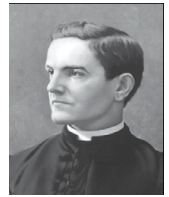




# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Joseph Simmons 443-987-4149

Holy week is the summit of lent. Try to increase your attendance at church services especially at holy week. Continue loving and helping your neighbors and search for new members for the church and the knights. And Easter day will be a special joy consequently, and the beginning of the 50 days of Easter. Keep praying for the Ukraine and peace in the world, especially for the suffering and those who care for them.

Jesus lives  
Fr. Joe

## Investment Committee News

The first meeting of the investment committee happened on January 17th at approximately 8:30 PM. After notices went out, we had 5 men in attendance. Anyone is welcome to express their opinion, whether it be at the previous or a future regular business or special investment meeting. The basics decided at this meeting were to set aside scholarships for five needy area Catholic high schools, invest some money in a charity account and invest the rest in a fund for council expenses going forth into the future. Scholarships will be awarded this year, if possible, and if we receive all the information from the selected high schools; and if the stipulations we have set are all met by these schools. Any money donated will go directly to each of the 5 schools and be earmarked as a Notre Dame #2901 K of C scholarship fund.

Only dividends from money invested for either the charity or council expenses, will be spent yearly. Money spent from either account will be subject to rules set in our by-laws. Miscellaneous charities that come up during the fiscal year, such as our Tunnels to Towers donation, and others, which were not earmarked in our budget, may have funding taken from this interest bearing account. Likewise, miscellaneous council expenses that arise, may be taken from the council interest bearing account. The investment vehicle for these two accounts has not been chosen and will be investigated in future investment meetings. This is not our most pressing issue as the money is safely invested in a money market account presently.

Money amounts and listed high schools will not be discussed via this newsletter so not to generate social media rants. It is in your best interest to attend a regular business or special investment meeting, if you wish the details or a vote into the investments. All members have a voice in this matter, if you desire. A motion will be requested after a report is made from the investment committee on February 7th at the 7:30PM regular business meeting. At the following regular business meeting on March 7th. at 7:30 PM discussion, seconding and voting will be held. If you have any opinion, now is your chance to vote. I realize that some may not get this Grotto until after the February meeting, since US Mail may be slow and the Grotto does not mail until February 10th at the earliest. We will take this into consideration at the March meeting, and list the report once again so all have a chance to digest it and make a decision. We will send this same information out in an email along with the meeting notice, and publish this on our web site.

## Grand Knight's Report

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Hello Brother Knights and Families, I hope all is well. We are happy to be towards the end of a so far mild winter. We had a nice time serving up some pancakes to the parishioner's of St. Mary back in February. We are going to be serving soup after the stations of the cross in St. Pius's Genesis Hall every Friday in March. Stop by if you are interested in helping or just to enjoy some soup and camaraderie.

Our council is currently looking to make some financial allocations to some struggling Catholic High Schools. If you think you might have a good way to allocate any contributions or contribute, you, as members, are welcome to come to the next meeting to discuss any ideas you may have.

We are looking forward to the Easter season, celebrating Jesus' resurrection and appreciating all that he has given to us.

We will be formulating our budget for the coming fraternal year at the April meeting. We will also be requesting nominations for the officers positions at this time. The finalization of the budget and election of officers will take place at the May meeting. As usual, we ask for members to step forward to lead our council and give us fresh ideas. Please think and pray about this and help your council out if you can.

Vivat Jesus

March Knight of the month– Stephen Morgan  
March Family of the month-Danaher Family

April Knight of the month– Larry Glose  
April Family of the month-Riely Family

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## District Deputy

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Good day my Brothers. As we travel through this season of Lent into Eastertide, remember to reach out to our brothers and sisters and see if they need our assistance. I look forward to seeing you at the council meetings.

“Cry the Gospel With Your Life “ “ In the Public Square “

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

**Deceased**-Clement Klug III passed away January 9th, Barbara Pohl, widow of PGK Lou Pohl, passed away December 28th.  
**Sick**— please pray for Greg Leftwich’s dad, and Linda Butt, who are recovering from illnesses. Also pray for PGK Joe Olszewski who is undergoing treatments and is suffering.

## Program Director

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June Lottery Tickets will be mailed soon. Please participate. This program helps in our charitable donations and our members like to “play” our lottery!

