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Christmas Dinner-Dance: Here It Is
 The social event of the year for the Knights of Columbus Hall is upon us. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9. And then get your tickets. Contact Lou Korsarek (525-4741), Joe Palmere (870-403-8617), Newton White (622-0191), or Ed McManus (321-0755).

A \$20 ticket will bring you a fabulous prime-rib dinner by *Home Plate of Hot Springs Village*, fine music from *Blue Velvet*, a festive atmosphere, *camaraderie with friends*, the possibility of winning either an attractive door prize or a raffled item (or both), and of course the opportunity to spotlight your latest dance steps. Lou and Violet Kosarek at this moment have secured 22 items to raffle, including a gold watch donated by Stephens Jewelers. Don't be left out. Get your tickets! Ticket sales at the door are discouraged. We must have a close advance count for the caterers.

The evening for this Fourth Degree-sponsored event will begin with a social at 5 p.m., and the dinner will follow at 6. You may, as usual, reserve a table for you and your friends. Just notify in advance Joe, Lou, or Newton.

Dues Notices to Be Mailed Soon
 Financial Secretary Joe Dierks will soon be mailing statements of annual dues. In accord with a council vote a couple of years ago, notices will reflect a \$5 increase to \$45. Please respond to notices in a timely fashion. Any dues submitted early will eliminate some postage expense and will be appreciated. Especially appreciated will be the elimination of having to send multiple notices, which represent not only extra work for our Financial Secretary but also a significant expense to the Council.

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Council 6419 Earns Supreme Council's Double Star Award
 For the first time in several years, Council 6419 has earned the Supreme Council's coveted Double Star Award. To earn this distinction, a council must successfully complete the following:

- Meet its quota for new insurance members
- Complete projects from four of these five programs: Family, Church, Council, Community, and Youth
- Turn in volunteer hours, complete audits and all necessary reports to Supreme Council by deadline
- Have at least a 200% increase in the New Member Quota

A pat on the collective backs of council members. Let's repeat the accomplishment next year.

Grand Knight's Report



Our council is plugging along in its endeavor to upgrade the Knights of Columbus Hall. Due to the tenuous nature of our tenacious small group of individuals operating at a vigorous pace to fulfill the charity mission, we face collapse when persons fall out. We don't have a deep bench. Fortunately, we have several star players. Of course, money greatly figures into the equation. The conundrum here is in maintaining integrity with our mission template while keeping balance with four significant needs:

- Need for building improvements. The bathrooms need upgrading, and we need to build a structure for our rummage sales that will vastly reduce the work of setting up and taking down merchandise displays and giving a permanent home for our sales projects.
- Need for maintaining and expanding our robust charity program. The riddle is in continuing to saw while sharpening the saw.
- Need for a First Degree team, reconstituting and making it viable. Volunteers for the team are the same people who volunteer for everything else. We're far behind schedule with this project. We're simply making poor progress.
- Need to grow our ranks and to increase participation. Increase in this area will also increase the resources to resolve our present dilemmas. We all have a mission in this. Crack this one and we break the inertia.

We must work in concert to overcome our challenges. At the moment we are long on questions and short on answers. The challenges are daunting—but with prayers, brain trust, and shoulders to the task we will overcome. It's awe-inspiring to see how much is done with what we have. The best is yet to come. The august spirit of Knights is at hand.

If possible, go to the Fourth Degree-sponsored Christmas dinner and dance. [See article, column 1] It promises to be a fine evening. My nine-year-old daughter Columbia is in great anticipation of it. She's a natural dancer and loves the arts.

On the big screen now is a movie, aimed at children as well as adults. Columbia and I will not be seeing *The Golden Compass*, which is based on a series of books with anti-Christian, especially anti-Catholic, themes. Starring Nicole Kidman, the movie is based on a novel by Phillip Pullman, a proud, an apparently militant, atheist. This movie has been dumbed down to fool kids and their parents in the hope they will buy his trilogy, where in the end the children kill God and everyone can do as he pleases. *Arkansas Catholic*, as well as several other Catholic publications, has drawn attention to this movie, encouraging a boycott.

You, brother Knight, hold a place in time like no other.

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