



THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Larry Clark
Faithful Navigator

Lenten Message:

Saint Patrick

Dear Brother Knights,

Bishop, Apostle of Ireland

As we continue to pray, to fast, and to give alms during these forty days of Lent, one of my favorite devotions is the reflection on the passion and death of Jesus known as the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross originated early in the history of the church. Pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk through the streets of Jerusalem (now known as the Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows) as they traced the path taken by Jesus from Pilate's house as he carried the cross to calvary. They would pause along the way to meditate on the passion of Jesus. When they returned home, pilgrims liked to continue this devotion. Around the fourteenth century it became customary to erect images at each station along the way. Eventually fourteen stations became the usual form. This increased to fifteen in the twentieth century with the addition of the resurrection.



The date and place of St. Patrick's birth are uncertain. He was born about the year 387, the son of Calputnius and Conchessa. In his sixteenth year he was carried as a captive into Ireland and obliged to serve a heathen master as herdsman. Escaping from captivity he prepared himself in the schools of Tours and Lerins to be the instrument and Apostle of God in converting Ireland. Pope Celestine I commissioned him, and having received episcopal consecration in 442, he began his wonderful mission of winning to Christ a pagan nation, and making it an island famous for its seats of piety and learning. St. Patrick died March 17, 493, in the monastery of Saul, in Down in Ulster, where his remains, and thirty years later, the body of St. Bridgid, the Mary of Ireland, were buried in one grave.

During Lent we are reminded of our need to take up our cross and follow. I encourage you to make use of this devotion as part of your lenten prayer. Many parishes gather together to pray the stations. Many individuals pray them privately. Whatever form you use helps to focus the mind and heart on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It also calls forth from us a response of gratitude and love for so great a redeemer. "We praise you, O Lord, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

May our Lenten meditation turn our hearts to God in sorrow for our sin that caused the suffering and death of Jesus. In his mercy may he fill us with his grace and prepare us for the joy of Easter.

In Christ,
Fr. Donald Wolford

Saint Patrick Parade :

March 17, 2007



Full



Regal



Congratulations:

Sir Knight Daniel M, Ashenfelter completed his Knighthood January 26, 2007 at Fourth Degree Exemplification Springfield, Illinois.

Sir Knight's please meet at KC Hall in **FULL REGALIA** at 9:15 AM on March 17, 200. Coffee and donuts will be available before the parade.

Let's have a good turn out for St. Patrick's Day.

Sir Knight of the Month




Sir Knight Lee Cook is our selection for Sir Knight of the Month. Lee has been a 3rd Degree Knight since 12/1/1994 and a 4th Degree Knight since 10/23/2004. Lee is also Grand Knight of Council #1026. Lee's attendance at meetings, honor guards and bingo is honorable and deeply appreciated.

*We honor and salute you.
Distinguished Sir Knight:
Lee H. Cook*

Upcoming Events

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

With White Coats and NO Capes

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

The right word spoken at the right time sometimes achieves miracles:

Family Mass Schedule



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

April 21, 2007 -Immaculate Conception
Shelbyville, IL.
Mass @ **4:00 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 March 2007:

Many, many birthday wishes to all Sir Knights celebrating this month.

2. Richard Lee
2. James Waite
4. James E. Smith
4. Bernard Petrak
4. Daniel Sebok
5. Stephen Richardson
7. John Marshall
8. Terry Heiland
12. Rick Reddington
21. John Renfro
22. Donald J. Burgener
23. Joseph A. McDaniel
28. Dr. Robert J. Stengel
28. Patrick O'Brien
30. Robert Burtschi

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The problem in my life and other people's lives is not the absence of knowing what to do, but the absence of doing it.

Please Pray for the Sick:



Joe Adams	James Brown
Joe Meyers	John Disney
Joe Sepich	Robert Midden
Lloyd Hanstedt	Hiram Petersen
John Trolia	Robert Bracelin
Darrell Beck	Julius Sebok

Raise the Roof Raffle:

Knights of Columbus Council #577 now have raffle tickets for sale. The ticket cost is \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. The raffle prizes are:

- (1) 42- inch Sony flat screen T.V. (B@C TV).
- (2) A golf Getaway to Eagle Ridge.
- (3) \$ Cardinal/ Club tickets.

The funds raised from the raffle will be used for repairing or replacing the roof on the KC Club.

The Raffle Drawing will be March 17, 2007.

BINGO IS BACK

The Assembly is in need of Bingo Workers.

**NO PAY
NO BENEFITS
Lots of Fun**

Family Mass News



Full



Regalia

The following were in attendance for family mass St. Patrick Church 5:30 PM January 27, 2007

P.F.N.	Jack and Barbara McCoy
F.C	Eugene and Mary Ann Meyers
S.K.	Steve and Ellen Bowman
S.K.	Donald and Kay Klinker
S.K.	Jim and Sharon Gould
S.K.	Bud and Marilyn Walsh
S.K.	Armand Tosetti

Dinner was Steak Night at the KC Club.

KC BREAKFAST:



Knights of Columbus family
Breakfast **March 11, 2007**
Serving starts at 8:00 AM

Daylight time starts March 11, 2007:

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

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MONDAY NIGHT BINGO WORKERS

March-07

FIRST WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	U-PICKUM
Bingo Captain Eugene Meyer	Larry Clark Lowell Brosamer Bud Walsh	Eugene Meyer Mary Ann Meyer	Margaret Ducey Steve Rayhill Carol Rayhill	Lyle Tappendorf	Mark Lambert	Arnold Metzger Columbia Game & Hand Stamp Game
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.	Lee Cook Rick Bradshaw Bob Lundin		Dave Rayhill			
SECOND WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	U-PICKUM
Bingo Captain Larry Clark	Jack McCoy Brian Bowman Lowell Brosamer	Steve Richardson Shirlene Richardson	Jim Zindel Helen Zindel Mary Lou Clark Larry Clark Tini Fisher	Lyle Tappendorf	Mark Lambert	Arnold Metzger Columbia Game & Hand Stamp Game
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.	Bill Hight Dan Ashenfelter					
THIRD WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	U-PICKUM
Bingo Captain Dave Rayhill	George Klein Leon Vemmer Lowell Brosamer	Dave Goebel	Butch Gilbert Connie Gilbert Patricia Martha Dave Rayhill	Lyle Tappendorf	Mark Lambert	Arnold Metzger Columbia Game & Hand Stamp Game
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.	Larry Clark Jim Gould					
FOURTH WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	U-PICKUM
Bingo Captain Steve Bowman	Lowell Brosamer Lee Cook Gary Smith	Leon Langhauser Armand Tosetti	Don Klinker Kay Klinker Steve Bowman Ellen Bowman	Lyle Tappendorf	Mark Lambert	Arnold Metzger Columbia Game & Hand Stamp Game
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.	Bill Sullivan Rick Bradshaw Larry Clark					
FIFTH WEEK	FLOOR	DOOR	KITCHEN	BANKER	CALLER	U-PICKUM
Bingo Captain Connie Disney	Bill Hight Lowell Brosamer Larry Clark Jim Gould	Eugene Meyer Dave Goebel Mary Ann Meyer	Woman Auxiliary	Lyle Tappendorf	Mark Lambert	Arnold Metzger Columbia Game & Hand Stamp Game
Please contact Captain if you cannot make your assignment.						