We should be doing the bread and soup at St Pius X on Fridays in Lent prior to the Rosary. Generally we are in the hall from 4 to 6, if you would like to help make soup, serve or clean up.

Council- voting on scholarships at the first meeting in March. Motion of intent at the February meeting. See additional information included in this Grotto.



5th Sunday St. Casimir's  
 10AM Mass  
 2800 O'Donnell St.



Brunch at  
 Claddagh Pub  
 2918 O'Donnell St.



## Free pancake breakfast

St. Mary of the Assumption  
 Sunday, February 19th  
 After the 9AM Mass

## Birthday's

**March**  
 2 Rev William P Foley 76  
 4 Br. Franz Belleza 31  
 4 Br. Bradley C Eastham 46  
 4 Br. Michael F Slawinski 58  
 8 Br. Charles L Hill 75  
 10 Br. Donald E Kyne Jr 63  
 11 Rev Michel Ngantchop 47  
 12 Br. Ricardo Gonzales 73  
 13 Br. Daniel T Mc Hugh 57  
 14 Br. John M Davis Jr 64  
 18 Br. Stephen E Cohill 69  
 19 Br. Raymond Infussi 57  
 19 Br. Mark B Mckenzie 49  
 21 Br. Stephen M Blair 65  
 22 Br. Pat Wiglesworth 80  
 23 PGK Joe Olszewski Sr 73  
 24 Br. George J Mikulski 69  
 24 Br. Stephen A Morgan 36  
 31 Br. Carroll Fitzgerald 88

**April**  
 1 Br. Richard Muffoletto 99  
 4 Br. Richard J Holzman 57  
 5 Kevin M Donohue 67  
 8 Br. Nicholas A Fuhr 54  
 8 Br. Timothy M Sibol 62  
 10 Br. Robert J Flores 71  
 12 PGK Joseph P Sirera 90  
 12 Br. Michael G Wise 68  
 12 Br. Donald F Yakel Jr 62  
 14 Dea Patrick Woods 49  
 16 Br. Henry J Jerscheid 64  
 18 Br. George Hollenack 89  
 19 PGK Nelson Arnold Jr 83  
 21 Br. Peter D Zirpolo 59  
 26 Br. Stephen J Mc Hugh 61



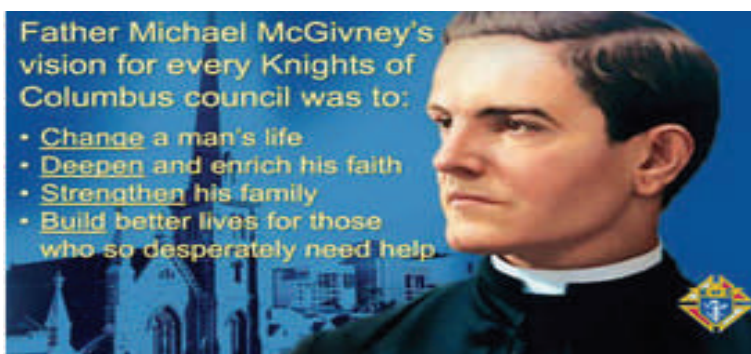
## Financial Secretary Report

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By the time you read this Grotto, we will be in the last (March) mailing of assessments (dues), which is known as the “Notice to Retain” This used to be the “Notice to suspend”, in the old days, but retain seems to be a nicer way to put it. Brothers, for any of you who still have not sent in your dues, or attended a meeting this last year, or even helped out a one of our charitable events, this mailing was the last one we will be sending out. And in parallel with these dues reminders, we will be trying to contact any of you who we haven’t either heard from or seen in the last year, via our retention committee. Believe me when I say, we don’t want to throw anyone out who wants to still be a knight! The paperwork is a mess for us but consider this, we are paying the per capita for every member, to the State and Supreme Councils, out of our treasury, whether you pay your dues or not. It amounts to quite a bit of money, so after at least two years, if we can’t contact you or receive any dues payments, we have no other resort but to process a suspension. This is why I print out on every dues mailing, the fact that you can contact us with any hardship problems, whether it be financial, health, job etc. and we can help. And if you really, really don’t want anything to do with the knights, just send me a signed and dated note to this effect and you will not be pestered by us anymore. It is the easiest way out! But, we will miss you. And you can always come back! Maybe when you retire, you will have more time to devote to charity and the knights. We, hopefully, and God willing, will be there for you. Our membership is getting older, there is considerable attrition due to age itself, and those members who have been a knight for a long time are Honorary Life members who do not have to pay dues at all. For our council to survive, we need new and young men to carry on our tradition of 79 years, and we hope to make it to 100 years as a council. Just as an example, there are 24 councils out of 145 in Maryland that have reached the century milestone. And out of all of these councils, Notre Dame is the 29th oldest in the state. We have until 2044, only 21 more years, to make it to the century mark. We can only make it with young men and new members. The council we split from, Santa Maria, was an old but vibrant council. But it died a few years ago. Lets not let this happen to us!

