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Knights Shift

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Furniture Sale, Community Outreach Program, Etc.

The July 22 Furniture Sale grossed \$2074. In addition, we have collected \$1164 since June 1 from the Antique Showroom on Malvern Avenue, who continues to sell on consignment some of our better items. Even since the July 22 sale, the store has sold for us a large Lazy-boy lounge chair for \$400, money not yet received. We have taken several nice pieces there since the Saturday sale. Thanks to **Tom Gilleran, Joe Van Hout, Dick Smith, Julian Post, Bob Kortember, George Marshall, Jim DeGeorge, Ray Kukuk, Bob Kness, and Ed McManus** who moved out a lot of merchandise between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the day's work came to an end. (Several of these men had also been present a day early to get organized for Saturday.) Thanks also to **Gust and Mary Turek** who came to check out our sale and just happened to bring with them a box of delicious fried chicken. That was a special meal-time treat.

Friday, the organization day, was the last of those 105-107 degree days. Fortunately, the front came through, the temperature dropped into the 80's, and the humidity was unseasonably low. We had a pleasant day to work and to add to our outreach program coffers. Customers responded well to our advertising and kept us quite busy until shortly before we closed the door.

Now we look forward to the October 13-14, 20-21 sale, hoping to have a lot of collections between now and then. Last week we collected what will be a real bargain for someone. We received a donation of an \$800 Stearns and Foster full-size mattress/box springs set that looks as if it just came from the store. Indeed, the donor says she used it just short of a month and then opted for a firmer mattress. The set she donated to our council is advertised as one that never needs to be turned. We will let it go for \$300. Interested? **Call Jim at 525-7022 to see it.**

As for new donations, please keep the council in mind when you're ready to dispose of household items such as sets of dishes, glassware, flatware, cookware, decorator items, linens, and of course furniture. We also like to get books, mainly fiction, tools, art work, holiday decorations, jewelry (Costume jewelry is great!), and many other items. We discourage clothing, old luggage, telephones, and other outdated electronics.

The council Outreach Program, in addition to its regular monthly contributions to Jackson House, Eastwood Gardens of Hot Springs Housing Authority, and Christopher House (low-rent housing on Cones Road owned by the Diocese of Little Rock) provided in July several pieces of furniture to a previously homeless man who, with the help of a local church, is moving into an apartment. It also has purchased two air conditioners for a family in Eastwood Gardens. Earlier in the summer 20 air conditioning units were donated for the residents there.



Grand Knight's Report

At our July council meeting, **Father Erik Pohlmeier** in his chaplain's report unveiled a plan left by **Bishop Sartain** to establish a program named "Why Catholic?" I believe this, in part, is what Bishop Sartain refers to when he speaks of "a new vision for our diocese." This program will be conducted in six-week intervals at Lent and Advent for four years beginning with Lent 2007. The short study periods will be conducted as a prelude to various church meetings. Since Fr. Erik needs facilitators from various parish organizations, we need a person from our council who will commit to a three-day training in Little Rock for preparation to assume responsibility as a facilitator to head-up the study. Volunteer! More information can be obtained at the St. John's Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m., August 3.

From preliminary reports I understand that we made something above \$2,000 from our July 22 Furniture Sale. Good job, guys. (See accompanying article). You fellows are a treasure to 6419.

Our next big money-maker, though not for council funds, will be the October 6-7 Drive for the Disabled, more commonly called the Tootsie Roll Drive. That annual drive, primarily for the benefit of handicapped students at First Step School, will demand a lot of workers—from non-members as well as members. Once again, **Brother Hugh Truesdale** will chair this event. At this point he has a couple of site captains but will need others. **Give a call to Hugh at 991-3548.**

On Sunday, October 24, around noon, **Joe Dierks** will chair our annual bi-parish picnic. Be sure to leave that date open for a good time. Expect good food, good company, good games, and of course good weather. More details forthcoming in September **Knights Shift**.

Is it just me, or are men increasingly characterized in pop culture (TV, movies and advertisement) as bumbling "bozos" that "don't have a clue," aren't "cool" and are just plain stupid? The Sunday, July 9 issue of *New York Times* printed a big fat article titled "At Colleges, Women are Leaving Men in the Dust." As the *Times* explains, the Department of Education Statistics show that men, whatever race or socioeconomic group, are in a downward spiral. For every 50 girls, 53 boys are enrolled in elementary school, 50 boys are enrolled in high school, 48 boys graduate from high school, 39 men are enrolled in college, 37 men earn a bachelor's degree and 32 men earn a master's degree. Twelfth grade boys, even those with college-educated parents, do far worse than girls in reading and writing.

Notwithstanding the wonderful advances girls are making, I submit that for the boys not only are academia in question but also spiritual, moral and physical considerations. For the boys the answer, verily, is in the Knights of Columbus archetype.

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