roos



“Mr. Tootsie Roll”, Tom
Antonucci 2015



Orioles 2010 - PGK’s Ray Duran, Tony Genovese, Ron Novak with
Frank Semon and Ted Linglebach in the background.



St. Patrick’s Day 2016 PGK Jim Klein and
mom !



2016 Jake and Dan Arthur-Courage Lion Grand
Knights Charity.



2015 Crab Feast- PGK’s Ray Klein, Nel-
son Arnold and Carlo Alinsod



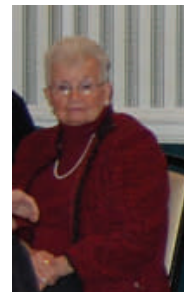
Mr. Fixit-Brad
Schwind-2015 Crab
Feast



Officer Installation 2016-may have been
our last in the old building.



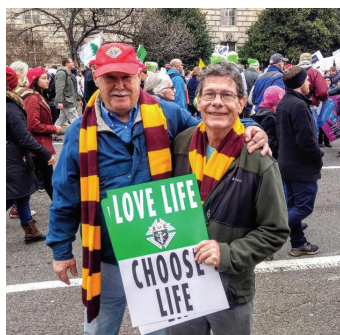
Our favorite bartender -Bill
Magers 2016 St. Patrick’s Day



2016 Betty Kerrigan-Family to
Family coordinator for so
many years!



2015 Crab Feast –Todd Sanft
and PGK Jere Danaher



2020 Pro Life March in D.C-
PGK’s Jere Danaher and
John Morrison



2018 St. Pius X Christmas tree
sale-PGK’s Barry Schech & Sal
Lenzo



2014 Anniversary of the Grotto statue out-
side the old council home. Shown are the
Singing Knights at the outside Mass .

Sadly, there isn’t enough room and we don’t have pictures of some of the most influential knights I have personally met and worked with over the last 27 years, 15 of which I was Grotto editor. Some that stand out would be Tom Blair, Bill Andrews, Vince Battaglia, Howard Bottiger, Bob Breschi, Neal Prisco, Joe Briggs, Bob Brown, Jim Busch, Hugh Carter, Paul Coleman, John Cosaraquis, Henry Crusse, George Daniels, Fred Deugwillo, Walt Fial, Sut Finley, Hank Goetz, Ed Herzing, Don Hochrein, Herb Keough, Richard Long, Richard Whittler, Joe McHugh, Dick McMahon, Tom Murphy, Lou Pohl, Henry Sadler, Charles Schafer, & George Walter. I stand on the shoulders of these men who went before me, they led the way, they showed me how to be a brother Knight. I miss them and will never forget them!Editor

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May Knight of the month– Dr. John Butt
 June Knight of the month– Brad Eastham

May Family of the month– Peters Family
 June Family of the month– Schech Family

Calendar of Events Quick Look

May

- 3) Adoration/Benediction St. Pius X 8-10AM
- 3-5) MD State Convention
- 7) Council planning/business meeting 6:30/7:30PM
- 12) Mothers Day-MaryGolds at St. Pius X church
- 21) Fraternal Benefits night-pending

June

- 4) Council planning/business meeting 6:30/7:30PM
- 18) GK Party St. Pius X rectory garden 6:30PM Please notify Barry Schech if you plan on attending.
- 30) 5th Sunday St. Pius X church 8:30AM Mass with brunch to follow at McFaul's Iron Horse.



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4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375
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Schedule:

- May 28th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church Genesis Hall ~ IN PERSON
 (NOTE: meeting changed due to Memorial day observance)
- June 24th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church Genesis Hall ~ IN PERSON

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

