



Frank Scarpino – Grand Knight

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Teach me, Father, when I pray, not to ask for more, but rather let me give my thanks for what is at my door. For food and drink, for gentle rain, for sunny skies above, for home and friends, for peace and joy, but most of all for Love. The Easter Season is upon us, we are blessed by the love of God to see the new dawn of Life.

The Knights had very successful fish fries in February (277 and 312 attendees). Thanks to all the efforts of A and B Teams. These teams along with extra volunteers are very much appreciated. Even the Ladies Auxiliary helped the Knights and also made great desserts. (Brother Knights Brad Deters and Jim Ellis have announced at the February Council Meeting that due to so many snow birds on both teams, that during the Lenten Season, we will not depend solely on each team but asked for volunteers to support each fish fry to insure there is sufficient help due to the volume of attendees). The Parish is very lucky to have two great teams of men helping to support the Knights fundraiser by hosting the fish fries and their Ladies pitching in when the teams were short volunteers and also providing such scrumptious desserts. Thank you Ladies we couldn't be successful without your support.

I received a Tootsie Roll check from the State Council for the Special Olympics in the amount of \$923.97. Thanks to Brother Knights John Renth and Jim Gerke who spearheaded this very important program. Thanks to all who participated collecting donations in front of Woods and G2M grocery stores. I intend to invite some of the Special Olympics folks to our March Council Meeting to receive the check.

The Officers intend to restart the Pancake Breakfasts the second Sunday of each month starting March 13th when the church Masses return to their regular schedule. Brothers Brad Deters and Jim Ellis will need volunteers to help. Please try to make some time.

Brother Knight Bob O'Bryan reported the Pregnancy Center is still going in Camden with Ultrasound , baby items and education for mothers and fathers to be. However, the Heaven of Hope here in Laurie is closing down. There have not been any girls come and stay for anytime, but the cost remains. They are disposing of all the furniture and baby goods. A lot of it is going to the PHC in Camden. Bob is having the roof replaced so the building will be ready to sell. It's sad because the Knights have donated annually for the upkeep so there would be local help for young mothers in need of help and guidance.

Also, our Churches Pro-Life group is about to give up. Attempts were made to get a meeting to get it going again and no luck. The group was slowly dropping in attendance from 15 to 20 down to 6 or so. However, Bob will continue to put up the crosses, and continue to support the Baby Button and Baby Bottle programs. The crosses will be put up before the Salad Luncheon so we can get some Pro-Life exposure. Thank you Bob for all that you do for the Church!

Brother Knight Bernie Marco advised the Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be March 17th. Following the 9am Mass we will meet in St. Leo's for coffee and donuts, and blow up balloons that will be given to the residents at the Laurie Care Center. The parade will assemble at 12pm and begin at 1pm and will

proceed to the Laurie Care Center where the balloons will be distributed and Irish songs will be sung under the leadership of 🍀 Nancy O'Wadle. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Knights, headed by Brother Knight Jim Gerke are investigating the cost to repaint the Church and Shrine light poles starting around the end of March. We will share this cost with the Church and Shrine.

Please don't forget, Brother Knight, Rick Purdon still has books of Lenten Raffle Tickets available. There is still plenty of time to turn in your raffle ticket receipts to Rick Purdon either at one of the three remaining fish fries, in the Knights' mailbox in the office or by mailing them to him at P. O. Box 906, Laurie, MO 65038. We are lagging behind our usual strong showing, so I encourage you to help us with this fundraiser as best as you can. The raffle ticket sales are one of our biggest fund raisers for the year. Please take a couple more books and sell them. They will be available at our Fish Fries and our Council Meetings. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Just another reminder of a project where we still need volunteers - coming up on April 16th is the Lake Road Cleanup. There will be four dump sites that are manned by Knights and some other volunteers. Also, our Council has a stretch of Highway 5 in the Adopt-a-Highway program. The cleanup occurs in April and sometimes in December. There are about the same eight volunteers that always help and they could use some new help. Please contact Bob O'Bryan or Tom Schweiger for details.

