



THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211 NEWSLETTER

January, 2008

Eugene Meyer
Faithful Navigator

Saint Lucy
Patron Saint of Blindness
283-304

Family Mass:



January 2008 will commence the second half of our Family Mass season. I would like to take this time to also extend my sincere gratitude to those Sir Knights and their families who have attended the first half of the 2007-2008 season. We always have a wonderful evening and I encourage all Sir Knights to attend this once-a-month honored tradition:



Full



Regalia

Legend has it that Lucy (whose name means "light") was a Christian while Diocletian was persecuting and martyring Christians. She consecrated her virginity to God,--refused to marry a pagan, and had her dowry distributed to the poor. Her would-be husband denounced her as a Christian to the governor of Syracuse. Miraculously unable to move her or burn her, the guards stabbed her and killed her.

The oldest record of her story comes from 5th-century accounts of saints' lives, known as Acta. By the 6th century, her story was widespread. St. Aldhelm wrote an account of her life, and the Venerable Bede included her story in his Martyrology. In medieval accounts, St. Lucy's eyes are gouged out prior to her execution. In art, her eyes sometimes appear on a plate that she's holding.

Her feast day in the West is December 13th, by the unreformed Julian Calendar the longest night of the year; she is the patron saint of blindness. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

Ironically, St. Lucy's history is shrouded in darkness: all that is really known for certain is that she was a martyr in Syracuse in Diocletian's persecutions of A.D. 304. Her veneration spread to Rome, so that by the 6th Century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.


Jan. 26, 2008 - St. Patrick's - Decatur
Mass @ 5:30 PM.
Steak Night - KC Club

E-MAIL

We have 169 members in our assembly. Seventy Six receive their newsletter 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

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 16th 2008 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Feb 20th 2008 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Mar. 19st 2008 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Appoint slating committee.
- Mar. 22th 2008 St. Patrick Parade 10:30 a.m.
Meet at KC Club 9:30 a.m.
Full  Regalia
- Apr. 16th 2008 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Slating committee report.
- May 21th 2008 Officers meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Election of officers.

Family Mass Schedule



- Jan. 26, 2008 - St. Patrick's - Decatur
Mass @ 5:30 PM.
Steak Night - KC Club
- Feb.23, 2008 - St. Thomas- Decatur
Mass @ **4:30 PM.**
Dinner – **TBA**
- Mar. 22, 2008 - St. James- Decatur
Mass @ 4:00 PM.
Dinner – Pastabilities
- 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 Knights of the Month



Sir Knight Donald Klinker DD, FP is our selection for Sir Knight of the month. Donald has been a Third Degree Knight since 12/4/1983 and Four Degree since 10/23/2004. Donald attendance at meeting, honor guards is honorable and deeply appreciated. Donald was also chairman of the committee for Christmas Dinner .

*We honor and salute you.
Distinguished Sir Knight:
Donald J. Klinker*

Please Pray for the Sick:



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| Joe Adams | James Brown |
| Joe Meyers | John Troia |
| Joe Sepich | Lloyd Hanstedt |
| Hiram Petersen | Armand Tosetti |
| Lee Cook | Harold Kramer |
| Bud Walsh | Joe Sepich |

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Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of
Mrs. Helen Julia Kee
April 1, 1923 to December 20, 2007
former wife of deceased PFN
John Kee

Celebrating Birthdays January 2008:

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

3. Gregory P. Cleary
5. Michael L. Haskell
5. Stephan A. Brinkoetter
7. John D. Trolia
8. Francis R. Rush
12. Robert L. Kolbeck
17. Timothy M. Dowd
18. Jim Zindel
19. Jim Gollings
19. Daniel J. Beck
22. Nicholas J. Schiro
23. Donald Moore
23. Ronald Moore
24. Roger A. Shepherd
27. Richard C. Lancaster
30. Charles Bell
30. Leon J. Vemmer
31. Mark J. Cheviron

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KC Breakfast



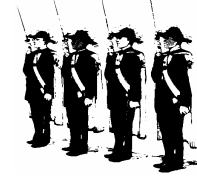
Knights of Columbus family
Breakfast **January 13, 2008**
Serving starts at 8:00 AM

Upcoming Exemplifications:

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

Bloomington, Illinois
April 2008
The Chateau Hotel

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at St. Mary's Assumption, Illinois
November 25, 2007 8:00 AM Mass.

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| Commander. | Leon and Mary Vemmer |
| F.N. | Eugene and Mary Ann Meyer |
| P.F.N. | Larry and Mary Lou Clark |
| P.F.N. | Dave and Carol Rayhill |
| F.C. | Steve and Ellen Bowman |
| F.S. | Lee and Joyce Cook |
| F.P. | Donald and Kay Klinker |
| S.K. | Bill and Eleanor Sullivan |
| S.K. | Gerald and Connie Gilbert |
| S.K. | Donald and Jenny Moore |
| S.K. | Rick and Mary Bradshaw |
| S.K. | Ronald Moore |
| S.K. | Dan Ashenfelter |

Breakfast was at Sophie's Assumption, Illinois.

Make a New Year 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 will be sent out.
If you do not receive yours, please contact
Faithful Comptroller Lyle Tappendorf