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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator

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Faithful Navigator's Message

I hope all of you had time to spend Thanksgiving with family and friends. Kay and I were blessed to start the day with Mass at Holy Family and then dinner with friends.

All the Sir Knights and Ladies that attended Family Mass at St. Columcille enjoyed their dinner at Jibby's in Sullivan and then Social time at the Klinkers.

We have our Christmas Dinner scheduled on our meeting night Dec.15th. There will be a short meeting at 6:00pm with the festivities to start immediately after. If you have not paid or signed up yet contact Dan Ashenfelter. Deadline for RSVP is Dec.3rd.

Family Mass will be at St. Thomas on Sunday Dec. 19th with Lunch at the Olive Garden. If you didn't sign up at the meeting contact Dan Ashenfelter.

This is the time of the year when some of our Sir Knights become snowbirds and travel long distances for warmer weather. I wish you all a safe trip on your journey.

Welcome our new Sir Knights Juan J. Urbina & Bradley Gilmar.

We are all so busy shopping, planning and attending parties plus doing our normal routine, Preparing for Christmas. This can add a lot of stress to our lives. Sunday was the beginning of Advent. This is the time for us to pray and prepare ourselves for the true meaning of Christmas. MAYBE if we set a

few minutes of our time as soon as we get up in the morning, to say some prayers before we start our busy day we won't be so stressed.

I wish for all of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus

F.N. Don Klinker

Decatur Celebration Fundraiser Pictures



Deacon's Message

So here I set on "Black Friday," the beginning of the Christmas season, writing this article. All day I have heard the stories of those camping out at stores waiting for them to open, or getting up at 4a.m. to rush to the stores to get a bargain and during this madness I can't help but wonder about how much happiness people think they are actually buying? Where does all this fit into Advent? It doesn't.

During this time of the year the church calls on us to prepare the way of the Lord. We are told that we are to prepare by celebrating the Christ past, present, and forever. We celebrate Him in the past by remembering His birth in Bethlehem, we celebrate Him in the presence through the Most Holy Eucharist, and we celebrate forever by preparing for His return for the final judgment.

So what does Christmas offer us? The chance to realize that our mighty Creator reduced to a helpless infant lying in a manger placing Himself into the hands of the ones He created and counting on their love to make Him strong. He brought with Him a message of hope, love, joy, and peace.

Thomas Merton once wrote, "Man is not at peace with his fellow man because he is not at peace with himself. And he is not at peace with himself because he is not at peace with God." Only when we are in communion with God will we be in communion with our fellowman and ourselves.

I do wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and it is my hope that one of the presents you open this year will be a gift of peace, and I hope one of the gifts you have given, is a gift of love to a stranger who needs it from you. It is only through this love that we can change the world and find peace.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates

Dec 15th 2010	4th Degree Meeting 6:00 PM. Christmas Party after the brief meeting.
Jan 19 th 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
Feb 16 th 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar 16 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
Apr 20 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
May 18 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
June 15 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM

Family Mass Schedule



Dec 19th 2010	St. Thomas - Decatur Mass @ 10:00 A.M. Lunch – Olive Garden.
Jan 22th 2011	St. James – Decatur Mass @ 4:00 P.M. Dinner - TBD

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.

Pray for the Sick



Joe Meyers	Bob Kolbeck
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt
Della Overhuel	Terry Nelson
Graham Bradley	Harold Kramer
Jim Zindel	

Celebrating Birthdays

December 2010

Dec 1	David	Bowman
Dec 1	Don	Burgener
Dec 1	Larry	Clark
Dec 1	James	Dougherty
Dec 1	William	Williams
Dec 2	Don	Klinker
Dec 11	Dan	Ashenfelter
Dec 14	George	Klein
Dec 14	Deacon Greg	Sullivan
Dec 15	Philip	Rudd
Dec 23	James	Gould

**Many, many birthday wishes to all
Sir Knights celebrating during November**

**I missed Bud's November birthday. Sorry and
belated Happy Birthday.
Bud Walsh – November 4th**

KC Christmas Party

On Wednesday, December 15th, the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Christmas Party for both 3rd & 4th degree members. The party will be held at the KC Hall immediately following the 4th Degree meeting.