Father Michael McGivney's vision for every Knights of Columbus council was to:

- Change a man's life
- Deepen and enrich his faith
- Strengthen his family
- Build better lives for those who so desperately need help.



## Anniversaries

### March

|    |                       |    |
|----|-----------------------|----|
| 4  | PGK James A Johnson   | 17 |
| 23 | Br. Joseph F Schmitz  | 44 |
| 25 | Br. Daniel T Mc Hugh  | 28 |
| 31 | Br. William Macsherry | 16 |

### April

|    |                        |    |
|----|------------------------|----|
| 4  | Br. Stephen E Cohill   | 42 |
| 5  | Br. John P Havrilak Jr | 37 |
| 16 | Dr Nicholas W Morog    | 29 |
| 22 | Br. David J Haller     | 27 |
| 23 | Br. J Patrick Frank    | 45 |
| 26 | Br. Paul B Schmitz     | 48 |
| 30 | Br. Thomas M Aberle    | 29 |



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## Picture page



**Council Christmas Party December 20th** ~ We had a nice turnout at Genesis Hall. The food was arranged by John and Linda Butt. The drinks were arranged by Greg Leftwich. The decorations were done by Bert and Maureen Peters (see the third picture of the table decorations). The middle picture above is showing IPGK Bert Peters receiving the Columbian award from DD Greg Lynch for his successful 2022 fraternal year. This year we extended the invitation to the pastorate council of St. Mary and St. Pius X church. Unfortunately, our chaplain, Fr. Joseph Simmons was ill and could not join us, but rest assured, we still sent him a generous Christmas gift from the council in the mail. Hope you recover soon !



**Family-to-Family 2022.** We were all gathered in St. Elizabeth's gym once again to fill and distribute 96 food baskets to the needy of Baltimore, with the Notre Dame members providing the names and delivering, in most cases, the baskets. Thanks to Danny Mandeville for chairing this successful charity event, which is one of the hallmark charities that the council has done for many years. The left side picture shows all who came out on Sunday for filling the baskets. It certainly takes many hands to accomplish the task in the short time we have, Thanks to all who showed up! The right side picture shows Bert and Danny sorting out all the food items which were purchased, picked up and delivered to St. Elizabeth's the Friday before basket distribution. A big thanks also to Joe Olszewski for collecting and delivering the apple cartons used for the baskets over the previous two months!



**5th Sunday** at St. Thomas Aquinas January 29th. - There was a good crowd and the knights were invited to the church hall for a brunch in celebration of the church's namesake.

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| <b>Calendar of Events Quick Look</b> |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>March</b>                         |  |
| 3.                                   | Adoration St. Pius X 8AM to 10 AM  |
| 3.                                   | Soup/bread St. Pius X 5PM-Stations of the Cross                              |
| 7.                                   | Planning/Business mtg. St. Pius X 6:30/7:30PM                                |
| 10.                                  | Soup/bread St. Pius X 5PM-Stations of the Cross                              |
| 17.                                  | Soup/bread St. Pius X 5PM-Stations of the Cross                              |
| 24.                                  | Soup/bread St. Pius X 5PM-Stations of the Cross                              |
| 27.                                  | 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30PM St. Pius X  |
| 31.                                  | Soup/bread St. Pius X 5PM-Stations of the Cross                              |
| <b>April</b>                         |  |
| 4.                                   | Planning/Business mtg. St. Pius X 6:30/7:30PM<br>Nominations/budget proposal |
| 5.                                   | Seder St. Mary (tentative)   |
| 9.                                   | Easter   |
| 24.                                  | 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30PM St. Pius X  |
| 30.                                  | 5th Sunday 10AM St. Casimir/Claddaugh pub                                    |



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**Schedule:**

|            |         |  |
|------------|---------|--|
| Mar.. 27th | 7:30 PM | St. Pius X Church admin building ~ IN PERSON |
| Apr. 24th  | 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.



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