

Grand Knight's article, continued

New state officers are **Jim Neff**, State Deputy; **Stephen Bell**, Immediate Past State Deputy; **Dudley Wells**, Secretary; **Mark Morgan**, Treasurer; **Michael Kieffer**, Advocate; and **Gerald Krawczynski**, Warden.

Brother knights, attend any monthly council meetings you can. Grow in knowledge and awareness of your council's workings. Rub shoulders with your brother knights. Unite in a sacred mission to bring forth God's prize of charity, when you raise your eyes and raise your ayes to the victory! **Iturba Percefull, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

At an April 12 Fourth Degree Exemplification held in Jacksonville, Assembly 1892 added three new members. Welcome to **Fr. Linus Ukomadu** and **Fr. Chris Okeke**, and **Steve Barron**.

I am pleased to announce that our local council and assembly joined with other councils and assemblies of District 10 will host the 2009 Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention here in Hot Springs on the weekend of April 17-19. The center of operation will be the Arlington Hotel. I will serve as convention chairman. The convention will kick off with a Friday morning golf tournament, beginning at 8:30. In the months ahead you will be hearing other details as they develop.



Be aware that our annual Corpus Christi procession will be May 25, Memorial Day weekend. As in the past, the procession will begin at St. John's Church following the 3 p.m. mass and will proceed to St. Mary's Church, ending with Benediction at St. Mary's. Water stations will be positioned along the way. Fourth Degree knights will dress in regalia. Let's work for large participation from our assembly and from our council.

Our 2008-09 officer installation will once again be a joint installation with officers of the Hot Springs Village Assembly. The date is June 29, with installation and preceding banquet planned for the lower floor of Sacred Heart Church in the Village. Look for additional details in June ***Knight Shift***.

A small gathering of members met on April 17 at Ryan's Restaurant for a dinner social. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the K. C. Hall on May 15. In a departure from the past, the dinner will be potluck. Bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert to add to the meat dish that will be prepared by **Robert Rowe**. **Newton White, Faithful Navigator**

Bi-Parish Picnic Goes Well

The first picnic uniting St. Mary's and St. John's Parishes, considering the threatening weather, went surprisingly well. Those in attendance numbered between 125 and 150. Sprinkles were falling right up till time for the picnic, which began at noon at ARC-Isle. In addition, the temperature was uncomfortably cool for a picnic.

Members of Knights of Columbus took the lead in planning the event. **Chairman Joe Dierks** did an excellent job planning for the amount of meat needed, as the event ended with just a few hamburger patties left and no hot dogs or bratwurst on hand. Thanks to those who contributed to the success of the social, including **Joe**, cooks **Tom Gilleran** and **Don Heck**, server **Pat Gallaher**, and **Louis Kosarek** and **Ed McManus**, who called the Bingo numbers.



From Our Chaplain

The visit of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI to the United States was truly a remarkable event. What initially strikes me is the amount of coverage his visit received. I cannot think of another person, whether religious leader or head of state, whose activities have been broadcast live for a week. I was happy with the generally positive nature of the coverage and am proud of the Church's position in our society.

Such extended coverage reflects an unspoken sense of the importance of this man. Questions had been asked whether the more reserved Pope Benedict could command the crowds and enthusiasm of Pope John Paul II. The answer is now quite clear. It shouldn't come as too much of a surprise because the importance is not so much about the man himself, but rather about whom he represents.

The crowds gather because they want to be close to Peter. It stems from that familiar encounter we know from Scripture. When Jesus entrusts the keys to Peter, he did so to make himself present in the world. The Pope holds the Keys of the Kingdom and, without fully understanding, people realize something unique is found in his presence.

To be sure, there are critics, and I had to run a gauntlet of them trying to get on the subway after mass. But even to a media often hostile to the Church's message, the presence of Peter put those voices in a different context.

Pope Benedict was direct in speaking of the problems the Church is dealing with, but even acknowledging real problems did not temper the enthusiasm of the people. With Peter comes the message of Christ, and it is always a message of hope and life. Joseph Ratzinger understands this well, and so chose as the theme of his visit, "Christ our Hope." That was the message supporting each address he gave. That was the message behind his smile and waves. That was the message carried by those who, with no regrets, waited hours for only a glimpse as the pope-mobile passed by.

His visit was truly remarkable, but the impact can be felt long after the cameras move on. For us Catholics he is our shepherd. We should not move on so quickly, but rather allow his message to remain in our hearts and lives. I encourage you to look more closely at his words. The entire schedule and each text can be found from many sources (such as www.vatican.va). I invite you to come to St. John's on May 7 as I make a presentation about the significance of his visit.

Christ is our hope. **Fr. Erik**



Deadline Nears for Scholarship Applications

Council 6419 once again will award a **\$1000 scholarship** to a worthy Catholic 2008 graduate from an area high school. Applications are now available in the offices of both St. John's and St. Mary's Churches. **They must be returned no later than Friday, May 23** to either of the church offices just named. In choosing a recipient, a committee of knights will consider the applicants' scholarship, school activities, character, and church involvement. Letters of recommendation are a part of the application requirement.

Please encourage your high achieving relatives and friends to enter the competition. Somebody's going to win!

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still feel that people are good at heart." **Anne Frank** from her diary, found after her death in a concentration camp in 1944.

Beverly Priest

Dennis & Chris Bosch

Wally & Lucy Marroy

Paul & Flo Bachmann

Raymond & Rhonda Byrne

Newton & Linda White

Jim and Frankie DeGeorge

Randy & Marty Schnoebelen

Jim & Martha Lockwood

Merlin & Vida Retzlaff

George & Sue Marshall

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Bob & Ethel Kness

Hugh & Pat Truesdale

Audrey McDonald

Otto & Delores Wiedower

Wanda Eckhardt

Gust & Mary Turek

Dick & Jackie Smith

Marge Knoth

Isabelle Peregrin

Harold Hager

Valerie Poe

May Birthdays

- 3 Richard Freidel
- 11 Steve Gallimore
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 16 James Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Ratzlaff
- 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: **Val Poe, Bev Priest, Ken Schmitz, Sharon Maxwell, Sandy Kortzenber, John Harris, Louis Turala, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

May Calendar

- 1 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8 Council Meeting, K.C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m., Potluck Dinner
- 26 Flag-Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 27 Fr. Erik's "Lives of the Saints, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m. potluck dinner. (See Grand Knight's article)

Sponsorships Solicited
Note that the sponsorship section at the top of this page has a good number of spaces available. With three months of the year now behind us, names of several previous sponsors have been dropped for failure to renew. The annual donation for a sponsorship is \$10. We hope to restore the dropped sponsorships and to add new ones. The \$10 donation covers partial expenses of printing and mailing ***Knight Shift***.

Knights Incorporated to Conduct Annual Meeting
Immediately following the May 8 council meeting, Hot Springs Knights Incorporated will conduct its annual meeting. Treasurer Gil Gibbons will present a complete financial report. Following will be an election of officers for 2008-09 and then a discussion of any other business that may be pre-

Notes from Your

K of C Insurance Field Agent

We all know the old adage, "the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence." When it comes to replacing your existing K of C life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet—in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying. *Read the fine print.*

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here—pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Secondly, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. You're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself whether your health has changed during that time. Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace—or worse, drop—your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest. Let's talk. Call me at 501-204-9486. **Randy Schnoebelen, Field Agent**