



THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211 NEWSLETTER

December 2006

Larry Clark
Faithful Navigator

Advent 2006



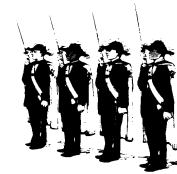
Advent is an especially lovely season and we can make great use of it. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. The First Sunday of Advent is therefore the Church's "New Year's Day". In the Judeo-Christian tradition, Sunday begins at sundown of the day before when the faithful celebrate First Vespers. Advent begins the Christmas cycle.

Advent comes from the Latin word for an "arrival" or a "coming". Advent means that the Lord is coming. Jesus Christ, our brother in our humanity and our God in His divinity is about to arrive. But He comes to us in different ways. First, Jesus came to us at a specific point in history at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. But in the Church's great feast of Christmas He mystically comes again. Second, the Lord, Alpha and Omega, will come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. Third, the Redeemer comes to us in grace. He speaks to us in our consciences, he comes to us in the Eucharist and in the Word of God proclaimed. He arrives in the person of the beggar, the needy, the suffering, the oppressed. We must be ready to receive and welcome Him when He comes, however He comes.

Advent is a time of joy tinged with penance. Joy, because we can imagine nothing more sweet than the Christ Child and His Mother Mary's bliss at His coming to light. Penance because we must strive to be properly disposed to receive so great a gift of His presence. In the millennial tradition of the Church, we faithful have done penance before great feasts. Christmas and Easter each have their penitential seasons in anticipation, Advent and Lent. The liturgical color used in the Latin Church for the liturgy during both Advent and Lent is purple, a sign of penance. In some places people may see blue used, which is done without the Church's approval. The Latin Church also emphasizes the penitential dimension of the season by directing the use of sparse ornaments in church and by legislating that instrumental music should not be used, except to sustain congregational singing. This is a kind of liturgical fast, which makes the joy and celebration of Christmas all the more powerful by the contrast of the lean and muted season of Advent. Advent is a time of great joy, because we look forward to the beautiful feast of the Nativity, but it is joy stitched through with somber and focused spiritual preparation by doing penance.

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Faithful Navigator

Christmas Parade: November 18, 2006



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| Comdr. | Leon Vemmer |
| F.N. | Larry Clark |
| P.F.N. | Charles Bell |
| P.F.N. | Lyle Tappendorf |
| P.F.N. | Dave Rayhill |
| P.F.N. | Bill Hight |
| F.C. | Eugene Meyers |
| F.P. | Tim Gore |
| F.S. | Steve Bowman |
| S.K. | Julius Sebok |
| S.K. | John Eckert |
| S.K. | Dan Sebok |
| S.K. | Gary Smith |
| S.K. | Bud Walsh |
| S.K. | Gerald Gilbert |
| S.K. | Donald Klinker |



Thanks for a great turnout:

Merry Christmas



Sir Knight of the Month



Sir Knight Steve Bowman is our selection for Sir Knight of the Month. Steve has been a 3rd Degree Knight since 10/18/1996 and a 4th Degree Knight since 10/23/2004. Steve's attendance at meetings, honor guards and Bingo Chairman is honorable and deeply appreciated.

We honor and salute you.

Distinguished Sir Knight:

Steven D. Bowman

Upcoming Events

Dec. 20th 2006 Officer's meeting 5:30 PM
4th degree meeting 6:00 PM.
Christmas dinner to follow at 7:00 PM.



Jan. 17th 2007 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.

Feb 21st 2007 Officers meeting 6:30 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:30 PM.

Mar. 17th 2007 St. Patrick Parade 10:30 a.m.
Meet at KC Club 9:30 a.m.
Full  Regalia

Mar. 21st 2007 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Appoint slating committee.

Apr. 18th 2007 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Slating committee report.

May 16th 2007 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Election of officers.

May 28th 2007 Memorial Day Mass
Calvary Cemetery
Full  Regalia

White Coats and no capes

June 20th 2007 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.

Family Mass Schedule



Jan. 27, 2007 - St. Patrick's - Decatur
Mass @ 5:30 PM.
Steak Night - KC Club

Feb. 18, 2007 - St. Thomas- Decatur
Mass @ 4:30 PM.
Dinner – Tom's

Mar. 24, 2007 - St. James- Decatur
Mass @ 4:00 PM.
Dinner – Pastabilities

April 21, 2007 -Immaculate Conception Shelbyville, IL,
Mass @ 5:00 PM
Dinner – Bennigan's at Mt. Zion

May. 19, 2007 - Holy Family Decatur
Mass @ 4:30 PM.
Dinner – TBA

June 24, 2007 Holy Spirit –Mt. Zion
Mass @ 9:30 AM (**Sunday**)
Breakfast- TBA

Celebrating Birthdays December 2006

1. David L. Bowman
1. Larry L. Clark
1. James F. Dougherty
1. William Williams
2. Donald Klinker
5. Rev. Carlos Bohorquez
8. Kenneth W. Dorr
14. George J. Klein
14. Gregory E. Sullivan
23. James M. Gold
28. Fred Lohrstorfer

Please Pray For All The Sick:



Joe Adams	James Brown
Joe Meyers	Lloyd Gist
Joe Sepich	Robert Midden
Lloyd Hanstedt	Hiram Petersen
John Trolia	Robert Bracelin
Kenneth Dorr	Joseph Hyde
John Disney	

Family Mass News



Full Regalia

The following were in attendance for family mass
St. Mary's Assumption, Illinois November 19, 2006.

