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Tootsie Roll Drive: Here We Go!

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for this weekend, Friday

and Saturday, October 6-7, beginning at 9 a.m. each day and ending at 5 p.m. This drive once again will benefit the students of First Step School here in Hot Springs as well as Special Olympics (through our 15% donation to Arkansas Knights of Columbus.)

The captains of the various sites for collecting donations are advised that the Tootsie Rolls are at the K. C. Hall, along with the collection cans and aprons for use by the volunteers. Chairman Hugh Truesdale will be at the K. C. Hall from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4 for captains to pick up their supplies, including a card table and a folding chair for anyone who has difficulty standing for long periods. All captains are also advised to call their volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday to remind them of the two-hour time slot they have agreed to work. Past experience has shown that some people forget! Also inform each volunteer that the council will have an appreciation pizza supper at the Hall on Friday evening, the 6th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Encourage them to come with their spouses.

Under Hugh are captains supervising collections at several stores: Hugh will take the lead at the newer Wal-Mart on Central, using St. John's confirmation candidates with adult supervision (Saturday only), Jim Lockwood at Wal-Mart on Albert Pike, Joe VanHout at Price Cutters on Albert Pike, Ed McManus at Krogers on Airport Road, Randy Schnoebeien at Krogers and Hobby Lobby on Central Avenue, and teachers from First Step School at the Old Krogers on Central (across from Blockbuster Video). Tony Pultz (Friday) and Bob Kness (Saturday) will periodically collect money from the various sites. They will have additional boxes of Tootsie Rolls for captains whose supplies run low. Counting and banking the money will be Ethel Kness, Jackie Smith, and John and Millie Connell.

Let's pray for good weather and generous donations for handicapped citizens.

Fall Rummage Sale Getting Ready to Unwind

With our October 13-14, 20-21 Charity Rummage less than two weeks off, we have a lot of donated merchandise and a lot to do. Many volunteers—men and women—will begin setting up on Monday, October 9. The first day, devoted primarily to setting up tables, bringing out boxes, unpacking, and designating proper tables for the varied donations, will need a lot of men. The women will join them on Tuesday and begin the arduous task of organizing and pricing that will continue through Thursday. Between now and October 9, many phone

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Grand Knight's Report



In a deadly period of loneliness a man in a Chicago high-rise, though he has great professional success and a lovely family, sees through a glass darkly a flat black crushing depression. He con-

sumes a quantity of pills and puts a plastic bag over his head, wrapping duct tape around his neck to close off the bag.

A beautiful, albeit thin, young woman in the Sudan awoke pre-dawn to the lifeless body of her two-month-old baby who starved to death last night because her breasts could not produce enough milk. She looks out through tear-filled eyes on the solemn smoldering desolation of day's flickering first light for a future.

An inner-city teen bags his first trophy kill (an innocent bystander) in a drive-by shooting as part of an initiation for entry into the local thug circle. Down the block another teen has just had her first abortion. A toddler is admitted to the Emergency Ward with a deep laceration and is found also to have a number of cigarette burn scars and several old bone fractures.

I shan't be a promulgator of bottomless grief here. The litany of human abasement would seem interminable if it were not for the instruments of God's truth and love, including prayer, charity and evangelization. These are our salvation and it is well to understand them in the context of our fortune and the words of Christ: "...for those to whom much is given much is expected." (*Luke* 12:48)

Knights of Columbus, the strong right arm of Christ's Church led by the masterful Bishop of Rome, Benedict XVI, embodies this magnificently. Our meritorious Council 6419 and its Columbian Ladies staunchly plug along like a slow train but have the potential to thunder ahead. My heart grows in gratitude for those who help increase the steam. We are a unit within an organization that will in time be recognized worldwide as the one of the most effective philanthropic society of its kind.

It's funny the little things one may reflect on. About six months ago Brother **Ed McManus** was walking along in the cemetery back to his car after putting the flags out for the day. I observed him spy a little piece of litter, the size of a quarter. He bent down, picked up the little piece of trash and deposited it in the trash can. This remains an emblematic event for me. His action demonstrates that nothing is really "little"—virtue or sin. Fate turns on a dime. At Lexington and Concord, somebody squeezed a "little" trigger.

Among our council's "little" things was the gathering at Mamie's and my house on September 16. 'Twas a wonderful evening. After some sorting, a comprehensive report will be forthcoming. However, the 11-person party did find consensus that a well-thought out council brochure with snap, crackle and pop, galvanizing attention and igniting imagination, is a sound goal. We are in need of relevant pictures showing council activity.

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