



# THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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## Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211 NEWSLETTER

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### Deacon's Message:

My dear brothers, once again the month of October is upon us and the church asks us to focus on the issue of respect for human life and the dignity that each one deserves. It should always be our position that there is no moral way for us as a people or a government to end the life of one of our citizens. Today's political climate has once again pushed our church to the forefront by "leaders" who seem to claim that our standing against abortion is a rather new concept. Make no error in your thinking. The church has always been against the killing of the innocents and scripture has pointed that out for us. "I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. (Pope John Paul II : *Evangelium Vitae* §62).

#### All I Ask

I do not ask to be conceived and born into a rich family only into a loving one. I'd rather be poor and loved than rich and lonely. I do not ask to be born into a mansion. All I ask is to be born into a home. I fear that you may invite me to your table which although well laden with food may lack the things that make life beautiful; love, goodness, laughter, sharing. The only poverty I fear is the poverty of people. I don't want to be conceived because some contraceptive failed, or as a result of some drunken embrace. Yet Heaven preserve me from being a completely planned baby. Let there be some bit of mystery, of wonder, of surprise at my coming. I do not ask to be born perfect. All I ask is to be accepted for what I am when I arrive. Then if it should happen that I arrive handicapped my spirit will blossom in the rich soil of your love. But if I should arrive whole and you should reject me I will grow up crippled in spirit. I long to be conceived and born into a peaceful home. If you, my future parents, know how to live in peace then your peace will shelter me from the storms of the world and its hatred and violence will do me no harm. I fear that you may invite me to the banquet of life only to discover that the hosts do not talk to each other. Do not, I beg you, conceive me if after a few months you confide me to white coated murderers who'll terminate my existence even before I see the light of day. All I would ever know of the world would be the inside of a trashcan and an incinerator. I want to be welcomed on my arrival. I want to be a source of joy to you my parents. I don't want to be looked on as an intruder, making one or both of you an outcast in your community. If you ask me to put all my desires into one word it would be the word: Wanted. I want to be wanted.

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Deacon Greg Sullivan

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MESSAGE:

As we approach the end of the 1st quarter of our fraternal year, it is a good time to look back on our activities. The family masses at Holy Family & St. Columille were well attended and a thanks to the Vemmers & Rayhills for the evening socials. The combined Installation of Officers (Assembly 211 & Council 577) by DD Don Klinker and the dinner/social at OLHS Parish Hall was a great success and I thank 577 for the great turnout. The Decatur Celebration parade is always a test in heat endurance, and I thank all that marched. The Honor Guard that participated in the Hour of Prayer on September 11 at OLHS Church in Mt. Zion made us all proud to be a member of this assembly. On Sunday, Sept 7th, we had wonderful picnic at the KC Farm. Good weather, good food, and GREAT camaraderie. I believe a washer toss contest will be on the agenda for many years to come. Thanks to the Gilberts, Vemmers, and Zindels for all their work in making this a big success. Now as our thoughts turn toward fall and the upcoming holiday seasons, I challenge everyone to keep this KC momentum going by making the effort to participate as much as possible in all our events. If you don't have full regalia, you are still welcome to join us at Family Mass, dinner, and social. Take a look at the upcoming events in this newsletter and plan now on attending. A good start will be the KC Weiner Roast on October 15th and the Memorial Mass for deceased KC members on October 16th at 6:00 PM at St. Pats with a potluck to follow. Get involved. Take that first step. You won't regret it.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Steven Bowman  
Faithful Navigator

#### Keep Christ in Christmas

Our Ladies Auxiliary are now selling car magnets that proclaim "Keep Christ in Christmas". They are in the shape of a nativity setting, black & white in color, and approximately 6 inches by 6 inches. Please support this fund raiser by buying a magnet for all your vehicles.

#### Invoice Reimbursement

In the September business meeting a motion was passed that states that all spending of assemble funds must be approved prior to the commitment. The process will be to get the request for funds to the trustees two weeks prior to the monthly meeting. The trustees will make a recommendation to the membership and then a vote of the membership will follow. Any questions can be directed to a trustee or the Faithful Navigator.

