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Spring Rummage Sale Dates Set

Our annual spring Charity Rummage Sale will be a bit later this year due to a conflict with the April 18 State K. C. Convention here in Hot Springs. We will conduct our sale on the weekends of May 1-2 and 8-9. In the meantime, we will continue to seek donations of furniture and of other household items. The container in which we store non-furniture merchandise—kitchen items, linens, tools, decorator items, books, art, etc.—still has a lot of space for new donations. **Council member Scott Hrdlicka** has come to our assistance by providing one of his storage units on Ridgeway for new donations of furniture (very convenient location). Thanks to Scott! The first additions are already in place there.



Knights of Columbus State Convention

The State Convention will be headquartered at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, April 17-19. A golf tournament will be held on the Majestic Course at Hot Springs Country Club starting at 8:30 a.m. on the opening day. The schedule will also include two special masses—the first at St. Mary's at 7:30 a.m. for deceased knights and the second also at St. Mary's at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, with Bishop Anthony Taylor as the celebrant.

Ad sales for the Program Booklet are a major preliminary to this Convention, sales which should be well in progress. Please contact **Jim DeGeorge (767-2607)** either to purchase an ad or to suggest a possible ad source.

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Mary Turek, long-time council supporter, has volunteered to craft some table decorations for the Convention. She has the materials she needs for the decorations but she does need some assistance. To help Mary, please call her at **609-9540**.

Council Exemplifies Six New Members

Council Member Newton White accompanied five 1st Degree Candidates to Jacksonville for an Exemplification on February 18. A sixth candidate was exemplified February 2 in Hot Springs Village. The five who completed their 1st Degree in Jacksonville are **Bradley McClintock, William MacSorley, Hayden Dwyer, Evan Archer, and Cooper White**. Hayden, Evan and Cooper are sons of council members **Rick Dwyer, Larry Archer, and Newton White**. **Dr. Walter Frazee** became a new council member at the February 2 Exemplification at Sacred Heart Church in the Village. A new transfer member is **Leonard O'Donovan** from Lake Oswego, Oregon. **Jordan Steinhuis**, son of council member **John Steinhuis** and a senior at the University of Arkansas, is a present candidate for First Degree. Welcome to all our new members. We hope to see you a lot.



From Our Grand Knight

The Supreme Council is asking us to organize one or more canned food drives at our parishes for the local food banks or soup kitchens. Such drives do not require a lot of effort. On the other hand, the benefits are very real to a hungry child or a family on the brink of economic collapse. Let our response to this appeal be generous! Until we have further clarification on this plan, let us add our donations to the parish-wide collections once each month. Place canned goods and other staple goods in the appropriate container in the vestibule.

The February 22 pancake breakfast following the masses at St. John's was a big success. We grossed \$971 but will not know the net income until the bill for food comes in. The proceeds fell \$94 short of the Fourth Degree breakfast in October. The success of this venture was dependent on the great volunteer help that came forth. On hand to help with cooking, serving and cleaning up were **Chairman Randy Schnoebelen, Rick Dwyer, Joe Giompoletti, Ronny Brand, Dick Smith, Bruce Crane, Jerry Jennings, Barry Owens, Larry Stamps, Ray Mace, Floyd Sherfield, Don Sass, Lou Kosarek (tickets), Mark Layton, Larry Archer, Larry Nieman, Dennis Bosch, Cooper White, and Rick Sands**. It was gratifying to have the help of a good number of members that the council has been missing for a long while. With a little more advertising, we should be able to increase our numbers in the future. It's hard to beat a \$5 breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee! It's even harder to beat a breakfast that feeds children under 12 FREE! Stay tuned for details for the next pancake breakfast.

The State Convention, to be hosted by our local council, is coming up April 18—about six weeks off. We have a lot to do. Especially we need volunteer helpers and ad sales for our program booklet. **Newton White** is chairing this event. **Jim DeGeorge** is heading up ad sales./**Joe Giompoletti, G.K.**

Haiti Mission Detailed at K. C. Hall

Sixty-nine people came to the K. C. Hall on the evening of Monday, February 16 to hear a description of a recent mission to Haiti that involved **Fr. T. J. Hart, Pietro Tomassi, Steve Gallimore, Wally Marroy, and Larry Wommack**.

The evening began with a potluck dinner, featuring pork loin furnished by the council and prepared by **Grand Knight Joe Giompoletti and his wife Mildred**. Spread before those present was an abundance of delicious foods.

Fr. Hart, Pietro Tomassi, and Steve Gallimore took the lead in the presentation. They described the poverty-ridden conditions in which a vast majority of Haitians live and how the government actually blocks many of the potential improvements that could be made with cooperation. The focus of the local

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Haiti Mission, continued

priest is to raise funds to educate their children and to pay their teachers. The local team plans to work toward that goal, and a second trip to Haiti is planned, though the date for such a trip remains undetermined.

The recent presentation at the K. C. Hall was well received, as evidenced by the number of questions posed from those in attendance.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly 1892 enjoyed a dinner meeting at Olive Garden on Thursday evening, February 19. In addition to members and their wives, those present were **Dorothy Rowley, Fr. Burkus, Fr. Linus, and our chaplain Fr. Hart.**

Our next meeting will be a business meeting at the K. C. Hall on March 19 at 6 p.m.

