

Tootsie Roll Drive, continued

solicit donations from patrons outside several local stores. **Ed McManus** will captain the Kroger store on Airport Road;

Jim Lockwood, the Wal-Mart on Albert Pike; **Joe Van Hout**, Price Cutter; First Step School personnel, the old Kroger on Central; **Randy Schnoebelen**, the newer Kroger plus Hobby Lobby on Central, and **Ray Kukuk**, Wal-Mart on Central (Saturday only). All of these men need help. Give one of them a call to volunteer a couple hours of your time. Remember that wives and other non-members make good collectors. Collections will be in two-hour shifts, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Two collectors will serve during each time slot at each collection site. When October ***Knights Shift*** comes out, all details should be in order.

At 6 p.m. on Friday evening a pizza supper will be served to all the volunteers and their spouses at St. John's Parish Hall.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly met August 16 at the K. C. Hall. **Faithful Admiral Louis Kosearek** with help from his wife **Violet** provided a delicious dinner of pork chops, vegetables, and a couple of fine desserts, including apple strudel. Lou gives full credit to Vi for the desserts. Everything was quite good. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 20 at Smokin' in Style Barbecue located at 2278 Albert Pike Road. Wives and other guests are invited.

Of two upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications in the state—Batesville and Russellville—the closer is at Russellville on Saturday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m. We will focus on that event for our incoming members. In the meantime, there's still time to enlist new candidates. Talk it up!

At 6:30 p.m. on October 25, shortly before All-Souls Day, the Assembly will have its annual Living Rosary and potluck dinner in remembrance of our deceased knights. Wives and guests, as well as all council members, are encouraged to be present. Widows of deceased members will be presented a rose. Fourth Degree members should wear tuxedos. Honor guard members should include regalia.

Looking further ahead, we will have our Christmas Dinner/Dance on Sunday, December 9. This is not only a fundraiser but the social highlight of our year. **Faithful Captain Joe Palmere** will chair this year's event.

At the August 25 District Meeting held at our K. C. Hall, **State Advocate Mark Morgan** announced that Knights of Columbus has adopted as formal dress the standard tuxedo shirt collar as opposed to the "French" collar. The Hot Springs Village Council announced that it will have a Fall Fest at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 26. All are invited. Also, the Village delegation invited everyone to be present for their December 4 meeting at Sacred Heart Church. Our own **Father Erik**, guest speaker, will speak about St. John's School.

Hot Springs Council 6419 is planning to host a Second and Third Degree Exemplification, possibly on December 1 or December 8. More information will be forthcoming from **Grand Knight Iturba Percefull**.

Have you had occasion to see the beautifully televised mass from the Basilica of Notre Dame University? It's especially ideal for those whose health issues prevent them from attending mass. You can find this mass each Sunday at 7 a.m. on the Hallmark Channel (Channel 68). It is also available from Channel 103 on Direct TV at 9 and 10 a.m./ **Newton White, Faithful Navigator**



From Our Chaplain

September 5 marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Mother Theresa. It is fitting that we look back at the life of this incredible woman simply for all she accomplished, but this anniversary finds her in the news with new interest. A new book is being released that contains many of the private letters she wrote over the years. The letters reveal a tremendous spiritual struggle that has surprised many in the media. (This information came to the Church's attention a number of years ago when the process of canonization began but went unnoticed outside Catholic media.)

In her letters Mother Theresa recorded an agony that went on for fifty years, but remained hidden to all but a few spiritual directors. Despite her remarkable charity and the evident joy in her smile, her interior life was extremely painful. In all but five weeks of those fifty years she lived in a spiritual darkness, feeling abandoned by God and totally separated from him. To quote from a letter addressed to Jesus and preserved by a confessor: "Where is my faith—even deep down...there is nothing but emptiness and darkness."

The letters have garnered attention in the media because there is much confusion about how to react to them. Those few who have long been detractors of her work see it as confirmation of their criticism. Those who were impressed by her but only at a superficial level wonder if such doubt weakens her witness. Those who understand her Catholic faith grow in admiration upon learning the depth of her faith that persevered despite nearly overwhelming doubt.

In her own life Mother Theresa came to understand and accept her struggle with time and guidance. Eventually she embraced what is known as the "dark night of the soul" and was able to see the hand of God, even if only in her mind. She wrote, "I accept not in my feelings—but with my will, the Will of God—I accept His will." Other saints have had similar experiences but none report the duration that she experienced.

Mother Theresa has long been held up as a heroic witness to our faith. During her life it was her level of charity that pushed many to be more charitable. In her death we are beginning to see the true character of a saint. She was much more than a social worker. She was a woman absolutely committed to God, and even with doubts that most cannot imagine, her faith continued. We will continue to learn from her life. At least may be respond with greater charity and truth in God, even when we struggle. Blessed Theresa of Calcutta, pray for us./**Father Erik**



Hall Rentals: New Man in Charge!

A significant part of council income results from several rentals of the K. C. Hall each year. So the person who schedules and supervises the rentals has one of the council's most important responsibilities. It demands a lot of time—not just scheduling but being physically present or having someone else to be present for the occasions. Many times it involves tending bar. Brother **Dick Smith** has managed that position exceedingly well for seven years! That is quite a contribution to our council, a service which Dick has provided exceedingly well for seven years. We are indebted to and grateful to Dick for his unselfish giving of time and talent.

The new man in charge is Brother **Steve Barron**, relatively new council member and teacher at Hot Springs High School. Steve has already supervised one wedding receptioncontinued, p.3

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September Birthdays

- 1 Glen Hunt
- 2 Charles Antonini
- 3 Raymond Mace
- 5 Steve Barron
- 5 Louis Turala
- 12 George Sanders
- 14 John Connell
- 14 Michael Schnauffer, Jr.
- 15 Wally Marroy
- 16 Kevan Riley
- 17 Joe Kanopsic, Jr.
- 20 Julian Post
- 27 Rick Dwyer
- 30 Mark Palmer

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Jim DeGeorge, Jackie Smith, Rita Farrell, Buddy Gloor, Louis Turala, Joe Salemi, Katherine Smart, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

September Calendar

- 6 Officers Meeting, K.C. Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Council Family Picnic, ARC Isle, Noon (see article, p. 1)
- 20 Fourth Degree Meeting, Smokin' in Style Barbecue, 6:30 p.m. (see Fourth Degree article, p. 2)

Sponsorships and Ads

We presently have three available sponsorship spaces for \$10. each. The money goes toward the expense of publishing the monthly newsletter. Also note available ad spaces on p. 3. Those spaces are \$25 for a year. For either a sponsorship or ad, call Dennis Bosch (525-6478) or Jim Lockwood (525-7022)

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and has scheduled another for September 15. At the recent reception Steve and Dick together tended bar and didn't get home till around 1:30 a.m. Steve commented, "This job is harder than most people realize." Indeed it is. Thanks, guys.

EWTN: How to Watch Programs on Your Computer

The Hot Springs area, excluding residents who have satellite television reception, appears to be among the few places in Arkansas that do not have the privilege of watching EWTN, the Catholic Network, on television. Presently Council member **Newton White** and others are collecting signatures to present to Cablelynx as a petition to introduce EWTN locally. If you have a cable hookup for your computer, you may watch EWTN programs by going to www.ewtn.com. At the top of the page click on "Television," then from the dropdown menu, click on "Live Television," then Real-Video. When the minimized video begins, just turn up the volume and maximize the picture to fill up your monitor screen with the picture.

