

Grand Knight's article, continued

Freedom plays on the fulcrum of which the human will exercises good and evil. Globally, evil is the use of political power to destroy others for the purpose of defending or preserving the integrity of one's sick self. While dress will be the ultimate human reality, evil is the inevitable commitment of the will.

To all this, our Order is a shining flame in His reign. This reign is still under stack by the evil doers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover." CCC671

A truth higher than any personal desire is that we must serve God and inspire others to serve God. *Iturba Percefull, GK*

**Charity Rummage Sale, continued
Priest, Pat Logan, and Pat Burton.**

And, finally, there was all that great food—every day a different but always tasty menu. We express our appreciation to **Sue Wood, Martha Lockwood, Chris Bosch and Frankie DeGeorge, Sandy Kortener, Karen Gibbons, Mary Turek, Rose Kukuk and Lorraine McManus, and Ed Sortis**, who brought in complete meals. [Ed Sortis is a non-Catholic gentleman who once had a pizza business in Chicago and who for the last two sales has cooked on site for us wonderful pizza.] And, in addition to the lunches, we enjoyed morning snacks from **Vi Kosarek, Tom Gilleran, Frankie DeGeorge, Marge Knoth, and Anita Maguire..**

And now? Think October and the next great sale. Keep those donations coming in. Will we have a mid-summer one-day furniture sale as we have the last two summers?? That remains to be seen.

Two Requests from Father Erik

Father Erik Pohlmeier has requested two things of or council. One is to do a hamburger cookout for St. John's altar servers and any family members who might attend. The date for this event is as yet undetermined, though it might be in June.

Father's second request relates to the St. John's summer masses, which beginning June 9 will be offered in the school gym instead of in the church. That of course will be the beginning of the renovation of the church interior. Father, with consideration of the limited parking in front of the gym, would like knights to direct parking for the different weekend masses throughout the summer. Father reports that spaces for handicapped parking will be painted.

These two items will be on the Grand Knight's agenda for our May 10 council meeting. Please be present.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

For our April 19 Assembly meeting, new member **Tony Torres** with his wife **Mary** prepared a delicious Mexican dinner featuring chicken molè, salad, and a super flan. For most of the day they were at the hall preparing the dinner. The surplus food was taken to the sisters at St. Michael's. Thanks to Tony and Mary.

The meeting focused on election of officers for the 2007-08 year. The officers are as follow: **Faithful Navigator, Newton White; Faithful Captain, Joe Palmere; Faithful Admiral, Louis Kosarek; Faithful Pilot, Joe De-Prez; Faithful Scribe, Bruce Crane; Faithful Purser, Larry Heisserer; Faithful Comptroller, Larry Stamps; Faithful Outside Guard, Iturba Percefull;**

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Fourth Degree article, continued

Faithful Inside Guard, Herb Koudelka. Father John Burkus once again was appointed as Faithful Friar. New trustees are David Evans, 1-year; George Sanders, 2-years; and Tony Torres, 3-year. Robert Kness will serve as Captain of the Honor Guard, and the Membership Committee will consist of George Sanders as chairman, Louis Kosarek, and Tony Torres.

Our next meeting will be a 6:30 p.m. dinner social with wives at Don Juan Mexican Restaurant at 1311 Albert Pike.

Outgoing Navigator **Cass Bukauskas** has been in ICU at National Park Medical Center since March 23. He is reported to be much improved and will probably be moved to St. Joseph's Advanced Care by the time you receive this newsletter. Visiting Cass should now be easier. And of course he would appreciate cards. Please continue to remember him in prayers.



From Our Chaplain

The news of the past few weeks has been dominated by the tragic shooting deaths at Virginia Tech University. It is always shocking that a person is capable of such brutality toward fellow human beings. Unfortunately, history has repeated the scenario too many times and will again, but despite having seen it before it never makes sense. It is hard to imagine what it takes to recover from such a horrific event, but I'm sure the outpouring of prayers and support from around the world helps at many levels.

In the midst of the turmoil another news items received much less attention than it would have otherwise. In a triumph for life the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the ban on partial birth abortion. While one horror gripped the nation, another came to an end. Since human brutality makes no sense, it is beyond comprehension that partial birth abortion could be called a medical procedure.

While it did not dominate the news, there were many responses to the Supreme Court ruling. Some voices bewailed the decision as an unacceptable regression. Those voices need not be aired ere. One voice of interest was found in an editorial of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*: "This latest ruling on a narrowly divided court is no great landmark victory for life. It's just another small step away from the morally, ethically, and aesthetically repugnant. But of such small advances is civilization made."

This seems to be an accurate assessment. The immediate effect of this ruling may not greatly affect the number of abortions, but there is hope it can be the beginning of more substantial change. No doubt those who work for the causes of life will be encouraged and renewed. If the tide only begins to change, then truth and reason will win out sooner rather than later.

As Catholics we must continue our efforts in prayer and awareness. Brutality continues in the world, but as our Lord reminds he has overcome the world. This decision is reason to celebrate that at least some lives will now be saved from brutality. May such triumph continue. **In Christ, Fr. Erik**



Living Rosary Set for May 24

In this month devoted to the Blessed Mother, our council will have its traditional living rosary at the K. C. Hall at 6 p.m. on May 24. For the potluck dinner to follow, we request that each family represented bring a vegetable or casserole dish, a salad, or a dessert. The K.C.'s will provide the meat. Come join us.

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May Birthdays

- 3 Richard Freidel
- 11 Steve Gallimore
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 16 Jim Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Retzlaff
- 25 George Meggers
- 29 Anthony Modica

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 Wencil

May Calendar

- 3 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Meeting, (Immediately following Council Meeting)
- 17 Fourth Degree Dinner Meeting, Don Juan Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Living Rosary/Potluck Dinner, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m. (See article, p.2)

Sponsorships and Ads

We presently have four available sponsorship spaces for \$10. each. The money goes toward the expense of publishing the monthly newsletter. Also note available ad spaces on p. 3. Those spaces are \$25 for a year. For either a sponsorship or ad, call Dennis Bosch (525-6478) or Jim Lockwood (525-7022)

Happy Day!
Remember that old leaky trailer behind the Reiter Building? That eyesore that many of you have wanted removed? It is gone. Joe Van Hout approached five different people offering the trailer free? After looking at it, four turned him down. The fifth took it and apparently was glad to get it. He brought in a big truck and moved it out. There has been a lot of expressed wishes to get rid of the trailer. Thanks to Joe for getting the job done.

Blonde Joke (with apologies to all blondes!)
A blonde enters a store that sells curtains. She tells the salesman, "I would like to buy a pair of pink curtains."
The salesman assures her that they have a large selection of pink curtains. He shows her several patterns, but the blonde seems to have a hard time choosing.
Finally she selects a lovely pink floral print. The salesman then asks what size curtains she needs.
The blonde promptly replies, "Fifteen inches."
"Fifteen inches?" asks the salesman. "That sounds very small. What room are they for?"
The blonde tells him they aren't for a room, but that they are for her computer monitor.
The surprised salesman replies, "But, miss, computers do not need curtains!"
"Heellllloooooo!" says the blonde. "I've got Windooooooows!"