



Knights Shift

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Hot Springs Council, No. 6419
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71914



Here We Go Again!



The 2006 spring version of our council Charity Rummage Sale is warming up for another big production on Friday and Saturday, April 7-8 and 14-15. Donations are coming in steadily, especially of furniture. Just this morning some of the guys hauled in a large collection of good-looking office equipment donated by Westminster Presbyterian Church. At this point, we still have two or three furniture donations to collect. Because of the large volume of furniture—sofas, occasional chairs, bedroom furniture, kitchen-dining room furniture, desks, etc.—some of these items by necessity will be moved from Reiter Hall to the council hall, meaning that, at least the first weekend, we will have fewer tables of the donations that have always sold from there. The 60' x 40' Reiter Building simply doesn't have the space required for comfortable display. We have our best collection ever of sofas and occasional chairs.



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Among our unusual items this year are a 17-foot canoe, a nice sailboat, a pop-up camper with trailer, and a bass boat with motor. (We've already sold one bass

boat with motor.) We believe these items will generate interest.

Of course, the big concern at this point is enlistment of a substantial crew of workers—ladies as well as men. We have 8-10 guys, most with trucks, who respond to donation collections throughout the year. Now we need a lot more people to come in to help us make our enterprise successful. Monday, April 3 will be the set-up and organization day. This involves a lot of lifting and moving and, therefore, will be done by the men. From Tuesday on, we'll need ladies to help with pricing and refining the men's organizing, in other words, more tidily and attractively arranging the merchandise.

ALSO, for the last couple of years' sales, our ladies have responded beautifully to our request for lunches. Several members of the Ladies Auxiliary have already signed up to provide lunches for 12-20 workers. We hope others will join in. A sign-in sheet will be placed prominently in the K.C. Hall kitchen during the first week. In the past we have enjoyed a variety of foods ranging from spaghetti to lasagna, to sloppy Joes to varied casseroles, to sandwiches and chips, to desserts. Some have even brought in treats for morning coffee. Telephone calls soliciting help are forthcoming. If possible, please help us out.

IN the meantime, we still have time to collect other merchandise. If you have potential sale items, please let us know. Someone will come to collect them. We especially need household items like dishes, pots and pans, glassware, flatware, and linens. Call **Jim L.**, 525-7022; **Tom**, 767-1631; **Dick**, 760-3879; **Jim R.**, 767-6173; or **Ray**, 760-7983.



Grand Knight's Report

This past event of the Knights of Columbus Classic at Oaklawn was well attended, and the consensus feeling seems to be that we should repeat this activity next year. A suggestion is that next year we bring in more councils, such as the Fort Smith council that had been to Oaklawn the week before. The Village has expressed a desire to come back, and I believe some Little Rock councils would also like to join in. We presented a trophy to the trainer of the winning horse and the trainer then gave it to the owner. There will be at the hall for all to see. The excitement was great. Those who went for the picture were **Jim Elder, Hugh Truesdale, Father Erik, Bob Kortember, Dennis Bosch, Hal Platt (HSV), and Bob Kness**. This has given Knights of Columbus Council 6419 a great deal of publicity, and that is what we wanted to do. So think about how we can make it better next year. This was not a money-maker for the council this year, but it can be in the future. Several years ago, Jewel Thomas' father made this a yearly event. We can make it that again.

See the adjoining article for details about the April 7-8, 14-15 Charity Rummage Sale. This is our biggest fund-raiser, partly for the council but mostly for providing funds for our growing Community Outreach Program. An enormous amount of work from a great number of people goes into this twice-a-year event. Please be ready to contribute time to this undertaking. There will not be a social event in the month of April in order to get the hall back into good order following the Charity Rummage Sale. The clean-up is almost as labor intensive as getting the hall ready for the sale, so a lot of help will be needed for that too.

The State Convention will take place in early May. Anyone wanting to participate should be making arrangements.

The election of officers for 2006-2007 needs to be at the May meeting, and the installation will be in the June social meeting. New officers will assume their offices July 1. I will contact the District Deputy to make sure that he can conduct the installation.

The ever-popular Rib-Tickler Dinner is scheduled for May 21, once again under the chairmanship of **Joe Petruk**. (See **Rib-Tickler article, p. 2 for the important details.**)

As for the St. Patrick's Day dinner party on the day following St. Patrick's Day, **Iturba and Mamie Percefull** chaired a great celebration—from the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner to the decorations and on to the entertainment. [Too bad we didn't know about the Friday abstinence dispensation; otherwise, the party could have been on the actual holiday instead of the day after.] This was the Percefulls' first time to chair this event, and what a great job they did! Much imagination and creativity went into this event, right down to the Percefulls' elaborate (and intensely green) costumes. Approximately, 85 people were present on an evening that brought heavy and prolonged rain. Gloomy weather failed to dampen the spirits. **John Jordan** entertained with his beautiful singing, **Ed McManus** once again did his rendition of Tot-Ra-Loo-A-R and "Danny Boy," Mamie and Iturba sang "Take Me Home Again Kathleen," and children did an Irish jig. All in all, it was a festive evening. Ed McManus summed up

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