

KC Hall Improvement, continued



lady at a time can use the restroom. In the kitchen, against the south wall, one new sink with a drain board is in line with the two old sinks. This conforms to government regulations. Also new is a marble-topped counter with underneath storage.

Finally, the old single entry door to the K. C. Hall has been replaced with a steel double door. It all looks good. Come see!

We all owe much thanks to those men and a lady who made it happen. **Joe Giompoletti** was the man-in-charge, and his wife **Mildred** gets full credit for the beautiful decorating in the ladies' restroom. Others who reported for work were **Rick Sands, Don Sass** (the authority on all things electrical), **Julian Post, Dennis Bosch, Tom Gilleran, Joe Van Hout, Steve Barron, George Marshall, Bob Kortener, Hugh Truesdale, Joe Dierks, Joe Farrell, and Iturba Percefull**. Thanks to all. Now let's hope for similar transformation in the men's restroom in the not-so-distant future.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Because I was participating in a Cursillo in Little Rock, I missed the February 21 dinner at KJ's Grill. **George Marshall** reported that, despite the bad weather, we still had about 30 present. He also reported that there was a clean-up detail scheduled for the K. C. Hall on Saturday, the 22nd to get the Hall ready for the February 26 potluck dinner followed by **Fr. Erik's** "Lives of the Saints" presentation and also for the annual Rib-Tickler dinner scheduled for the following Saturday.

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is planned for Saturday, April 12 in Jacksonville, with registration at 12:30 p.m., pictures at 4:30, then mass and a banquet. I plan to be there. We must encourage eligible Third Degree members to apply and to experience this dignified ceremony. Prospective candidates are generally required to have been a knight for one year and to have attained Third Degree status, but currently a waiver reduces the time to six months. The one-time \$70 fee includes the banquet ticket. For more information candidates may contact me at 622-0191 or Vicki, my assistant, at 321-5558. Required for the Exemplification are a black tux with a white formal shirt (lay-down collar).

I just learned that there is a Second and Third Degree Exemplification at Conway on March 30, with registration at 12 o'clock noon. There is no charge to the candidates.

Our March 20 business meeting will be at the K. C. Hall. We will be treated to **Joe Giompoletti's** fish fry with all those things that go with a fish fry.

Notes from Dennis Bosch, continued

were \$700 more than our sales. We are closely examining all the items we sell and are looking for any way to reduce the cost of bar items. New prices represent our break-even price at the volume which we sold in 2007. These are member prices. For non-council events using the bar a 25-cent surcharge will be imposed on each sold item, which will help in cost recovery.

On another subject, we must keep our office clean. The northeast corner of the Hall has become a dumping spot for items which no one seems to claim. Keys to that area have

Dennis Bosch Notes, continued

been given to a small number of Council and Assembly officers who are responsible for assuring items are placed back from where they were taken.

There is now a third filing cabinet reserved for the Fourth Degree, creating adequate storage for records, K of C literature, and Council and Assembly Jewels. The office was cleaned and Fourth Degree property was placed in the new filing cabinet. Please keep the office clean. Otherwise, items left out or on the floor will be discarded. **Trash cans were invented for a reason!**



From Our Chaplain

The traditional Lenten practices are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each is designed to break our attachment to the things of earth and to help us rely more fully on God. In his Lenten reflection for this year, Pope Benedict offered some thoughts on the practice of almsgiving in particular.

Looking at the practice from the Christian viewpoint, he says, "Almsgiving, according to the Gospel, is not mere philanthropy: rather it is a concrete expression of charity, a theological virtue that demands interior conversion to love of God and neighbor, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, dying on the cross, gave His entire self for us."

In our world we can find many examples of great philanthropy. There are people who give millions of dollars that can be life changing for others. There is no denying the good that comes from such generosity, but the motivation can reflect radically different outlooks on the world. For Christians, the practice of charity should be tied directly to life with Christ. The goal for almsgiving goes beyond just the material need being met.

Our practice of almsgiving must always have in mind the good of two people, both the one who receives and the one who gives. Our desire is that the one who receives find some relief for a material need, but also see in the act of charity the face of Christ himself and experience nothing less than love in the process. In addition, the one who gives is made better by the act. The Pope offers this comment: "In inviting us to consider almsgiving with a more profound gaze that transcends the purely material dimensions, Scripture teaches us that there is more joy in giving than in receiving (cf. Acts 20:35) When we do things out of love, we express the truth of our being; indeed, we have been created not for ourselves but for God and our brothers and sisters (cf. 2 Cor 5:15)." The earlier quote speaks of a demand for interior conversion. The practice of almsgiving can aid our conversion when we have the right motivation. When charitable practices include prayer, the effort is of greater benefit to all. Lent is the call to a more pure motivation. Lent is the call to a more pure motivation. Then these holy days serve their purpose, and the conversion to love of God and neighbor is more complete. **In Christ, Fr. Erik**



A Few Good Men

On February 18, Presidents' Day, council members present to raise flags at Calvary Cemetery were **John Macchietto, Buddy Gloor, Earl Robbins, Julian Post, Ed McManus, Joe Van Hout, Rick Sands, Harold Hager, and Tom Gilleran**. The next occasion for flying the flags over our Catholic cemetery is Memorial Day, May 26. (Submitted by **Tom Gilleran**)

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March Birthdays

- 3 Iturba Percefull
- 3 John Steinhaus
- 4 Paul Selig
- 12 Jim Elder
- 12 Jerry Parker
- 14 Tony Pultz
- 16 Harold Hager
- 17 Barry Owens
- 18 Tom Giusti
- 19 Mike Tucker
- 22 Ferdinand Blais
- 23 George Marshall

Fr. Erik Continues "Lives of the Saints" Program

Fr. Erik Pohlmeier returned to the K. C. Hall on the evening of February 26 to give the second installment of his "Lives of the Saints" Program. The evening began with a potluck dinner, with brisket provided by the Knights and cooked by council member **Robert Rowe**.

Between 90 and 100 people came out to hear Father's interesting and informative presentation. A few of the saints described were St. Benedict, St. Scholastica, St. Anthony, St. Dominic, St. Francis de Salle, and St. Vincent De Paul. We hope to have a third program in May.

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Ray Kukuk, Gil Gibbons, Val Poe, Bev Priest, Ken Schmitz, Sharon Maxwell, Sandy Kortener, John Harris, Louis Turala, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

March Calendar

- 1 Rib-Tickler Dinner, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.
- 6 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting to follow
- 23 Easter

Rita Farrell Dies

Rita Farrell, long-time supporter of Council 6419, died February 22 in Hot Springs. She was 88. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. John's Church on February 27.

Rita was predeceased by her husband **Jim**, who was an active member of Council 6419, once serving as Grand Knight. She is survived by five sons to whom we offer our condolences. We will miss her. Rita's son **David** is a member of our council.

Insurance Notes from Your Field Agent "I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced—sometimes dramatically—when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could one day find yourself without coverage.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. I am at 501-204-9486.

Randy Schnoebelen
K of C Field Agent



Happy St. Pat's Day!