Date – Wednesday, December 15th

**Time- Party will immediately follow a brief 4th
Degree Business meeting starting at 6:00 P.M.**

**Menu – Ham, Green Beans, Party Potatoes, Salad
& Roll. Coffee, Iced Tea.**

Deserts – furnished by Ladies Auxiliary

Cash Bar

Cost - \$10 each

**Reservations and payment can be made at
November 17th meeting. All reservations must be
made no later than Dec 3rd.**

**Game: Same exchange game we played last year. IF
YOU WANT TO PLAY? Bring a new \$10.00 gift for
exchange.**

**Sir Knight Dan Ashenfelter will collect the
money and reservations**

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Holy Family in Decatur on November 20, 2010.

F.N.	Don and Kay Klinker
Commander	Dan Ashenfelter
P.F.N	Jim and Helen Zindel
P.F.N.	Leon and Mary Vemmer
P.F.N.	Larry and Mary Lou Clark
P.F.N.	Gene and Mary Ann Meyer
S.K.	Julius and Dorothy Sebok
S.K.	Bud and Marilyn Walsh
S.K.	Tim and Carol Walsh
S.K.	Jerry and Sharon Follis
S.K.	Hank Gillmar
	Mildred Ashenfelter

Dinner at Jibby's and social at Klinker's.

Dues Notices

The KC 4th Degree bills for annual dues for the fraternal year 2010 were mailed out in late November. Please be looking for them and more importantly, let's get them paid by the end of December.

P.S. – for you Snowbirds earlier.

\$\$ Dues \$\$

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

Payment should be sent to
Jim Gould
6501 Daybrooke Dr
Decatur, IL 62521

*** Mark Your Calendar ***

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, the 4th Degree will be holding the 3rd Annual Italian Dinner at St. Teresa High School. All proceeds from this event go to support St. T. scholarships. Please plan now on attending & supporting this important event.

Tickets will be available in January. See Larry Clark or Lowell Brosamar.



Thought for Today

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Satchel Paige

Save Dates

Corpus Christi Procession
June 23rd, 2011

Time & Place to be announced later

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

Regalia Recycling Program

If you have regalia that you no longer use, please consider donating back to the Assembly for our new members and those needing to fill out their attire. We currently have several tuxes and regalia pieces available for use.

Questions – contact Don Klinker
@ 217-423-9667

Got a rosary in your pocket?



All our 50/50 winners carry a rosary!!! Don't be caught without one.

Need a rosary ring? If so, see FN Don Klinker.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



From F.N. Don and all the officers of Assembly 211.

Ladies Auxiliary Announcements

The Ladies Auxiliary will be available on 12/12/10 from 3 to 5 and again on 12/13/10 from 5 to 8 to wrap your presents for a donation of your choice.

The Children's Christmas party will be on 12/5/10 from 12 to 3.

The Ladies Auxiliary are still selling bottle openers for \$6. They are also still selling candles. Both of these items will make nice stocking stuffers! Ask a member for more details or call Angie Hendren at 855-2215.

Due to the cold weather, donations for the Oasis Day Center and the cold weather shelter at the Salvation Army are needed more than ever. The Ladies Auxiliary are taking donations through December 15th and can be left at the KC Hall. There will be boxes for donations left at the club and will be picked up on 12/16. The following items are badly needed:

Salvation Army cold weather shelter: Pillows, sleeping bags (needed for overflow when cots are full), toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs)

Oasis Day Center: (*Items are most in need) Shampoo, *Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, *disposable razors, combs, *Tylenol (or other non-aspirin pain reliever), *cough drops, towels, washcloths, *socks, t-shirts (all sizes), sweat shirts, sweat pants, *thermal underwear, *hats & gloves, pens & pencils, reading glasses(all strengths), backpacks, tote bags, duffle bags, rain ponchos, umbrellas, *2011 pocket calendars, **postage stamps.

Ladies Night Out

We are again hosting our 3rd Annual Ladies Night Out. This event will be held on 2/26/11.

All proceeds will go to the charitable funds for the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary. We are asking if you can find it within your means to make either a gift donation to put in our auction or raffle, or a cash donation that will allow us to purchase the items needed to make the auction a success. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. We are asking if all monetary or gift donations be turned into the Knights of Columbus Hall before 2/1/11. If you cannot donate, we thank you for taking time to consider our request and cordially invite you to our event!

Please call Angie Hendren at 855-2215 or Cathy Gogerty at 412-9775 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation!

Sincerely,
Ladies' Night Out Committee
Knights of Columbus

Thank you,
Angie Hendren
President -Ladies Auxiliary
217-855-2215

November Family Mass Social at Klinker's

