



Mary Mother of the Church Council 10381

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Saint Valentine's Day, is also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine. One of the legends that surround St. Valentine's Day states that it began as a liturgical celebration for one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). So it is a good time to remember to keep your loved ones in your heart alongside your love for God and his Family.

The Knights had another successful fish fry in January thanks to all the efforts of "A" Team. Brothers Brad Deters and Jerry Siebenmorgen once again did a great job in the cook shack. We had a bunch of great volunteers who are very much appreciated. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary who did a great job in providing some really delightful deserts.

I wish to thank our Council for their donation approval of \$500 which supports the Morgan County Youth Ambassador Program and Ms. Kelsie Byars, a sophomore at Versailles High School, who is our Knights of Columbus youth ambassador.

What is this all about?

ACT Missouri (Missouri Association of Community Task Forces) anti-drug coalition, who works with Missouri Youth/Adult Alliance better known as MYAA recently announced the new Youth Ambassadors Program. Students are selected based on recommendations from a local coalition – ours is Morgan county CLEAR

(Community Leaders Against Resistance) who investigates high school students for qualities listed on their application and essay as well as being a student in good academic standing. By becoming a Youth Ambassador, they will gain the confidence to be an advocate in the field of substance abuse prevention. This includes grassroots advocacy through community mobilization and transformation, as well as advocating at the State Capitol with legislators. The goal is that the students will leave the program feeling empowered to create change in their community - no matter how big or small!

Youth Ambassadors play an integral role in the overall development and operation of MYAA known statewide for underage drinking prevention initiative. MYAA's adult members will work together with the Youth Ambassadors in planning and implementing prevention practices and programs, as well as yearly events including the annual statewide youth conference, Speak Hard and annual Prevention Day at the Capitol. Youth Ambassadors will be expected to serve in leadership roles within their community. They may be called upon to represent MYAA at conferences, media events, and other types of engagements throughout their term as a Youth Ambassador. The term will be through the end of the 2015-16 school year. Members of MYAA's Youth Ambassador Program are hardworking and well versed individuals who have demonstrated their commitment by reaching out to peers, friends, and younger students. Youth Ambassadors shall serve as role models for other students and agree to abstain from using drugs and alcohol.

Thanks again Brother Knights for supporting the wellbeing of the youth in our Community.

LENTEN RAFFLE: Brother Knight, Rick Purdon is selling books of raffle tickets now available. Please remember the Lenten Raffle is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year. Please take a couple more books and sell them.

At Laurie's City Park the usual group helped take down the Christmas light displays, some 300 plus. Helping was Bernie Marco, Bob O'Bryan, Tom Schweiger, Rick Colby, Rick Purdon, Jerry Unrein and Paul Van Evercooren. It takes 7 to 8 weeks to set them up and 2 to 3 weeks to take them down depending on the weather. It was the best year ever. They had 7,000 cars go thru and 21,783 people. A lot of compliments saying "this is the best year they had ever seen." This same group of Knights have been doing this job for 12 years. THANKS GUYS FOR A GREAT JOB!!

Are you starting to see the picture? Our council does a good job supporting the community. The only problem is once you get involved it goes on forever, with no new members helping. Bob O'Bryan and the group mentioned above have been involved in all of these projects forever with the same volunteers. We need others to step-up and be a part of the support group. We have 170 members in our council, every day we are getting older, and thank God we are still alive and healthy enough to work on these projects. So, Brother Knights, once again, please consider getting involved by volunteering your help to support some of our ongoing yearly projects. Any amount of time is welcome. The volunteers mentioned above really deserve a pat on the back!! Kindly consider joining the Pack!!

Brother Bob O'Bryan advised that the Pregnancy Center chili cook was very successful. Unfortunately only 2 couples from our parish attended. Let's try better next year!

