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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator's Message

What a busy month of October for the 4th Degree as it was chocked full of meetings, events, regalia, and food. **All happening in a one week period !!!** It started with the annual 4th Degree KC Wiener roast on October 15th at the KC Farm. While the weather was cold, rainy, and windy, our spirits & bodies were warmed by the great campfire, friendships and maybe a little libation. Thanks to the Ladies Aux for the wonderful potluck dishes to go with the roasted weenies. Also a tip of the Chapeaux to Gene Meyer & Larry Clark for chairing this event. The KC memorial Mass was held the next evening October 16th at St. Patrick's Church. It was so nice to see so many members in attendance at the mass and the potluck that followed. A special thank you to Father Jeff and Deacon Greg for their support of this and all KC events throughout the year. Also a thanks the 3rd Degree for the preparation of the wonderful pork that was the center of the potluck meal. Sunday, October 19th saw us at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Church for Family Mass and then on to the Main Hanger restaurant at the Decatur airport for brunch. While this was a busy time, it is great to see more members getting involved. As I said last month, everyone is invited to join us and celebrate our Catholic faith together at Family Mass each month. **You don't need regalia, a dress slack and suit coat would be appropriate. We'd loved to have you participate but you do need to make the effort to get involved.** Hope to see more there next month.

I'm sad to announce that Bill Hight has decided to step down as publisher of the monthly newsletter. We will greatly miss all the work he did behind the scene for many years to make sure that this newsletter was a useful information tool for all members and was published on time each month. I will be assuming this duty while a short search is done for the next publisher. Thanks Bill for all your help and guidance to this assembly and to me personally.



Steve Bowman

Deacon's Message

My brothers, it is November already and that marks for us preparation for the great Thanksgiving feast we celebrate each year. Since we do live in the land of the free and the home of the brave, we must give thanks to our loving Father and Creator for all He has done for us. I could probably write pages about how much you and I should be thankful for this year but, like a good homily, I will keep it short. We live in a land where elections are held and this year has brought much heated debate between citizens and the parties they represent. It is disheartening how many have chosen to debate without respect for the other person's opinions. Our leaders have done this for ages and I guess it has now trickled down to the general populous.

Presidential candidates are spending millions of dollars to make sure they make it into our living rooms on a regular basis to profess their plans and stances on many different topics and to offer facts about their opponent. I often find that many of these "facts" are usually twisted to make the opponent appear unworthy of the office. It is sad that we have allowed this type of behavior from our national leaders. Many have come to me expressing how glad they will be when the elections are finally over. And to all of this I say: GOD BLESS AMERICA !!

In other nations around the globe many go to sleep at night with the barrel of a gun aimed at them by a dictator that cares nothing for them and only wants to try and fulfill his need for money and power. The people live in poverty and are malnourished. We give thanks to God for all He has given us.

Last week I was privileged to Deacon at the annual memorial mass for our fallen brothers. Looking out among the many who were in attendance, I felt honored to be a part of an organization that looks with such respect upon the Knights that have served and are no longer with us. Eleven candles were lit and I couldn't help but think about how these men had helped fulfill the ministry of Jesus by helping those of lesser means. I am thankful my dad recruited me to become a member of the Knights of Columbus because it is in that group that I find the morals that all must live by in order to show God that I am thankful for all He has done for me.

I pray that God will continue to pour out His blessings upon you and this great nation we live in: The United States of America.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Events

- Nov 19th 2008 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
St. Patrick's lower level
- Dec. 17th 2008 4th degree meeting 6:00 PM.
Christmas (potluck) dinner to follow at 7:00 PM
OLHS Parish Hall
- Jan. 21st 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
St. Patrick's lower level
- Feb 20th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Mar. 19th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
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- Apr. 16th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
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- May 21^h 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Election of Officers

