

It's Dues Time!

As we enter the last month of the year, it's time to give a reminder that dues will become payable January 1. The assessment will remain at **\$45**. Perhaps the most painful task for **Joe Dierks**, our Financial Secretary, is getting the dues collected. There are those members who intend paying but who just keep postponing....or forgetting. And this habit necessitates a second dues notice, and in some cases a third. **And all of this takes TIME and council MONEY (which the council doesn't have to waste)**. Please take the first notice to heart and get your payment in promptly. Save a stamp by paying at the January 8 meeting. (Joe's birthday is the 7th. Let your prompt payment be his birthday present!)

January 1 will also mark the time for renewing sponsorships and ads. Sponsorships again will be \$10, and ads \$25. This added revenue goes a long way toward ***Knight Shift*** expenses.

From Our Chaplain



This Advent season we have a unique opportunity. As most of you are aware, Bishop Anthony Taylor has hit the ground running since his ordination as our bishop only six months ago. In issuing a pastoral letter he has shown an immediate willingness to serve as chief shepherd of our diocese.

In the future I would like to reflect more on the content of his letter as regards immigration. For this article I would like to point out the value of a pastoral letter on its own.

This is a good opportunity to reflect on the role of bishop as teacher. The Catechism describes bishops as "heralds of the faith, who draw new disciples to Christ; they are authentic teachers of the apostolic faith endowed with the Authority of Christ (CCC888). The bishop is a successor of the apostles and receives a particular grace of the Holy Spirit when he is ordained. For those reasons we can speak of the teaching of a bishop as authentic.

As "herald of the faith" the bishop must recognize the particular needs of his diocese and lead in such a way that draws the faithful closer to Christ. Bishop Taylor clearly takes that responsibility seriously and is not hesitant in his leadership. The Church makes no sense if not for the work of the Holy Spirit and so we see the work of the Holy Spirit as the bishop teaches.

The issue of immigration has long been dear to the heart of Anthony Taylor, but he is not the same man he was only a short time ago. As Bishop Taylor, he carries on the authenticity for Truth that we rely on as Catholics. He is the guide or protector of unity for the Church in Arkansas. This pastoral letter gives us the chance to understand more deeply the authentic teaching of our Church and to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit for the good of God's people in our diocese.

The immigration issue has become emotionally charged in the United States. Each day it affects our daily life in more profound ways. There are many complicated practical and social realities that surround it. It also carries weight for our lives of faith and spirituality. We cannot simply look the other way, nor can we afford to form opinions based on presumption and speculation.

Bishop Taylor's teaching directly treats each of these aspects. His call to put our faith into practice is clear, but his grasp of the practical realities is genuine as well. There is a great deal of misinformation and bias that exists with the question of immigration, and the Bishop is challenging us all to use our gift of reason in a thoughtful way.

The first step is to read what he is offering. Please make the effort to learn about this issue under the guidance of our shepherd. This is a great opportunity for each of us to practice more fully the faith we profess. **In Christ, Fr. Erik**

Council Fund Raisers—A Plan and an Idea

With the Fourth Degree Assembly having had such good results from two pancake breakfasts in recent months, the council plans to capitalize on this idea with its own pancake breakfast on February 22, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Breakfasts will be served at St. John's Parish Hall following Sunday masses. **Randy Schnoebelen** has agreed to chair this event. He will need a good collection of volunteers to sell tickets, cook, clean up, etc.

Randy has also volunteered to chair another potential fund raiser. He reports that knights in a Texas parish of which he was formerly a member had great success selling barbecue sandwiches, chips, etc. following Sunday masses. That proposal is presently under consideration.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes



On November 20 we celebrated our monthly meeting with a Living Rosary. We were honored to have widows of deceased knights present. Each was presented a long-stem red rose. Guests of honor were **Pat Burton, Marge Knoth, Laura Mazzia, Patty Norman, Val Poe, Beverly Priest, Doris Reis, and Kay Smart**. Approximately 65 people were present for the ceremony led by **Fr. John Burkus**. Eight knights were dressed in full regalia. Following the ceremony, those present enjoyed a potluck dinner. Meat was prepared by **Iturba Percefull**.

