

Benevolent Gift, continued—

Now, as a result of the unexpected benevolence, the remaining projects can be tackled: namely, the renovation of the men's restroom and the re-positioning of air-conditioning units, return air, and ducts. The present setup is woefully inadequate. The original installation was poorly planned, the result being inadequate cooling and heating and wasted energy. Thanks to our benefactor who has made possible these changes. Now, under the leadership of **Grand Knight Giompoletti**, let the work begin



Fourth Degree—Footnotes!

On June 19 the Fourth Degree Assembly enjoyed a social meeting with wives at Olive Garden. Thirty-five people were present, including new chaplain **Fr. T. J. Hart** and outgoing chaplain **Fr. John Burkus**. Fr. Burkus has severed the Assembly as chaplain for many years. His faithful service has been much appreciated. The next Assembly meeting will be at the K. C. Hall at 6:30 p.m. on July 17. The August 21 meeting will be a social at **On the Border** on Pakis Street.

Assembly officers for 2008-09 were installed in a joint ceremony with the Hot Springs Village Assembly at Sacred Heart Church on June 28. The installation ceremony was preceded by dinner. Assembly officers are **Newton White**, Faithful Navigator; **Robert Rowe**, Faithful Comptroller; **Louis Kosarek**, Faithful Admiral; **William Wavering**, Faithful Captain; **Larry Heisserer**, Faithful Purser; **Steve Gallimore**, Faithful Pilot; and **Bruce Crane**, Faithful Scribe. Trustees are **Mike Tucker**, 3-year; **Tony Torres**, 2-year; and **George Sanders**, 1-year.

The highlight of Assembly activity in June was the June 22 pancake breakfast served at St. John's Parish Hall following 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses. **Joe Petruk** receives the credit as the organizer of this successful event, but many other members helped carry it from beginning to end. The consensus feeling is that it was our best pancake breakfast ever. **Joe Giompoletti** served hot pancakes straight from the dual griddles to the plates. Also served were sausages, eggs, and coffee. The Assembly served 205 adults and several children.

Those participating in at least one phase of this fine event—tickets, setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup—were **Louis and Vi Kosarek (tickets)**, **Joe Giompoletti**, **Joe Petruk**, **Bruce Crane**, **Randy Schnoebelen**, **Newton White**, **Robert Rowe**, **Steve Gallimore**, **Larry Stamps**, **Stan DeGruccio**, **Don Sass**, **Bob Kortner**, **Jim Lockwood**, and from **St. Joseph's Hospital Jeff Erwin** and **Mary Allen/Newton White**, Faithful Navigator

Council Members and Wives Serve Dinner to CCMC Volunteer Workers

On the afternoon of June 10 an assembly line of workers gathered at St. John's Parish Hall to put together sandwiches to serve with chips, home-baked cookies, and drinks to feed 60 volunteer workers at Charitable Christian Medical Clinic. The Clinic, with a large volunteer medical staff and clerical personnel on hand, serves low-income citizens of Hot Springs. Those participating in food preparation were **Joe and Agnes Petruk**, **Pam Dwyer**, **Denise Steinhaus**, **Betty Harrison**, **Sue and Dennis Wood**, **Chris Bosch**, **Martha Lockwood**, and **Chris Bosch**. Making cookies were Agnes, Pam, Denise, Betty, Sue, Chris, and Martha. Thanks to all.



From Our Chaplain

I would like to share with you a little bit about my recent trip to Ireland. It started out a vacation with plans for a couple of religious stops along the way. I'm grateful that it turned into more of a pilgrimage than I had expected.

On the itinerary were various tourist stops that are included in my guidebook. Many of them include ruins of buildings that didn't fully survive the march of time.. The surprise came in learning the religious significance of their past. I knew that the faith was deeply rooted in the people of Ireland and learned that the faith of people today is built solidly on ancestors who faced many challenges.

The guides who led the groups around such places as the Rock of Cashel and Skellig Michael spoke openly and with pride about the fervent faith in places that are now shells of their former existence. Often the churches faced repeated persecution and disaster. Standing amidst the ruins, I was moved to imagine the real people that stood on that ground before. Many of them are unknown saints of the Church. They will never be canonized, but their sacrifices were real. Their blood strengthened the foundation of the faith. Many stories are told of worshipping in adversity, offering food for thought in our much more relaxed practice of faith.