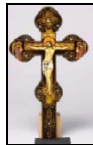
Family Mass Schedule



- Nov. 23, 2008 St. Patrick's - Decatur
Mass @ 10:00 A.M. **(Sunday)**
Brunch - Tuscany
- Jan. 24, 2009 St. Mary's - Assumption
Mass @ 8:00 A.M. **(Sunday)**
Breakfast - Sophie's
- Feb. 21, 2009 St. Thomas - Decatur
Mass @ 4:30 PM.
Dinner - Rusty's
- Mar. 21, 2009 St. James - Decatur
Mass @ 4:00 PM.
Dinner - Pastabilities
- April 18, 2009 Immaculate Conception - Shelbyville
Mass @ 4:00 PM
Dinner - TBA
- May 24, 2009 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur
Mass @ **T.B.A. (Sunday)**
Dinner - T.B.D.
- June 20, 2009 Our Lady of the Holy Spirit - Mt. Zion
Mass @ 9:30 AM **(Sunday)**
Breakfast - T.B.D.

Stay tuned for updated times and dates as we begin to attend more Sunday Masses.

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Church on October 20, 2008

- Commander. Leon and Mary Vemmer
F.N. Steve and Ellen Bowman
P.F.N. Larry and Mary Lou Clark
P.F.N Eugene and Mary Ann Meyers
P.F.N. Dave and Carol Rayhill
P.F.N. Jack and Barbara McCoy
S.K.. Jim Dougherty
S.K. Eugene and Dee Mennel
S.K. Brian Bowman
S.K. Bud and Marilyn Walsh
S.K. John and Lily Elkhart
S.K. Gene and Dee Mennel
F.S.. Dan Ashenfelter
Mildred and Sheri Ashenfelter
Julia Gentry and Kay Klinker

Brunch - Main Hanger

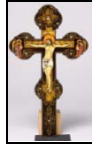
Save The Date!

On February 7, 2009 from 5-8 PM, the 4th Degree will be holding an Italian dinner at St. Teresa High School with all proceeds going to the support of St. T. scholarships. Please plan now on attending & supporting this important event.

Sunday, June 14, 2009 the 4th Degree will be participating in the events celebrating Corpus Christi. There will be an outdoor procession in downtown Decatur, gathering in Central Park, and food & drink served at St. Patricks.

Stay tuned for more details.

Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	John Trolia
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt,
Bob Bracelin	Hiram Peterson
Timothy Dowd	Gram Bradley
Harold Kramer	Bert Pierceall
Bill Hight	

Memorial Mass



October 16, 2008

Commander	Leon Vemmer
F.N.	Steve Bowman
P.F.N	Jack Dougherty
P.F.N.	Jim Zindel
P.F.N.	Charles Bell
P.F.N.	Eugene Meyer
P.F.N.	Dave Rayhill
F.C.	Donald Klinker
F.S.	Dan Ashenfelter
F.P.	Lee Cook
S.K.	Terrence Nelson
S.K.	Julius Sebok
S.K.	Gerald Gilbert
S.K.	Kenneth Burns

A potluck dinner followed the services for all in attendance.

A special thanks for the workers that help prepare the potluck dinner.

Celebrating Birthdays

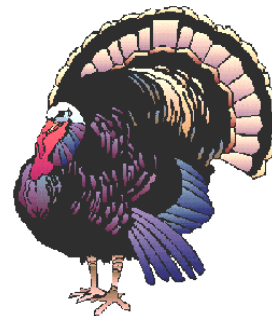
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- 01. Thomas Durbin
- 01. Rev Kevin Sullivan
- 03. Thomas Dean
- 04. Francis Walsh
- 04. Roger D. Shelton
- 06. Daniel Cahill
- 11. Paul Hagenbach
- 11. Robert W. Jostes
- 12. John Gordon
- 12. Joseph Meyers
- 14. John DeClerk
- 15. Dan Harpstrite
- 17. John E. McCoy
- 21. Michael Brettl
- 22. James Farris
- 24. Patrick Comfort
- 26. James Dickerson
- 26. Ray O'Brien
- 27. Bernard Donovan
- 30. Dan Breden
- 30. Martin Brinkoetter
- 30. Gary Smith



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

Happy Thanksgiving



November 27, 2008