

Knights of Columbus

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February 2017 Newsletter

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

In February we celebrate Presidents Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday and Valentine's Day. I found several interesting facts about Valentine's Day in preparing this letter that I was not aware of. Please permit me to share them with you.

Valentine's Day originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus. Officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, St. Valentine is known to be a real person who died around A.D. 270. One account from the 1400s describes Valentine as a temple priest who was beheaded near Rome by the emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. A different account claims Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, also martyred by Claudius II on the outskirts of Rome. Because of the similarities of these accounts, it's thought they may refer to the same person. Enough confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine that the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969, though his name remains on its list of officially recognized saints.

The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof. The most recently beatified Valentine is St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa, a Spaniard of the Dominican order who traveled to Vietnam, where he served as bishop until his beheading in 1861. Pope John Paul II canonized Berrio-Ochoa in 1988. There was even a Pope Valentine, though little is known about him except that he served a mere 40 days around A.D. 827.

St. Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and traveling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages. The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome.

In March, our Lenten Fish Frys begin. I strongly encourage you to support the Fish Frys and volunteer to help out at the frys and our weekly bingo. Finally, I want to congratulate our Knight of the Month for January Konrad Miskowicz-Retz and our Family of the Month, the Olaf and Patty Repak and thank them for all they do for our Council.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Moffa - **Grand Knight**

"Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything is, everything exists, only because I love." Leo Tolstoy

2016-2017 Officers of St. John Council 3738

Grand Knight	Joseph Moffa
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Ortman
Chaplain	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant	Dea. Tom Jagielo
Chancellor	Brad Alexander
Financial Secretary	Frank Rossi
Treasurer	Greg Sobotka
Recorder	Tom Dougherty
Advocate	Steve Conklin
Warden	Ed Mokry
Inside Guards	Rich Carroll Mike Fumagalli Jim Ryan Mike Wallrich
Outside Guards	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
Guard Emeritus	Steve Dancik
Trustees	Bill Fumagalli (1 yr) Hank Anzelone (2 yr) Al Repak (3 yr)

Weekly Bingo

Bingos at the **Elmhurst Elks Lodge**
(Location - 711 W. St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst, Illinois)

Join a Team!!

No Bingo March 5th, 2017

Meeting Dates

- Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM
- 4th Degree:** contact Tony Polito

Program Personnel Assignments for 2016 - 2017

Chaplain – Fr. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant – Deacon Tom Jagielo
Lecturer – Konrad Miskowicz-Retz

Program Director – Dave Ortman (D.G.K.)
Church Director – Randy Norman
Community Director – Mike Wallrich
Culture of Life Director – Dave Skrzypczynski
Family Co-Directors – Tom Dougherty & Rob Kaiser
Fourth Degree Club Co-Directors – Tony Polito & Steve Conklin
Membership Director – Brad Alexander
Public Relations Director – Cliff Grammich, Jr.
Vocations Chairman – Jim Anzelone
Youth Director – Chris Simon

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's January 2017 message to the Order is entitled . . .

THE FUTURE OF ROE

To see this important message, please go to

http://kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20170101.html

Chaplain's Message - Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Dear Brother Knights ~ *A few simple words of wisdom from our Supreme Chaplain on the sanctity of all life*

LEGAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE ARE DANGEROUS AND DECEPTIVE THREATS TO HUMAN DIGNITY

LINK TO FULL ARTICLE: http://kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2017-01-lori-chaplain.html



Council News ~ Events

† On Sunday, January 22, St. John Council teamed up with St. Joachim Council in Clarendon Hills and St. Mary of Gostyn's Council at Notre Dame Parish for our joint **Free Throw Contest**. We had over 30 kids combined attend the contest and had five contestants for St. John's competition. Thanks to all who came out to join in the fun and made it successful.

† February 3 - Ladies Aux. **BUNCO**— Our ladies Aux. last BUNCO for the winter! Hope all the ladies can join them once again for a fun evening at the hall. \$6.00 to play, cash bar and cash prizes. Rolling the dice starts at 7PM. Ladies should bring a friend and an appetizer to share. Any donations for our People's Resource Center Table always appreciated.

† Our **next St. John Council 3738 meeting** will take place on **February 14 @ 7:30 PM**, at the Hall.

† **Exemplification of the 4th Degree** is Saturday, February 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle. If you have completed your 2nd and 3rd degree and wish to attain your 4th Degree, please talk to our worthy FS Frank Rossi [708-508-3297]. The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be in the Spring on May 20, 2017 in Oakbrook Hills.

† The Knights of Columbus **Annual Fish Fry** will begin on **Friday, March 3** and will last every Friday thru **April 14th**. Bring your families & friends to the Hall for a delicious variety of fish dishes. Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ****We were voted the best fish fry in DuPage County by the public, so check it out if you haven't!****

† **Men's Faith Movie Night** at Holy Trinity's Holy Family Hall on Wednesday March 8th from 7 pm to about 8:30 pm. This is open to all men. Following the movie, Dave Skrzypczynski will introduce the Knights of Columbus as Catholic gentlemen witnessing their Faith. Brad Alexander will then follow up with a small recruitment appeal. Feel free to attend and encourage other men you know to join you.

† Mark Your Calendars (Sir Knights)— **St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Chicago on Saturday, March 11**. More info to come



for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: Carla Bada (niece of Hank Anzelone), Michael Bodine, Dan and Billie Chorney, Jacques Christiaens (friend of Joe Moffa), Angela Coleman (sister of Joe Moffa), Kathleen Dougherty (mother of Tom), Bob Gleason, survivors of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Frank Joachim, Margarete Jones (mother of Carlton), Maxine Wilson (mother-in-law of Carlton J.) the Kaiser family, Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Rich Lehman (staff member of District Master, Northern District of Illinois, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree), Placido Moffa (brother of Joe), Jeanette Repak (Al's stepmother), Fr. David Rodriguez, O.F.M., Steve Turner (Jim's brother), Tom Wolinski (brother of Frank), Fr. Marion Wroblewski, C.R. (Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity)

And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: John Bonavolanto (long-time member St. John Council), Richard Chodor (PGK of Hoffman-Schaumburg Council 6964, brother-in-law of Jerry Kolpa), Margaret Dougherty (grandmother of Tom), Brett Spearing (friend of Rich Carroll), Robert Vitalo (friend of Joe Moffa) [as of January 26, 2017]



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **February 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Ladies Aux. Bunco	4
5 Bingo in Elm- hurst	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Bingo in Elm- hurst	13	14 Council Meeting	15	16	17 Joliet Chapter Meeting	18 Fourth Degree Exemplifica- tion
19 Bingo in Elm- hurst	20	21	22 Officers' Meeting	23	24	25
26 Bingo in Elm- hurst	27	28 Fat Tuesday	1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 1st Fish Fry	4