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Council Dues Reminder

Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** reports that 45 members have not yet paid their 2007 Council dues of \$40. To make Joe's job simpler and to eliminate the expense of postage for reminder letters, please remit \$40 to Joe at 116 Country Club, Hot Springs 71901 or at the February 8 meeting. He needs to put this collection process

behind him. The 2006 sponsorships and ads will remain intact at least another month. Several have renewed for 2007. Renewed sponsorships are indicated in blue at the top of page 3 of this newsletter. To renew yours or to begin a new one, please send \$10 for a sponsorship and \$25 for an ad to Treasurer **Dennis** Bosch, 322 Broadview Circle, Hot Springs 71913. Note two

Rib-Tickler Dinner and Joke Fest Coming Up!

The Council Rib-Tickler Dinner, introduced and perpetuated by **Joe Petruk**, has become one of our most popular council socials. The popularity in part is due to a reliably delicious dinner of short

pork ribs, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, cobbler with ice cream. and tea or coffee prepared in the kitchen of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital but also for the entertainment feature that follows. People obviously enjoy not only hearing good jokes but also TELLING good jokes (Right, Ed McManus?) So here's your chance to take the stage and tell your favorite joke. The only stipulation is that jokes be in good taste. Oh, yes! Your joke could bring you a \$1 rebate from your ticket cost.

To partake of this wonderful evening, all you need to do is to purchase an \$8.50 ticket and present yourself at the K.C. Hall on Sunday, February 25. The fun begins early! Social will begin at 4:30 p.m., and dinner will follow at 5 o'clock.

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And THEN?.....The jokes begin! So get those tickets! Call St. John's Rectory at 623-6201, Ed McManus at 321-0755, Jim Lockwood at 525-7022, Lou Ko-

sarek at 525-4741, or Joe Petruk at 767-4409.

Knights to Serve Dinner at St. Michael's

Some of our council members and wives will treat the sisters, Fr. Christopher, and other residents at St. Michael's to an appreciation dinner on Tuesday evening, February 13 at St. Michael's convent. Louis and Vi Kosarek, Joe and Agnes Petruk, Iturba and Mamie Percefull, Charles and Geri Smith, and Bruce and Stevie Bates will report to St. Michael's at 6 p.m. to prepare a full-course dinner with wine. This will be a well-deserved treat for all the honorees.

Grand Knight's Report

"There is no greater satisfaction for a just and well-meaning person than the knowledge that he has devoted his best energies to the service of the good cause." (Albert Einstein) The Knights who go

about their business contributing to the "good cause" with little fanfare are a marvel. Over the years they provide considerable service. One example is our council's first Grand Knight and charter member, Joseph Giompoletti.

Joe is a steady contributor. He is presently applying some of his experience to problems with our Knights of Columbus Hall. (His expansive building contractor experience gives him excellent credentials.) But of particular interest to me is Joe's work with St. John's School Bazaar spaghetti dinner for which he has 35-years' involvement. Many other knights and spouses have contributed to the spaghetti dinner also. Larry and Sandi **Stamps** have participated for 16 years. I've had the privilege and pleasure to help out for 3 years. It's fun and interesting to hear all the stories generated from this tradition. It's a wonderful tradition, as are other traditions of service to be found in the Knights' charitable works.

The District Council's mid-year meeting was held at the K.C. Hall on January 20, 2007. Mark Morgan, our State Warden, conducted an informative meeting. Present from our council were Joe Dierks, Newton White, Randy Schnoebelen, new council member Mark Layton, and I. Mark and Seminarian **Jason Sharbaugh** traveled to El Dorado with me January 28 to participate in a Second and Third Degree Exemplification. Mark and Jason are now Third Degree members. Congratulations, Mark and Jason.

First, Second, and Third Degree Exemplifications are coming up. A Second and Third Degree Exemplification will be hosted by the Father Joe Lauro Council 6398 of Russellville on February 18 in Dardanelle. We have several First Degree members who should go to Dardanelle for that occasion. (See Fourth Degree article for details of the Fourth Degree Exemplification) Of course we are always in need of First Degree candidates.

We hope to have a St. Patrick's Day celebration, but that issue at present is inconclusive. Volunteers are coming forward, but we must have a chairman for the event. At this point, we do not.

New member **Robert Rowe**, who likes to cook, has cooked up an interesting idea to have a monthly informal meeting in a more casual atmosphere and to consider tough council issues that might take a lot of chewing to resolve. An example of such an issue is consideration of what it would require of us to get a First Degree team in operational condition. Or how we might handle the matter of taking care of the grounds around the hall. Robert says he can borrow a big screen TV for social occasions. Maybe we'll find it feasible to get satellite or cable installed at the hall. Possibly this informal group could generate the funds for it.

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