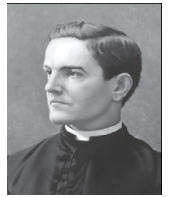




The Notre Dame Grotto



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Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Joseph Simmons 443-987-4149

July 1st is my retirement day and I am as free as a bird. I will be living at Mercy Ridge which located at 2525 Pot Spring Rd. Apt. 118 Lutherville MD 21093. I will still remain Chaplain of Notre Dame Council and Faithful Friar of the Assembly as long as I am physically able. I will be settling in for the Lord knows how long and enjoying the summer season for the first time in a long time. I wish you a pleasant and safe summer and hope that you are attending mass regularly in person or online from whatever church you choose. I wish you all good health. Stay safe.

Jesus Lives.

5th Sunday

July 31st.

St. Mary of the Assumption 9AM Mass
Followed by brunch at Season's Pizza Towson
(York Rd. near Burke Ave.)



District Deputy

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Good day my brother and sisters. First, I would like to thank Past Grand Knight Bert Peters for a job well done this past fraternal year, and second, I look forward to another two years of working with you. I have accepted the request to remain District Deputy for the next two years, and am pleased to say that Notre Dame Council PGK Greg Leftwich will assist me as District Warden.

News from the convention is that Chris Powers was elected State Deputy and his new State Warden is Tom Greul. Notre Dame also received three awards this year; a plaque for participation in the Faith in Action category, 3rd place from Supreme council for family activities and another 3rd place in division A for family activities from Maryland State Council. This was a great year for our GK Bert Peters.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.
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Grand Knight's Report

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I'm honored to serve as your Grand Knight this 78th year of our council. I will do my best and I know that my fellow officers will assist me in all that I strive to do, as they have for all of the previous Grand Knights.

Notre Dame council is fortunate to have its home at St Pius. It's a great parish with a lot of great events that the council enjoys being a part of. With the help of the Knights, and mostly fair weather, the St. Pius carnival was a great success this year.

We also have historically close ties with St Mary of the Assumption Church in Govans and it is part of the pastorate. They are in dire need of a new furnace system for the church, so that will be the primary focus of my Grand Knights charity campaign this year.

I look forward to working with my council brothers to make this a successful and fun year for Notre Dame council.

Thank you & Vivat Jesu

Notre Dame 2901 Officers Installation



When: Tuesday

August 16th

6:30PM

Where: St. Pius X Church

Who: All are invited

There will be refreshments after the installation.



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Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

Deaths: We were notified that Catherine Boyle died in 2020, Regina McKinley in 2020 and Mrs. Joseph Smith but no date provided.

Sick: Please pray for Nelson Arnold PGK and George Hollenack. Both had surgeries recently and could use your prayers for their recovery.

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June Lottery!

Winners so far are; June 1st. Steve Holloway \$100

All winners will be posted in the next Grotto. Good luck to all.

June 21st. Grand Knight's appreciation party. Please call or email Bert Peters if you wish to attend the party. This is to ensure that there is enough food and drinks to go around. Presentations will be made to our Honoree, John Morrison PGK, and our Knight of the Year, who will not be named until party time. We may also have a small gift for a special priest who has been Chaplain for a certain council for a mighty long time!

June 26th Fr. Simmons retirement party at Columbus Gardens 11AM to 3PM, \$30/pp., Mass at Holy Spirit 10AM. Call Kathy Meneghini (Holy Spirit Church 410-593-7162) for a reservation.

July 31st This is a 5th Sunday and we will be attending St. Mary of the Assumption Church located in Govans for the 9AM Mass followed by brunch at Seasons Pizza in Towson (on York Rd. near Burke Ave.)

August 16th at 6:30PM - The Officers Installation will be held at St. Pius X Church. All are invited and there will be food and refreshments after the ceremony.

A big thank you to all who helped out during the carnival, Mary-Golds, Traveling Rosary and 5th Sunday, all of which happened in May. The carnival was held the same weekend as the convention in Ocean City. Without the dedicated volunteers of our council, we would not be as successful, so thanks again! By the way, the state convention is moving to Annapolis next year! Goodbye Princess Royale!

Birthdays

July	August
4 Br. Michael Schmitz 72	1 Br. John B Crowe 84
9 Br. Kenneth L Crist 69	2 Br. James A Boehm 78
9 Br. Louis E Heil Jr 96	3 Br. Samuel D Cucina 90
14 Br. Alfredo Pacheco 78	4 Br. James P Klein III 23
19 Br. Donald T Gerard 84	6 Br. Joseph T Riely Jr 19
20 Rev Timothy J Fell 54	8 Br. Robert Cichowicz 80
22 Br. Joseph T Riely 62	9 Br. John L Conway Jr 85
24 Br. Martin C Bindel 58	14 Br. Albert J Peters 80
27 Br. Paul John Micciche 35	19 PGK Jere Danaher 75
28 PGK Barry J Schech 71	20 Br. Vincent J Valerio 64
31 Br. Gregory S Miller 92	22 PGK Robt. Kowalewski 53
	27 Br. James Hankinson 43
	27 Br. Frank C Kohl III 80
	28 Br. Thomas Aberle 64
	30 Br. Mark Des Marais 77
	30 PGK Jerome J Eppig 98
	31 Br. Barry R Schimpf 84



Financial Secretary Report

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Please take a moment to thank all of the new and returning officers elected in May. The new officers are Tom Welzant as Grand Knight, Tom Aberle as Deputy Grand Knight, George Rothmann as Warden and Bert Peters PGK as Trustee. Jake Novicky PGK will occupy the Chancellors seat and the rest of the officers will remain the same as previous years. The full slate will be available on the council's web site in the next month or so.

