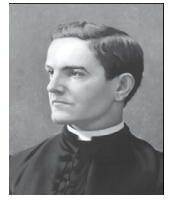




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## Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Joseph Simmons 443-987-4149

November brings us All Souls Day. Remember the deceased members of Notre Dame and all that have passed away this year. Remember the needy and especially those in the area of the middle east. December 3rd will be the beginning of Advent as we prepare for the Lord's birthday. The council also will feed the poor during Family to Family. Don't forget the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. Do your best to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Pray the rosary to Our Lady for world peace and to end the suffering of all people in various countries including our own.

**Jesus Lives**  
**Fr. Joe**

## Grand Knight's Report

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Brothers, thank you to the council members for stepping up and voting to pitch in some money to beautify St. Pius X church gardens. Warden George Rothmann was instrumental in making the pitch for the funds and has even volunteered his time to help out as needed. If he needs additional help, please offer your assistance.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. And thanks for all you do for our church and council.

## Program Director

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November and December are typically very busy times for the council and our church. Not just because we have Thanksgiving and Christmas or even New Years in a short span of days. We have our Anniversary, Trunk or Treat, Memorial Mass, Christmas tree sale, council Christmas party, etc all rolled into 2 months time. Some of these, you just need to show up for, no reservations are needed, like the Memorial Mass, or Anniversary. They are the low hanging fruit of events, easy for everyone to enjoy. Of course we have others such as Christmas Tree sales, Trunk or Treat, etc. which may be more labor intensive as far as helping out. But remember, you are never alone if you wish to help out. And from personal experience, these are the ones which are very gratifying. Enjoy seeing the children in costumes and playing games or seeing the children pick out their Christmas tree. These are what make us come back year after year. You can make someone's day just by being there and interacting and helping the family take a picture next to their tree. I am sure that these memories last forever.

Want to know more about these events and what they entail, or maybe what small part you can do to help? Come to one of our meetings and talk to one of our officers or chairmen. And even if you can only spare an hour of your time, we are grateful. But I bet that once you help, you may find it difficult to stop. You just seem to get that wonderful feeling when you are helping out someone who needs us. Like our Family to Family Christmas food baskets. All 96 baskets go to families that otherwise may not have enough at Christmas time. Take a minute out at your family Christmas dinner, then as you look at all of God's bounty, try to imagine not being as lucky. But surprisingly, many in Maryland go hungry every night, not just at Christmas.

Dear Brothers & Families 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 over \$5,000 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 going to [www.kofc2901.com](http://www.kofc2901.com). At the top, click on the listing labeled "Family to Family Basket Request Form". Fill out all of the blanks and select the number of baskets desired. Some blanks are required. When done, click on "Submit" at the bottom. A call or email confirmation will be sent to you. Please allow 3 days for the confirmation to be received. You will then pick up the basket from St. Elizabeth's School Gymnasium, starting at 9:00 AM, on December 17, 2023, and then deliver the basket to the needy family. The address for St. Elizabeth's is 801 Argonne Dr., Baltimore MD 21218.

The baskets will be assembled on Sunday, December 17, 2023, starting at 8:00 AM. If you would like to help with the basket assembly please feel free to come and pitch in on the 17th. 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 which 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.

**Fraternaly yours ~ Grand Knight - Thomas Welzant**

## Notre Dame Council #2901 Memorial Mass



When: November 3rd., 2023, 5:30PM  
Where: Cathedral of Mary Our Queen  
Dinner: Applebees Towson  
What: Celebrate last years brothers and sisters who went to the Lord.

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

**Deceased**– Vincent Sisk (DW Greg Leftwich step-dad) August 12th, Margaret Waldstrum (unknown date-we were notified by the family), Loretta Schech October 3rd.

**Sick**– George Trocki.

**Congratulatory**– Yoshi Hollenack 90th birthday

### November Birthdays

1 Br. Paul B Schmitz 74  
4 PGK James A Johnson 76  
8 Rev James E Risacher 96  
10 Scott J Cooper 60  
10 Br. John P Havrilak Jr 62  
12 Br. Daniel S Morrison 47  
12 PGK Jake Novicky 38  
12 Br. Robert W Ritter 93  
14 Br. Gregory Leftwich 35  
17 Br. George K Paliath 89  
17 Br. Thomas D Welzant 54  
18 Br. Jerome E Welsh Sr 94  
20 Br. Richard Nieberlein 82  
25 Br. Michael J Ruck 77  
29 Rev Bao Q Nguyen 52

