

Grand Knight's article, continued

We humans have a perverse and pervasive propensity to create an alternate reality as a defense mechanism, which in its nature is riddled with fractures that evil is first up to exploit. The irony is that this defensive path leads to greater vulnerability. In the short run, we have our "fix," but the outcome is an amplification of what we sought to escape. It is not fun to fail, but failure can be highly educational. Between the buffetings this world offers, we have to dust off our compass, begin within, put one foot ahead of the other, and possibly reflect on a truth from C. S. Lewis: "Very often the only way to get a quality is to start as if you had it already."

All Ol' Lucifer's power is not without our cooperation. Evil is effete without our contribution to its animation. Darkness is a pitiful shell without our sponsorship. With Knights of Columbus, Brother Knights, we have a supreme antidote to the wickedness in this world. As Americans, we at once have a great asset to and great distraction from the mission. America leads the industrialized world in families without fathers, depression, rage, isolation, and abuse of both prescription and recreational drugs. **Father Erik**, at the first "Why Catholic?" lecture, made the simple yet profound statement, "Truth and happiness are found only in God." Serve God and inspire others to serve God./Iturba Percefull, Grand Knight

St. Patrick's Day Celebration, continued from p. 1

traditional dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert, and coffee or tea. Thanks to Joe Petruk once again for arranging with St. Joseph's Hospital kitchen to prepare the dinner. The kitchen has served us several times and has never turned out anything but a good dinner. Of course, festive decorations will set the mood. Tickets may be purchased from wife **Rose** and me (760-7983), **Jim Lockwod** 525-7022, **Ed McManus** 321-0755, **Dick Smith** 767-3879, **Tom Gilleran** 767-1631, and **Joe Petruk** 767-4409. **Adult tickets will sell for \$8 and children tickets (12 and under) for \$4.** Your favorite costume is recommended though not required. But everyone can wear GREEN!/**Ray Kukuk, Chairman**



Rib-Tickler Dinner: Good Eating and Lots of Fun

On the evening of February 25, the K. C. Hall was the site of the great Rib-Tickler Dinner, which unleashed its fifth version again under the more than competent direction of **Joe Petruk**. A hundred people, give or take two or three, showed up for a great rib dinner. Following the dinner the jokes began. At least a dozen people told multiple jokes with more than a fair share telling us about dumb blondes. It was altogether a nice evening. Thanks to chairman **Joe Petruk**, **Lou Kosarek**, and **Bruce Crane**, who served dinner and, along with **Harold Hager**, **Agnes Petruk**, and **Martha Lockwood**, cleaned up the kitchen when the party was over. Thanks also to **Agnes** and **Vi Kosarek**, who collected tickets, and **Dick Smith** and **Bob Kness**, who tended bar.

Flags Go Up on Presidents' Day

Nine members of Council 6419 appeared bright and early at Calvary Cemetery on Presidents' Day to raise the flags. Those present were **Earl Robbins**, **Ed McManus**, **Tom Gilleran**, **Joe Van Hout**, **John Macchietto**, **Joe Petruk**, **Harold Hager**, **Dick Smith**, and **Joe Dierks**. Before hoisting the flags, the man caught up with the news over coffee and pastries.



From Our Chaplain

Since the last time I wrote, the Super Bowl has come and gone with its weeks of hype and every effort to reach into all corners of American life. Many parts were less than thrilling. The game seemed poorly played and the famous commercials were underwhelming. The debate is about the quality of the half-time show. I didn't pay much attention to it. But one part that exceeded expectation was the post-game commentary. While all the usual clichés were given and the normal questions were asked, one interview needs to be remembered. Colts coach Tony Dungy has been long held up as a man of integrity and faith. His statements following the game reflected those qualities. He was asked about being the first African-American to win a Super Bowl. I quote his response: "I'm proud to be the first African-American coach to win this, but again, more than anything, Lovie Smith and I are not only African-Americans but also Christian coaches, showing that you can do it the Lord's way. We're more proud of that."

I must say I was surprised to hear such comments carry over the airways to the unknown billions of viewers. It was a true testimony of faith. It also offers a good idea for further reflection during these days of Lent. He said it shows you can do it the Lord's way. That is the call each of us has in our own professions. It may seem that Christian virtue and morals don't translate well into the work place, but I'm guessing that would be very true for NFL locker rooms. When Christ calls us to be witnesses to our faith in the world around us, he does not say it is always easy. In fact, he conforms that we will be criticized and rejected. That is part of carrying the cross. Nonetheless, the call remains and those who heed it change lives.

Lent is a time to be strengthened in faith, and the courage to live it. Let's be sure to use these days well.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly met with wives for a dinner meeting on February 15 at Olive Garden. **No meeting is scheduled in March. There will be an April 19 meeting at the K. C. Hall.** New member **Tony Torres** has volunteered to prepare dinner.

On Saturday, February 24, six Third Degree members from our council and two from the Arkadelphia council, who are soon to be in our council, traveled to Sacred Heart Church in the Village for their Fourth Degree Exemplification. They were accompanied by Assembly members **Lou Kosarek** and **Newton White**. Those receiving their exemplification are **Greg Sanders**, **George Sanders**, **Joe De Prez**, **Randy Schnoebelen**, **Tony Torres**, and **Larry Archer**. From Arkadelphia are **David Evans** and **Jimmy Bolt**. Seminarian **Jason Sharbaugh**, assigned to St. John's, also became a new Fourth Degree member. On hand to conduct the ceremony was **State Master Phil Hahn**. Following the Exemplification, all present enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner. **Bill Nosek**, Faithful Navigator of the Village Assembly, was the master of ceremonies at the banquet that followed.

Joe Petruk introduces the joke-telling session following the February 25 Rib-Tickler Dinner.



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January Birthdays

- 3 Iturba Percefull
- 3 John Steinhouse
- 4 Paul Selig
- 4 William Stevens
- 12 Jerry Parker
- 13 Peter Couch
- 13 Jim Elder
- 14 Tony Pultz
- 16 Harold Hager
- 17 William Owens
- 18 Tom Giusti
- 19 Mike Tucker
- 22 Ferdinand Blais
- 22 Victor Volk
- 23 George Marshall
- 25 Gil Gibbons
- 30 Donald Keller

March Calendar

- 1 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 NO FOURTH DEGREE MEETING
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party, K. C. Hall

**Knight of the Month
Dennis Bosch**

**Family of the Month
Dennis and Chris Bosch**

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Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Joe Salemi**, **Katherine Smart**, **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 Wencel**



Bruce Crane, Lou Kosarek, and Joe Petruk serve up ribs, beans, and slaw at the Rib-Tickler Dinner.