Typically the summer months are very slow for events or activities with the GK's party finalizing the fraternal year, but if you are an incoming officer, the excitement is just starting! These new officers need your help. If you have the time, please attend a meeting, it is only once a month and always on the first Tuesday of the month. You could also volunteer to be a chairman. The Chairmen positions are not very hard. We mostly have the same activities every year unless a chairman decides to pursue a new one. Just because we do the same things every year doesn't mean that these are stale or boring. But on the other hand, we have decided, as a council, that these same old activities are the most worthy we could undertake for our most needy, meaning the hungry (family to family), the cold (coats for kids), the unborn (pregnancy center), the poor (foster children) or maybe the deceased (memorial mass or even 4 Frenchmen). The list goes on and on with what we do and why, but that doesn't mean that the list stops there. Many have suggested other charities or events that we should plan, and they have been successful also. And I have not even mentioned the support we give to our priests, seminarians or churches. This is why we ask, if a call or email comes to you for help, put yourself in the hands of a chairman reaching out for assistance, or better yet, put yourself in the hands of someone benefiting from one of our charities and picture yourself hungry, cold, forgotten or lonely. Please answer the call and give the most precious thing you could give, the gift of your time!

"There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out to him, and then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his brother."

— Theodore Roosevelt

Corporation News— The KayCee Club corporation has been dissolved with the State of Maryland. The remaining balances in the corporation account have been transferred to the Notre Dame council, less remaining expenses. Arrangements have been made for the final Federal and Maryland corporation tax returns due October 1, 2022. The credit union account with 5 Star has also been closed. If you an account with 5 Star, it is still an active account for you individually.

Note: If your anniversary is not listed, it may not be in the Supreme record. Please let the Financial Secretary know the information.

Anniversaries

July	August
3 Br. Dennis P Fahey 57	1 Br. Ricardo B Gonzales 46
8 Br. John J Coyle 21	2 Br. Timothy M Sibol 36
11 Br. George Hollenack 65	4 Br. Ruben D Maxey 27
13 Br. Anthony U Olandu 25	9 Br. Robert B Garrett Jr 53
14 PGK Robert A Breschi 60	13 PGK Ted Holloway 50
21 PGK Clement L Klug 71	17 Br. James B Morris 37
25 Br. Michael R Baker 60	19 PGK Barry J Schech 50
28 Br. Wayne J Althoff 25	22 Br. Marinaldo Figueiredo 66
	24 Br. Michael J Ruck 53
	31 Br. Ray B Mc Millan 71



What we have been doing during the “Almost Over” Pandemic



Convention 2022-We won a few awards this year at the State and Supreme level, see the DD report for the details. And we won the hearts of the three beautiful ladies who attended; Millie, Kathy and Maureen. This was a great surprise to see Millie and Kathy in attendance and we hope they had a good time.



Traveling Rosary/Anniversary-We finally were able to reschedule from November. There was a good crowd and, as you can see, our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Simmons was able to make it as well. John Morrison provided great desserts from Gershbecks and I think all agreed that they were well received! Thanks John !!! It worked out well since May is Mary’s month even though we were a little late on the Anniversary timing.



MaryGolds-May was a busy month for the council. Jake Novicky, John and Linda Butt and GK Bert Peters were on hand to give out Marigolds to all the Mothers, Grand-Mothers, Step-Mothers and God-Mothers who showed up at St. Mary of the Assumption church in Govans on Mothers Day as a thanks for choosing life. The flowers were beautiful as usual and Chairman Jake did a great job. Thanks Jake.



Carnival at St. Pius X-It is impossible to list all who helped this year; the knights came through when called once again. We setup, broke down, took donations and manned the beer stand. From what we heard, the beer stand proceeds were great. Thanks to All !!



5th Sunday at St. Pius X - I think we may have had one of the largest showings of knights for 5th Sunday that we have had in many years. It is really wonderful for Fr. Jojo to see “his knights” attending mass together. And he acknowledged not only our presence but the hard work and dedication we have for our church and our willingness to pitch in whenever he calls. And he is not shy about calling! But really, that is what we are there for, to serve our priests and church.

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July Knight of the Month: Bert Peters PGK
 July Family of the Month: Greg Leftwich PGK family

August Knight of the Month: DD Greg Lynch
 August Family of the Month: Kathy Meneghini family

**Calendar of Events
 Quick Look**

July

- 5. Planning/Business mtg. 6:30/7:30PM SPX
- 11. Degree ceremony 7:30PM SPX
- 25. 4th Degree mtg 7:30PM SPX (tentative)
- 26. Audit 7:30PM
- 31. 5th Sunday St. Mary of the Assumption 9AM
 Mass followed by brunch at Seasons Pizza.

August

- 2. Planning/Business mtg. 6:30/7:30PM SPX
- 16. Officers installation 6:30PM St. Pius X
- 22. 4th Degree meeting 7:30PM SPX



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

- July 25th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON
- August 22nd 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.

