



# THE PATRIOT



Fourth Degree

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*Very Reverend Jeremiah J. Murphy Assembly 211*

**NEWSLETTER**

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*Donald J. Klinker*

*Faithful Navigator*

## **Faithful Navigator's Message**

I would like to thank Sir Knight Steven Bowman for the past two years of serving as our Worthy Faithful Navigator. He did a super job in leading our Assembly. I also thank you brother knights for choosing me to be your Faithful Navigator. I will do my best in serving you as you're FN. In return I would ask you all to be more active and be open to new ideas.

Sir Knights in our Assembly would commit to being active for at least 1 hour this year.

Vivat Jesus,

*F.N. Don Klinker*

The Knight's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2009, indicates that the Catholic fraternal organization contributed more than \$151.1 million to charitable causes in 2009. Group members collectively contributed nearly 68 million volunteer service hours to charitable causes in 2009. It would be great if all of our brother

## **Deacon's Message**

Catherine Booth, co-founder of the Salvation Army, was an electrifying preacher. Wherever she went, crowds of people went to hear her message of hope: princes and nobles, beggars and homeless people. One night, after preaching in a certain city, a certain well-placed lady invited Mrs. Booth to dinner. The lady's words of welcome as she arrived were: "My dear Mrs. Booth, that meeting was dreadful." "What do you mean, dear?" asked Mrs. Booth. "Oh, when you were speaking, I was looking at those people opposite to me. Their faces were so terrible, many of them. I don't think I shall sleep tonight!" "Why, dear, don't you know them?" Mrs. Booth asked. "Certainly not!" the hostess replied. "Well, that is interesting," Mrs. Booth said. "I did not bring them with me from London; they are your neighbors!"

The Golden Rule, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27) which we hear in the gospel is not just a Christian thing. Every conceivable religion and culture in the world has the Golden Rule in one form or another.

The thing in Jesus' teaching of neighborly love is his insistence that all humanity is one big neighborhood. Thus he broke down the walls of division and the borders of prejudice and suspicion that humans erected between "us" and "them." To bring home this point he

tells the story of the Good Samaritan. This man regarded as Enemy Number One by the Jewish establishment simply because he is Samaritan, is the one who finally proves himself to be neighbor to the Jewish man in need. Thus to the question "Who is my neighbor" Jesus' answer is: Anyone and everyone without exception.

The lady who invited Mrs. Booth to dinner understood her "neighbor" to be limited only to those on her social and economic level. Mrs. Booth reminded her that her "neighbor" should include the nobodies of society. Like this lady, we all need to be reminded that the Christian understanding of "neighbor" admits of no borders. Today is the day to identify and tear down all the borders we have erected between those who belong to us and those who don't. Sometimes these walls of division are religious in nature, as in the case of religious intolerance, or in the mutual distrust and hatred between those who call themselves "conservatives" and those who call themselves "liberals." Other times they are ethnic and racial. The gospel challenges us all to dismantle these walls. This way we work with Jesus to realize his dream of the world as a neighborhood without borders.

*Deacon Greg Sullivan*

## Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates

Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Decatur Celebration Parade Time – 10:00 AM Meet at KC Hall at 9:00 AM
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup> 2010	Exemplification in Effingham 11:00 AM
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> 2010	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Family Picnic KC Park Time - TBA
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> 2010	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Weenie Roast KC Park – Time TBA

### 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 !!!**

## Advanced Notice

**Corpus Christi Procession  
June 23rd, 2011**

**Time & Place to be announced later**

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

## Family Mass Schedule



Aug 21 <sup>st</sup> 2010	Holy Family – Decatur Mass @ 4:30 PM Dinner - TBA
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Our Lady of the Holy Spirit – MTZ Mass – 9:30 A.M. Brunch - TBD
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> 2010	St.Mary - Assumption Mass @ 8:00 A.M. Breakfast – The Dinner Bucket

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

## Corpus Christi Procession



The following Sir Knights served as Honor Guard for the Corpus Christi Procession in Central Park

Steve Richardson	PFN
Charlie Bell	PFN
Gene Meyer	PFN
Jack Dougherty	PFN
Steve Bowman	FN
Dan Askenfelter	SK
John Eckert	SK
Don Klinker	SK
Francis Walsh	SK
Jim Dougherty	SK
Leon Vemmer	Commander

## Pray for the Sick



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

## Celebrating Birthdays July / August 2010

July 17	Terrence	Doyle
July 27	Peter	Brinkoetter
July 27	Pat	Dawson
August 1	Dennis	Durbin
August 1	Julius	Sebok
August 3	Dave	Goebel
August 4	James	Brinkoetter
August 5	Brian	Bowman
August 5	James	Gould
August 5	Donald	Perry
August 6	Richard	Smith
August 9	John	Wrigley
August 11	David	Brinkoetter
August 13	Jeff	Luthe
August 18	Hiram	Petterson
August 19	Leo	LaFauce
August 22	Tim	Gore
August 23	Sam	Fortner
August 25	John	Disney
August 29	David	Carter

**Many, many birthday wishes to all  
Sir Knights celebrating during July / August.**

## Father John Eckert Mass



The following served as Honor Guard for Father John Eckert's first mass in Decatur on June 13, 2010

Commander	Leon Vemmer
P.F.N.	Jack McCoy
P.F.N.	Larry Clark
P.F.N.	Gene Meyer
P.F.N.	Steve Richardson
P.F.N.	Jack Dougherty
P.F.N.	Dave Rayhill
P.F.N.	Charlie Bell
S.K.	Don Klinker
S.K.	John Eckert
S.K.	Gene Mendel
S.K.	Julius Sebok.
S.K.	Tim Gore
S.K.	Butch Gilbert
S.K.	Dan Ashenfelter
S.K.	Jim Dougherty
S.K.	Bud Walsh
S.K.	Dan Ashenfelter
S.K.	Jim Dougherty
S.K.	Bill Sullivan

## 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](http://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](mailto:stevebowman1@comcast.net)

## \*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

**There are two 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications  
scheduled for the Southern District.**

**Effingham – August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Peoria – November 6<sup>th</sup>**

## Celebration Ticket Booth

We will be manning a beer ticket booth (booth #9 on corner of Main & Water) at the Decatur Celebration this year. The dates are August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of slots to be filled. The jobs are easy and you can even sit down while working them. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June and July meetings. Everyone's help is needed for this fundraiser.

Call Steve Bowman 864-3101 for more



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers 2010 - 2011

The following Sir Knights were installed by by District Deputy Frannis Walsh on July 24<sup>th</sup> to hold office for next fraternal year.

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

A big "Thank You" to these brothers for stepping forth and taking on these important roles. We look forward to your leadership.

A special "Thanks" Jim Hendren and 577 for a wonderful steak dinner at the hall.

## Family Picnic News

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Family picnic will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the KC Park starting at 1:00. There will be food and fun for everyone. Sign-ups will be taken at the August meeting, so please sign up so we can have enough food and drink on hand.

Like bean bag toss, or as it is known in Indiana, cornhole game? Pick a partner and get your arms in shape, as there will be a contest at the picnic.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

Currently Assembly 211 has 7 candidates that are signed up and paid to attend the August 21<sup>st</sup> Exemplification in Effingham. Please give your support to these candidates and their sponsors during this important time.

## 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**

## Thought for Today

"A dialogue is more than two monologues."

- Max Kampelman

# Father John Eckert Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes



# Corpus Christi Procession