We are trying to reactivate the council at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton. **State Deputy Jim Neff, Vicki Stanley, and I**, as District Deputy, met with **Fr. Bill Elser and Fr. George** in Benton on January 21 and have developed a plan for recruitment of members. Volunteer Knights from Hot Springs Council 6419, Hot Springs Village Council 10208, Little Flower Council 6615 from St. Theresa's in Little Rock, and Council 812 from St. John's in Little Rock will serve a pancake breakfast Sunday, March 8 following the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. The charge will be \$5 per person excepting children 10 and under who will eat at no charge. The net proceeds will help retire the school debt at Our Lady of Fatima School. The hope is to have a recruiting table where we will fill out Form 100 applications for prospective knights./**Newton White, Faithful Navigator**

Four Hot Springs Students Advance to State Contest

Four students from Hot Springs were among the District winners of the various age-group competitions in the annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest held at St. John's Gym on February 21. State-level competition will be held on March 15 in Conway. Advancing to state competition from Hot Springs are **Ethan O'Riley**, 10-year-old boys; **Dillon Hett**, 11-year-old boys; **Grant Webber**, 12-year-old boys, and **Meredith Hayes**, 11-year-old girls. Congratulations to these winners at the District level and best wishes for success at the final competition.

Mark Layton, Youth Chairman, wishes to thank **Randy Schnoebelen** and **Marc Hayes** for their assistance in conducting the February 21 event. The remaining help came from others councils.

Annual Council Financial Report

At the February 12 council meeting, **Treasurer Dennis Bosch** presented to members a meticulously detailed financial analysis. For those members unable to attend, a copy of this report can be obtained by e-mailing Dennis at Webmaster@HotSpringsKnights.org. Those who do not have e-mail may obtain a copy by calling Dennis at 525-6478.

Insurance Field Agent's Notes

"I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often this insurance is an employee benefit provided either at no charge or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists *may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance* with a professional agent.

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From Our Chaplain

Each year in preparation for the season of Lent, the Holy Father writes a letter to help focus the attention of the whole Church on the work of these holy days. This year Pope Benedict used the letter as an opportunity to reflect on the practice of fasting. The whole text can be found on the Vatican website, but I want to share with you a couple of ideas that caught my attention.

Fasting has a rich history in the spiritual life and finds many references in Scripture and in the lives of the saints. In our modern society it is a practice poorly understood. I remember a friend in college who was an active member of a Protestant denomination who really couldn't see any need for the practice because of his focus on the victory found in Jesus' Resurrection. For those who do see a value in fasting in modern society, it is more often tied to a certain health consciousness than a spiritual good.

Of course the Catholic approach takes a different focus. Even though the victory of Christ's Resurrection is absolute, the final fruits are known only in heaven. In this life we must continue the struggle against temptation and sin. Spiritual practices, including penance, remain necessary as a way to progress over the desires that often lead us astray.

In his letter the Pope acknowledged the more health-motivated efforts to avoid certain foods but pointed out the greater goal for the spiritual minded. "Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a 'therapy' to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God." That idea captures the general goal of Lent and highlights fasting as a way to accomplish it. If we have any other goal than greater conformity to the will of God, we miss the point.

The Holy Father also offers a beautiful quote from St. Peter Chrysologous to help keep the proper perspective: "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." The passage makes clear again the goal of greater conformity to God's will.

Fasting is a practice that gets to the heart of desire. One of the most basic desires is food. While we obviously cannot survive without food, we tend to look at food with a fondness well beyond just nourishment. It is also true that enjoyment of food is a key part of many good and holy celebrations, and so fasting is not so much a statement against food as it is a reminder that our greatest desires must reach higher. Pope Benedict points out where that desire should be directed: "Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God."

In the end the Holy Father assures us of his prayers during our annual forty-day retreat. I join my prayers to his for each of you, that these days may truly deepen your desire for God.

John Harris Dies

Council Member John Harris died February 18 in Little Rock. He was 79. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Hot Springs on Saturday, February 21 with **Father Alan Rosenau** the celebrant. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Council members who collect donated merchandise for our Rummage Sales recall the several times that John responded to the men's request for help. John would bring his large trailer for large quantities of donations, eliminating the need for several trucks to do the job. Council members will miss John.

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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: Tom Gilleran, Ed McManus, Joe Burba, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, Hallie Salemi, Val Poe, Sharon Maxwell, Hattie Harris, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,

March Calendar

- 8 Pancake Breakfast, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Benton, following masses. (See 4th Degree article, p. 2)
- 12 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.
- 12 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 State-Level Free-Throw Competition, Conway (See article, p. 2)
- 19 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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, continued

That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or to some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage **may be completely unrelated to needs at death.** In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced—sometimes dramatically—when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you *could change employers or lose your job. Or your benefits could be reduced.* In either case you could—one day—find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

Randy Schnoebelen
K of C Field Agent

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

A Brother Knight helping protect you and your loved ones!!!