### December Birthdays

4 Br. David A Carey 52  
7 Br. James M Stallings 69  
8 Br. Joseph Piombino 65  
8 Br. David L Stallings 65  
10 Br. David M Harrison 58  
12 Br. Michael R Baker 85  
13 Jerome F Jurick 61  
19 Br. Dennis P Fahey 82  
21 Br. George Rothmann 62  
24 Br. Anthony U Olandu 73  
26 Br. Robert L Stadter 93  
29 Br. Keith E Sellner 66  
30 Br. Lawrence D Glose 69

### November Anniversaries

9 PGK Nelson J Arnold Jr 55  
23 Br. Gerald A Atteberry 66  
23 Br. Walter E Aycock 49

### December Anniversaries

12 PGK Albert J Peters 8  
26 Br. George K Paliath 63  
27 Br. Donald F Yakel Jr 37



### District Deputy

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The state memorial mass is Sunday, November 12th at The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. Please notify Mike Dunn (skmikedunn@verizon.net) if you plan on attending. Light refreshments will follow. Notre Dame has submitted their necrology of 15 brothers and widows, which will be read at the mass. Significantly, Notre Dame lost 3 Past Grand Knights last year alone.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at the Christmas party!



**5th Sunday  
October 29th  
9AM Mass**

St. Isaac Joques  
9215 Old Harford Rd. 21234

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



## Financial Secretary Report

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

Brothers, this is the third edition for the 2023-2024 year. We have 3 more editions to follow until the end of this fraternal year. The newsletter has been published for the last 14 years by the same person following the withdrawal of the brother who was the previous editor, and who only lasted about 2 years. The two brothers who were the editors before lasted about 3 years or so also. We are imploring anyone who has any time and basic computer skills to step forward to take over this chore. After a few years, a person's editorial style becomes stale and the newsletters lack any fresh ideas or articles. If we have nobody stepping forward, we will be forced to stop printing and mailing the newsletter and will have to rely on our web site to relay any pertinent information to the brothers and widows. This will impact what we do since many older people may not have a computer, smart phone, tablet or other device to even reach our web site. And, unfortunate as it sounds, many older people may lack the skills necessary to use a computer and web browser. Please let us know if you are interested and we can even offer a basic tutorial on the what, where, why, etc. of creating a basic newsletter. In reality, if you can use a word processor, you can publish a newsletter! It is not that difficult.

This time of year also brings us up to our membership dues time. Letters go out mid-December to start. And if you can, please try to send in your dues in the next 30 days. If you cannot afford your dues or are having a temporary hardship, please let us know. We have many ways of helping you financially. And remember, after two years of not receiving any dues, not seeing a brother in church or a meeting, and especially if we cannot get in touch by mail, phone or email, we have to start the suspension process. Remember, we have to pay supreme and state per-capita for each brother, whether we receive your dues or not.

The cost of postage continues to go up and this eats into our budget which would normally be used for our charities. We are already exploring ways to cut costs but not sacrifice any of our legacy projects. This is a perfect example. Our incentive raffle tickets cost us \$134 to mail out, not including envelope or paper cost for the letter. After taking out the state portion of the proceeds, the council only made \$75! Hardly worth it, when you factor in the labor to print, stamp and stuff envelopes. If you can help us or can think of another way we can save money, please let us know. We don't want the council to fail due to financial woes or to lack of interest from our brothers. We can't call each and every member, but you can email, or call us or even come to a meeting once in a while, not every one if it is difficult, but maybe every quarter to catch up. Personally, I have not met every member of our council and it makes me feel great when I meet someone who I had only known by name or membership number!

### Christmas Trees at St. Pius X

Setup the lot: Saturday, November 11th 9AM  
Rain Day: Saturday, November 18th, 9AM  
Tree Delivery: Saturday, November 25th, 8AM  
Sales: Monday-Friday: 4PM-7PM  
Saturday: 9AM-8PM  
Sunday: 10AM-7PM

Brothers, we need help at all levels to sell the 1500 trees which we are ordering. We especially need help with the unloading on Nov. 25th. Even if you can only spare a few hours. We will take it. We are all volunteers and all profit goes back to St. Pius X to help defray parish expenses. Many council members spend many hours helping in all aspects and we have adopted this as one of our pet projects. This is the biggest fund raiser that St. Pius X parish has!

### **54th Annual Cash Incentive MD State Council Raffle**

Drawing was held October 7th at the Columbus Day ball.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. The winners were:

**1st Place** - \$5,000 Prize winning ticket was sold by Goerling of Deacon John Lynn Council 11619 in Laurel, MD. The ticket was purchased by Carrol Southard.

