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The Legend of Saint Valentine

Historical archives make mention of at least three different individuals (and perhaps as many as seven) credited with the name of Saint Valentine (or Valentinus). The two discussed here were martyred for their faith and have been recognized by the Catholic Church. The first is described as a priest who resided in Rome and the second is described as a Bishop who resided in Interamna in Italy. These two Saint Valentines appear to have been alive during the second half of the third Century and are said by some sources to be buried on the Flaminia Consular Way...but at different distances from the City of Rome. The ancient Flaminian Gate is now called the Porta del Popolo, but was formerly referred to as the Gate of Saint Valentine. Official reports regarding the interrogation of both the saints are preserved, but are of a relatively late date and deemed to have little, if any, historical value. Some authorities on the subject believe that the two Saint Valentines mentioned above are likely one and the same individual...a Roman priest who became Bishop in Interamna and was then sentenced there before being returned to Rome for execution. Since both lived during the reign of the same Roman emperor and are believed to have died on the same day, this assumption probably has some validity.

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared February 14th to be the Feast Day of Saint Valentine...Patron Saint of Lovers and Engaged Couples, with particular jurisdiction over the quarrels which arise between sweethearts. The patronage of Saint Valentine also extends to epilepsy (from which he is believed to have suffered), greetings, travelers and young people. His representations include: birds, roses, a bishop with a crippled or epileptic child at his feet and other representations.

While there are no definitive written accounts of any of the aforementioned Saint Valentines, all of whom lived in the Third Century and apparently died on exactly the same day, there is a more recent and documented connection to Ireland. In 1936, Pope Gregory XVI sent a gift to the Carmelite Church in Dublin...recognition of the work carried out by the former prior of the Church, Father John Spratt, widely-known as a very holy man. The gift was a relic of a Christian martyr...a small gold-bound casket which contained the earthly remains of one Saint Valentine. The relic had been exhumed from the cemetery of Saint Hippolytus on the Tibertine Way in Rome, placed into a golden casket and transported to Dublin, where it was enshrined with great ceremony in the little Carmelite Church. Every year, on February 14th, the casket is carried in solemn procession to the high altar for a special Mass dedicated to young people and all those in love.

Message from the Faithful Navigator

I would like to wish my fellow Sir Knights a holy, happy and healthy new year. At this time I would like to thank the Sir Knights who attended the Faithful Navigator's Christmas Party.

Our first meeting of the new year is Tuesday, January 24, 2006, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at St. Timothy's Parish Hall.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Sheil
Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights of the Month

July	Paul St. Laurent
August	Mike Diewald
September	Paul Hannan
October	Joe Beres
November	Richard Coffinan
December	Al Grimmig, Jr.
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year celebration.

The meeting this month is **Tuesday, January 24th, 2006**. **Social Hour is 6:30 PM** and **Dinner will be served at 7:00 P M**. The menu entrée planned is roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggies and desert.

If you are on the Regular Dinner List below, no need to call unless you will not attend, but if not on the Regular Dinner List, please let me know that you will be attending the meeting by either a call to 703-631-9405 or an email to scoffman@moneymailer.com by 9PM Sunday evening prior. If you want to be added to the Regular Dinner List, please send an email to the FN (JOBMMK6@AOL.COM) and to me (scoffman@moneymailer.com).

Hope to see you all at the January meeting!

SK Richard (Skip) Coffman

From Your Faithful Comptroller

Another reminder, in case you have not paid your dues for please send a check payable to the "Knights of Columbus" to:

Thomas Wiedemer
Financial Comptroller
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Thank you and Vivat Jesus,
Thomas R. Wiedemer
703-818-2761

Commander'Swords

The only event on the horizon is the Alexandria Presidents' Day Parade on 20 February. Details will be made available via the Assembly Website www.acts2411.org.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Diewald

Sir Knights on the Regular Dinner List:

B. Beall	J. Beres	R. Coffman
K. Craddock	M. Diewald	A. Griming
P. Hannan	R. Head, Sr.	C. Hebert
T. Paolozzi	M. Paulucci	J. Seiler
M. Sheil	P. St. Laurent	T. Trudeau
T. Wiedemer		

Third Degree Liaisons

The Assembly maintains communication with its assigned Councils via liaisons appointed by the Faithful Navigator. Our liaisons are as follows:

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