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July 19 Furniture Sale SLOW

Was it the extremely hot weather? Was it the exorbitant cost of gasoline? Was it the overall weak economy? All we know is that we had far fewer shoppers for our one-day furniture sale than ordinary. And the bank deposit that followed showed it. Gross proceeds amounted to \$910. Fortunately we had almost that much—\$819—in presales, for a total of \$1729. Any sales through August 31 will supplement this figure. Post-August 31 sales will count toward our two-weekend sale in October.

Thanks to all the men who showed up to help. (It seemed we had more sellers than buyers.) Thanks to **Dennis Bosch, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Jim DeGeorge, Harold Hager, Don Sass, Bob Kortember, Bill Wavering, Rick Sands, George Marshall, and Joe Giompoletti**, who were on hand for at least a portion of the day.

We will hope for a good sale in the middle of October. Already we have the merchandise for what should be a profitable undertaking. The container behind the Hall is essentially full, and the belief is that most of it is good sale material. Following a large pickup last week, only three to four feet of space in the center aisle remain.

When that space is gone, we'll have to get creative on storage. We WILL continue to collect. We would like especially to have such items as towels, washcloths, bed linens, kitchen items, and tools but are still in the market for all the usual types of donations. Our 40' by 60' pole barn is also near full. We hope to have sold a lot of these items before October. Please keep in mind that among our inventory are several very nice desks, sofas, recliners (including a beautiful leather recliner), tables and chairs, beds (but presently no twin size), chests of drawers, a large-screen television set with excellent picture, lamps, ranges, a couple of refrigerators, and a beautiful entertainment center. If you know anyone who needs any of these items—perhaps someone going off to school and needing to furnish an apartment—suggest that he or she **call Jim at 525-7022**. He will meet prospective customers at the furniture building.

Since the July 19 sale, we have been called on twice—and responded—to help people in need. We furnished a sofa, occasional chair, and a dinette table with chairs to a disabled Katrina evacuee who lives in a Hot Springs Housing Authority unit and a double bed and twin bed with mattresses, box springs, and linens to a family with three young children who have been sleeping on the floor. Not having a twin bed, the council purchased one from Mattress Gallery.

Work in Progress at the K. C. Hall

The recent benevolent anonymous donation to the local council is already in use. The return air has been completely changed for the two existing air conditioning units in the storage room. These units will supply the existing outlets as well as the men's and women's restrooms. New duct work is in place. The new air conditioning unit is in place over the bar area. Even without the new unit, the old units are cooling the main hall comfortably, much better than previous to the correction of return air and duct problems. With the improved efficiency, even with an added air conditioner, electric bills should be lower. As soon as work on the cooling/heating system is completed, improvements on the men's restroom will begin. Thanks to council member **Don Sass** who has shared his expertise with all electricity issues connected to the on-going improvements. He has saved the council a lot of money. Thanks also to **Grand Knight Joe Giompoletti** and **Deputy Grand Knight Rick Sands** who are directing the present work.

Meeting with Father Erik

Grand Knight **Giompoletti** and Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent **Randy Schnoebelen** met with **Father Erik** on July 22, the purpose of the meeting being to offer council assistance with church and school needs. Fr. Erik suggested that we need to do a better job of making known the good things we already do, especially for the needy in Hot Springs. He offered some good suggestions. As for recent service to the church, thanks goes to **Dennis Bosch**, who has devoted a lot of his time to work on pews at St. John's. The pews have had a lot of problems with broken kneelers and even with the pews themselves. The council is ready to respond to needs at both St. Mary's and St. John's when the needs are known.

Council Member Clare Ecklund Dies

Council and Fourth Degree Assembly member Clare Ecklund, better known as "Stretch" died July 3, following a long battle with lung cancer. Stretch was the husband of **Carol Ecklund**. The Ecklunds moved from Crystal Lake, Illinois to Hot Springs in 1989.

The newspaper account of his death stated that Stretch was "a kind and gentle man." That is exactly how we remember him. Stretch had been a Catholic only a few years. **Father Bill Thomas** shepherded Stretch into the Church and gave him his first Holy Communion on Christmas Day of 2002 when Stretch was in the hospital. We will certainly miss his presence and his smile. The council extends condolences to Carol and to their children.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 7 with **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier** the celebrant. A graveside memorial service followed in Illinois.

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