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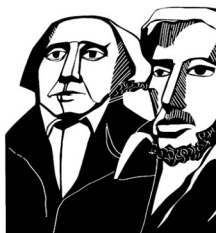
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### Chaplain's Message

February 2014



President's Day and Valentine's Day dominate the month of February and call to mind the need to learn how to govern our society and our hearts.

Called as Christians to be involved in the affairs of the world, we have an obligation to take part in the politics of our time and not abdicate our rights because they require us to spend time to become well versed in the issues confronting us.

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### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,,

February is here and what do we associate with this month? The Super Bowl! AND, of course, Valentine's Day.

We all go out and get flowers, candy, a special gift and, maybe go to dinner or just spend special time with OUR "Valentine". St. Valentine's origins remain a mystery but, in each account, he was martyred for defending his Faith. We, as Knights, are also obligated to defend our Christian Faith. So, while we are enjoying this holiday, let's not forget St. Valentine and remember what he did and let that be a reminder to us to continue to defend our Faith.

Michael Guastella

Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus have been very active in the political world and have spoken up on behalf of freedom of religion, the sanctity of human life, the sacredness of marriage and many other concerns of our times. It behooves all of us to pull together to make our feelings known. Without involvement and conviction, apathy, half-truths and mediocrity will hold sway.

The need to understand our hearts and the way that love works also plays a role, not only in individual lives, but in the concerns of society. Justice, equality, patience and prudence are needed to discern the direction in which we must travel. It all begins with the knowledge that God calls everyone to loving relationships.

In the scriptures it is clear that love begins with God. It is his love which calls our world and us into being. The tremendously generous nature of God's love should overwhelm us. He didn't need to create, but chose to do so. He wanted to share love with an expanded reality and to bring all things together in his love. It is our work therefore to strive to be loving and accepting of the various ways in which God works in human relationships.

We don't often reflect upon the fact that our human experience of love, be it from our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, relatives and friends, in its essence has its origin in God. The fact is that each of us is a channel of that love. By choosing to care for one another we give shape to the Spirit in the actions we perform. How marvelous and many are the ways in which that love can be meted out. God's love is never stingy or exhausted. How blessed we are!

As we celebrate our ability to work together to form a more just society and to be better dispensers of the mystery of God's love, let us always remember that it is the will of God we must seek, and not our own. It is the movement of the Spirit which we must discern and not our own preferences. It is an openness to all that mimics God's inclusive nature and that should mark us as Christians.

## 2014 Education Awards

The Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Council #2188 is proud to announce its 2014 Education Award Program. Awards will be made to students who have distinguished themselves in school, church and community. Need factors will be taken into consideration. Children and grandchildren of council members, members of local parishes, as well as other worthy and/or students demonstrating need proposed by council members in good standing are eligible. Last year, **four** scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded. **As members of the Knights, please look around and reach out to those truly worthy of this award.**

Completed applications, letters of recommendation and any other supporting materials should be sent by March 30, 2014 to: Knights Of Columbus, 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675, Attn: Anthony Fiorica. Email: triumvar@aol.com.

Thank You and God Bless.  
Anthony Fiorica  
Education Chairman

**Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665**

Please contact Al Lukievics at lukone@optonline.net for information about what is coming up in February.

**Save the Date**

It is not too early to be thinking about our annual Golf Outing to support the Scholarship and General Charities Funds. The date of Monday, June 9th 2014, has been reserved for our fundraiser at the River Vale Golf Course.

The cost will be held at the same level as last year and we are hoping that members of the Council will support this endeavor.

We can use your help in signing up hole sponsors and soliciting gifts to be given away at the luncheon. Start thinking now about how you can get involved—June is not that far away.

