

## Grand Knight's article, continued

Iturba's accomplishment by commenting, "He's really an asset to our council."

Council members stepped forth to serve a pizza dinner at St John's Parish Hall, following the March 24 Stations of the Cross devotion. Thanks to **Past-Grand Knight Joe Dierks** for chairing this event and also to the ladies who provided salads for the occasion./**Bob Kness, Grand Knight**




### Rib-Tickler Dinner and Joke Fest Waiting in the Wing

The ever-popular Rib-Tickler Dinner is taking shape. Once again, **Joe Petruk** will chair this event, and once again a great dinner of pork ribs, beans, cole slaw, bread, and a dessert of cobbler topped with ice cream will come from the kitchen of St. Joseph's Health Center. The food has consistently been excellent; we are confident it will be so again. So plan on coming for this evening of good food and entertainment, scheduled for May 21. **Tickets will sell for \$8.00. But if you're brave enough to tell a good joke following the dinner, you'll receive a \$1 rebate from the ticket cost. ONLY CLEAN NON-SUGGESTIVE JOKES ARE SUITABLE FOR THIS OCCASION.**

By the time this newsletter reaches you, tickets will have been printed. We need people to sell tickets, at least three people to serve the food, someone to ensure that plates and cups are in order and to prepare coffee and tea, and a crew to do clean-up. What role are you willing to play to ensure another evening of good food and entertainment? Please respond to Joe's request for help.

### Fourth Degree—Footnotes



There was no Fourth Degree meeting in March. The next meeting is April 20 at the K. C. Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Members with regalia should bring their swords, since there will be an Honor Guard practice following the meeting. Occasions for an Honor Guard are coming up, one of them being the Corpus Christi Procession in June.

Several members have not yet paid their Assembly dues. **Comptroller Mike Tucker** requests that these dues (\$15) be remitted to him at 106 Westcliff Terrace, Hot Springs 71913.



### Outreach Program Update

First, March ***Knight Shift*** told of a couple beset with great difficulties, especially related to health, and of our council's going to their aid. Assistance included rent for lodging and money for both food and prescription drugs. In addition to the council's role, St. John's Church has also been the source of a couple of food vouchers. Now, in April, the assistance continues. At this moment (March 22), the lady is a patient at St. Joseph's Health Center, having just yesterday undergone gall bladder surgery. Our council has continued to provide rent money as well as for prescription drugs and food. Presently, we are trying to help the husband find a decent job and thereby free him from Labor Finders that

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currently gets half of his wages. We are also trying to get them enlisted with Christian Charitable Medical Clinic as well as Medicaid.

During the month we have also provided a twin bed, a sofa, a chest of drawers, a nice television set, and a vacuum cleaner for a needy lady and her four-year-old son. And more recently, the council has responded to the need of a lady who was the victim of a fire that had totally destroyed her home. On March 21, we delivered to her temporary mobile home a sofa, a full-size bed, and a microwave. When she moves to a permanent location in the next couple of weeks, we will respond further with a kitchen table and chairs.

We have also donated the regular \$400 monthly contribution to Jackson House and our monthly \$200-plus supply of diapers for residents of Hot Springs Housing Authority.

### From Our Chaplain



The season of Lent offers many ways to reflect on and grow in the spiritual life. For the Knights of Columbus I offer the example of two men whose lives are celebrated during these holy days: St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

St. Patrick's Day is one of those religious celebrations that has been so widely adopted in secular society that it can easily lose its religious significance. Yet behind all the shamrocks, parades, and green-everything stands a man who brought an entire nation to the Catholic faith. After having escaped from slavery in Ireland, he returned to the land of his captors with forgiveness and a desire for their souls. Through great personal sacrifice he traveled the Emerald Isle, facing criticism and doubt with holiness and patience. His preaching changed the hearts of many and his faith was unshaken no matter the obstacle.

St. Joseph is a man deserving of great honor for obvious reasons. Accepting a plan of God that had no equal, he became the father and caregiver of God himself. Today he is held up as the patron of the Church itself. What stands out about Joseph is his silence. Neither scripture nor tradition gives us much detail about this man who knew Jesus so closely. Silently he accepted the will of God, silently he guided the life of the child Jesus, and silently he intercedes for the Church today.

For Catholic men during Lent these two giants of the faith offer great examples. St. Patrick, the outspoken teacher and defender of the faith, had no fear in bringing people to the faith. St. Joseph, the silent witness to the incredible life of Jesus, responded to God with great faith. May we follow their examples in bringing Jesus to the world./In Christ, **Fr. Erik**

### Feast of the Divine Mercy

On April 23, at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, the Hot Springs Village Council will celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Present will be the image of the Divine Mercy, the image blessed by Pope John Paul II and later exhibited in Catholic Churches throughout Arkansas and presently located in the chapel at St. Michael's in Hot Springs. Tentative plans are that the honor guard will process with the Image to the sanctuary. An invitation is extended to all to be part of this Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as was requested by the Lord Jesus to St. Faustina. Included will be the Benediction and other prayers.

**See promises of the Divine Mercy on p. 3.**

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### April Birthdays

- 1 Jim Reiter
- 2 Bart Newman
- 10 Luis Oseguera
- 14 Joe Petruk
- 16 Ken Kukuk
- 16 Al Reis
- 22 Leon Coulombe
- 25 Nolan Bramlett
- 27 Louis Baksa
- 29 David Meeks
- 30 John Frost

## Knight of the Month

### John Harris

## Family of the Month

### Stretch and Carol Ecklund

### APRIL CALENDAR

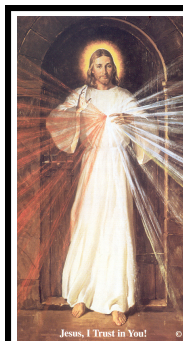
- 6 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 7-8 Charity Rummage Sale, K.C. Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 13 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
- 14-15 Charity Rummage Sale, K. C. Hall,  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 20 Fourth Degree Meeting, K.C. Hall  
Dinner, 6:30; Meeting to follow

### Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Mary Turek, Earl Robbins, Bill Honeycutt and Mary Anne Honeycutt, Otto and Deloris Wiedower, Stretch Ecklund, George and Sue Marshall, Wanda Eckhardt, Margaret Dierks, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Robert Dunn, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

**Portia to Shylock** (Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*): Though justice be thy plea, consider this: That, in the course of justice, none of us/Should see salvation. We do pray for mercy,/And that same prayer doth teach us all to render/The deeds of mercy.

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### About the Divine Mercy

The Feast of the Divine Mercy was requested by the Lord Jesus of St. Faustina to be held on the first Sunday after Easter. "On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy...Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (*Diary, Divine Mercy in my Soul #699*). "They can expect the fulfillment of Christ's promises which are particularly related to the hour of death: the grace of conversion and a peaceful death."