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Get Out Your Checkbook! One significance of New Year's Day is that it often motivates resolutions for the New Year. Another is as a signal for annual council dues. Gentlemen, it is that time. Please, have mercy

on our Financial Secretary. Do not put him through the rigors of season, we commemorate the incarnation of God. He comes to repeated reminders, reminders that for some, year after year, drag show that he neither demands nor approves anything unrightethrough the first half of the year—or longer! Have you considered ous. He comes cultivating and expressing such qualities as how much money the council loses as a result of those additional justice, kindness, sincerity, purity, and unselfish regard for othreminders? Let's make this painless to Joe Dierks and to the coun- ers-love. Where there is true love, God's purpose in putting cil as well. Write a check to the council for \$45 and be done with it men under the law is realized. "Love can cause no harm to until next January 1. Come to the January 10 meeting and deposit a your neighbor, and so love is the fulfillment of the law." Rocheck into Joe's hands. mans 3:10.

And as luck would have it, it is ALSO time to renew sponsor-Treasurer Dennis Bosch at P. O. Box 2092, Hot Springs 71914.

### Father Erik to Present *Lives of the Saints* Program

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The evening of Tuesday, January 15 promises to be a memorable occasion for those who come to the Knights of Columbus Hall to hear the first installment of Father

Erik's Lives of the Saints program. The continuation of the program will occur at an as yet unspecified date in February. Accompanied by a collection of slides. Father weaves together interesting, and often little known, details from the saints' lives. Reports from those who have heard the presentation say that the material is interesting and that Father, not surprisingly, presents it in an interesting fashion

The evening will begin with a 6 p.m. potluck dinner, and the program will follow. The council encourages a large attendance for this program. Those coming do not need a tie to Knights of Columbus, nor do they have to be Catholic. Please help us spread the word. Tell your friends and neighbors, encouraging them to come and bring a dish to share.



**Notes From Our Insurance Field Agent** This month's column is for all you baby boomers out there. Do you know

what's sneaking up on you? Retirement! Ouch I know. It's hard to believe, isn't it? Seems like just yesterday.... But it's coming and .....continued, p. 2, col. 2

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## **Grand Knight's Report**



As much as ever before, this New Year is pregnant with possibilities. Individuals, nations, our Order, our council-all both dread and delight in expectation. It is for us to make every step consistent with moral principle. In this

This love is at the heart of Knights of Columbus, and it is ships and ads! (Those who began their sponsorships at the end of in this good heart that the Hot Springs Council is in sure need 2007 need not pay for 2008.) Once again, the cost is \$10 for a for more knights to attend our monthly council meetings. The sponsorship and \$25 for an ad. We hope that all current sponsor- council is hungry for your ideas, for your input. Come and ships and ads will be renewed. In addition to those spaces, there are participate in the discussions we are having as we sort out how a few others available. As a reminder, the money generated by both to advance our cause. You'll surprise yourself with what you of those items is used toward the cost of producing and mailing the can offer. Regular attendance will make you in the know with monthly newsletter. The money collected is never sufficient, but it what's happening. It can be, and often is, satisfying, inspiring, goes a long way. While Financial Secretary Joe Dierks collects and fun. Currently, for example, we are shaping plans for an council dues, money for ads and sponsorships should be mailed to '08 recruitment surge. We're also making consideration to credential a joint 2nd and 3rd Degree team with the Hot Springs Village Council.

A healthy council has three primary characteristics:

- A robust membership induction process. (For our council specifically, every Degree Team volunteer should be present at the hall for rehearsal every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., one hour before our council/business meeting begins at 7:30.)
- Growth in insurance participation. The K.C. insurance program has \$65 billion in force. We rank in the top 5% of all insurance companies in the U.S. Its life and long-term care insurances are superb. If you already have good insurance, you can become an insurance knight by acquiring an annuity for \$50/year, which also gives you great widow and orphan benefit opportunities.
- A vital charitable outreach program with tangible results of our work, prayers, blood, sweat, and tears applied to mending for those with tough circumstances and promoting the best welfare and interests of the disadvantaged.

Columbianism, animated by a romantic patriotism in 1892-83, celebrated the quadricentennial of Columbus' landing on San Salvador four hundred years previous. The newly formed Knights of Columbus was a band of brothers, many being immigrants. All were eager to assert their religious legitimacy and to defend their faith against those of the "host Culture" who