**2nd Place** - \$3,000 Prize winning ticket was sold by SJ of Westminster Council 1293 in Westminster, MD. The ticket was purchased by John Bogdon.

**3rd Place** - \$2,000 Prize winning ticket was sold by Fredi Jovel of Deacon San Juan Nuemann de Baltimore Council 16611 in Baltimore, MD. The ticket was purchased by Francel Evans.

### **The Annual French Sailors Memorial Ceremony**

The bodies of four French Sailors are buried at St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery. The first French Reservist was Joseph Melvel of the French Ship Amarel Cicile, who drowned while swimming at Port Covington in August 1918. The other three French Reservists died of the flu in October 1918. They were Pierre Chetodel and Louis Gouger of the French Sailing ship Thiers, and Louis Brazzard of the French Sailing ship Almandral. Since there was no known next of kin, the French sailors had to remain in this country and were buried by Father Hartwell. The sailors were given a military funeral courtesy of the Senior Naval Officer in charge of the port at the time.

For years the graves were personally tended by Mrs. Emily Raine Williams. In the mid-1920's Mrs. Williams approached the Baltimore Council of the American Legion who agreed to accept permanent responsibility of the care and annual memorialization of these four allies

Each year on the first Saturday in November – the French Memorial Day – the American Legion Posts #20 and #137 hold a memorial ceremony at the grave of the French Sailors. It is attended by representatives of the French Embassy as well as French Officers stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy. Not only is it a moving tribute to our allies, but also one that recalls the many Americans buried in France that are honored also annually by the French nation.

#### **Saturday November 4th, 2023**

Notre Dame Council #2901 will assemble at 8AM next to St. Mary of the Assumption hall to transport chairs and a lectern to the cemetery, and return it when the ceremony is completed. Please let John Butt know if you can help out. The ceremony only lasts about 90 minutes or so.

### **Traveling Rosary**

John Morrison PGK (410) 391-6461

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As this issue of the Grotto goes to press, we will be at St. Pius X on October 17, Oak Crest October 27th after the 2PM mass, and St. Clements Lansdown November 9th at 7PM.

**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!



Nov Knight of the month– Bradley Eastham  
Nov Family of the month– The Rothmann Family

Dec Knight of the month– Stephen Morgan  
Dec Family of the month– The Peters Family

### **Family Director**

Brad Eastham 443-629-0303

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### **Coats for Kids**



Chairman: Brad Eastham  
Assistant: Stephen Morgan

Brothers, once again we will be purchasing coats for small children, and distributing them to needy families who frequent the food pantry at Gedco. Gedco is located at the intersection of York and Woodburn Avenues. The council will purchase the coats and we are soliciting donations of winter gloves, hats and scarves. If you can help with either the donation or distribution, please contact Brad. The mechanism for distribution and the date are still to be determined, but most likely it will be late October or early November.

### **Council Christmas Party**



Where: St. Pius X Genesis Hall.  
When: December 19th, 6:30PM  
What: Food, drinks, games & fun!

Please call or email the Financial Secretary, Barry Schech, if you plan to attend so we know how much food to purchase. This is a free party but we will ask for donations for St. Elizabeth School!

They assist us in a big way during our Family to Family Christmas basket setup and delivery. St Pius X staff have been invited to attend also since they also have been generous with their facilities. Don't forget to thank them!



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Calendar of Events Quick Look**

November

- 3. Adoration/Benediction 8AM-10PM St. Pius X
- 3. Memorial Mass COMQ 5:30PM/Applebees after
- 4. 4 Frenchmen-St. Mary's Cemetery 8AM setup
- 7. Planning/Business meeting St. Pius X Genesis Hall 6:30/7:30PM
- 11. St. Pius X Christmas tree lot setup 8AM
- 18. Seminarian dinner-**postponed until spring**
- 25. Christmas tree unloading St. Pius X 8AM

December

- 1. Adoration/Benediction 8AM-10PM St. Pius X
- 5. Planning/Business meeting St. Pius X Genesis Hall 6:30/7:30PM
- 15. F-F setup 8AM Harvest Faire
- 17. F-F distribution St. Elizabeth's 8AM
- 19. Council Christmas party 6:30PM Genesis Hall St. Pius X

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**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
**FN : Peter Hammerer**

Schedule:

- Nov 27th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON
- Dec 25th No meeting-enjoy Christ's birthday!

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

