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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator's Message

It is difficult to believe that spring began nine days ago with warm weather and today it is 32 degrees. Maybe not so difficult since it is typical Midwest weather. While we are on the subject of weather, check out the website www.kofc.org/coats. The K of C distributes over 16,000 coats in cold weather cities.

We have 149 members in our assembly and many members are not active. Ask yourself, when the last time I was involved? When was the last meeting I attended? If you are unable to drive and want to come to a meeting call me at 423 9667 and I will see that you get a ride.

WE NEED YOU!

Decatur Celebration Aug.5th,6th,7th

Farm Progress Aug.30th,31st, Sept 1

The next family Mass is Sat. April 30th, St. Patrick Church at 5:30pm with dinner at Firewater Café. Please join us.

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. St.Paul

Vivat Jesus

F.N. Don Klinker



Displaying the Colors at the 2011 Decatur St. Patrick's Day parade.



Sir Knights marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Deacon's Message

The Gospel tells the story of the blind man who has his sight restored by Jesus. After listening to this story, we may be tempted to ask ourselves: 'Who really is blind in this story? The man who was cured, or the arrogant authorities who refused to see or hear the truth?'

In Samuel, we learn that the truth is not always as it appears and that God's ways are not ours. As persons we tend to judge by appearances, but the truth is seen in the light of God's wisdom alone. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel to choose one as king. But God wanted the youngest son, David, a shepherd, to be anointed as king.

Paul reminds us that, though we were once in darkness, we now live in the light and that the effects of this are that we are to live lives of goodness, right living, and truth. The Psalms assures us that God is with us to guide us along the right path even in the midst of the darkness of sin, evil, and uncertainty.

We are called to live in the light of truth and to allow new insights, often gifts of the Spirit, to enlighten our own beliefs and ideas so that we come into right relationship with people, events and all of creation.

Scientific discoveries and new theological insights are bringing us to acknowledge new truths. We, and all of creation, are interdependent and interconnected. What happens to one affects us all. As one author has written: "The pain we experience in the face of human suffering is a sure sign of our interdependence."

May the rest of our Lenten Journey bring us the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates

Apr 20 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM
May 1 st , 2011	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Mary's Hospital 3:00 P.M.
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
July 20 th , 2011	Officer's meeting 6:15 PM. 4 th Degree Meeting 7:00 PM

**Decatur Celebration – Aug 5th, 6th,
7th, 2011**

**Farm Progress Show – Aug 30th,
31st, Sept 1 2011**

Family Mass Schedule



Apr 30th 2011	St. Patrick – Decatur Mass @ 5:30 P.M. Dinner – Firewater Cafe
May 15 th 2011	Our Lady of the Holy Spirit – MTZ Mass @ 9:30 A.M.
June, 2011	No Family Mass. Installation of Officers. TBA.

Attendance at Family Mass has been very low.
PLEASE 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 & Healing



Joe Meyers	Bob Kolbeck
Joe Sepich	Lloyd Hanstedt
Della Overhuel	Terry Nelson
Graham Bradley	Harold Kramer
Don Klinker	Leon Vemmer
Dan Ashenfelter	

Celebrating Birthdays

April 2011



April 12, 2011	William	Cogan
April 12, 2011	Bradley	Gillmar
April 20, 2011	Richard	Hayes
April 21, 2011	Rev. Don	Wolford
April 22, 2011	Juan	Urbina
April 26, 2011	Jack	Wagner
April 30, 2011	John	Eckert

Many, many best wishes to all
Sir Knights celebrating birthdays during April.

Sharp Looking Regalia

Over the past 12 months, we have been actively working to upgrade our regalia and decorum when attending events like Family Mass. One area in particular we've been addressing is the clanking of swords on the pews during mass. I tip my chapeau to Larry Clark, whose sword remained completely silent during the entire Mass, and to Bud Walsh for his sharp looking regalia. Good job Sir Knights. Just a little jab.....

P.F.N. Steve Bowman

KC 577 News

KC Breakfast

Breakfast is held at the Hall every 4th Sunday of the month. Serving from 7:00 AM to noon.

Next Breakfast is scheduled for April 24th.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The annual Divine Mercy Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 P.M. in the chapel at St. Mary's Hospital. The 4th Degree will be in attendance, but in a limited number due to space. If you want to attend as part of the 4th Degree, please contact Commander Dan Ashenfelter or F.N. Don Klinker.



IN SYMPATHY



Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of
Sir Knight Gregory Brinkoetter
February 23, 1953 – March 03, 2011

Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Immaculate Conception in Shelbyville on March 19th.

F.N.	Don and Kay Klinker
P.F.N.	Larry and Mary Lou Clark
P.F.N.	Gene and Mary Ann Meyer
P.F.N.	Leon and Mary Vemmer
P.F.N.	Jack and Barb McCoy
P.F.N.	Steve and Ellen Bowman
S.K.	John and Lily Eckert
S.K.	Bud and Marilyn Walsh
S.K.	Jerry and Sharon Follis

Dinner was at Corona's in Mt. Zion and the social was hosted by Ellen and Steve Bowman

Dues Notices

The KC 4th Degree bills for annual dues for the fraternal year 2011 were mailed out in late November. As of March meeting, there are STILL members who have not yet paid their dues. Second notices were sent. It is a shame this step has to be taken within our brotherhood. Please get these paid ASAP and avoid costs and unneeded follow-up work for our officers.

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

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

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.

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.

Scholarship Program

On March 23rd, the 4th Degree KC Assembly 211 presented St. Teresa Principal Dr. Ken Hendriksen a check in the amount of \$4,000. This money goes directly toward scholarships for in-coming freshmen students. Our annual Italian Dinner is the sole fundraising event in support of this program, and has been a well-supported community event. Present at the check award, were (left to right) Larry Clark, Ken Hendriksen, FN Don Klinker, and Lowell Brosamer. Larry and Lowell have chaired the Italian Dinner since its' inception 3 years ago.



A special "Thank You" to all of business sponsors that bought tickets, and to Tony, Mary Beth, and girls for all your hard work and great food !!!!!

Thought for Today

Always take the high road, it's less traveled.

Sign – Long Creek Fire Department



There is an excellent web site developed and sponsored by the Knight of Columbus called Fathers for Good - <http://www.fathersforgood.org>.

A good read for us, our sons, and daughters.

Social at Bowman's after Family Mass in March

