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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator's Message

Deacon's Message

Can you believe it is already February??? The holidays just flew by, in fact my first six months as Faithful Navigator seems like a blur. Between meetings, family masses, honor guards, picnics, cookouts, and other events the time really gets away from us. We need to stop or at least slow down and smell the roses, so they say. As we reflect and sometimes grumble on all the activities we have to do, let's give thanks to our Lord God for those very things, for we are still able to do them. Thank him for all our Brother Knights and their families, for they provide friendship, laughter, help hands, and warm hugs when they are most needed. I see that exhibited at KC get-togethers, meetings, and when visiting sick or shut in members. For me personally, my wife and I were the recipients of this brotherly love during Ellen's recent surgery. We want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. They were much appreciated.

I heard someone say recently on a local radio program, that as they grew older, they listened less to what a person said and watched more of what they did. In last month's newsletter I challenged all KC members to be people of action within our assembly and communities. Ask yourself what you have done in the last month. Did you visit, send a note, or call a sick member? Attend a meeting or Family Mass? Did you get involved with our scholarship fund raiser by selling or buying tickets or working at the event?

If so, we thank you for your support. If NOT We anticipate you doing so..... Get busy!!! Our next meeting and Family Mass are fast approaching.

Plan **NOW** to attend.

God Bless you and your family

F.N. Steve Bowman

February is a month that is good or bad depending on the person. Since I am a "glass ½ full" type of person, I am glad when it gets here. It is not because I enjoy the snow and the cold; on the contrary, it is because it is the light at the end of the tunnel for spring. In only four to six weeks the warm up will begin! And, in case my wife is reading this, I also enjoy the month because it is our anniversary month.

Right now the liturgical calendar is in ordinary time, but the readings that we have are far from ordinary. The time begins after the feast of the Baptism of our Lord and continues until Ash Wednesday. (February 25th this year) The gospels are rich with stories about how Jesus started His ministry and the many teachings explaining to us what God's expectations are of us as Christians.

The Sunday gospels during February all focus on Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons. Have you ever thought about what it would be like to have that power to be able to cause healing for the people around you? Well, my brothers, I am here to tell you that you do possess this great power.

You see, the greatest miracle is not in restoring health, but rather in restoring relationships. Those that Jesus healed were restored to their community. They once again were able to love their families and their neighbors. That is what His ministry was all about. Most of us have relationships that could use some healing. You see, anytime we harbor ill feelings of some type against another or judge another, we create a wrong relationship which is contrary to church teachings and creates "baggage" that we have to carry around and that causes self emotional harm.

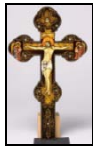
So I beg you to go out and use this great power you have been given. Go and create right relationships with all the people you know. If Jesus can forgive those who nailed Him to the cross, then we should be able to correct the wrongs in our own lives.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Feb 18th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
- Mar. 18th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Appoint slating committee.
- Apr. 16th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Slating committee report.
- May 20st 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.
Election of Officers
- June 17th 2009 Officer's meeting 6:00 PM.
4th degree meeting 7:00 PM.

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at St. Mary's Church in Assumption on January 18th, 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.	Bill and Eleanor Sullivan
S.K..	Donald and Jenny Moore
S.K.	Ronald Moore
S.K.	Rick and Mary Bradshaw

Breakfast at Sophie's Restaurant

Family Mass Schedule



- Feb.21, 2009 St. Thomas - Decatur
Mass @ 4:30 PM.
Dinner – Rusty's
- Mar. 21, 2009 St. James - Decatur
Mass @ 4:00 PM.
Dinner – TBA
- 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 – 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.

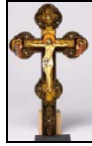
Stay tuned for updated times and dates as we begin to attend more Sunday Masses.

*** Save the Date ***

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. Patrick.

Stay tuned for more details.

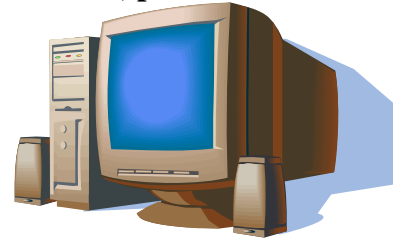
Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	John Troia
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt,
Della Overhuel	Hiram Peterson
Gram Bradley	Harold Kramer
Bill Hight	Roger Shepherd
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

February 2009

01. Arthur Swinnen
02. Michael Collins
10. Paul Whitley
11. Fred Lohrstorfer
14. John Short
21. Richard Overheul
23. Greg Brinkoetter
27. Darrell Beck



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

News from the Auxiliary

The Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those who participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet program this year. This was the first year for this program and it was a resounding success, generating over \$700 in profit for the group. This success is a tribute to what can be done when a good idea is combined with motivated people. Thanks again !!!!!



