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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

I would first like to apologize for your not getting the January issue for reasons of health. If you did not know I was in the hospital in the early part of January having tests taken. I ask for your prayers that all goes well. February is an important month in getting our programs on track especially being a short month.

The Marylyn Colletta fund raiser was a huge success thanks to Joe Colletta for his dedication to this cause and all those that helped. The Doctors and staff were very appreciative of the generosity of the contributors and all that was done to allow them to continue the work in searching for a cure to AML. See the insert containing photos of the event.

Super Bowl Sunday is closing in and we have the fantastic Super Bowl party that will take place in the council hall again. As in previous years it was a fun day and so will this one. Please refer to the attached schedule for details.

As always I look to your continued support to the council and wish all a very happy Valentines Day. You are in my prayers. *Joe Lupu Grand Knight*

### Calendar Of Events

Refer to pages 3 and 4 for the events in February.

### From Supreme

#### Welcome Brother Knights

In the First Degree ceremony, you learned the lesson of charity. It is our hope that you will spread that charity through participation in council activities. If you have not continued beyond the First Degree, we encourage you to attain the Second and Third Degrees, which teach the lessons of unity and fraternity. Third Degree members know the honor of full Knighthood and being "Knighted."

Privileges of being a Third Degree Knight include the honor of serving as a local council officer, and admission to state and Supreme Council business meetings. First and Second Degree members can attend the state and supreme Council meetings, but they are not allowed in the business sessions.

If you would like to ask the Supreme Council a question, please use our

contact form.( Form is available on the KofC Web site [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org))

### February and St. Valentines Day

The following is taken from The New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia:

“The popular customs associated with Saint Valentine's Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief generally received in England and France during the Middle Ages, that on 14 February, i.e. half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair. Thus in Chaucer's Parliament of Foules we read:

For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day

Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate

For this reason the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens

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**Remember the veterans**

. Both the French and English literatures of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries contain allusions to the practice. Perhaps the earliest to be found is in the 34th and 35th *Ballades* of the bilingual poet, John Gower, written in French; but Lydgate and Clauvowe supply other examples. Those who chose each other under these circumstances seem to have been called by each other their Valentines. In the *Paston Letters*, Dame Elizabeth Brews writes thus about a match she hopes to make for her daughter (we modernize the spelling), addressing the favoured suitor:

And, cousin mine, upon Monday is Saint Valentine's Day and every bird chooses himself a mate, and if it like you to come on Thursday night, and make provision that you may abide till then, I trust to God that ye shall speak to my husband and I shall pray that we may bring the matter to a conclusion.

Shortly after the young lady herself wrote a letter to the same man addressing it "Unto my rightwell beloved Valentine, John Paston Esquire". The custom of choosing and sending valentines has of late years fallen into comparative desuetude. "

(Desuetude is defined as the condition not being in use) . *Editor*

**Facts Vs Fiction**

Many of us walk around with our heads in the sand thinking that what happens to someone would not happen to us. The truth of the matter is that what happens to someone could happen to us. In this context let us look at how priorities are set on matters considered not to important. Smoking has been said that it is detrimental to ones health. Yet with all the information around regarding this issues, many still smoke.

In a like manner, other diseases that occur have occurred to loved ones close to us. When it happens it is devastating to all The sad part is that there is no discrimination as to age. Since this is a fact, how then can we protect ourselves

and our families and find ways to irradiated a disease Research! Research is necessary to find the source and get the cure. That is where many of us fail. Since we are complacent in our attitude of "it won't happen to me", research takes longer due to the lack of adequate funding needed by the researchers. Our recent Marylyn Colletta AML Gala to raise funds for the research in the cause of Acute Myelogenous Leukemia is a case in point where action was taken to raise those funds. Yet many failed to come out to the call, a call of help not only from those of our council but from other councils.

Saving lives is a matter of from the womb to the tomb. As much as we revere life of the unborn, we must also look at preserving life of the sick and those who suffer from those incurable diseases. If we look at the parable taught to us by our Lord, where He pointed out that the reach man who gave a portion of his wealth did not do grater than the woman who gave the single coin, for that was all she had. It is not intended to be judgmental but only to be reminded that we as knights are to do what it is we are supposed to do and that is CHARITY, yes beginning at home and then continuing to the needs of others. *Editor*

**Confratulations to all Celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, Birth, Baptism, Engagement and Retirement.**

Need a place to have a party or meeting ? See about using Hall. Call Joe Lupo at 631 269 9042 for information on reserving the hall

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL**



*Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Gladstone*



*Dr. Kenneth Zamkoff*



*Joe Colletta & Family*



*Table of Guests*



*Fr. Francis & Fr. Valentine*



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*GK Joe Lupo, Chancellor Joe Colletta Presenting Flowers to Melody Bitkoff*



*Gk Joe Lupo, Chancellor Joe Colletta & Catherine Presti of the Chaperones*



*Table of Guests*



*Silent Auction Gallery*



*Joe Colletta, Councilwoman Joanne Gray & Grand Knight Joe Lupo*



*The Chaperones who Donated their time and entertainment*