



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The regularly scheduled monthly business meeting of the Fourth Degree Knights was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on January 15. Those present enjoyed a delicious chili dinner prepared by Brother **Jim Witovec**. A schedule of monthly meetings for the 2009 year was circulated and completed. Members discussed and approved a motion to offer a one-time monetary gift of \$100 each to two Nigerian seminarians. The Assembly will also provide the book *Hidden Enemies of the Priesthood* to our local priests as well as the seminarians currently supported by the Assembly and the Council through the RSVP Program.

Members also voted unanimously to contribute \$1.00 per member to the Master's Fund and \$3.00 for each member to support the Incarnation Dome at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.

The next Fourth Degree meeting will be a 6:30 dinner social on February 19 at Olive Garden at 4108 Central Avenue. As usual, guests are invited. Please call **Vicki Stanley** at 321-5558 or 538-4502 to inform her whether you'll be able to be present on the 19th. We must call the restaurant in advance with an anticipated number./**Newton White, F. N.**



Giving....And Receiving: Moving Ann

On Friday, January 20, several knights helped move **Ann Lee** from her home on Meadow Street to Garrett Manor, a retirement home. On hand with trailers and trucks were **Tom Gilleran, Bill Thompson, Scott Hrdlicka, Scott's friend Frank, Don Sass, Dennis Bosch, Bob Kortenber, and Jim Lockwood**. Ann, whose health has declined, could no longer live in her home, and she needed help in making the transition to the retirement home. **Martha Lockwood, Melanie Wilson, and Audrey McDonald** spent the biggest part of five days packing boxes of personal items and separating others to discard, while **Bob and Paula Standridge** helped her with medicines, legal issues, and other personal matters. Knights came to move her furniture and boxes of personal items to her new home and to put them in place.

But the knights were not only in giving mode. They also received a lot of nice items, including beautiful furniture, that Ann either no longer needed or had no room for in her new home. These items of course will be used in the knights' spring sale for charity.



K. C. Free-Throw Contest: Update

With Youth Director **Mark Layton** in charge, the annual council Free-Throw Contest was held at St. John's Gym on January 17. Six boys and girls from Hot Springs, ages 10 to 14, were named local champions and earned the right to compete at the district level.

Ethan O-Riley was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the bracket for 11-year-olds **Dillon Hett** was the boys' champion and **Meredith Hayes** was the girls' champion. Twelve-year-old winner in boys' division was **Grant Webber** and for girls division was **Keshia Alpaugh**. **Richard Pellegrino** won the 13-year-old boys' division.

Each of these winners will compete district competition to be held at 2:30 p.m. on February 21 at St. John's Gym.

Randy Schnoebelen and **Dick Antoine** were Marks's only assistants for the local contest. Volunteer help is needed for the February 21 District Contest. Please call Mark to help (545-9830)



From Our Chaplain

My new position working with vocations for the Diocese is beginning to involve more traveling. This spring I will be visiting some of our seminarians to see how they are doing and continue the ongoing support of their discernment for the priesthood. This traveling also included a recent trip to Peru.

One young man in the city of Piura had contacted **Bishop Taylor** through internet communication, and the Bishop asked that we follow up with him. After some ongoing communication, it was determined that the time had arrived for face-to-face contact. **Msgr. Scott Friend** and I spent five days getting to the rather remote city and meeting with two young men interested in coming to Arkansas.

What we discovered was truly remarkable. The two young men work at Blessed Sacrament parish and are involved in what could be described as the model Catholic parish. The parish is located close to the city center but has a ministry that extends to various *barrios* on the outskirts. These communities are filled with people just barely meeting the basic necessities of life. Their homes are woven sheets of bamboo, tin and dirt. A rare rainfall occurred the day we arrived, and many spent the night trying to avoid getting wet.

Blessed Sacrament parish and its pastor (Fr. Joseph, from Oklahoma) are providing enormous support to the many very poor people in their care. With a full-time staff of 40 and the generous financial support of several U. S. parishes, they have built 15 chapels in the *barrios* that have allowed the Catholic faith to become the center of life in those communities. The parish also provides food for 80 families each month and employs an impressive array of people to meet other needs. They have three full-time social workers, a psychologist, two full-time construction workers, and staff for a hospice, an orphanage, a drug rehab, a retreat center, and a bank. The bank makes sure the farmers don't lose the little land they own, and the pastor reports 100 percent return on the no-interest loans they receive. In addition there are lawyers and doctors that donate time each week to the needs of the people.

