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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator

Faithful Navigator's Message

My hopes are that this newsletter finds everyone having a safe and enjoyable holiday season with friends and family, and loved ones. I want to thank everyone that attended the Christmas Dinner held at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Church in Mt. Zion. What a wonderful evening that was filled with music, good friends, food, and fun. It was great seeing everyone, swapping stories, gifts, and a few jokes. Even Santa flew in from Assumption, IL to make a quick visit. I want to thank Don & Kay Klinker, along with my wife Ellen for all their work in putting together this event. Now that Christmas has past, our thoughts turn toward the New Year. Many will make their annual "New Year's Resolutions". The Webster dictionary defines resolution as "the act or process of resolving: as **a**: the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones **b**: the act of answering : **SOLVING** **c**: the act of determining ". Notice that the word "act" is mentioned over & over. **A resolution is just words until you add the action.** As we enter in to this New Year, I challenge all KC members to make a "KC resolution". **Get involved with this Assembly!** There are many opportunities for you to do so. A few that come to mind are attending monthly meetings, Family Masses, social gatherings; sharing a meal with other KC members, supporting the fundraising events, visiting the sick, honor guards, and submitting articles & pictures for the newsletter. I'm sure there are many other activities and all of them are good. **The key is to act.** Take the first step. For the older members, use your knowledge and experience mentoring the newer members and officers. For the new members, get involved with one event this year and get to know the current membership by attending meetings. As you are aware, we are in the process of building a new KC Hall that will be open sometime next year. At the same time, let us renew the spirit and energy of the 4th Degree so we can fill that new hall with new members, brotherly love, and a new commitment of community service.

God Bless you and your family

Steve Bowman

Deacon's Message

The end of 2008 is here and we have quite a year coming up in 2009. In about three weeks we will be swearing in a new President that will guide our nation for the next four years. I do not envy him because the problems he will face are growing day by day. Uncertainty is what is on the minds of most of us. What is going to happen to our nation, our economy, and the wars we are involved in at this time?

Normally a new year is a time of great celebration and optimism but, that is not what I am hearing when I talk with people around the state. Most folks are worried about their future and the future of those around them. These economic times are enough to put a lump in your throat and a knot in your stomach. Worry seems to be the one thing everyone is agreeing on these days. I, too, am concerned. On Christmas Day we fed nearly 400 people dinner at the Oasis Center (commonly known as the homeless shelter) and fears are that this number is going to grow while donations during tough times seem to drop. Where is the help going to come from for these people? The director of the Good Samaritan Inn downtown tells me they have a difficult time now getting meats to cook for these people. They fear there will be even more limited funds coming from the government. The way I see it, is that we have things to do. First we must pray. Without prayer, nothing we attempt can be accomplished. It is only the power and grace of our Creator that will help us achieve our goals. For those of us that "have" right now, we must help those that "have not" more than ever before. This reminds me of a story about Bob who has been trying to get Don to come help at the soup kitchen. Finally Don relented and went to help. After a few minutes of serving food, Don turn to Bob and says, "I don't think any of these people are Catholic." Bob then responds and says, "Don, we don't do this because they are Catholic, we do this because WE are Catholic."

We are Catholic and because of that we are called by God to help those in need. It is our responsibility as Catholics to help restore the dignity of those that our society is failing. It is our positions as Knights of Columbus, an organization based on Faith – Fraternity-Charity to step up the effort. Tough times are coming for many and we need to start preparing to help them.

I pray for God's blessing upon each of you during the coming year.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

IN SYMPATHY



**Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of
Sir Knight John L. Gordon
November 12, 1919 to December 11, 2008**

The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the Sir Knight John L. Gordon Visitation December 14, 2008

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Jack McCoy	PFN
Jack Dougherty	PFN
Gene Meyers	PFN
Steve Richardson	PFN
Jim Zindel	PFN
Larry Clark	PFN
Steve Bowman	FN
Don Klinker	Faithful Captain
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Butch Gilbert	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK
Lee Cook	SK

Family Mass Schedule



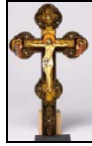
- Jan. 18, 2009 St. Mary's - Assumption
Mass @ 8:00 A.M. **(Sunday)**
Breakfast- Sophie's
- Feb.21, 2009 St. Thomas - Decatur
Mass @ 4:30 PM.
Dinner – TBA
- Mar. 21, 2009 St. James - Decatur
Mass @ 4:00 PM.
Dinner – TBA
- April 18, 2009 Immaculate Conception - Shelbyville
Mass @ 4:00 PM
Dinner – TBA
- 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.