New Color Guard Guidelines

I just received the new guidelines for 4th degree Color Guards. They were approved by Supreme in October 2008. I've asked Leon Vemmer & Larry Clark to review and report back on any changes that will be necessary for us to comply with these new regulations. We will implement any changes once all the winter Snowbirds return.
Thanks. F.N. Steve Bowman

Knights of Columbus Web Sites

Here are several sites worth a few minutes of your time.

www.kofc.org KC Supreme Site
www.illinoisknights.org Illinois State KC Site
www.fathersforgood.org Fathers for Good

KC Building Update

As of January 25th...

Well **GOOD NEWS** the roof is on. The trusses were in place by Wednesday, Jan 21 and the sheeting in place by Friday the 23rd. Wonderful progress made by the Ramono Company and our thanks to Jim and his crew for their efforts. We do appreciate the progress and pray for no more serious delays. Electrical will be added shortly for heat and lights. Don't forget your pledge.

Fraternally,
Jack Dougherty, Trustee of the 3rd degree



St. Teresa Scholarship Dinner



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. The dinner will be lasagna or tortellini, salad, rolls, and a drink. The food will be provided by La Gondola. Cost is \$7 for adult, \$5 for children 5-12 years old, under 5 free. Carryout will be available. Advance tickets are on sale now through the 4th Degree members and there will be tickets at the door. Contact Lowell Brosamer, Larry Clark, or Steve Bowman. Please plan on supporting this event by either attending or making a donation. The success of this event is the responsibility of **all 4th Degree KC** members, so get involved.

Ash Wednesday is February 25th



Dues Notices

As of this date, there are still over 60 members who have not sent in payment for the KC 4th Degree annual dues for the fraternal year 2009. These were due on December 31st !!! Please help us avoid unnecessary postage costs and administrative work by sending in your payment today. Let's get them all paid by the end of February.

\$\$ 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

A man has three names: the name he inherits, the name his parents give him, and the name he makes for himself.

Tired of Snow & Ice ???

The Boys of Summer start play in 25 days on Feb 25th





The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans. Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe -- God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross -- God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.
- The Dove -- God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.
- Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree

Got a rosary in your pocket?



Remember your promise !!!

Snowbird News

I asked several of our “Snowbirds” to let us know what they are up too. Below are some notes from Tim Gore. Once you read this you’ll see that even while Tim & Carol are away for us, they still remain very active in Knights activities. A tip of the Chapeau to Tim!!!!

You requested some of the things I have been involved with here in Mission, Texas, Council 2689, at St Paul’s Parish. Beef Bar-b Q on the 25th of January, selling 2000 tickets at \$6.00 per plate, cash and carry, I am involved in the preparation and sale of tickets. I should have sold about 50 tickets here in our R V Park.

South Texas girls fast pitch softball tournament; 32 teams double elimination on Feb 19-21. We work the ticket gates and the concession stand, sell t-shirts and have a great turn out of kids and parents; we also see some great softball games. Last year we split the take with local high school booster club, made about \$8000.00 after all expenses.

Last year St. Paul’s had 23 young adults go to Norte Dame for a month retreat, which cost them \$1,000.00 and they had to earn their way by activities in the parish, community, and at a Fish fry during Lent’s 6 Fridays. Parents made deserts to sell and baked the potatoes au gratin and help serve the food. I and another winter Texan had to show the council how to prepare and fry the fish. The knights thawed and then prepared the fish each Thursday and Friday during Lent, and we raised enough money to send all 23 of them after all expenses were paid. We will be repeating all of these things again this year. This council brought 18 new members into the Knights for last year and has 6 to 8 more ready to join. They are a local parish council and are growing rapidly, and involving the parish and especially the pastor. I hope this gives you an idea of what we are doing here in Mission Texas, I guess the council looks to me and other winter Texans for advice and guidance and counsel. They also had a bike drive to collect new and used bikes; they had 57 bikes that they gave to needy kids on Christmas as well as many toys and clothing. On Thanksgiving they supplied food baskets to the poor of the parish. All money raised goes to support the kids and poor of the parish.

Pictures from the St. Mary's Assumption Family Mass

