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Council to Host State Convention

The 2009 Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention is scheduled for April 17-19 here in Hot Springs, with the Arlington Hotel serving as headquarters. Currently a blogspot with information can be found at www.arkofcannualconvention.blogspot.com

Activities will include a Knights' Golf Outing at Hot Springs Country Club and, as yet, unspecified ladies' activities.

One of the big advance projects will involve selling ads for the program booklet. Those sales will be a good source of revenue for our council. Further details are forthcoming.



New Seminarian for Council Support

December *Knights Shift* reported that Council 6419 would contribute to the expenses of **Juan Manjarez** of Fort Smith, who is a seminarian at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. State Vocations Director **Peter McNulty** has since advised that we switch our support to seminarian **Enrique Castro**, now a seminarian at St. Mienrad Seminary in Indiana [See picture at left].

Enrique was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on February 14, 1981, and first entered a seminary in Mexico when he was only 15 years old. Three years later, he left the seminary having

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Attention! Attention! The post office has informed the editor of this newsletter that we must "update" our mailing list. This is no small matter, one that calls for cooperation from all those who receive *Knights Shift*.

The bottom line is that the post office is going to charge the council first class postage for every copy of *Knights Shift* that is returned as "undeliverable." In time, that can cost a LOT of money, money which the council can't afford to lose.

At any given time, some newsletters are sent to incorrect addresses or even to people who have died (especially to people away from Hot Springs). The post office will not forward bulk mail, and neither has it returned such mail. Consequently, the editor has no way to know of wrong addresses unless someone tells him. Now we will learn which addresses are incorrect when the newsletters are returned for us to pay first-class postage on them. Sometimes even our local members have been moved several months before the information is passed on to the editor. If you move, please make this known immediately.

Another related problem is that we must maintain a mailing list of at least 200 in order to qualify for the bulk rate, which is far less than first-class postage. Presently we have only 210 and some of those will likely be dropped soon.

From Our Grand Knight



I would like to wish everyone a blessed and healthy New Year. Now that 2009 is here, we need to concentrate on finishing the projects that we approved in 2008.

I want to thank Deputy Grand Knight **Rick Sands** for helping me replace the ceiling tiles in front of the fire place. The repaired ceiling makes a big difference in heating the Hall.

On March for Life Sunday, January 18, a bus will transport up to 40 passengers to the State House Convention Center in Little Rock, leaving St. John's Church at 10 a.m. Following a noon mass at the Convention Center, the march will process along Capitol Avenue to the Capitol. When the March is ended, the bus will be on hand at the Capitol for passengers to board for the return trip to Hot Springs. A stop for dinner is planned at a suitable restaurant on I-30. To reserve a seat, call **Mary Noel Mayberry**, a member of the St. John's Social Justice committee, at 617-4001.

On February 22 in St. John's Parish Hall, our council is planning to serve a pancake breakfast following the morning masses. This will call for a substantial number of volunteers for cooking, serving, and cleaning up./**Joe Giompoletti, Grand Knight**



Change of Date for Free-Throw Contest

Chairman Mark Layton reports that a conflict with the Elks Club's Free-throw Contest makes it necessary for our council to delay its planned contest one week to January 17. It is now scheduled for 4 p.m. at St. John's gym. Five categories for competition are planned for both boys and girls. Separate competition is planned for boys and girls for ages 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Flyers advertising the event will be placed at the Boys and Girls Club and in schools throughout the city.

Mark will need a good number of volunteers to help with registration and score-keeping. To help, please call him at 545-9830.

Winners in each category will advance to District-level competition, and the winners of district contests will then compete in the state contest.

Dues, Ads, and Sponsorships

The \$45 annual council dues assessment is now payable to **Financial Secretary Joe Dierks, P. O. 2092, Hot Springs 71914**. Please respond quickly to avoid the necessity of additional mailings, which mean more time and more expense.

It's also time to renew ads (\$25. annually) and sponsorships (\$10), except for sponsorships begun late in 2008. Income from ads and sponsorships helps offset the cost of the monthly mailings of *Knights Shift*. Submit payment for ads and sponsorships either to **Dennis Bosch** or **Jim Lockwood**.

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