

THE BANNER Country Country



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♦ BUSINESS MEETINGS EVERY 1ST THURSDAY ♦ 7:30PM ♦ FR. RYAN COUNCIL 9090 OLD BUSTLETON AVE ♦



NEXT BIZ MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th



February 2019

Dear Brother Knights,

February is upon us and In less than a month we will be entering the most sacred time of the year! Ash Wednesday is March 6th. It is also our "40 cans for the 40 days of Lent." If you are able, please bring canned goods to the council or make a financial donation. We will take care of distributing the canned goods and financial donations to the hungry from the council.

Don Ibach is leading our School Essay Contest again this year. Thanks Don. He reports that it is going well. Once he has collected all the essays from Maternity, Resurrection and St. Cecilia's, the really fun part of this activity begins. We get to help Don read the essays and judge the contest winners. What an enjoyable activity that is! Some are really quite good, and others... well, not-so-good! Some are funny, but all are sincere. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. We will let you know the date and time.

St Raphael The Archangel Assembly will meet at Father Ryan Council on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 P. M. All are invited to attend. Please bring any ticket returns you may have.

In March we will have our semiannual Church Recruitment Drive on the 23rd and 24th, followed by an open house on Tuesday the 26th at 7:00 P.M.

Our annual Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 28, 2019, 8 A. M. at St. Cecilia. We will gather together as a council at 7:45 A. M. and process in together before mass. Our Communion Breakfast will be immediately afterward at our Council home. This is open to Knights and their families and friends. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3.50 for children. Come enjoy the fellowship of your Brother Knights. Bring a friend and a can, too.

Please contact me if you are planning to attend. We would like to have as accurate a head count as possible. You can pay at the door.

Fraternally Yours, David Montvydas Grand Knight Vivat Jesus



On February the 14th we celebrate Saint Valentine's day.

Who was St. Valentine and how did February 14 come to be regarded as a day for romance?

Two Valentines are listed in Roman Martyrology for February 14. The first was a Roman priest reportedly martyred on the Flamian Way during the reign of Emperor Claudius. The other Valentine was a third century Bishop of Terni who was martyred in Rome, but whose relics were sent back to his home see (Terni). Some say this has caused some confusion, and that the two Valentines are one person.

How the feast day became associated with romance has nothing to do with the two saints. Neither of the two had any connection to lovers or courtship. The association has to do with a belief dating back to at least the time of Chaucer, that birds pair up on February 14. This led to thoughts of courtship and romance on that day.

In any event, the Church certainly does not teach that St. Valentine's Feast Day should be celebrated in connection with romance.

Will Schmitt
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Vivat Jesus



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

7 - Business Meeting

FEBRUARY

14 - Home Association Meeting

28 - Officer's Meeting

MARCH

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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Bill Meyers and Family

Joseph Diorio

Please call or email wajschmitt@gmail.com the names of all ill Brother Knights

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY

Bob Cunningham Francis Harrington Rev Joseph Howarth Chuck Kuhar Chas Kuhar George Popskyj James Rigney IV Angelo Sciarra Nichols Sciarra

Anthony Stamato Rev Joel Szydlowski Paul Wuestkamp



If we missed your birthday, our apologies. Our records may not be up-to-date. Please notify us via e-mail: wajschmitt@gmail.com