## Upcoming Events

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> degree Wiener Roast at Farm, at  
2008 6:00 PM. A meeting will be held at the farm

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Memorial **Mass 6:00 PM.**  
2008 St. Patrick's Church  
Potluck to follower,

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
St. Patrick's lower level

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Parade 10:30 AM  
2008 Full  Regalia

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 6:00 PM.  
2008 Christmas (potluck) dinner to follow at  
7:00 PM. **Location TBA**

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
St. Patrick's lower level

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Appoint slating committee.

Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Slating committee report.

May 21<sup>h</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Election of Officers

## HONOR GUARD REQUESTED



**Memorial Mass 6:00 PM**  
**October 16, 2008**  
**St. Pateick's Church**  
**Pot Luck Dinner to follower.**

## Family Mass Schedule



Oct. 19, 2008. Holy Spirit-Mt. Zion.  
Mass @ 9:30 AM **(Sunday)**  
Brunch-Main Hanger-Airport

Nov. 22, 2008 - St. Patrick's - Decatur  
Mass @ 5:30 PM.  
**Dinner -TBA**

Jan. 25, 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, IL,  
Mass @ 4:00 PM  
Dinner - TBA

May 23, 2009 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur  
Mass @ 4:30 PM.  
Dinner -Diamond's

June 21, 2009 Holy Spirit -Mt. Zion  
Mass @ 9:30 AM **(Sunday)**  
Breakfast- Tuscany

**Fourth Degree Wiener Roast:**  
**October 15, 2008-K of C Farm**

**Meeting to be held at 6:00 PM**



**POT LUCK DINNER**  
**\$5.00 PER PERSON**

## Family Mass News



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The following were in attendance for family mass at St. Columcille September 20, 2008

Commander.	Leon and Mary Vemmer
F.N.	Steve and Ellen Bowman
P.F.N.	Larry and Mary Clark
P.F.N.	Eugene and Mary Ann Meyers
P.F.N.	Steve and Shirlene Richardson
P.F.N.	Dave and Carol Rayhill
F.C.	Don and Kay Klinker
S.K.	Gerald and Connie Gilbert
S.K.	Eugene and Dee Mennel
S.K..	Francis and Marilyn Walsh
D.K.	Terrence Nelson
F.S..	Dan Ashenfelter

Dinner was at Main Hanger Decatur Airport.

## World Day Of Prayer

### Honor Guard :

The following Sir Knight's were in attendance September 11, 2008 at Holy Spirit- Mt. Zion, IL.

Commander	Leon Vemmer
Faithful Navigator	Steve Bowman
Faithful Admiral	Eugene Meyer
Faithful Captain	Don Klinker
Faithful Scirbe	Dan Ashenfelter
Past Faithful Navigator	Jack Dougherty
Past Faithful Navigator	Steve Richardson
Past Faithful Navigator	Dave Rayhill
Faithful Navigator	Charles Bell
Faithful Navigator	Larry Clark
Sir Knight	Larry Nelson
Sir Knight	Gene Mennel
Sir Knight	Jim Dougherty



Thanks for a good turn out.

## Please Pray for the Sick:



Joe Meyers	John Trolia
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt
Hiram Petersen	Bob Bracelin
Harold Kramer	Graham Bradley
Timothy Dowd	Norbert Pierceall

## Celebrating Birthdays

### October 2008:

5. Edward D. Smith
7. James F. Brown
7. John A. Young
9. Rev, Jeff Long
10. Graham Bradley
13. Lowell Brosamer
18. Bill A. Webb
21. Michael Bretti
22. John W. Walters
23. Gary G. Bradley
23. Robert Elam
23. Lee Cook
31. Virgil D. Hayden

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

## Family Mass

### HOLY DPIRIT- MT. ZION, ILLINOIS



Family Mass October 19, 2008  
Sunday 9:30 AM (SUNDAY)  
Brunch –Main Hanger -Airport

**Fourth Degree Picnic  
September 7, 2008**



