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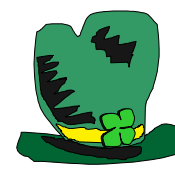
Dues Still Unpaid

As we enter the third month of the New Year that is fast becoming the Old Year, there are several members who have not yet paid their dues of \$40. Your council needs this money. Treasurer **Dennis Bosch** in his financial report for the February council meeting informed members that even with the paid assessment from ALL our members, we would still be far short of the amount needed to pay utilities and insurance on the K. C. Hall. Of course, a significant portion of the dues collected goes to the state organization. Most of financial support comes from an allocation from two annual rummage sales and from hall rentals. Please remit your \$40 check to Dennis Bosch, P.O. Box 2092, Hot Springs 71914. At the same time you may choose to continue your \$10 sponsorship or to initiate a new one.

The Spirited and Impassioned Discussion

In his Grand Knight's report, **Iturba Percefull** refers to "a spirited and impassioned discussion" at the February council meeting, a discussion related to recommended and approved improvements to the K. C. Hall. A committee composed of **Joe Giompoletti, Rick Sands, Dennis Bosch, and Dick Smith** studied needs and then made recommendations for new restrooms and two new ranges for the kitchen. Hot Springs Knights, Inc. does have the funds required for these improvements, but the required amount would largely deplete the funds held by Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Prudence demands that a reasonable amount be held in Hot Springs Knights, Inc. to fund unforeseen expenses. One proposal that several members recommended was to promote a volunteer contribution from members. It was stressed, however, that while some members might willingly contribute as much as \$200, other members would either be unable to contribute at all or would be able to donate a much smaller amount. Whatever is donated to this cause, small amount or large, would be of great help in realizing the hall improvements. But, again, it is stressed that any donation would be strictly voluntary. There will be no pressure to donate. In the near future a letter pertaining to this issue will be sent to all members.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner Approaches
 With **Joe Petruk's** famous Rib-Tickler Dinner just finished, we now turn our attention to the annual St. Patrick's festivities, scheduled for March 17 at the K. C. Hall, beginning with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30. Come for a

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Grand Knight's Report



Knights step forward and contribute in many meaningful ways. **Newton White**, representing our council, took it on himself, with my go-ahead, to write letters of encouragement to each of St. John's altar servers who have completed ten years' service. Perhaps more important than a certificate from the knights is Newton's action, which potentially pays dividends in manifold.

Appreciation dinner for the Sisters at St. Michael's took place on February 13, 2007. **Joe and Agnes Petruk, Charles and Geri Smith, Lou and Vi Kosarek, Randy Schnoebelen, and Bruce Bates** were on hand to serve a complete dinner for the sisters' pleasure. The menu consisted of jambalaya prepared by the Smiths (reported to be delicious), fruit salad from **Iturba and Mamie Percefull**, rolls from Randy Schnoebelen, a relish tray with dips from Bruce Bates, wine from the Petruks, and a variety of desserts from Vi Kosarek.

The Degree work is netting new members. On February 18 First Degree members **Jerry Parker, Joe Van Hout, Greg Sanders, Robert Rowe, and Steve Gallimore** traveled to Russellville to participate in a Second and Third Degree Exemplification. Congratulations to these men on their move forward in Knights of Columbus.

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration is going forward, thanks to **Ray Kukuk**, who has accepted chairmanship. Thanks also to **Joe Petruk** for arranging to have St. Joseph's Hospital prepare the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. (See separate article)

At our February council meeting, a spirited and impassioned discussion centered on plans for hell improvements. (See separate article) We commend those who are working toward this goal. The roof no longer leaks, new restrooms are in the works, and new kitchen ranges will soon be installed. Our discussion made clear the importance of bringing our facility to sound condition.

St. John's pastor and council chaplain, **Father Erik Pohlmeier** is conducting "Why Catholic?" lectures at St. John's on Thursday evenings during Lent. The first session was quite interesting and informative. While we knights may not be able to make all the classes, it is vital that each of us make an effort to be present when possible. From time to time we are called upon by our Protestant friends to explain why we do particular things in the practice of our faith or why we believe a particular dogma. Are we able to answer? "Why Catholic?" is designed to equip us with a deeper knowledge of our faith. It's a subject of great importance to all of us.

If you find the trials of Lent a test, you're doing something right. It is a time the old shucks are stripped away as new seeds spring forth with new life in salvation's promise. Let's stay on track.

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