On December 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, we will have our annual Fourth Degree-sponsored Christmas Dinner Dance. Social hour with a cash bar will begin at 5 o'clock. A prime-rib dinner catered by *Home Plate Café* will follow at 6 o'clock. *Blue Velvet* will provide dance music. During the dance a drawing for door prizes and raffled items will take place. The recipient of the door prize will have a choice of two nights at Sam's Town in Tunica, Mississippi, with dinner for two at Smoky Joe's Cafe or a two-night stay at the Clarion Resort on the Lake in Hot Springs. Twenty raffle items include a gift certificate for a two-night stay at the Velda Rose Hotel and Spa in Hot Springs, a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond, flower arrangements, and dinners for two at restaurants in our area. Thanks to **Lou and Vi Kosarek** for collecting the prizes. Tickets are available for \$22. per person. You may obtain tickets by calling **Newton White (622-0191), Chairman Bill Wavering (984-3651), Lou Kosarek (525-4741), Steve Galimore (620-6269), or Vicki Stanley (321-5558)**.

The Fourth Degree Assembly of Hot Springs Village has invited our Hot Springs Council and Assembly with their guests to attend its annual Christmas Dinner and Dance to be held in the basement of Sacred Heart Church on December 5. Social will begin at 5 p.m. with a donation-only refreshment center. Dinner will begin at 5 o'clock with a choice of prime rib or chicken to be served by *Belle Arti*. The *Music Makers* will provide the music. Dress is formal. Tickets are \$25 each and may be obtained by contacting Mike Kerwin at 501-922-1531 or by e-mailing longfur@suddenlink.net

As a postscript to the October 26 pancake breakfast, the Assembly is pleased to report proceeds of \$1065 and a profit of \$720 after expenses. The next pancake breakfast is planned for February 22 as a council undertaking rather than by the Fourth Degree Assembly.

Other than the Christmas Dinner/Dance, there will be no Fourth Degree meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 15 at the K. C. Hall./**Newton White/Faithful Navigator**

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Dennis & Chris Bosch	George & Sue Marshall	John & Denise Steinhaus	Isabelle Peregrin	Harold Hager
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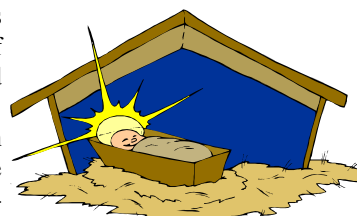
Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Ed McManus, Jim DeGeorge, Ethel Kness, Hallie Salemi, Val Poe, Ken Schmitz, Sharon Maxwell, John Harris, Hattie Harris, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

December Birthdays

- 1 Grant Shiver
- 3 **Fr. John Burkus 95!**
- 6 Dick Antoine
- 6 Joe Salemi
- 7 Bob Ward
- 13 Michael Schnaufer, Sr.
- 26 Jim DeGeorge
- 27 David Farrell

Congratulations, Fr. Burkus on your 95th Birthday!



O Holy Night!

December Calendar

- 6 Officers Training Meeting, K. C. Hall, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (see article, p. 1)
- 11 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner and Dance, K. C. Hall Social, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 6 p.m. (see article, p. 2)

Sponsorships Solicited

Most of the sponsorships listed above will expire at the end of December (A few were begun late in the year and need not be renewed at this time). We hope that all of the expiring sponsorships will be renewed and that some new sponsors will be added. Many have been in place for a lot of years. As you see, there are currently several spaces for new sponsorships. The income from these sponsorships help to off-set the significant cost of printing and mailing ***Knight Shift***. The annual donation for a sponsorship is \$10.

Insurance Field Agent's Notes

Dear Brother Knights,
We are getting closer and closer to the end of another year. Have you met all of your goals of preparing for your retirement and of having enough insurance to cover your family's needs in case something happens to you? **Tempus Fugit!!!** It's easy to say "next year" when things get better. You know as well as I know that another year goes by and things are the same **Let's face it!** No one wants to think about one's own mortality, but the fact is that no one lives forever. The best gift of all for your family is doing something about it. When you buy a Knights of Columbus Insurance Policy or Annuity, you are preparing not only your retirement and your family if something happens to you; you are also helping give to charity. This last year \$143 million dollars was given to those who are less fortunate. Believe in the LORD who has said, "Whenever you help in my name, you will reap ten fold." Where can you do both: help those less fortunate and take care of your family. Where but Knights of Columbus Insurance and Annuities? **GOD BLESS ALL!**
Fraternally yours,
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P.S. Pray for our Soldiers!!! Pray for Peace!!!
A Brother Knight helping You PROTECT You and Your LOVED ONES.