

Grand Knight's article, continued

Scheduling could be varied to accommodate events, such as the Super Bowl or prize fights. Food for thought and grounds for further investigation.

Father Michael J. McGivney identified young men as a most crucial segment among our parishioners, in that they tend to be the most fallen away and at risk. Before he formed Knights of Columbus, he was successful in creating a theater group, the Young Men's Total Abstinence and Literary (TAL) Society. With explosive growth, they put on acting shows and made money for charity. The purpose was to give purpose and to turn away from alcoholism the young men who had become bored with church life.

Fr. McGivney's love allowed his soul to become the battleground as all healers must do. "Finding himself in the midst of the battlefield, man has to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to himself, and aided by God's grace that he succeed in achieving his own inner integrity." (CCC409) the mysterious alchemy, whereby the victim becomes the victor, played out in this man as he discovers the first task of love is self-purification. He then found in the struggle between good and evil that life has its meaning and hope in goodness. What is apparent in his life is that love conquering evil was a priori position for him.

To love evil is evil. To love the evil-doer is the call. The methodology of love seeks to shine a light into evil's ugliness—its small, cheap, tawdry dreariness—boring, gloomy, and lonely, where a nihilistic black silence hangs like a shroud. The soul of the lover is buoyant. It does not fear; it is purposeful. Its delight is for others, fulfilled and fulfilling. I've always thought that the title of a Beatles song is a major maxim: "All You Need Is Love." Brothers of Council 6419, let us serve God and inspire others to serve God. **Iturba Percefull, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at the K. C. Hall on February 18. The meeting was preceded by a delicious dinner of fried fish filets, hushpuppies, French fries, and cake prepared by master chef **Joe Giompoletti** who had caught the fish. Yum! Those who missed the meeting also missed a great dinner. Thanks, Joe.

Coming up is an important Fourth Degree Exemplification at Sacred Heart Church in the Village. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 with registration between 12:45 and 1:30. Drinks and snacks will be served but there will be no noon meal. The Exemplification ceremony will begin with a 1:30 line-up of candidates. Following the Exemplification there will be a group photo shoot. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 4:15 and then Mass at 5. The day's activities will conclude with a 6 o'clock social and banquet. Candidate initiation fee, including deacons, will be \$70, the fee including suspender type social baldric (sash), 4th Degree pin, and one banquet ticket. **The cost of banquet tickets for non-candidates is \$15.** Our Assembly currently has four candidates and another probable. For our Third Degree members, there is time remaining for you to be included among the candidates. Call **Louis Kosarek (525-4741)** to inform him that you wish to be a Fourth Degree Knight.

Several members have not yet paid their 2007 dues assessment. In the absence of a comptroller, FN Cass Bukauskas is collecting the \$15 assessment.

Our February 15 meeting will be a social at Olive Garden on Central just south of Wal-Mart. Please be present for 6:30 dinner. Wives are invited.



From Our Chaplain

Even though it happens in the same time frame every year, I am always surprised how quickly Lent comes upon us as we unwind from the celebrations of Christmas. Because it comes quickly, we might not give it much thought until Ash Wednesday is already here. But given the importance of Lent in our spiritual lives, it is worth considering ahead of time.

Lent has long been known as the time for "giving something up." It is a worthy practice and when taken seriously can teach us much needed discipline. The tendency is to have a standard thing to give up and just slip into the routine when the time comes.

I encourage you to look at the disciplines of Lent in a different light. Start with some thought about an overall goal for the season of Lent. Consider what part of your spiritual life needs attention. Then plan for forty days of giving that attention. What you "give up" should serve that goal. Another worthy practice is to take on an additional spiritual practice during Lent. Maybe there is a particular prayer that could be added, or time given to some spiritual work. Again, think about it in the context of an overall goal.

The program *Why Catholic?* Begins this year and offers a good opportunity to learn about the faith and to share the faith as a community. At times we are guarded about our faith. We believe, and put it into practice, but see it as very private. *Why Catholic?* will offer an opportunity, not only to grow personally but to serve as a witness to our faith in a more public fashion. There is a great benefit that comes from knowing and sharing something of the faith life of family and friends. Learning how to put faith into words can open the door to many opportunities.

