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NEWSLETTER

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*Steven Bowman
Faithful Navigator*

Faithful Navigator's Message

Finally some warm weather. I hope you are all enjoying these nice spring days and outside activities. Whether it is golf, gardening, fishing, or just having a cool drink on your back porch, it is always better when you do it with friends, family, and brother knights. Welcome back to the snowbirds, it was good to see you at the April business meeting. We look forward to your stories and participation in assembly events. At April's business meeting, a slate of officers for the next fraternal year was presented. See the announcement later in this newsletter. I'm excited about this slate as it is full of men who have proven leadership abilities and back up their talk with good, old fashioned work. We will vote on these officers in May along with any nominations from the floor. May's business meeting is an important one, so plan on being there and exercising your KC voting rights.

I just participated in the Faithful Master's bi-annual meeting held at the 577 Hall on April 25th. There were about 35 Faithful Navigators, State officers, and Master's staff members in attendance, all representing the Illinois Southern district. First, they were very impressed with the new KC hall. Members of 577, you need to be proud of this beautiful building. This meeting is held to review general assembly

activities, audits, and except nominations for Faithful Master. One area that was stressed by FM Dean Saltz was our regalia and the new color corps manual. Regalia needs to be cleaned, pressed, and in good repair. Shoes need to be shined. In an honor or color guard, all members' regalia need to match. This includes American flags, 4th degree pins, and metals. We have a honor guard for Corpus Christi Procession on June 6th, and these new guidelines will be enforced.

In May, we have a family mass at St. Thomas and I encourage all members and prospective members to participate. If you don't have your regalia, no issue. Come anyway.

I want to remind everyone of my challenge to get 10 new members at the Aug 21st Exemplification, We already have 5 applications, so we are half way to our goal. I need **EVERYONE** to ask 3rd degree members to join us. Our future depends on new members, and you are the key. We have a wonderful active assembly, supporting many community events; all you need to do is ask.

Vivat Jesus,

F.N. Steve Bowman

Deacon's Message

Spring is finally here. A time of renewed growth and new life. Our friends are returning from the south and everyone is smiling again. It is even a time when we enjoy mowing the grass because we can now spend time outside instead of being cooped up in the house. Most importantly we continue to celebrate Easter, Christ raised from the dead. During the month of May we will celebrate The Ascension. That time when Jesus departed His time here on earth and returned to the Father. Can you imagine what was going through the minds of the apostles? They thought they lost him once when he was crucified and now they are going to lose him again. They were scared and, once again, wondering what now, what does the future hold for us? These men had seen things never before witnessed by any other person. They saw Jesus crucified, they saw him risen, they saw him perform miracles and they were worried. It took the miracle of Pentecost to finally understand it all but even with this new understanding, they missed Jesus. They were of the understanding that when

Jesus said he would return, they thought it would be during their life time not thousands of years later or more.

I mention all of this to help us put our faith into its proper perspective. Although none of us were there for all of these events we believe that they really happened. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and we believe that he started our church in order for the teachings and traditions to go forward generation after generation. But, we still sometimes have our doubts. Once in a while we have thoughts about whether or not all of this is true. We are just like those that were there to witness it all.

It is all perfectly natural because we tend to only really believe what we can see and rationalize within our own minds. Questioning your faith is not a bad thing if you seek out the answers to those questions. If you do this, you are then building your faith up and fulfilling the will of our God.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Thanks for giving us life and nurturing us to serve God.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates

May 19 th 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM. Election of Officers
Jun 16 th 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM.
July ?? TBA	Installation of Officers Mass Dinner
July 21 st 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM.
Aug 7 th 2010	Decatur Celebration Parade Time - TBA
Aug 18 th 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM

Got a rosary in your pocket?



When you joined the KC, you made a promise.
Are you upholding it ?

All our 50/50 winners carry a rosary !!!

Need a rosary ring ? If so, see Steve Bowman.

*** Save the Date ***

Corpus Christi Procession
June 6th, 2010

Time & Place to be announced.

The 4th Degree has been asked again to
provide an honor guard. We need every
Sir Knight to participate. Mark your
calendar.

Family Mass Schedule



May 22 nd 2010	St Thomas – Decatur Mass @ 4:30 P.M. Dinner - TBD
June	No Family Mass Installation of Officers Details TBA
July 25 th 2010	Our Lady of the Holy Spirit – MTZ Mass – 9:30 A.M. Brunch - TBD
Aug 21 st 2010	Holy Family – Decatur Mass @ 4:30 PM Dinner - TBA

Save these dates and plan on attending Family Mass with
the 4th Degree. No regalia – No problem, you are still
welcome to join us for worship and social.

