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Fourth Degree Assembly Ready for Annual Christmas Dinner-Dance

Are you ready? Time is running out. (Hurry to get your tickets BEFORE the December 10 event at the K. C. Hall.

With food preparation in mind, the Assembly must give a correct ticket count to the caterer in advance. Thus we will be unable to sell tickets at the door. To secure your tickets, please call Chairman Newton White at 262-3282, Lou Kosarek at 525-4741, Dick Smith at 760-3879, or Jim Lockwood at 525-7022. The cost per ticket is \$20.

It will be a great evening of fellowship, a great prime rib dinner prepared by *Home Place* from outside the Village, dinner and dance music provided by *Blue Velvet*, attractive door prizes, and beautiful holiday decorations. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner following at 6. Don't miss out!

Council Dues to Increase by Five Dollars

In accord with a council vote a year ago in November, the second of three five-dollar dues increases is to go into effect January 1, the date when dues are payable for the new year. This will bring our council dues to \$40. It bears repeating that a council with lower dues than ours almost certainly does not have the varied expenses associated with upkeep of a council hall. It also is worth repeating that roughly half our dues goes to our state organization and to the Supreme Council. Even with dues increases, the bulk of council upkeep comes from two rummage sales and from hall rentals. Rummage sales bring \$6000 a year for council needs, the remainder going to the charity outreach program. This year hall rentals, counting the upcoming Tool Show rental, have produced approximately \$3738. Bar income, after expenses, is fairly negligible. In addition to the ongoing expenses of utilities and insurance, there are continuing, often unexpected, expenses for such items as plumbing and roof repairs. Currently the council is facing replacement of at least one of the two gas ranges in the kitchen and is currently discussing our need for significant and much needed improvement to the air-conditioning and to both restrooms. Financing such undertakings demands close planning.

Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** will soon mail out dues notices. Please remit as soon as possible to eliminate the time and expense of additional reminders. If you can spare something beyond the \$40 assessment, the council, with gratitude, can certainly put it to good use.

January 1 also marks the date that renewals of council sponsorships found on p. 3 of *Knight Shift* and business ads on p. 4. Sponsorships will continue at \$10, and business ads at \$25 for the year. Sponsorships and ads may be renewed through Treasurer **Dennis Bosch** at P. O. Box 2092, Hot Springs, 71914.

Grand Knight's Report



Every knight should honor our founder and join the Father McGivney Guild to expand on the experience of a lifetime. The guild is set up to assist in Fr. McGivney's canonization and to keep all in-

terested parties informed as to the progress of this endeavor. Cost: FREE. Simply send your intention with name and address to Father McGivney Guild, Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbia Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

Council member **Dennis Bosch** has received yet another accolade, adding to his Arkansas Knight of the Year tribute. The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) has named Dennis Fraternal MVP for the week of November 6. Fraternal MVP's are "Fraternalists-in-Action" who volunteer time and energy to strengthen their communities. For the past decade Dennis has been a steady, committed, and luminous knight. Dennis peers with laser vision into situations, makes an astute assessment, and applies considerable talent and muscle for resolution of a wide range of problems.

Join us for the Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner and Dance chaired by **Newton White**, who has planned assiduously for this event for several months. (See lead article, opposite column).

Hey, all y'all who've been chomping at the bit to be initiated into the Fourth Degree Assembly—here's your opportunity. The next area Exemplification is set for Hot Springs Village Sacred Heart Church, Saturday, February 24, from 12:45 to 5:45 p.m. All knights who have been knights for at least a year and who have interest in joining the Assembly should notify **Faithful Navigator Cass Bukaskas at 624-5822**.

The call remains for both council-related pictures and ideas for verbiage potentially to be used in our future brochure. Anyone with pictures or words to contribute is asked to contact brochure project chairman, **Dennis Wood** (623-8655) or me (760-5190).

In this festive season, stretching into the coming year, we should be mindful of the tribulation beyond our immediate circle. The two weeks before Christmas, for example, result in more suicides than any other such period during the year.

One vignette into current suicides is a documentary film by Eric Steel presently being shown at theaters in San Francisco. For one year he trained cameras day and night on the Golden Gate Bridge and, subsequently, has taped 23 of that year's 24 suicides. A jump from the bridge results in a 4-second, 25-story fall with a body hitting the water at approximately 75 miles per hour. Death almost always occurs. But Kevin Hines, 25, survived. Kevin's suicide attempt quote at the first nanosecond of freefall was, "Oh my God, I don't want to die. What did I just do?" He arranged his body so as to be as streamlined as possible to lessen impact. He broke a leg, his hip, and four vertebrae. How nice it would have been to preclude that interlude and not have his

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