Don't forget the Fish Fry with the "B" team on Feb. 12th. A few ladies have asked that I put out a request for desserts since the Ladies Auxiliary is not meeting until March, so please share this with your spouses.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

St. Patrick's and The Mothers' Shrine have been designated by Bishop Gaydos as a special place of prayer for pilgrims during the Holy Year of Mercy.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

1. Admonish the sinner.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Counsel the doubtful.
4. Confront the sorrowful.
5. Bear wrongs patiently.
6. Forgive all injuries.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

The Year of Mercy Pilgrimages started January 23, then on February 27, March 19, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24 and October 22.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Brother Rick Purdon reports that the Fourth Degree volunteers put up flags along highway 5 for Martin Luther King, Jr. day on January 18 and boy was the weather unfavorable with snow and extreme cold. (You snow birds are very lucky!) Congratulations are in order for three brothers entering the Fourth Degree. They are Brothers Andrew Neff, Gale Morgan, and Harold Waisner. For your information there are two Fourth Degree Exemplifications scheduled in the spring. The dates are as follows: March 5th in St. Louis and April 9th in Kansas City. Contact Ray Lovell if you are interested in becoming Fourth Degree.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

- 10 – Lent Begins *
- 12 – First Fish Fry of Lent – “B” Team
- 18 – Officers Meeting 5:30 - St. Joe’s Hall
- 19 – Fish Fry – “A” Team
- 21 – Knight’s Communion Mass and Breakfast at the Elks
- 23 – Regular Council Meeting - 6:40 St. Leo’s Hall **
- 26 – Fish Fry – “B” Team

*I will be traveling from Feb. 8th through the 18th so there won’t be any reminder sent about our weekly Lenten Fish Fry’s starting Feb 12th. Any questions during this time please contact Jim Gerke.

** There will be no Auxiliary meeting until March 29th.

MARCH CALENDAR:

- 04 – Fish Fry – “A” Team
- 11 – Fish Fry – “B” Team
- 13 – Knights of Columbus First Breakfast after each Mass in St. Leo’s Hall
- 17 - St. Patrick’s Parade (Father Patrick Dolan’s Day!)
- 18 – Fish Fry – “A” Team
- 20 – 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

01 – Pat McNally
04 – Jerry “Pretty Face” Dettmer
05 – William Sayers
08 – Don Dutton, Bob Gentry
10 – Ray Lovell
11 – Dennis Kuse
12 – James Bleigh
17 – Bob Brinkoetter
18 – Johnnie Holem
19 – Ben Gerke
22 – Dave Franken

FEBRUARY Knights Service Anniversaries: (# of years):

69 – Clarence Hager
44 – Fr. Pat Dolan
31 – Ray Lovell
23 – John Holem
22 – David Chase, David Lovell, Jerry Siebenmorgen
21 – Alan Cannon, Dennis Kuse
20 – Tim Buss, Lee Roy
18 – Don Dutton, Pete Tegeler
09 – Mike Fadden, Ken Nicholson, Patrick Lawler

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bill Shortino, Ralph Baracz, Hank Bauer, Dave Naher, Mike Kuse, Jim Saab, Tom Gerant, Duane Kennedy, Bob Gentry, Bud Reker, Clarence Hager.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

I found this interesting snippet in the Catholic Missourian and possibly you may be interested again:

There are many places in the Gospels where Jesus talks about how people should love. Some of the things He taught about love seemed radical at the time. For

example, the people knew they were supposed to love God, but Jesus told them to love their enemies too! The people also knew they should love their neighbors, but they were taught that their neighbors were only people of the same nationality and religion as them. Using the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus taught the people that everyone should be considered their neighbors, without considering their religion or the country they came from. Jesus also gave His apostles a new commandment about love. He told them to love one another, because this love would be a sign to all who saw it that they were followers of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Frank Scarpino

P.S. Just wanted to take the time to say Hello to all the snow birds - you will be back before you know it!

Ladies Auxiliary Notes for February:

Birthdays for February are: 2/14, Amy Luebbering; 2/18, Mary Lou Dettmer; 2/18, Belva Gerke; 2/25, Helen Piroutek; 2/29, Marlene Roy.

There will be a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent beginning February 12th and with March 18th being the last one during Lent. Desserts are needed for each fish fry and volunteers to work the Dessert Booth along with setting bags of pecans out to sell. Our patrons really like pie as well as cakes. Also the low/no sugar desserts are usually in demand. If you are Interested in working the Dessert Booth, please call Donna Hutton.

There is no regular meeting in February. Our next meeting will be March 29th.

Thank You for all your efforts and time spent supporting our Auxiliary.

May God Bless you,
Julie Dorman