While the ruins of churches and monasteries dot the landscape of the Emerald Isle, new churches have been built nearby and the faith lives on. The pilgrimage included stops for brief visits in churches that offer no great architectural or historic significance but demonstrate a fervor that has continued. Those who made sacrifices of the past would not be disappointed. The connection between past and present runs deep in many people.

In the midst of a climb on a mountain made holy by the steps of St. Patrick himself, an older man was struggling to make another of his many ascents. He offered simple words of encouragement that revealed much. He said, "Wherever you go, St. Patrick will guide you." And guide he has.

The faith in Ireland today faces new challenges. In the absence of outside persecutors the threat is indifference, made worse by a materialism that works more subtly but is no less destructive. It is a challenge faced in much of Europe, even more acutely than in the United States, but in Ireland the progress is slower. Traditional practice of the faith is found in every place.

For so many of Irish descent in this country there is much to be proud of. Through the intercession of St. Patrick and the Irish saints we pray that the missionary spirit will continue to draw souls to the heart of Christ and his Church.

St. John's Asks for Van Drivers



The several people who depend on the church van to get to and from 10 a.m. mass at St. John's Church need drivers for the church van. Council member **Stan DeGruccio** is presently the only driver. He cannot drive every Sunday. He asks for volunteers to help him, enough so that nobody would drive more than once each month. It would require about an hour for collecting passengers and an hour to take them home. Please consider volunteering for this important service. If volunteers don't come forth soon, St. John's will be faced with hiring a driver.



Flag Raising at Calvary Cemetery

At 7 a.m. on the morning of July 4 Council members will gather at Calvary Cemetery to raise flags. Coffee and donuts will be served before the flags are raised.

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July Birthdays

- 6 John Ledbetter
- 7 Leonard Didier
- 10 Robert Rowe
- 10 Eric Sanders
- 11 Richard Boyes
- 11 Joe Giompoletti
- 12 Don Pullen
- 14 Tom Gilleran
- 14 Joe Harrison
- 19 Ed McManus
- 20 Fr. Erik Pohlmeier
- 22 Stan DeGruccio
- 25 Ralph Berdikoski
- 28 Norbert Schmelz
- 28 Gus Turek

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Julian Post (July 2 knee surgery)**, **Val Poe**, **Bev Priest**, **Ken Schmitz**, **Sharon Maxwell**, **Sandy Kortner**, **John Harris**, **Hattie Harris**, **Joe Salemi**, **Catherine Smart**, **Stretch Ecklund**, **Sue Marshall**, **Ann Lee**, **Mary Ellen Kagel**, and **Emily Kostka**,

July Calendar

- 3 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 4 Flag Raising, Calvary Cemeter, 7 a.m.
- 10 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Furniture Sale, Reiter Building, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds



Congratulations to council member **Mark Layton** and his bride, the former **Stephanie Baldwin**, who married in St. John's Church on May 31. Mark is a physical therapist with Arkansas Home Care while Stephanie is a pediatric dentist with her own practice: **KIDD's Dental Center** here in Hot Springs. The council extends its best wishes for their future happiness.

Sponsorships Solicited

Note that the sponsorship section at the top of this page has a good number of spaces available. With six 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***.

Field Agent's Notes

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected grand knight and deputy grand knight as well as to all the other dedicated brother knights who will serve in either an elected or an appointed leadership position in the coming year. I'm sure they have a list of goals and objectives that need to be accomplished during the coming year. They have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the Star Council Award—the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you knows an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't?), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you—transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical in the growth of our council.

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped their Council be successful during the last fraternal year. And thanks to all of the Brothers who decided protection of their family with Knights of Columbus Insurance was necessary. I appreciate your business!!

A Brother Knight helping you protect you and your loved ones!/Fraternally, **Randy Schnoebelen, FIC**

I'm at 501-204-9486. Call me—let's talk.