



# THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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**NEWSLETTER**

*April, 2009*

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*Steven Bowman*

*Faithful Navigator*

## Faithful Navigator's Message

## Deacon's Message

### Happy Easter

It's April, and the signs of spring are all around us. The grass is greening up, robins all around, and the start of the baseball season. Yes, we have left winter behind us with its snow and cold temps. We look forward to spending time outdoors. Whether you're with family and friends, or just alone, in the backyard or on the lake, it doesn't matter, it's just a beautiful time of the year.

While we are refreshing ourselves, we also need to spend some time refreshing and building our assembly. New members are our lifeline, our future, our responsibility. Without them, the assembly dies and with it all the good works it does for our churches and communities. We can all agree that we can't let this happen; yet it is occurring right before our eyes. If we look at the last year alone, we had negative growth in this assembly, and last year was the norm, not the exception. This situation is not just a local problem for this assembly but is happening in many KC Councils and Assemblies throughout the US.

The solution is simple, but the execution takes effort on **everyone's** part. We need to stop talking about getting new members and start recruiting. Just stop and think: we have approximately 160 members, if everyone would bring in a new member once every five years; we would double our size in that time. **One member every five years!!! Is that too much to ask each member?** If you truly believe in the principles and commitments of the KCs, this should be an easy task. It all starts with you. Nothing will get done if we look to the other guy to do our job.

Now, there is an Exemplification in Springfield this June and I would like to see 5 new candidates attending this event from assembly 211. Let's all work together and start our membership growth.

*F.N. Steve Bowman*

Holy Week is now here and it is the most glorious time in our liturgical calendar. This is the time that we should spend reflecting on the Pascal Mystery. This means we look at the suffering, death, Resurrection, and glorification of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ and how this has guided our lives. We celebrate this great mystery every time we attend mass through the sacrament of the Eucharist.

The center of the work the Father sent Jesus to do on earth, is referred to as the Paschal Mystery. The word "paschal" comes from a Hebrew word meaning "the passing over." The Paschal Mystery is Jesus' passing over from life on earth through his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension to a new and glorified life with the Father.

Eucharist is the name given to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, which gives its twofold aspect of sacrament and Sacrifice of Mass, and in which Jesus Christ is truly present under the bread and wine, and makes present the Paschal Mystery. We believe this mystery to show God's love to his people, representing Jesus' suffering resulting in eternal life.

The "Paschal Mystery" as a phrase can be separated and examined to more fully understand the concept it represents. If you look at the first word, "Paschal" you can break that down to the root word "pasch". This word means lamb. The second word, mystery, describes a truth not yet understood, a truth that is still unfolding. To put these two words together, the phrase describes a truth not understood that is still unfolding about the lamb. This is talking about the truth that unfolds about Christ in our lives, the truth about passing from the slavery of sin to the freedom in the love of God.

The Easter Vigil mass held on Saturday evening is considered to be the greatest mass of the year. It is the mass that should not be missed. It is the most elaborate liturgical celebration of all times. You should plan on attending in order to increase your relationship with God. When we honor the Son, we honor the Father.

Jesus sacrificed his life by freely accepting death on the cross and being put in a tomb. In experiencing death, Christ assures us that we will have life everlasting with God even after our human form passes away.

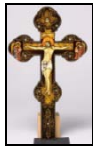
He did this for us; He did this for you!

*Deacon Greg Sullivan*

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

- 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 20<sup>st</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.  
Election of Officers
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.  
2009 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7:00 PM.

## Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at St. James Church on March 21st, 2009

Commander	Leon and Mary Vemmer
P.F.N.	Larry and Mary Lou Clark
P.F.N.	Gene and Mary Ann Meyer
P.F.N.	Steve and Shirlene Richardson
S.K.	Butch and Connie Gilbert
S.K.	Bud and Mailyn Walsh
S.K.	Don and Kay Klinker
S.K.	Julius and Dorothy Sebok
S.K.	Gene and Dee Mennel
S.K..	Dan Ashenfelter
	Mildred and Sheri Ashenfelter
	Julia Gentry

Dinner at Jimmy Ryan's Restaurant  
Social – Klinker's

## Family Mass Schedule



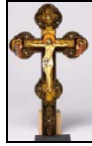
- April 18, 2009 Immaculate Conception - Shelbyville  
Mass @ 4:00 PM  
Dinner – Stan's Steak House, Finlay
- May 24, 2009 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur  
Mass @ T.B.A. (Sunday)  
Dinner – TBA.
- June 21, 2009 Our Lady of the Holy Spirit – Mt. Zion  
Mass @ 9:30 AM (Sunday)  
Breakfast – TBA.
- Aug 22, 2009 Holy Family – Decatur  
Mass @ 4:30 AM  
Dinner – TBA.
- Sep 19, 2009 St. Columcille – Sullivan  
Mass @ 5:00 PM  
Dinner - TBA

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

### \*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**  
the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Patrick.  
Stay tuned for more details.