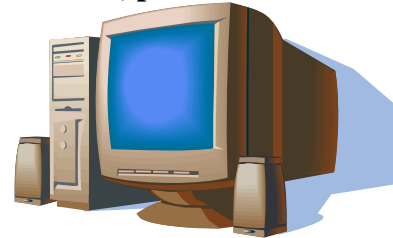
Pray for the Sick



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

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

January 2009

- 03. Greg Cleary
- 05. Steve Brinkoetter
- 05. Mike Haskell
- 07. John Troia
- 08. Francis Rush
- 12. Robert Kolbeck
- 17. Tim Dowd
- 18. Jim Zindel
- 19. Daniel Beck
- 19. James Gollings
- 22. Donald Moore
- 22. Ronald Moore
- 22. Nicholas Schiro
- 24. Roger Shepherd
- 30. Charlie Bell
- 30. Leon Vemmer
- 31. Mark Cheviron



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

IN SYMPATHY



**Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of
Sir Knight N. H. "Bert" Piersall
August 11, 1914 to November 13, 2008**

The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the Sir Knight N. H. "Bert" Piersall Funeral Mass December 13, 2008

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Jack McCoy	PFN
Jack Dougherty	PFN
Gene Meyers	PFN
Dave Rayhill	PFN
Steve Richardson	PFN
Jim Zindel	PFN
Larry Clark	PFN
Don Klinker	Faithful Captain
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Julius Sebok	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK
Dave Goebel	SK
Bill Sullivan	SK

KC Building Update

As of Dec 25th...

The construction has begun again on the building. Nine rafter assemblies have been put into place on top of the walls. Sheeting or decking has been applied to those rafters and secured. The remainder of the replacement rafters have been ordered and should begin to arrive shortly. They will be placed as soon as possible (weather considered).

The old boiler or apartment section west of the main building is now gutted and ready to have the walls removed. Most of the cement and old bricks will be used for fill on the Southeast corner hole. It will then be topped with fill dirt and paved (spring).

Continue to pray for the success of this project and be sure you send in your pledges as soon as possible. Also pray for Dennis (who lost his life at the site) and his family.

Romano's are committed to this job completion in a timely manner.

Fraternally,
Jack Dougherty, Trustee of the 3rd degree

Safe Travel

We pray for safe travel to all the Snowbirds. We'll miss ya while you are gone. Stay in touch by dropping us a note & letting us know what you're up too. See you after the spring thaw.....



Dues Notices

The KC 4th Degree bills for annual dues for the fraternal year 2009 were mailed & emailed out in early December. If you did not receive a notice please notify Lyle Tappendorf. Let's get them paid by the end of January.

\$\$ 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

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. Tickets are on sale now through the 4th Degree members or contact Lowell Brosamer, Larry Clark, or Steve Bowman. Please plan on supporting this event by either attending or sending in a donation. The success of this event is the responsibility of **all** KC members, so get involved.

A Thought

As we grow old we should never lose life's zest because life's road's last turn for us may well be the best.

Need your Comments

I am seeking your feedback on the monthly newsletter. If you have ideas, pictures or topics that you would like to see in this newsletter, please email or call me. My email is stevebowman1@comcast.net and my cell is 217-848-0843.

Who is this ???

Do you know who this is? This sweatshirt was worn to the Christmas Dinner and this person travels a lot. If you know, email me the name. First person to do so wins a prize.



Got a rosary in your pocket?



Remember your promise !!!

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi brought gifts befitting a king to the Christ Child. Reflect on the gifts God has given you and your family and how you can use them in the service of good.

Twelve Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me.

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge that won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

This week, I found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit, Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven **faithful** disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.

Merry (Twelve Days of) Christmas Everyone



Pictures from the 4th Degree Christmas Dinner

