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One-Day Furniture Sale Behind Us

The July 14 one-day furniture sale brought in something beyond \$1900 for our charitable endeavors. Six council members were on hand to conduct the sale from the Reiter Building on the Knights of Columbus property. This sale was the third one-day sale in consecutive years, so it is likely becoming a council tradition. Many customers came and many made purchases. When the sale closed at 3 p.m., a lot of merchandise had gone through the door, and a lot still remains, just waiting for our October two-weekend sale.

Thanks to Bob Kortenber, Don Sass, Tom Gilleran, Jim DeGeorge, Dennis Bosch, and Jim Lockwood for carrying out the sale. One of the good things about this sale is that. unlike the April and October sales, few people are needed to make it happen. The furniture is already in place. All that is needed is some organizing and a few good men. Another good thing about this particular sale is that the intense heat of the July 2006 sale was absent. This year we enjoyed pleasant weather, following the torrential rain of the day before.

As for our October sale, donations are coming in. Since our July 24 sale, we've collected a dining table with four chairs, complete scuba diving equipment, including an underwater camera, a love seat, a nice king-size mattress set with headboard, rails, and bed linens, and miscellaneous items. We are due this week to get nice patio furniture and have been offered a lot of furniture from a home that is consolidating with another home. The week following the sale five of us collected

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ANOTHER piano, making the third in our possession. The most recent piano is considerably better than the first two. In the meantime, keep those dona-

tions coming. We want a record-setting fall sale.

Council Membership

Financial Secretary Joe Dierks reported at the July 12 monthly council meeting that our current membership is 193 members, with a gain of 38 over last year. That is an impressive number, considering that our assigned quota was nine new members. We also have five new insurance members. The downside to the impressive addition of new members is that we are due to lose an, as yet, undermined number as a result of non-payment of dues—possibly nine or ten. Our council clearly needs a Membership Retention Chairman. Who will volunteer?

Coming Soon: Annual Council-Sponsored Family Picnic for families of St. Mary's, St. John's, and St. Michael's. ARC Isle, Sunday, September 16. Stay tuned.

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While the summer is a slower time for Knights' activities, it is a time for officers and committee chairmen to plan, schedule, budget, and set goals for a productive year. "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must

keep moving."—Albert Einstein.

Each of us must "keep moving" with recruitment. Keep a Form 100 in your vehicle. As a mover and shaker, Bill Wavering, former District Deputy and now a new member of Council 6419, has accepted the role of Recruitment Chairman. I've joined as a member of the recruitment committee, and Bill may be looking for someone else who would like to join us in our recruitment endeavors. Recruitment is most vital to our growth, and growth is vital to our mission. With good work from Financial Secretary Joe Dierk's house cleaning in our ranks, we are in the process of dismissing a number of inactive members. Nevertheless, our additions currently comfortably outnumber our dismissals [See article, opposite column]. Let this be followed by renewed recruitment.

On July 14 we had a one-day rummage sale. I believe we picked up over \$1900. Great! It was on this same day that Newton White, Larry Stamps, and I attended a Fourth Degree workshop for Navigators. Phil Hahn, State Master, underscored the value of the Third and Fourth Degrees working together. He explained that the advancement of one tends to promote the advancement of the other. With Newton White at the helm of the Hot Springs Centennial Assembly, there is a certain favorable wind picking up.

On this past July 19, close to forty of us took over a room at the Olive Garden restaurant for a wonderful dinner and relaxing time, sponsored by the Fourth Degree in honor of our new parish priest, Fr. Hart. In the future it would be well for even greater numbers to attend such gatherings. It was a nice evening with friends and family.

Another opportunity to join together with fellow Knights from different areas will be the August 2007 Knights of Columbus National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. State Secretary Dudley Wells informs us that brothers attending can stay at a RV park close to the convention site. We are trying to get a large group of Arkansas Knights to attend. If interested, call Jellystone RV Park at 1-800-547-4480. Be sure to mention you are with Knights of Columbus.

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St. Michael's will be the site of a block party and barbecue on August 11 from noon to 8 p.m. All are invited. You will