Without a doubt, God has plans for each us of during the weeks of Lent. He desires our growth in faith and our growth in the practice of faith. We can be examples of faith and instruments in God's hands if we cooperate with Him. Lent is not far away and with a little thought and effort, it can truly be a time of grace. **In Christ, Fr. Erik**

Village Council Plans Return of Fat Tuesday Celebration

Hot Springs Village Council 10208 enjoyed such a successful Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras party last year that they decided to bring it back...but even better. The date is February 20. Activities begin with a 5 p.m. social followed by 6 o'clock dinner, and 7 o'clock dancing. So mark your calendars! Masks, costumes, and umbrellas are encouraged but not required. Tickets are going for \$18 each. Dinner will feature shrimp Creole on rice (or jambalaya for those who don't eat shrimp), salad and French bread, and bread pudding with whiskey sauce.

Music will be provided by the *Music Makers*.

BYOB for the social. Setups and coffee provided.

Last year several knights from Hot Springs Council joined in this festive celebration and enjoyed a great evening. Please Inform **Jim Lockwood (525-7022)** if you would like to join this festive party. The Village Council needs to know in advance how many will come from our council.

Council Agrees to Hall Improvements

With recommendations from the Building Committee—**Rick Sands, Dennis Bosch, Hugh Trusedale, and Dick Smith**—the council at its January 11 meeting agreed to

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Sponsors

Beverly Priest	David Farrell & Rita Farrell	Ed & Jolene Sharkey	Bob & Ethel Kness	Emily Kosta
Dennis & Chris Bosch	George & Sue Marshall	John & Denise Steinhaus	Stretch & Carol Ecklund	Paul & Flo Bachmann
Isabelle Peregrin	Jewel & Ann Thomas	Joe & Agnes Petruk	Hugh & Pat Truesdale	Mildred Gardner
Val Poe	Bob & Sandy Kortember	Ed & Lorraine McManus	Jim & Frankie DeGeorge	Joan Favorite
Gil & Karen Gibbons	John & Millie Connell	Cass Bukauskas	Otto & Delores Wiedower	Harold Hager
Marge Knoth	Iturba & Mamie Percefull	Paul & Lee Myers	Wanda Eckhardt	
Audrey McDonald	Earl & DeDe Robbins	Wally & Lucy Marroy	Joe & Betty Harrison	
Randy & Marty Schnoebelen	Lou & Vi Kosarek	Merlin & Vida Retzlaff	Gust & Mary Turek	
Jim & Martha Lockwood	Ray & Rose Kukuk	Larry & Diane Niemann	Dick & Jackie Smith	

February Birthdays

- 2 Cass Bukauskas**
- 5 Kevin Coakley**
- 12 Tony Torres**
- 13 Ed Sharkey**
- 15 Anthony Pollock**
- 16 Ronald King**
- 16 Rick Sands**
- 16 Paul Sturman**
- 20 Kenny Scott**
- 20 Charles Smith**
- 21 Richard Levesque**
- 22 Robert Fiedler**
- 24 Greg Sanders**
- 25 James Rosamond**

February Calendar

- 1 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.**
- 8 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Rosary, 6:30**
- 13 Appreciation Dinner for Sisters, St. Michael's (see article, p. 1)**
- 15 Fourth Degree Social Meeting, Olive Garden, 6:30 p.m. (see Fourth Degree article, p. 2)**
- 20 Village Council Mardi Gras Party, Sacred Heart Church basement, 5 p.m. (see article, p. 3)**
- 24 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sacred Heart Church, HSV (see article, p. 3)**
- 25 Rib-Tickler Dinner-Joke Fest, K. C. Hall, 4:30 social, dinner following (see article, p. 1)**

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Joe Salemi, Donna Trant, daughter of Pat Logan, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, George and Sue Marshall, Margaret Dierks, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencil**

Another Champion in the Council



Council member Raymond Mace recently broke an Arkansas record in weight lifting. Lifting in the 50-54 age group, 198 lb. weight class, Mace took the record with a dead lift of 405 lbs. He also earned first place in the bench press with a lift of 310 lbs.

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proceed with a plan to put in new restrooms and to purchase two new ranges and dishwashers for the kitchen. The restrooms will be placed on the north end of the building inside the bar area and projecting several feet behind the hall. The present men's restroom would become an additional storage room, and the ladies' restroom would be maintained as a restroom off the kitchen. (Ladies, the committee promises to allow plenty of knee space when the stall doors are closed.) The container located behind the hall and used for storage of rummage sale items will be sold. The Outreach Committee is considering construction of an additional but smaller building beside Reiter Building for storage. The approved changes will be gradual.

Master builder **Dennis Bosch** from his state of the art woodworking shop is presently constructing a beautiful cart for storage of the 144-place settings of flatware the Fourth Degree Assembly recently purchased. The cart is on 3-inch casters, enabling it to be pushed from table to table. See attached picture. Picture of completed cart will come later.