The spirit of faith and charity is alive and well in all who serve there. It should be no wonder then that young men perceive a deeper calling in that environment. What is surprising is their desire to live out that call in Arkansas rather than in their familiar surroundings. Yet it is clear that God is at work and moves the heart beyond what we might think most sensible. Our diocese is in need of missionaries, and God sends them to us, sometimes from unexpected locales.

As these young men continue to discern their calls from God, it is a privilege to know them and share some part in helping them listen with the heart and ears of faith. Work with vocations has already been rewarding for me in this regard. To see the desire in the heart of those God calls is to be reminded that God never abandons his people.

Please pray that the increase in vocations we are beginning to see will continue. Pray as well that each of us may do our part in forming an environment of faith which opens the door to young people to see something more than selfish interests. When we work together in acts of charity, we foster a deeper faith for many involved. May we never forget the hand of God at work among his people and may we always be willing partners./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to council member **Scott Hrdlicka** and to long-time council supporter **Laura Mazzia** for their recent election to the St. John's Parish Board. They both are people with ideas and will surely be assets to the Board.

Beverly Priest

Dennis & Chris Bosch

Wally & Lucy Marroy

Paul & Flo Bachmann

Raymond & Rhonda Byrne

Joe & Mildred Giompoletti

Newton & Linda White

Jim & Frankie DeGeorge

Audrey McDonald

Jim & Martha Lockwood

Steve & Vali Barron

Merlin & Vida Retzlaff

George & Sue Marshall

Frank & Sharon Maxwell

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Randy & Marty Schnoebelen

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Stan & Gwen DeGruccio

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Michael & Nancy Schnauffer, Jr.

Ed & Lorraine McManus

Tom & Barbara Gilleran

Bill & Marilyn Wavering

Marge Knoth

Harold Hager

Valerie Poe

Iturba Percefull

Wanda Eckhardt

Carol Ecklund

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February Birthdays

- 3 **John Davis**
- 5 **Kevin Coakley**
- 9 **Edward Daven**
- 9 **Ken Schmitz**
- 12 **Tony Torres**
- 13 **Ed Sharkey**
- 15 **Tony Pollock**
- 16 **Ronald King**
- 16 **Rick Sands**
- 16 **Paul Sturman**
- 20 **Kenny Scott**
- 20 **Charles Smith**
- 22 **Bob Fiedler**
- 24 **Gregg Sandesr**
- 25 **James Rosamond**

Pray for our Sick

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

February Calendar

- 3 1st Degree Exemplification, Sacred Heart Church, HSV
- 12 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.
- 12 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Adorers' Potluck Dinner, St John's School Cafeteria, 12:30 p.m.
- 16 Potluck Dinner and Haiti Mission Trip Slide Show, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Fourth Degree Dinner, Olive Garden, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 District Free-Throw Contest, St. John's Gym, 2:30
- 22 Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Parish Hall, following Sunday masses till 1 pm

Sponsorships and Ads Solicited

Most of the sponsorships listed above expired at the end of December (A few were begun late in the year and need not be renewed at this time). **Sponsors whose names are in blue font have renewed their sponsorships.** 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 10 spaces for new sponsorships. The income from these sponsorships helps to offset the significant cost of printing and mailing *Knight Shift*. The annual donation for a sponsorship is \$10. The ads found on the back page may be renewed for 2009 for \$25. For new ads, please notify **Jim Lockwood** at 525-7022.

Insurance Field Agent's Notes

Why do we go to work every day? The answer is obvious, or is it? Yes, we have to make a living to feed and clothe ourselves and our families. How much thought have you put into your future? How about retirement savings and protection from now till then? How much do I need besides my Social Security benefits to still be self-sufficient? Have you done everything that you need to do to secure your future? Yes. No. I am working on that. I just have not had time to work out all the details. *Gosh, I just have too many other things pressing me right now, but I will eventually get it done.* Do you have a will? I'm working as hard as I can! What else can I do? Well, Brother Knights of Columbus, we have begun a New Year, But have we done all the things that we need to do to secure our futures?

Is it better to get started now and do a little bit rather than doing nothing! Of course it is.

Do you believe in Knights of Columbus? Of course you do, or you would not be a member. *Now is the time to plan.* Secure your future with a Knights of Columbus Insurance Policy.

Save for your retirement with Knights of Columbus Annuities. And everyone, let's make out that will, so that you decide what happens to you and Your Family's estate. **Not a judge.**

A Brother Knight helping you Protect You and Your Loves Ones. Have a productive and blessed 2009./

Fraternally,
Randy Schnoebelen
K of C Field Agent