



# THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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**NEWSLETTER**

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*Steven Bowman*  
*Faithful Navigator*

## Faithful Navigator's Message

The month of February was filled with both excitement and sadness for our Assembly. On the one hand we lost a much respected and hard working Sir Knight, Bill Hight. Bill was a Past Faithful Navigator, publisher of the assembly's newsletter for many years, held most of the leadership and committee positions within the assembly, and achieved Honorary Life Membership within the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Most of all, Bill was a good friend and we will always be proud to call him a brother Knight. Our condolences go out to Marilyn, Angie, and all the Hight Family.

On the other hand, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Italian Dinner was held on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and it was a tremendous success. It demonstrated what can be accomplished when we work together toward a common goal. This was definitely the highlight of our year, but we cannot let it be the last.

There are other opportunities out there, and like this one, they all start with an idea. We need Knights to take those ideas and nurture them with planning and team work, so that they will blossom into events that benefit our communities and membership. We need Knights that are active, willing to get involved, work together, and have a get-it-done attitude. I truly believe our assembly is filled with Knights that have these qualities, and that all it takes is a little "jump start" of the engine.

During the next month challenge yourself to take some small steps back into an active life with the KCs. You can do some simple things, like attend a meeting or family mass (you don't need regalia), have lunch with or call a member, visit for 5 minutes after Mass on Sunday, mentor a child, visit a sick member, or even attend Council 577's St. Paddy's Party on March 14<sup>th</sup>. There are many things that will rekindle the KC fire, but it is up to you to strike the match.

God Bless you and your family

*F.N. Steve Bowman*

**P.S. – Have a little fun by attending the Council 577's St. Paddy's Day Party. It will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Decatur Club following the parade. Come down enjoy friends, food, and a little entertainment in support of the new KC Building.**

## Deacon's Message

A man went to church on Sunday to a parish he had never visited before. He pulled into the church parking lot and parked his car. When he got out, someone honked at him and said, "You took my place." The man then entered the church and found a place to set for the services. After a few minutes, someone walked up to him and said, "You took my place." A few minutes after the service started, this unknown man stood up and walked to the front of the church. It was then revealed that this "man" was actually Jesus. He looked at everyone and said, "I took your place."

We have begun the season of Lent in which we are to start preparing for the event that changed the world. This season is a time of preparation, repentance and fasting. Just as Jesus withdrew to the desert for 40 days so we too must withdraw from our world and reflect on what is really important to us, and our relationship to God our Creator.

Many view this time as a gloomy and dark part of our faith tradition because of the different sacrifices that the church asks of us. It should be a time in which we look within ourselves to examine our own attitude toward God and that small request he makes of us to love one another. It should be a time in which we look for ways to enrich our own lives and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Just for the record: I am not giving anything up for Lent. Rather, I have made a commitment to spend more time in prayer and scripture and helping others. Growing up we were always told that we should give something up for Lent. Candy, coffee, or whatever would be a sacrifice and then donate the money we didn't spend on those items to the Rice Bowl. I would ask that you just make a donation to the Rice Bowl and make a commitment to make a difference in someone else's life.

There are many people who yearn for the softness of human contact. You can visit a nursing home, a hospital, or a neighbor that is homebound. Not sure how to go about doing this? Call your parish office and they can get you connected with someone who is already working in this ministry.

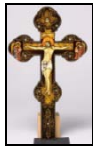
As I have said before, and will say again, the ministry of Jesus is fulfilled in your works of love and compassion. Go make a difference.

*Deacon Greg Sullivan*

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

- 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 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.

## Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at St. Thomas Church on February 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
P.F.N.	Jack and Barb McCoy
S.K.	Butch and Connie Gilbert
S.K.	Charlie and Wilma Bell
S.K..	Dan Ashenfelter
	Mildred and Sheri Ashenfelter
S.K.	James Dougherty

Dinner at Rusty's Restaurant  
Social – Clark's

## Family Mass Schedule

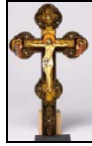


- Mar. 21, 2009 St. James - Decatur  
Mass @ 4:00 PM.  
Dinner – Jimmy Ryan's  
Social – Klinker's
- April 18, 2009 Immaculate Conception - Shelbyville  
Mass @ 4:00 PM  
Dinner – TBA
- May 24, 2009 Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur  
Mass @ **T.B.A. (Sunday)**  
Dinner – TBA.
- June 21, 2009 Our Lady of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

### \*\*\* 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.

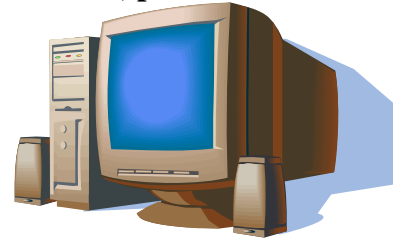
## Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	John Trolia
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

### March 2009

- 02. Richard Lee
- 04. Daniel Sebok
- 04. James Smith
- 05. Steve Richardson
- 07. John Marshall
- 08. Terry Heiland
- 12. Ricky Reddington
- 21. John Renfro
- 23. Joe McDaniel
- 28. Patrick O'Brien
- 28. Robert Stengel
- 30. Robert Burtschi