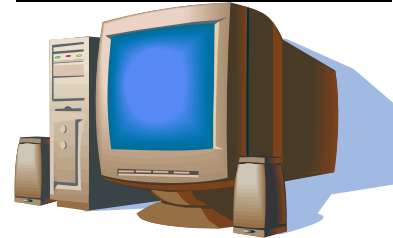
## Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	John Troia
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt,
Della Overhuel	Hiram Peterson
Gram Bradley	Harold Kramer
Roger Shepherd	Lee Cook
Bob Kolbeck	Hiram Peterson
Terry Nelson	Morris Lockard

## Email Address Please

As of this newsletter, we have almost 90+ members who receive this and other updates via email. This not only saves the assembly money and work, but allows for the quick and efficient updating of our members. So if you have not given us your email address or you have a new address, please let us know.



## Celebrating Birthdays

### April 2009

- 04. Samuel Beck
- 12. William Cogan
- 16. Lloyd Mahon Jr
- 20. Richard Hayes
- 21. Ricky Reddington
- 21. Rev. Donald Wolford
- 25. Jack Wagner
- 30. John Eckert



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

## Showing the Colors



**A “Tip of the Chapeaux” to those that marched in the St. Parick’s Day Parade.**

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Jack McCoy	PFN
Gene Meyer	PFN
Charlie Bell	PFN
Don Klinker	SK
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Butch Gilbert	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK
Ed Smith	SK
Julius Sebok	SK
Mike Brettl	SK
Ken Burns	SK
Bud Walsh	SK
Jack DeClerk	SK

## Chalice Card Update

When is the last time you updated your chalice card? Don’t leave this important decision to others, make your wishes known.

Please contact Terry Heiland to update your information.

Terry’s email is [tlheiland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlheiland@sbcglobal.net)

## KC Building Update

March 31, 2009

Building Progress Update:

Dear Brother Sir Knights;

The building project is in full swing and transformations are taking place on a daily basis. The Building Committee met with Jim Romano, on March 30<sup>th</sup> and he provided the following report and project schedule. The roofing material is to be delivered on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will take approximately three weeks to complete. As soon as the roof is completed the HVAC can be completed and the building will be secured allowing for interior work to really begin. The second concrete pour will be completed this week and exterior wall framing will resume as soon as the concrete has had time enough to cure. This will allow for the installation of insulation and the hanging of dry wall. Volunteers will be called upon to help with some of these jobs so if you are available to help please let Steve Seman know. He can be reached at 855-4490 or call me at 423-0726 and leave a message one of us will get back to you. The demolition of the apartment is almost complete. The hole is almost completely filled and ready to be prepared for future resurfacing. The targeted date of opening the building for operations is July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

This will be a proud day for all members of our council so once again if you have made your pledge ``**THANK YOU**`` if not now would be a great time to get on board.

Viva Jesus!  
Sir Knight Fred Lohrstorfer

## Divine Mercy Services

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will again this year be participating in Divine Mercy Services. This will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. Deacon Jim Ghiglione will celebrate the Divine Mercy Services and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 P.M. A reception will follow in the Forum.

Kevin Kast, CEO, St. Mary's Hospital will be joining us in prayer and sharing plans for St. Mary's future.



## Dues Notices

As of this date, there are still over 25 members who have not sent in payment for the KC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree annual dues for the fraternal year 2009. These were due on December 31<sup>st</sup> !!! In an effort to get dues paid, an unpaid members will be contact and published in this newsletter.

**\$\$ Dues \$\$**

**Dues are \$18 Regular Members  
\$3 for Honorary Life & Disabled Members**

Payment should be sent to  
**Lyle Tappendorf  
326 Carousel Ct  
Decatur, IL 62526**

## Thought for Today

Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.  
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Upcoming Exemplification

Springfield, June 27, 2009  
Crowne Plaza, Springfield  
More Information Coming Soon

Now is the time to be talking to prospective new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members. I challenge the entire assembly to get us 5 new members this year. They are waiting for us to ask them !!!



## Background of the Divine Mercy Devotion

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

For no information on The Divine Mercy Devotion go to <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy>



There is an excellent web site developed and sponsored by the Knight of Columbus call Fathers for Good - <http://www.fathersforgood.org>.

A good read for us, our sons, and daughters.

Check it out.



**Mark your Calendars !!!!!**

**September 1, 2, 3.**



### *Catholic Charities Annual Dinner Dance*

Decatur Conference Center & Hotel  
Fountain Hall (Atrium)

**April 25, 2009**

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dancing 8:30-11:30 p.m.



\$60 per person - cash bar  
black tie optional

For more information or reservations  
call 428-3458