

Grand Knight's article, continued

traditional Living Rosary and potluck dinner at the K. C. Hall on Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m. The council will provide the meat, which I'm confident someone will volunteer to prepare. As usual, we depend on our ladies to bring their special dishes from their kitchens.

Don't forget that we will continue to pray the rosary at 6:30 on council meeting nights. Also remember that our recently reorganized Ladies Auxiliary meets the same evening. **Bob Kness, Grand Knight**

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Frankie DeGeorge, Vi Kosarek, Pat Burton, Lorraine McManus, Sue Wood, Mamie Percefull, Rose Kukuk, Jackie Smith, Ethel Kness, Karen Gibbons, Martha Lockwood, Carol Ecklund, and Lee Myers. Lee, always thoughtful, keeps close tabs on our council activities and has contributed wonderful desserts for our last two sales. Thanks to these special friends of our council.

Finally, a special thanks to those who put the council hall back into order following the sale. The detailed cleaning-up process is somewhat like taking down Christmas decorations. You have to do it, but you really hate doing it. The guy who did the lion's share of the clean-up work was **Gil Gibbons**, who actually worked two mornings by himself. [Gil and his wife Karen were recently honored as council Family of the Month. Both played prominent roles in our sale]. Besides Gil, those on hand for at least one of the two designated clean-up were **Dennis Bosch, Tom Gilleran, Leonard Didier, Jim DeGeorge, Joe Van Hout, Harold Hager, George Marshall, and Jim Lockwood.**

Regarding items we still have in our possession, two deserve special mention. One is an antique saxophone (1920's) with its original case. It needs new pads and a good cleaning but otherwise is in remarkably good condition, having been examined by **John Jordan**, Hot Springs High School band director and St. John's choir director. The horn should bring several hundred dollars, possibly on eBay. The other is a nice classic design wedding dress with train, head piece, and veil. It appears to be about a size 10. It is clean but wrinkled. If anyone knows or learns of anyone in the market for a nice wedding dress at a very good price, send her to us. We will be happy to show it.

Looking a half-year away to our October sale, we have already had calls for two or three pickups of donations, including a nice refrigerator. We hope these contributions bode well for another great sale.



Outreach Committee Meets

At a meeting last Wednesday the Outreach Committee voted to continue its \$400 a month support of Jackson House and its \$200 a month purchase of diapers for infants and small children living in Hot Springs Housing Authority units. The committee also added a \$50 monthly donation for dinners and related expenses prepared by council member and housing administrator **Wally Marroy and his wife Lucy** for residents of Christopher House [owned by Diocese of Little Rock] on Cones Road. Under consideration for donations is Christian Charitable Medical Clinic. The committee voted to maintain a reserve of \$2500 for emergency needs.



From Our Chaplain

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the honor of Mary, the Mother of God. There is probably no part of Catholic life so often misunderstood. Many claim devotion to Mary amounts to nothing less than worship that should be given to God alone. Of course, that is not the case but many Catholics are at a loss when it comes to explaining why. I want to offer some help in why this is so difficult. One reason is the word "worship" itself. The experience of worship in many churches consists of a gathering to sing, pray, and preach. If someone has the idea that such activities constitute worship, then our actions do seem like worship. In honor of Mary Catholics commonly sing, pray, and preach. So, we say we do not worship Mary and then engage in practices that most definitely seem like worship of Mary. It is easy to see why some would be confused.

The Catholic idea of worship, however, is something entirely different. When we gather on Sundays, we do sing, pray, and preach. Those actions are not worship by themselves, but rather serve to engage us more fully in worship. For Catholics, worship takes on the ancient and biblical understanding of offering sacrifice. The Mass is worship because the Mass is the sacrifice of the cross offered to the Father. When we Catholics say we do not worship Mary, it is clear because we would never even consider offering sacrifice to Mary. Because of the difference in understanding what worship is, other Christians do not understand the way we honor Mary. The misunderstanding has existed for a long time and will continue to be source of contention for some. In the end we should realize the great gift we have as Catholics. Honoring Mary seems natural to us. We honor our Mother in heaven as easily as we honor our mothers on earth. From all mothers we learn a great deal. From Mary we learn the greatest thing, how to love God himself. During the month of May we pray with our Mother that we may love Jesus as she does.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

At our April 20 Assembly meeting, there was some discussion about a possible change of meeting night. One suggestion was that the Assembly meet every other month, though it was pointed out that the Bylaws state that a meeting must take place each month. There was some discussion of conducting our meetings at 6:30 p.m. in advance of the 7:30 council meetings on the second Thursday of each month. That possibility has met with some opposition, as the time is conflict with the council's recent inauguration of praying the rosary an hour before its scheduled meeting. The Assembly also discussed the possibility of planning a social for the third Thursday of the third month of each quarter. That timing would sometimes conflict with the council's planned socials. The next meeting will be at the K. C. Hall at 6:30 p.m. on May 18.

Fr. Burkus reported that due to his failed eyesight he will be unable to serve as Faithful Friar for the coming fiscal year. It has been a role in which he has served for several years. We are grateful for his long dedicated service. Other positions that must be filled are Faithful Navigator, Pilot, Comptroller, Captain, and Scribe. Knights are asked to submit nominations at the May 18 meeting.

Thanks to **Lou and Vi Kosarek**, who prepared the delicious dinner that preceded our April meeting. The menu

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May Birthdays

- 3 Richard Freidel
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 16 James Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Retzlaff
- 25 George Meggers
- 29 Anthony Modica

Knight of the Month
Joe Van Hout

Family of the Month
Gil and Karen Gibbons

May Calendar

- 4 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 4-7 Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention, Pine Bluff
- 11 Council and Ladies Auxiliary Meetings, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Scholarship Application Deadline (See article, p. 2)
- 18 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Rib-Tickler Dinner, K. C. Hall 5:00 social, 5:30 dinner (See Grand Knight's article)
- 28 Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner (See Grand Knight's article, pp. 1-2)

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Mary Turek, Dick Smith, Gil Gibbons, Bill 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, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencil**



St. John's School Golf Tournament Set
The 4th Annual St. John's School Golf Tournament, proceeds from which will benefit the school, is planned for Saturday, June 3 at Belvedere Country Club. It features a hole-in-one opportunity to win a 2006 Chevrolet HHR. Grand Knight **Bob Kness** would like for the council to have a team or two (or three) to participate in this tournament to support the school. If interested, let Bob know.

Deadline for Scholarship Applications Nears



Applications for the \$1000 scholarship given annually to a high school Catholic senior graduating in the immediate Hot Springs area are due in the office of St. Mary's Church or St. John's Church by Friday, May 12. Applications may be obtained from both of those offices. A committee of council members led by scholarship chairman **Doug Hall** will select a recipient from the submitted applications. Judging is based on several criteria, including scholarship, leadership, and church involvement.

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included smoked pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, and Vi's great pastry dessert.

Thanks also to the men who, in full regalia, served as honor guards for two recent ceremonies. The first was the Holy Thursday mass at St. John's Church; the second was the April 19 rosary service at Gross Funeral Home for council member **Rubert Dunn/Charles Smith, Faithful Navigator.**