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Yesssss! Rummage Sale Breaks PreviousRecord All the hard work that went into the April 7-8, 14-15 Charity Rummage Sale paid big dividends. After publicity expenses of about \$300, we expect to net approximately \$14,000. The present figure is ap-

proximate because money continues to come in. Our sale of last October brought in slightly more than \$12,000. Our previous high was slightly in excess of \$13,000 in our April 2004 sale. We point out that some of the present figure comes from items sold in advance of the official sale, including items sold on consignment by Antique Showroom on Malvern Avenue. In addition to Showroom sales for which we have collected, we currently have \$630 payable in May, representing recent sales of \$900 of which we will receive 70 percent.

Many people, as usual, contributed to the success of the recent sale. The big guns behind the good result are those who work throughout the year driving about the county to collect donated merchandise. The regulars in this work are Tom Gilleran, Dennis Bosch, Julian Post, Harold Hager, Dick Smith, Jim DeGeorge, Jim Lockwood, and Joe Van Hout (whose tireless work earned him the distinction of "Knight of the Month.") The two weeks of the sale, including the preliminary set-up, organization, pricing, etc., included most of these guys but added several other workers who were "clocked in" and working on several, if not all, of the work days. This special group included Gil and Karen Gibbons, Martha Lockwood. Laura Mazzia. Pat Logan, newly transferred member Dennis Wood and his wife Sue, Bob Kortenber, Chris Bosch, Jackie Smith, and Lorraine McManus. Those who were able to donate a day or two to the enterprise were Sandy Kortenber, Lou and Vi Kosarek, George and Sue Marshall, Ed McManus, Ray Kukuk, Ken Kukuk, Bob and Ethel Kness, Joe Dierks, Glen Hunt, Jim Reiter, Pat Burton, Bev Priest, Audrey McDonald, Leonard Didier, Iturba Percefull, John Macchietto, and Pietro Tomassi.

Still another category for well-deserved thank-you's is that of food providers. How nice it is to have a break for lunch always GOOD food—and for a brief social period. Let's be honest about this: Without our ladies, we simply couldn't have the quality sales that we now have. They work alongside the men—often transforming chaos to order. AND they prepare for us all those delicious things from their kitchens. It's the ladies' touch that makes a table of merchandise look orderly and attractive. As for food, we enjoyed beautiful sandwich arrangements, casseroles, salads, soups, chili, lasagna, and great desserts. Without identifying specific donations with specific people, we express our appreciation to **Chris Bosch**,

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Let's sit down and take a deep breath. We made it through April, which was dominated by the spring Charity Rummage Sale. I am sure Jim will have a report on that undertaking [See adjoin-

ing column]. A lot of the proceeds go to help a lot of people in our community.

We do have great regret for the loss of one of our council charter members. **Rubert Dunn**, who was an active council member as long as his health allowed, died April 18 at his home.

The Rite of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church on April 20. I had the honor of presenting a Bible to his family at the rosary service at Gross Funeral Home on the evening of April 19. This was the first Bible presentation from our council, beginning what will become a tradition. Rubert's death came just a few months after that of his wife Mary Ann. The council expresses its condolences to Rubert's children Patricia, Tammy, and Gene and to his grandchildren. We will miss him.

Easter is now behind us, and spring has unfolded all around us. We now look forward to **Joe Petruk's Rib-Tickler Dinner and Joke Fest** scheduled at the K. C. Hall for the evening of Sunday, May 21. The social will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner following at 5:30. Get your tickets from almost any knight for a mere \$8.00. We know from past Rib-Ticklers that the dinner, prepared in the kitchen of St. Joseph's Hospital, will be excellent. Following the dinner, guests will be entertained with a barrage of jokes, the emphasis being on funny but CLEAN jokes. And the tradition continues that joke-tellers will receive a \$1 rebate from their \$8 ticket cost. Don't miss this fine dinner and entertainment. Get your tickets and get your joke ready.

Arkansas Knights of Columbus will hold its annual convention in Pine Bluff on May 4-7. **Bob Kortenber** and I will serve as delegates from our council. Of course, other council members are encouraged to attend. Activities are also planned for the wives in attendance. Be forewarned, men, to keep your hand on your wallet, for we are informed the ladies will make a visit to Sissy's Log Cabin, which has told us many times via television that "life is too short for ordinary jewelry." **Dennis Bosch** is our candidate for Knight of the Year. We hope those on the state level who select the Arkansas Knight of the Year will recognize the great work that Dennis has done for our council and for others.

Don't forget that the nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the May meeting. The election of officers will take place at our June meeting, with new officers assuming their offices on July 1.

Since May is the month dedicated to Mary, we will have a