



# THE PATRIOT



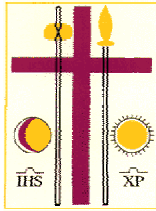
Fourth Degree

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## Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211 NEWSLETTER

February, 2008

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Faithful Navigator



### The Lenten Celebration:

We have just passed through the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This was the reason for the Advent and Christmas seasons. But now we come to the real reason for the coming of the Messiah. It was to meet the requirements for our salvation through His glorification. Being the wretched sinners that we are, we would be the deserving subjects of God's wrath come judgment day if it weren't for the loving sacrifice of Jesus.

Jesus, being the perfect Son of God, paved the way for our redemption. He was sinless yet shouldered the sins of everybody (past, present, and future) as he was brutally crucified on the cross. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:9). It is only because of this that we can have hope. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23). And as a friend of mine once said, "Only a wretched sinner like myself can truly understand how important that is!"

The Lenten season is the remembrance of the period when Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in the desert before His Passion. It is a period of penitence and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the purpose of which is to reflect upon, and experience, the suffering of Jesus and to remove those things which clutter our lives and block us from being in a relationship with God. It is a time of good works where we deny ourselves in remembrance of Christ with loving service to others. The whole point of Lent is to increase one's spirituality, and should be taken very seriously. With this in mind, we should take some time (along before God) previous to Lent and plan our Lenten pilgrimage.

### Saint Apollonia Feast day: February 9th



St. Apollonia who died in the year 249, was martyred for not renouncing her faith during the reign of Emperor Phillip. The account of the life of St. Apollonia was written by St. Dionysius to Fabian, Bishop of Antioch. Apollonia had all her teeth knocked out after being hit in the face by a Christian persecutor under the reign Emperor Phillip. After she was threatened with fire unless she renounced her faith, Apollonia jumped into the flames voluntarily. She is considered the patron of dental diseases and is often invoked by those with toothaches. Ancient art depicts her with a golden tooth at the end of necklace, Also in art, she is seen with pincers holding a tooth.

### Honor Guard Requested:





Full Regalia

Honor Guard requested for special mass at  
Lady of Lourdes **February 11, 2008 at 6:00PM.**  
Special Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Ash Wednesday February 6, 2008:

### Lady of Lourdes

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Special Mass at Lady of Lourdes  
2008 6:00 PM. Honor Guard Requested.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Officers meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Mar. 19<sup>st</sup> Officers meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Appoint slating committee.
- Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick Parade 10:30 a.m.  
2008 Meet at KC Club 9:30 a.m.  
Full  Regalia
- Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> Officers meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Slating committee report.
- May 21<sup>th</sup> Officers meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Election of officers.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass  
2008 Calvary Cemetery  
Full  Regalia  
**White Coats and no Capes**
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.

## Family Mass Schedule



- Feb.23, 2008 - St. Thomas- Decatur  
Mass @ **4:30 PM.**  
Dinner – **RUSTY'S**
- Mar. 8, 2008 - St. James- Decatur  
Mass @ 4:00 PM.  
Dinner – Pastabillities
- April 19, 2008 -Immaculate Conception Shelbyville, IL,  
Mass @ 4:00 PM  
Dinner – Bennigan's at Mt. Zion
- May 24, 2008 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur  
Mass @ 4:30 PM.  
Dinner –**TBA**
- June 22, 2008 Holy Spirit –Mt. Zion  
Mass @ 9:30 AM (**Sunday**)  
Breakfast- Tuscany

## Sir Knight of the Month



Sir Knight Dan Ashenfelter is our selection for Sir Knight of the month. Dan has been a Third Degree Knight since 4/17/2005 and Fourth Degree since 1/26/2004. Dan's attendance at meetings and honor guards is honorable and deeply appreciated.

*We honor and salute you.  
Distinguished Sir Knight:  
Dan M. Ashenfelter*

## Please Pray for the Sick:



Joe Adams	James Brown
Joe Meyers	John Troia
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt
Hiram Petersen	Bob Bracelin
Harold Kramer	

## E-MAIL

We have 169 members in our assembly. **Eighty One** receive their newsletters in color by E-Mail  
We need to reduce expense of postage and time.  
Please submit your E-Mail Address to receive your newsletter by E-mail to:

[bill.hight@verizon.net](mailto:bill.hight@verizon.net)

**Saint's Valentine Day**  
**February 14, 2008**

## Celebrating Birthdays February 2008:

2. Michael Collins
10. Paul Whitley
11. Fred Lohrstorfer
14. John Short
21. Richard Overhaul
22. Greg Brinkoetter
27. Darrell Beck

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

## KC Breakfast



Knights of Columbus family  
Breakfast **February 10, 2008**  
Serving starts at 8:00 AM

## Upcoming Exemplifications:

Belleville, Illinois  
March 2008  
National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows.

Bloomington, Illinois  
April 2008  
The Chateau Hotel

## A Jelly Bean Poem:

**Red** is for the blood He gave  
**Green** is for the grass He made  
**Yellow** is for the sun so bright  
**Blue** is for the sins we made  
**White** is for the grace He gave  
**Purple** is for His hour of sorrow  
**Pink** is for His hour of sorrow

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet,  
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat!

## In Symathy



Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of  
**Sir Knight Armand Tosetti**  
May 3, 1918 to December 26, 2007

The following Sir Knights served in visitation for  
Sir Knight Armand Tosetti on December 28, 2007..

Commander	Leon Vemmer
PFN	Charlie Bell
PFN	Larry Clark
PFN	Jack Dougherty
PFN	Bill Hight
PFN	Jack McCoy
PFN	Steve Richardson
PFN	Jim Zindel
FC	Steve Bowman
SK	Dan Ashenfelter
SK	Michael Bretti
SK	Jim Dougherty
SK	John Eckert
SK	Dave Goebel
SK	Gerald Gilbert
SK	Julius Sebok
SK	Donald Sullivan

## Make a New Year's Resolution:



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

## FOURTH DEGREE 2008 DUES:

Dues are due for Year 2008:  
\$18.00 which includes \$15.00 regular dues and  
\$3.00 for Chalice Fund.

\$3.00 for Life Members for Chalice Fund.

All of dues notices have been sent out.  
If you do not receive yours, please contact  
Faithful Comptroller Lyle Tappendorf



You are invited to the 1st Annual Knights  
of Columbus Ladies Night Out

*March 1st - Doors open at 4:00pm*

*Entrance fee will be \$3.00. This will include  
finger foods. Please join us for a special  
drink menu, many vendors for shopping and  
demonstrations, raffles and a silent auction.*

*G-Man & The Allnighters DJ Service will  
provide the music.*

*You don't want to miss this elegant and  
entertaining event. All proceeds will benefit  
the Knights of Columbus Building Fund.*

*Please call 217-422-2624 for additional  
details.*