#### **4th Degree Update**

Brother Rick Purdon advised the Fourth Degree flag teams displayed about 200 flags around the lake for Presidents' Day on February 15. They put out the flags on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January, Presidents' Day, Memorial weekend, Flag Day on June 14th, July 4th, Labor Day weekend, September 11th, Columbus Day and Veterans' Day. This program gets the Knights of Columbus a lot of very favorable visibility in the community.

Fourth Degree Exemplification is on March 5th in St. Louis. Congratulations to

the three joining the fourth degree from our Council 10381: Gail Morgan, Andy Neff, and Harold Waisner.

### **IN THE NEAR FUTURE:**

#### **MARCH CALENDAR:**

- 04 – Fish Fry – “A” Team
- 05 – Fourth Degree Exemplification
- 11 – Fish Fry – B Team
- 13 – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after each Mass in St. Leo’s Hall
- 15- 19 Grand Knight will be out of town
- 17 - St. Patrick’s Parade (Father Patrick Dolan’s Day!)
- 18 – Fish Fry – “A” Team
- 20 – Palm Sunday and the Knight’s Communion Mass and Breakfast at the Elks
- 24 – Officer Meeting - 5:30 St. Joe’s Hall
- 25 – Good Friday (NO FISH FRY)
- 27 – Easter Sunday
- 29 – Regular Council Meeting & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Rosary at 6:40 pm  
(this meeting is a week later due to the previous Holy Week)

#### **APRIL CALENDAR:**

- 10 - Knights of Columbus First Breakfast after each Mass in St. Leo’s Hall
- 11 – Knights Blood Drive (2 PM to 5 PM in St. Leo’s Hall)
- 15 – Fish Fry – “B” Team
- 15 & 16 - Dogwood Festival – with a Pro Life Booth (volunteers are needed).
- 16 – Lake Road Cleanup
- 21 – Knights of Columbus Officer’s Meeting - 5:30, St. Joe’s Hall
- 22 - 24 – Knights of Columbus Convention, Capital Plaza, Jeff. City
- 26 – Knights of Columbus Council and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Rosary 6:40 PM
- 27 – The Annual Guild Salad Luncheon

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

- 01 Robert Belker, Richard Bruce, Fred Miller
- 03 George Tankersley

05 Mike Kramer  
06 Glenn Gebhardt  
08 Robert Aubuchon  
09 Tim DeShaw  
10 Arthur Prestia  
11 Shawn Banker  
16 Ed Davis  
17 🍀 Paul Van Evercooren  
21 Jerry Siebenmorgen, John Wildgen  
23 Tom Costello  
24 Eric Tichy  
25 Tom Schweiger  
26 Bill Durben, Ralph Baracz  
28 Gene Deters

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES - Knights Service Anniversaries: (# of years):**

38 Richard Bruce  
27 Steve Konuch  
25 John Wildgen  
23 David Dear, Tom Schweiger  
21 Bill Shortino  
13 James Hunter, John Willcott  
09 John Crabtree  
08 Andy Bayerl  
05 Jordan Crabtree, Jim Neff  
04 Matthew Schmidt, Bill Mossop  
03 Larry Vossen

Thanks to all of you for your many years of service as a member of our Council, it does not go unnoticed. Volunteerism is something much needed by our Knights to make a difference. And remember **YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Hank Bauer, Duane Kennedy, Ralph Baracz, Tom Gerant, Mike Kuse, Bill

Shortino, Bud Reker, Danny DeLuca.

## **SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

### ***Why is Abraham, in the Mass, called “our father in faith”?***

If you read in Genesis 11:27 and the following chapters, God initiated his plan of salvation with a call to Abraham to leave his native land (modern Iraq) and migrate westward to Canaan (modern Palestine) where he would build him into a great nation and make his descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky. Abraham believed God and set out as directed. Hence Abraham is our father in faith in this sense, that he was the first to believe. But the meaning is deeper, as Saint Paul notes (Romans 9:6-13 and Galatians 3:29), namely that the Blessings promised to Abraham and his descendants are blessings we receive because we are Abraham’s descendants, not necessarily in blood, but in faith (that is, in our supernatural relationship with God).