IN SYMPATHY



Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of
PFN Sir Knight Art Swinnen
August 10, 1916 – April 13, 2010

The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the
Sir Knight Art Swinnen Visitation April 16, 2010

Leon Vemmer	Commander
Gene Meyer	PFN
Larry Clark	PFN
Charlie Bell	PFN
Lyle Tappendorf	PFN
Dave Rayhill	PFN
Tim Gore	SK
Dan Ashenfelter	SK
Butch Gilbert	SK
Mike Brettl	SK
Julius Sebok	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK

Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	Bob Kolbeck
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt
Della Overhuel	Hiram Peterson
Graham Bradley	Harold Kramer
Hiram Peterson	David Gobel
Bud Walsh	Terry Nelson

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Immaculate Conception – Shelbyville on March 20th, 2010

Commender	Leon and Mary Vemmer
P.F.N.	Jack and Barb McCoy
P.F.N.	Gene and Mary Ann Meyer
P.F.N.	Steve and Shirlene Richardson
F.N.	Steve and Ellen Bowman
S.K.	Don and Kay Klinker
S.K.	Mike and Linda Brettl
S.K.	Lee and Joyce Cook
S.K..	Bud and Marilyn Walsh
S.K.	Butch and Connie Gilbert
S.K.	Dan Ashenfelter

A great dinner at Stan's Steak House and social at the Don & Kay Klinker's.

Celebrating Birthdays

April / May 2010

April 12	William	Cogan
April 16	Lloyd	Mahon
April 20	Richard	Haynes
April 21	Rev Donald	Wolford
April 26	Jack	Wagner
April 30	John	Eckert
May 01	James	Dawson
May 07	Rev Jeff	Grant
May 09	Tom	Kullik
May 18	Pat	Althoff
May 22	Graham	Bradley
May 22	James	McNamara
May 23	Joe	Hyde

Many, many birthday wishes to all Sir Knights celebrating these two months.

Assembly 211 Web Site

Did you know that Assembly 211 has an active web site? It has been out there for over a year, but many didn't know. The address has been at the top of the monthly newsletter for many months.

www.KCassembly211.org

Take a few minutes and look it over. We have also added a Facebook site. Sign up by clicking on the link from the web site.

Let me know your thoughts.

F.N. Steve Bowman – stevebowman1@comcast.net

Divine Mercy Sunday

Tip of the Chapeau to Sir Knights

Leon Vemmer
Dan Ashenfelter
Dom Klinker
Gene Meyer
Steve Bowman

Thank you for your participation at the Divine Mercy Celebration at St. Mary's Chapel on March 11, 2010.

Dues Notices

The KC 4th Degree bills for annual dues for the fraternal year 2010 were mailed out in late November. Two late notices were sent out. As of this newsletter, I'm sorry to report that the following Sir Knights have not responded.

**Gary Bradley
Greg Cleary
Keith Dice
James Ghigilone
Mike Haskell
Jeff Luthe
Lloyd Mahon
Ricky Reddington
Phil Rudd
William Willams**

If you can help in any way to contact these individuals, we appreciate your assistance.

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

Payment should be sent to

**Lyle Tappendorf
326 Carousel Ct
Decatur, IL 62526**

Slate of Officers 2010 - 2011

The following slate of officers, were announced by the Nomination Committee at the April 21 business meeting.

Faithful Navigator	Don Klinker
Faithful Admiral	Steve Bowman
Faithful Captain	Dan Ashenfelter
Faithful Pilot	Ken Burns
Faithful Comptroller	Jim Gould III
Faithful Purser	Lowell Brosamer
Faithful Scribe	Mike Brettl
Faithful Inter Sentinel	Butch Gilbert
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Bud Walsh

Faithful Trustee 1YR (1 of 3) Gene Meyer
Faithful Trustee 2YR (2 or 3) Larry Clark
Faithful Trustee 3YR (3 or 3) Jack McCoy

Additional nominations from the assembly will be taken at the May business meeting.

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - Decatur on April 25th, 2010

P.F.N.	Dave and Carol Rayhill
F.N.	Steve and Ellen Bowman
S.K.	Don and Kay Klinker
S.K.	Tim and Carol Gore
S.K..	Hank Gillmar
S.K.	Dan Ashenfelter

Breakfast was held at the KC 577 Hall. Many of our brother Sir Knights and wives missed Family Mass as they worked serving breakfast from 7am to noon at the Hall. Thank you for your support of this event.

Sharp Looking Regalia

Bud Walsh has volunteered to bring in a clothes steamer at each month meeting for our regalia capes and tuxes. Bring your regalia to the meetings and get them pressed for FREE.

Thanks Bud !!!!!

Keep your regalia cleaned and pressed.

Regalia Recycling Program

If you have regalia that you no long use, please consider donating back to the Assembly for our new members and those needing to fill out their attire.

**Questions – contact Steve Bowman
@ 217-864-3101**

Thought for Today

"If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses."

Henry Ford

Food for Thought

I received the following article from Brother Tim Gore.

Excerpts of an article written by Sam Miller, prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman - NOT Catholic.

Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States , namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church , 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia.

Food for Thought – cont.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States . Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic.

Support Group

As you may have read in the Decatur paper, Brother Don Klinker has started a support group for people afflicted with Essential Tremor. This group meets on a monthly basis at St. Mary's Hospital and currently has attendance around 40 people. For more information, contact Don at djklinker@comcast.net.

Tip of the Chapeau to Don for this important work.

*** Save the Date ***

4th Degree Exemplification

There are two 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled for the Southern District.
Effingham – August 21st
Peoria – November 6th