

# *Knights of Columbus*

**St. John's Council #3738**

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February 2020 Newsletter

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## *GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE*

Brother Knights,

**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. Originating as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus, Valentine's Day is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love in many regions around the world.

There are numerous martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including a written account of Saint Valentine of Rome's imprisonment for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge, and he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution. The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of the Christian martyr, Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269.

On that note, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Valentine Day.

Besides this event, Ash Wednesday is February, 26<sup>th</sup>. And of course the start of lent. 40 Days for Life also begins with Ash Wednesday. I strongly urge every one to sign in for an our or two of silent, and Prayerful Vigil. Here is the web address to the site. [40 Days for Life](#)

I would finally like to add, thanks to everyone who make our council such a success.

Fish Fry's are all Fridays during Lent. If you are not signed up to work, please patronize the weekly event, and support our Council.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

*Dave Ortman*, Grand Knight

## 2019-2020 Officers of St. John Council 3738

<b>Grand Knight</b>	Dave Ortman
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Brad Alexander
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
<b>Chaplain's Assistant</b>	Dea. Tom Jagielo
<b>Chancellor</b>	Steve Conklin
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Frank Rossi
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Sobotka
<b>Recorder</b>	Cliff Devitt
<b>Advocate</b>	Ed Mokry
<b>Warden</b>	Mike Fumagalli
<b>Inside Guards</b>	Rich Carroll
	Rob Kaiser
	Mike Wallrich
<b>Outside Guards</b>	Randy Norman
	Tony Pietryla
	Jim Anzelone
<b>Guard Emeritus</b>	Steve Dancik
	Jim Murawski
<b>Trustees</b>	Tony Polito (1 yr)
	Joe Moffa (2 yr)
	Chris Simon (3 yr)
<b>Lecturer</b>	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz
<b>Council P.R. Director</b>	Cliff Grammich, Jr.

## Weekly Bingo

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

Join a Team! Help needed!  
Become an alternate!

\*Help needed for the 2nd & 3rd Weeks—please step up!

## Meeting Dates

**Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
**Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM  
**4th Degree:** contact Tony Polito  
**Ladies Auxiliary:** T.B.D.

## Program Personnel Assignments for '19 - '20

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

**Program Director** – Frank Rossi (FS)  
**Church Director** – Randy Norman  
**Community Director** – Hank Anzelone  
**Life Director** – Dave Skrzypczynski Sr.  
**Family Director** – Rob Kaiser  
**Fourth Degree Club Director** – Tony Polito  
**Membership Director** – Ray Wachowski  
**Public Relations Director** – Cliff Grammich, Jr.  
**Vocations Chairman** – Jim Anzelone

## Knights Newsdesk

Check our [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) for some great stories from around the order, including:

Knights at the March for Life: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/pro-life-native-americans.html>

The Knight who Popularized the NFL: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/knight-popularized-nfl.html>



**PRESIDENTS'  
DAY**

## *Council News ~ Events*

† Our next St. John Council 3738 meeting will be **Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30 PM** at the Hall. We will have a 1st Degree if we have recruits. Please direct prospects to our Membership Chair, Ray Wachowski ([ray.wachowski@gmail.com](mailto:ray.wachowski@gmail.com))

† *Bingo could use a captain for the 2nd week and additional help on the 3rd week!* Step up, fill a slot, advertise and spread the word! Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser for the council!

† **Fish Frys** are beginning soon—Friday, February 28. These are award-winning events during Lent that support our council. If you'd like to sign-up to help, contact Rick Vath at [rick\\_vath@yahoo.com](mailto:rick_vath@yahoo.com)

† **Men's Prayer Nights** at Holy Trinity Parish will continue every first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Holy Trinity School Library. The next session will be held on Thursday, February 6. Join men of the Parish to pray and reflect as a group together. As a council, we will be supporting these events, so attend if you can!

† **Save the Date:** Poker Event on Sunday, April 26 at Bridgeview Community Center

† Stay tuned for more information about the council **Essay Contest**



### *For the Good of the Order . . . [As of 1/20/19]*

**You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals:** Robert Aikens, Sr. (friend of Joe Moffa), Gigi Batryn (grandniece of Hank Anzelone), Michael & Nancy Bodine, Gene Brenner (FS of St. James Council #9806), Thomas Broniecki, Billie Chorney, Len Chudzik (uncle of Andrew Lewandowski), Angela Coleman (sister of PGK Joe Moffa), Bishop Daniel Conlon (Diocese of Joliet), Donna Dahistrom and Russell (friends of Steve Dancik), Shaun Dougherty (brother of Tom), Jerry Fleishfresser (Chancellor of St. James Council #9806), James Ganta (friend of FDD Steve Gawron), Leona Gibas (mother-in-law of Rob Kaiser) Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Mark Gowgiel (son of Tom and Sue), Megan Guinup (daughter of Jim Goralewski), Eric Hoehler, Paul Isherwood (FVSM, Fourth Degree), Bishop Robert Kurtz, C.R., Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Irene LaProcido (wife of Joe Moffa's cousin), Joe Moffa, Diana Maggio (daughter of Hank Anzelone), Todd Matocha (father of son-in-law of Carlton Jones), Chris Mosquera (sons of Vincent), Elise Mitchell (sister of Jay Mitchell), Jim Murawski, Charles Picha (son of Frank), Tony Pietryla, Craig Reckard, Jeanette & Walter Repak, Pete Serafin (former Field Agent), David Skrzypczynski Jr., Joe Spada (Field Agent), Fr. David Turner O.S.B. & Steve Turner (Jim's brothers), Melissa Turner (Jim's wife), Tom Weiland (GK Mayslake Council 4053), Ed Wojciechowki, Fr. Marion Wroblewski, C.R.

**And, please pray for the repose of the souls of:** Alice Barone (wife of PSD and FMFD Phil), Maryellen Becker (wife of Brother Knight Dale), George Simon (grandfather of Chris Simon)



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***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***      **February 2020**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
26 Bingo in Elmhurst	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Bingo in Elmhurst	3	4	5	6 Men's Prayer Night	7	8
9 Bingo in Elmhurst	10	11 Monthly Meeting	12	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15
16 Bingo in Elmhurst	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Bingo in Elmhurst	24	25 Fat Tuesday	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 Fish Frys Begin	29