Ray Polomski

**Calendar for February and March 2014**

**February**

02/02 Ground Hog Day  
02/06 General Meeting.....8:00 PM  
02/09 St. John's First Communion  
Breakfast.....11:30 AM  
02/11 First Degree.....7:30 PM  
02/12 Lincoln's Birthday  
02/13 Columbian Club Meeting.....8:00 PM  
02/14 Valentine's Day  
02/17 Presidents' Day  
02/20 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

**March**

03/01 Baby Bottle at St. John's  
03/06 General Meeting.....8:00 PM  
03/09 Daylight Savings Time Begins...2:00 AM  
03/10 Spectrum Canteen.....6:30 PM  
03/11 First Degree.....7:30 PM  
03/13 Columbian Club.....8:00 PM  
03/15 St. Patrick's Day Party.....7:30 PM  
03/17 St. Patrick's Day  
03/19 St. Joseph's Day  
03/20 Officers' Meeting.....8:00 PM

### **Council to Present Fr. Robert Barron's "Catholicism"**

You are cordially invited to attend our Council's presentation of "Catholicism", groundbreaking documentary film series and multi-media study program.

The CATHOLICISM Faith Formation Program brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

Creator and host, Father Robert Barron, illuminates what Catholics believe and why in this substantive video series that displays the art, architecture, literature, music and all the riches of the Catholic tradition. Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, is a prominent theologian, author, speaker and cultural commentator and has been recognized as "one of the Church's finest messengers." The video episodes take viewers around the world and deep into the Faith, spanning over 50 locations in 15 countries.

The ten-week program will include the viewing of the videos in the series followed by discussion. ( There is no charge. Participants may purchase a study guide from [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org), although it is not required. A bible and access to the Catechism of the Catholic Church will be helpful. You are not required to attend all sessions.)

The Program will be held Wednesday nights , Feb. 5th through April 9th, from 8 to 10 PM. at our Council Hall. Spouses are welcome and please consider inviting interested friends.

For more information and to register, please contact Ken Fodor at 201-358-8145 or [kenfodor@aol.com](mailto:kenfodor@aol.com).

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang at St. Andrew's and St. John's**

By the time you read this the fundraiser "Baby Bottle Boomerang" will have concluded at St. Andrew's Parish but yet to begin at St. John's. We are scheduled to hand out empty bottles after the Masses at St. John's on March 1<sup>st</sup> weekend. Two weeks later on March 15 and 16 we will help collect the filled bottles.

Our effort for Baby Bottle Boomerang at St. Andrew's was to raise money for New Hope, Inc. New Hope is a nonprofit volunteer organization that helps struggling first time single mothers of Bergen County with infants get back on their feet. The money collected from St. John's will also go to this effort in addition to supporting Sienna House which provides a safe haven for homeless women and children in NYC.

If you can spare some time after the Masses at St. John's on the weekends of March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> let me know.

Joe Laquidara

Deputy Grand Knight

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# St. Patrick's Day

Charity Fund Raiser

## Knights of Columbus

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## **Council Blood Drive**

Our Annual Council Blood Drive will be held at our council Hall on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This year, we shall partner with Emerson Council to broaden our reach and have a more successful drive which equates to more donors and more blood.

We need one thing to make our drive successful.....YOU! YOU are needed to get the word out about the drive. YOU are needed to donate blood, if eligible. YOU are needed to bring your spouse, your relatives, your friends and neighbors and your aged 16 and over children to the drive.

Who is eligible to give blood? Most people who are between the ages of 16 and 75 who are in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. (Parental consent is required for those 16 years of age.) At age 76, the donor must provide a yearly letter from his/her private physician stating he/she is in good health and capable of donating a pint of blood.

Yes, we need you but your blood is needed by so many others. Here are a few facts about blood and donations.

- One pint of blood from a single donor can save three lives
- Every three seconds, someone in this country needs a lifesaving blood transfusion.
- About one in seven people in the hospital need blood.
- Blood products are perishable , requiring consistent and continuous donations.
- Blood is in constant demand to treat patients with traumatic injuries and illnesses such as cancer and hemophilia and for use during surgeries.

What do you get for giving blood? The satisfaction of knowing that your pint of blood may have saved a life.

So, save the date.....**April 12, 2014**

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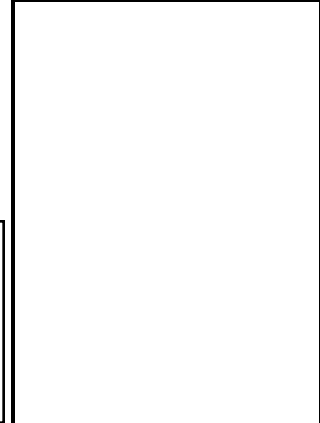
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