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

## 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)

## IN SYMPATHY



Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of  
**Sir Knight Bill E. Hight**  
April 4, 1931 to February 8, 2009

The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the Sir Knight Bill E. Hight Visitation February 11, 2009

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Jack McCoy	PFN
Gene Meyer	PFN
Steve Richardson	PFN
Larry Clark	PFN
Charlie Bell	PFN
Rich Smith	PFN
Lyle Tappendorf	PFN
Steve Bowman	FN
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Butch Gilbert	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK
Bill Sullivan	SK
James Dougherty	SK
Terry Heiland	SK
Julius Sebok	SK
Mike Brettl	SK
Brian Bowman	SK
Ken Burns	SK
Bud Walsh	SK
Deacon Greg Sullivan	SK

Many of the Sir Knights wives attended along with Margret Frinfrock and Phyllis Smith

## KC Building Update

Report as of 02/23/2009

Hello Brother Sir Knights,

The building renovation project is now in full swing. The plumbers have been working roughing in the plumbing and the electricians have reran the power main. I can report that we are waiting on the metal roofing material to arrive and as soon as it does that portion of the project will be completed. Also the heating and air conditioning units have been ordered and should arrive in about three weeks. Some interior modification will start but with HVAC installed it will allow for construction to start on the interior of the building in a controlled environment. Many have inquired as to when they can get on crew and volunteer some labor, that will be coordinated soon after the plumbers first phase, and concrete contractors have finished pouring the floor.

Some have asked when the old apartment is going to demolished and I can say it will be torn down prior to closing up the hole in the parking lot. Right know it is low priority because it does not interfere with the main building project. The projected date to reopen the building looks to be early to mid June 2009, pending no further set backs.

Now that you have the most recent update, I ask you, have you made your pledge to support your council? If so thank you! If not, I ask you to invest in the future of your Council 577. If we are not your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree council, we still call upon your support as 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members to help complete this worthy cause.

As we all know these are trying times, so with that said I am trying to get everyone support and prayers to see our project to completion. Gentleman the "**Future Is In Sight**". Now is the time to be **Men of Action**. Please get involved in any way you can and help guarantee our success.

Vivat Jesus;  
Building Steering Committee  
Sir Knight Fred Lohrstorfer.

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Building up-date per Jim Romano as of 2-25-2009:

The Primary electrical service is in and the plumbing in the floor is being completed . The floor will be poured beginning next week. The steel for the roof should arrive by the first week of March and will be installed; weather permitting. The inside wall framing will begin as soon as the floor sets up. It now looks like June 1 is the new completion date.

The delays have been unavoidable as many of you know. The building will be very nice and we are sure the wait will be rewarding.

Jack Dougherty, Trustee

## IN SYMPATHY

Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of  
**Knight Thomas L. Reedy**  
**July 2, 1925 to February 19, 2009**

The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the Knight Thomas Reedy of Lovington. Visitation February 22, 2009 in Sullivan, IL

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Gene Meyer	PFN
Larry Clark	PFN
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Gary Smith	SK
Barry Johnson	FN Washington, Iowa

## Dues Notices

As of this date, there are still over 40 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 list maybe 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

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over  
if you just sit there.  
- Will Rogers

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Parade is at 11:00 am, we'll meet at St. Pat's Church basement between 9:30 and 10am to dress. Need to be on parade site at 10:30 AM. Full Regalia !!!!!



## *Lent - fasting and feasting*

### *Fast from*

*Discontent*

*Anger*

*Bitterness*

*Self-concern*

*Discouragement*

*Laziness*

*Suspicion*

*Guilt*

### *Feast on*

*Gratitude*

*Patience*

*Forgiveness*

*Compassion for others*

*Hope*

*Commitment*

*Truth*

*The mercy of God*

*Lent is just such a time of fasting and feasting.*

## **Got a rosary in your pocket?**



**Remember your promise !!!**

## **St. Teresa Scholarship Dinner**



On February 7, 2009 from 5-8 PM, at St. Teresa High School the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Italian Dinner. The event was a huge success, surpassing the expectations of the planning committee and assembly members. We served 700 delicious dinners prepared by LaGondola and netted a profit of \$7,000. This money will go into a special scholarship fund that will provide scholarships for both this year and next. The success of this event is a direct result of the ideas, effort, and generosity of Tony Couri, Larry Clark, and Lowell Brosamer. These three individuals took an idea and made it blossom with a lot of planning, ingenuity, hard work, and some prayers. They got other members involved in the project and together they put together a tremendous event for the support of Catholic education in the Decatur community.

We tip our Chapeaux to you !!!!!!!



Tony Couri (center) was presented a plaque and dinner gift certificate by Larry Clark and Lowell Brosamer at the Italian Dinner wrap-up meeting.

# Pictures from the Italian Dinner for St. Teresa Scholarships





**Family Mass – February 21<sup>st</sup>  
St. Thomas Church – Dinner at Rusty's  
Social – Larry Clark's**

