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and sang beautiful, but lesser known, Irish songs. (What a beautiful voice! St. John's choir needs her.) Ray also thanks his granddaughter **Brittany Kukuk** for her well-played flute solos, **Mamie Percefull** and **Rose Kukuk** for the theme decorations, and **Jackie Smith** and **Karen Gibbons**, the ticket collectors. Thanks, **Dick Smith** and **Gil Gibbons**, for tending bar and to the clean-up crew that included **Ken and Tabitha Kukuk**. Finally, a special thanks to **Newton White** and **Dick Smith**, the two top ticket sellers. Accolades to all.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Our Faithful Navigator, **Cass Bukauskas**, is in ICU at National Park Medical Center and is quite ill. Please pray for his recovery.

On more pleasant matters, eight of our Knights were exemplified into the Fourth Degree in a dignified ceremony at Sacred Heart Church in Hot Springs Village on February 24. Our new members are **Tony Torres**, **George Sanders**, **Greg Sanders** (father and son), **Randy Schnoebelen** (our insurance field agent), **Jason Sharbaugh** (seminarian currently assigned to St. John's), and **Joe De-Prez**, all of Hot Springs. New members also include **Jim Bolt** and **David Evans**, both from Arkadelphia. We extend a warm welcome to all these new members.

Another Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for April 14 in Charleston. The final Exemplification for this year is planned for September in Batesville. If anyone is interested in participating in one of these ceremonies, please contact me at 501-262-3282.

Election of officers will occur at our April 19 meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. **Tony Torres** will prepare and serve a chicken molé dinner at 6:30. the business meeting will occur at 7:30 p.m. **Bob Kness**, **Captain of the Guard**, requests that men with regalia bring their swords for a short Honor Guard practice.

On May 17 we will meet at Don Juan's with dinner at 6:30. This social meeting will include wives.

Our June meeting will be replaced by the Installation of Officers ceremony, scheduled to occur in a June 29 joint ceremony with Assembly 2316 at Sacred Heart Church, 295 Baleric Road in Hot Springs Village. The evening will begin with a 5 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 6 o'clock. The installation will follow.

All knights are invited to attend our monthly meetings as guests./**Newton White, Faithful Captain**

Here to Serve You: Better Safe Than Sorry

Buying insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health instantly, and seemingly out of the blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that

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diagnosis of one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. The bell isn't going to wait.

I'm at 501-204-9486. Call me. Let's talk./**Randy Schnoebelen, Field Agent**



From Our Chaplain

As this newsletter comes to you, we are at the beginning of Holy Week. We are coming to the end of our Lenten season and celebrating the greatest mysteries in the life of Jesus. The love and power of God are revealed as Jesus lays down his life only to take it up again in the resurrection. By this paschal mystery death is defeated, sin is conquered, and the gates of heaven are opened to all who believe.

In the Catholic media at this time there is a lot of attention being given to the latest document of Pope Benedict XVI. On March 13 he released what is called an apostolic exhortation. It is a document that reflects on the discussions of the world's bishops who met in 2005 to discuss the Eucharist. This exhortation is called *Sacramentum Caritatis*, which means sacrament of charity.

The Holy Father connects the Eucharist to every aspect of Catholic life, and I want to share with you part of his treatment of the Eucharist and the lay faithful. "The Eucharistic sacrifice nourishes and increases within us all that we have already received at baptism, with its call to holiness, and this must be clearly evident from the way individual Christians live their lives." He makes it clear that the Eucharist is not something that only happens for an hour on Sunday, or even something only to be adored in a chapel, but is also a "lived" reality. What happens at Mass is powerful and is literally the nourishment we need to live the faith in practice.

The Holy Father says that, for the faithful, the Eucharist should "make them convincing witnesses in the workplace and in society at large." That line is particularly important for a group such as the Knights of Columbus. As Knights you are in a position to be witnesses of the Catholic faith lived well. The personal witness you give in places of business and among friends can reflect strength and a peace that comes from faith. The work that you do for the community should reflect this interior strength, a desire to be of service because of what God has given you.

God has given you nothing more incredible than the Eucharist, and these of Holy Week are days to celebrate that gift. These are days to be renewed in faith, days to be conscious of what God has done for us. God has given us his Son and we are truly blessed./ **In Christ, Fr. Erik**

To the Columbian Ladies

I am not an officer but I would like to see all the Columbian ladies at the May meeting. We need to decide whether to continue as a group, or if we should return the dues and just socialize. I'm sure we'll be helping the knights during the rummage sale./**Rose Kukuk**

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April Birthdays

- 1 **Jim Reiter**
- 2 **Bart Newman**
- 10 **Luis Oseguera**
- 14 **Joe Petruk**
- 16 **Ken Kukuk**
- 16 **Al Reis**
- 22 **Leon Coulombe**
- 25 **Nolan Bramlett**
- 27 **Louis Baksa**
- 29 **David Meeks**
- 30 **John Frost**

April Calendar

- 4 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m. (Wednesday evening to avoid conflict With Holy Thursday)**
- 9-21 **Rummage Sale Days!**
- 12 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 14 **Fourth Degree Exemplification, Charleston, Arkansas (see p. 2)**
- 19 **Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, Dinner, 6:30; Meeting, 7:30**

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Fr. Alan Rose-neau, Cass Bukauskas, Rita Farrell, Buddy Gloor, Louis Turala, 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



HE IS RISEN!

HAPPY EASTER!

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