- Commander Leon and Mary Vemmer
- F.N. Larry and Mary Clark
- P.F.N. Jack and Sylvia Dougherty
- P.F.N. Jack and Barbara McCoy
- P.F.N. Steve and Shirlene Richardson
- P.F.N. Dave and Carol Rayhill
- P.F.N. Charles and Wilma Bell
- F.C. Eugene and Mary Ann Meyers
- F.P. Timothy and Carol Gore
- S.K. Donald and Eleanor Sullivan
- S.K. Donald and Jenny Moore
- S.K. Lee and Joyce Cook
- S.K. Eugene and Dee Mennel
- S.K. Bud and Marilyn Walsh
- S.K. Don and Isabella Perry
- S.K. Jim Dougherty
- S.K. Ron Moore
- Julia Gentry

A Great breakfast was held at Sophie's
after Mass.

Christmas Dinner :



Wednesday December 20, 2006 Fourth Degree meeting at
6:00PM and Christmas Dinner at **7:00PM**.

The assembly will be serving **Prime Rib** for the dinner.
Sign up sheet at the Bar \$10.00 per person.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Charles Munie (St. James member) was the winner of the
Goodies Basket

A very Holy and Merry Christmas to all the Knights of
Columbus members and their families.

Officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

KC BREAKFAST:



Knights of Columbus family
Breakfast **December 10, 2006**
Serving starts at 8:00 AM

*Flexible people never get bent
Out of shape!*



*Please fill out or update your Chalice Cards
and turn them in ASAP.*

FOURTH DEGREE 2007 DUES:

Dues are due for Year 2007:
\$18.00 which includes \$15.00 regular dues and
\$3.00 for Chalice Fund.

\$3.00 for Life Members for Chalice Fund.

Exemplification 2007:

Decatur Assembly is planning to host a Fourth Degree
exemplification. The dates are to be October 19, 20 and 21,
2007. Chairman Jack McCoy is now asking for volunteers in
planning for the exemplification. Please contact Jack McCoy
and volunteer your assistance.

*Make the most of yourself, for that is all there
is of you.*

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO WORKERS **January-07**

FIRST WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	COLUMBIA GAME
Bingo Captain Eugene Meyer	Larry Clark Lowell Brosamer Bud Walsh	Eugene Meyer	Margaret Duce Steve Rayhill Carol Rayhill	Tim Gore Special Games Carol Gore	Leave Blank	Mary Ann Meyer U-Picken-Bar Table Arnold Metzger
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.	Lee Cook Rick Bradshaw		Dave Rayhill			
SECOND WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	COLUMBIA GAME
Bingo Captain Larry Clark	Lowell Brosamer Brian Bowman Bill Hight Jack McCoy	Steve Richerson	Jim Zindel Helen Zindel Mary Lou Clark Larry Clark Trini Fisher	Tim Gore Special Games Marilyn Hight	Leave Blank	Shirlene Richerson U-Picken-Bar Table Arnold Metzger
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.						
THIRD WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	COLUMBIA GAME
Bingo Captain David Rayhill	George Klein Leon Vemmer Lowell Brosamer Larry Clark James Gould	Dave Goebel John Merli	Butch Gilbert Connie Gilbert Patricia Martina Dave Rayhill	Tim Gore Special Games Carol Gore	Leave Blank	Pat Merli U-Picken-Bar Table Arnold Metzger
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FOURTH WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	COLUMBIA GAME
Bingo Captain Steve Bowman	Lowell Brosamer Lee Cook Gary Smith Bill Sullivan Rick Bradshaw Larry Clark	Leon Langhauser Armand Tosesti	Don Klinker Kay Klinker Steve Bowman Ellen Bowman	Tim Gore Special Games Carol Gore	Leave Blank	U-Picken-Bar Table Arnold Metzger John Disney
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FIFTH WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	COLUMBIA GAME
Bingo Captain Connie Disney	Lowell Brosamer Larry Clark Bill Hight	Eugene Meyer Dave Goebel	Woman Auxiliary	Tim Gore Special Games Marilyn Hight	Leave Blank	Mary Ann Meyer U-Picken-Bar Table Arnold Metzger John Disney
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