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NEWSLETTER

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Faithful Navigator's Message

The past ten days I have been recovering from my first brain surgery. The surgery went well. On Monday, March 7th the staples will be removed and the pulse generator will be activated on March 15th. I will have the 2nd surgery on April 19th. Thanks for all your many prayers and good wishes.

St. Patrick's Day parade is Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 10 am. If you did not sign up to march in the parade and you have your regalia, I encourage you to do so. Meet at the KC Hall at 9:00 am, and we'll walk together to the parade spot.

Please join us this month on Sat March 19th at 4:00 P.M. at Immaculate Conception church in Shelbyville. We will be eating dinner at Coronas (Old Bennigan's) in Mt. Zion

May the God of the Gentle Breeze be with you. May God's Spirit guide you as you are carried into the unknown and unfamiliar. May you come to know that the only way to truly experience a Gentle Breeze is to stand very still. When you give yourself over to such stillness may you recognize with Elijah the presence of God who waits for you. May those who know you be swept up into God's Love and may the Gentle Breeze of God's presence bless you.
Maxine Shank, OP

Vivat Jesus

F.N. Don Klinker



February Family Mass – Lunch at Junz in Forsyth.



Sir Knights getting into regalia for February Family Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Deacon's Message

On Wednesday the 9th, we begin the season of Lent, which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Excluding Sundays it is a season of forty days, in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations.

Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted, and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus in the desert as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness. There is practically no hiding place or shelter in the desert and the difficulties of the desert make whatever is inside a person come to the surface. The desert tests and shows up a person as he/she is. Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

During these forty days of Lent, let us not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. It is only when we admit something that we can deal with it. The first stage in overcoming anything is to admit the problem. If we remain in denial we miss out on the grace of God to heal us and renew us and make us whole. What is the favorite or most prevalent sin that we keep committing? Let us say no to the devil's temptations to continue committing that sin, and instead let us trust in our heavenly Father like Jesus in the desert.

The words of Jesus can be our words this Lent, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." The word "Lent" is an old English word, which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

Deacon Greg Sullivan

Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates

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| Mar 12 th 2011 | St. Paddy's Parade Full Regalia Meet at KC Hall – 9:00 AM. |
| 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 |
| July | 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



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| Mar 19 th 2011 | Immaculate Conception – Shelbyville Mass @ 4:00 P.M. Dinner – Coronas (old Bennigans) In Mt. Zion |
| Apr 30 th 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. |

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



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| Joe Meyers | Bob Kolbeck |
| Joe Sepich | Lloyd Hanstedt |
| Della Overhuel | Terry Nelson |
| Graham Bradley | Harold Kramer |
| Don Klinker | |

Celebrating Birthdays

March 2011

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| March 2, 2011 | Richard | Lee |
| March 4, 2011 | Daniel | Sebok |
| March 4, 2011 | James | Smith |
| March 5, 2011 | Stephen | Richardson |
| March 7, 2011 | John | Marshall |
| March 12, 2011 | Ricky | Reddington |
| March 21, 2011 | John | Renfro |
| March 23, 2011 | Joseph | Mc Daniel |
| March 28, 2011 | Robert | Stengel |
| March 30, 2011 | Robert | Burtschi |
| March 31, 2011 | Jerry | Follis |

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



March 9th, 2011

KC 577 News

Free Throw Competition

On March 13, the Decatur Knights Of Columbus will host the regional Free Throw Competition for the area boys and girls from ages 10-14. It will be held at St. Teresa Gym. Warm ups start at 12:00 and the competition will start at 1:00. Call Grand Knight Jim Hendren at 521-7595 if you can help out.

KC Breakfast

Breakfast is held at the Hall every 4th Sunday of the month. Serving from 7:00 AM to noon.
Next Breakfast is March 27th.

Specials & Golf

Don't forget to check out the hot specials at the Club on Wed. and during the NCCA tournament. Get your tee times for the Cabin Fever Open. The Ladies team shot even par and three of the four don't play golf! The challenge had been issued! Good Luck!

St. Paddy's Day Parade

The Decatur St. Paddy's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 10am in downtown Decatur. The 4th Degree will be marching in full black regalia. Meet at the KC Hall at 9:00. We will go as a group to our starting parade spot.



Family Mass News



The following were in attendance for family mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in Decatur on February 20th, 2011

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| Commander | Dan Ashenfelter |
| P.F.N. | Gene and Mary Ann Meyer |
| P.F.N. | Leon and Mary Vemmer |
| P.F.N. | Steve and Ellen Bowman |
| S.K. | Bud and Marilyn Walsh |
| S.K. | Gene and Dee Mennel |
| S.K. | Julius and Dorothy Sebok |
| S.K. | Hank Gillmar |
| S.K. | Fred Hejna |
| | Mildred Ashenfelter |

Lunch was at Junz in Forsyth.

Dues Notices

The KC 4th Degree bills for annual dues for the fraternal year 2011 were mailed out in late November. As of February meeting, there are STILL many member who have not yet paid their dues. Second notices are being 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.

*** Pasta & Profits ***

It worth repeating, that on Saturday, February 5, 2011, the 4th Degree held the 3rd Annual Italian Dinner at St. Teresa High School. The event was well attended given the bad weather during the previous weeks and the 3 inches of snow that morning. Close to 600 meals were served that day. It was reported at February business meeting that the profit from this one event was approximately \$4,000. A tip of the chapeau to all the Sir Knights who helped plan and work the event. A special thanks to Lowell Brosamer and Larry Clark for all their work in chairing this event for the 3rd straight year.



Thought for Today

Be an organ donor – Give your heart to the Lord.

Church sign – MTZ Assembly of God

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 tunics and regalia pieces available for use.

Questions – contact Don Klinker
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February 2011 Family Mass