### ***There are times in the Gospel, like the time Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the temple, when he seems angry. Isn’t anger a sin?***

In itself, anger is not a sin. It is defined as that passion of the human spirit, which reacts to evil, real or imagined. If the reaction is moderate and constructive, anger may be evidence of zeal for what is of real value. It should be noted that in the temple incident, Jesus did not use the whip on people but used it to drive out the livestock.

### ***Who or what is the Anti-Christ?***

Saint John speaks of Anti-Christ and describes them as certain definite persons who pretend to be real messiahs and deny Christ this role. Saint Paul speaks of the coming of the man of sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3), the mystery of sin (2:7), the outlaw (2:8). The general impression given is that the Anti-Christ will be one person in particular; not Satan but the minister of Satan, the very embodiment of wickedness who will strive to undo all of Christ’s redeeming work. No one is quite sure how to interpret these direful passages. Through the ages there have been many religious enthusiasts who claim to identify some contemporary persons or institution and consequently announce that the day of final struggle and judgment had arrived. Such announcements of

doom, Armageddon, and all the rest, have proved immature.

***Is Babylon really the Catholic Church, as some non-Catholics say it is?***

Babylon in its literal sense is the name of an ancient city on the Euphrates River (modern day Iraq). It was to this city and its environs that the Israelites were deported by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. They were released in 538 by Cyrus, the Persian. Babylon, because of this experience, came to be a term for evil governments and was applied in a figurative sense to pagan institutions. This figurative use was carried into Christian times by converts from Judaism, the Apostles among them. In the early years of Roman persecution, Babylon became a code word among Christians for pagan Rome. It is in this sense that the name “Babylon” for pagan Rome is used by John in Revelation (for example in 14:8) and by Peter (in 1 Peter 5:13). The idea that the word applies to the “Roman” Catholic Church has no justification in fact. It was born of the anti-Catholic feeling of the Reformation era.

***What is meant by the passion of Christ?***

The word “Passion” is used here in the meaning of “suffering”. The reference is to all the painful experiences of Jesus’ last days: the betrayal, arrest, trials, abuse of the soldiers, denial by Peter, journey to Calvary, crucifixion, and Death.

Yours in Christ,  
*Frank Scarpino*

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**LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES:**

Our next meeting will be March 29, 2016.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

Terry Cwiok 3/12, Millie Marco 3/14, Kay Kuse-Henrichs 3/19, Marti Debert 3/25, Jean Stark 3/28, Joyce Szemplenski 3/28, Sue Doak 3/31

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY !***

We continue to be in Mission, TX. and will be returning home March 25.

---we continue to need desserts at our Friday Night Fish Fries. Pie is always in high demand along with special cakes such as carrot. If you are unable to bring your dessert to St. Leo's Hall on Friday afternoon/evening, you are welcome to bring and put it in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

---workers are needed to work the dessert booth at each Fish Fry. Please call Donna Hutton and give her the time you are available to work. Because we earn \$.50 for each dinner sold the fish fries become very lucrative events. Thanks to all the ladies who have donated their time and energy supporting these Friday nights.

---The Scholarship Applications are in the entry-way inside the church. Be sure to encourage your children and grandchildren to send their completed application to Gwen Seaton.

---Because our Year's Report is due by Mid-March IF you have not sent your Volunteer Hours to Shirley Gebhardt, please do so ASAP.

---An agenda item for March meeting is to review and approve all the donations for the last half of the year.

---Trustees: please begin to work on our upcoming slate of officers. Anyone interested in serving for the upcoming year of '16-'17 please discuss with any of our three trustees.

---Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 P.M. If you are interested in being one of the needed hostesses, call Donna Hutton.

I am looking forward to returning home during Easter week.

God Bless you and yours....Julie Dorman, President