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Spring Rummage Sale Just a Month Away

Heads up for the approaching spring Charity Rummage Sale. The sale is set for May 1-2 and 8-9. Preparation will begin Monday, April 27 and will continue throughout the week preceding the Friday and Saturday sale. As always, we will need a lot of workers—both men and women—so please try to set aside most of those two weeks to help. Once again, we will organize lunches on each work day. Those who have helped in the past know that the lunches are quite good.

Well before the sale, several council members will be needed to organize furniture and even to discard some items that have been around too long and now are just taking valuable space. These include some outdated electronics. We will pick out one or two of our warm, sunny April days for this.

We continue to collect nice furniture, appliances, etc. We've filled up the furniture building, a couple of storage units, and have now begun to put some furniture in the partitioned area of the K. C. Hall. We still solicit household items like kitchenware, linens, etc. We also appreciate crafts, flower arrangements, costume jewelry, decorator items, etc. If you have items to donate,

please call **Jim Lockwood** at 525-7022, **Dennis Bosch** at 525-6478, **Jim DeGeorge** at 767-2607, or **Dick Smith** at 760-3879.

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From Our Grand Knight

First of all, the April council meeting is changed **from Thursday, the 9th to Wednesday, the 8th** to avoid a conflict with Holy Thursday services. Please spread the word!

The 101st Arkansas State Knights of Columbus Convention is fast approaching. The date is April 17-19. For those who have never been to a K. C. convention, this is your best opportunity to do so right here on our turf. I encourage members to take advantage of this opportunity. Business activities will take place at the Arlington Hotel, as will the Saturday evening Banquet. Registration fee for all activities, including the Banquet, is \$65. Those who choose only to attend the Saturday evening Awards Banquet may purchase tickets for \$25 each (though the host councils of District 10 will pay an additional \$2.97 for each dinner). Of course, wives are encouraged to join their husbands. The dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Arlington, will offer exotic green salad, cranberry pork with dried cranberries, sweet potato mash, steamed broccoli, coffee and tea. This occasion calls for formal dress. Guest speaker will be **John P. Wain-scott, Supreme Director**.

District 10—which includes councils from Hot Springs, Hot Springs Village, Mena, and Benton—will host a hospitality suite at the Arlington on Friday, April 17. If you can assist with this, please call **Vicki Stanley** at 321-5558 or 538-4502. She will schedule helpers in 30 to 60 minute blocks so they can visit other hospitality suites and visit with knights from across Arkansas. **Vicki—Newton White's** right-hand at his business Instrument Supply—has done a tremendous job organizing all our functions and set-ups (and supplying the Convention details for this article). All ladies should contact her for questions regarding their scheduled "fun" day (538-4502). Her planning has ensured for you an enjoyable day.

There will be 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. mass on Saturday, April 18 at St. Mary's Church. The 7 a.m. mass will be offered in memory of deceased knights. **Bishop Anthony B. Taylor** will be the celebrant at the 4 p.m. mass./**Joe Giompoletti, GK**

Council Serves Pizza Following Friday Night Stations

For the council **Dick Smith** took the lead in purchasing pizzas for the Lenten supper at St. John's Parish Hall following the March 24 Stations of the Cross devotion. He was assisted by **Joe Dierks, Larry Nieman, Don Sass, and Bill Thompson**. Council wives **Jackie Smith, Jayne Dierks, Dawn Thompson, and Liz Sass** contributed delicious salads.

Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Schedules Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. is scheduled to follow the May 14 council meeting. **George Marshall, CEO**, will preside.

Take Note: New Council Mailing Address

The location of the council post office box has changed from the post office on Albert Pike to the Section Line Road Post Office. The new address, as shown on the back page of this newsletter, is **P. O. Box 22927, Hot Springs, AR 71903-22927**.

THUMBS UP **K. C. Landscaping Getting a New Look**

Thanks to several energetic, time-giving council members, the sloped median between the upper and lower parking lots is morphing into something quite different. **Bill Thompson** apparently has an inexhaustible supply of large rocks on his property off Hwy. 7 North. So he and his trailer with the added muscle-power of **Don Sass, Lennie Didier, and Iturba Percefull** are bringing multiple trailer loads of rocks to the K. C. property and depositing them on the median. A section on the north end is completed, and the goal is to use rock almost to the south end. Word is that a section on the south end is to become a rose garden! This is what a few good men can do.

That's not all. Grand Knight **Joe Giompoletti**, with help from **Dick Smith**, has made a serious attack on that wilderness bordering the west side of the driveway. Along the road Joe has removed 15-20 feet of brush and young trees. Maybe one day we'll do a controlled burn over that entire area, thin those pine trees, and transform that jungle to a show place. Thanks, men, for your dedicated work.

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The monthly meeting for the Fourth Degree Assembly was at the K. C. Hall on March 19. **Robert Rowe** provided a great dinner of spaghetti with sausage and a homemade Italian sauce.

It was noted that flags were raised at Calvary Cemetery on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with the following knights participating: **Newton White, Joe Giompoletti, Stan DeGruccio, Joe Dierks, Gil Gibbons, Harold Hager, John Macchietto, Iturba Percefull, and Earl Robbins.**

The April Assembly meeting will be a social with wives. **Brother Bill Wavering** has reserved Smokin' in Style Barbecue for the 6:30 p.m. April 16 meeting. The restaurant is located at 2278 Albert Pike Road.

The Fourth Degree hosted a pancake breakfast at St. John's Hall on March 22 following the Sunday masses at St. John's Church. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee were served to 189 adults, grossing \$945. Eating free were 47 children 10 years of age and younger. On hand to help with the breakfast were **Joe Giompoletti, Joe Petruk, Robert Rowe, Larry Nieman, Dick Smith, Dennis Bosch, Raymond Mace, Steve Barron, Don Sass, Bill Thompson, Stan DeGruccio, Larry Stamps, and Lou and Vi Kosarek**, who handled ticket sales. A portion of the proceeds was used to purchase pans and skillets to be used preparing future breakfasts./**Newton White, Faithful Navigator**

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From Our Chaplain

The opportunity to teach the *Why Catholic?* classes in the parish has been a rewarding experience for me. I have used the Catechism many times in other classes, but this has been my first time to work straight through and appreciate the systematic and logical approach that it offers. The doctrine of our faith is presented in such a reasonable way, with clear foundations and fruits, that my appreciation has deepened.

As we come close now to Holy Week, my thoughts return to one section in particular that presented the doctrine of sin. In *CCC 1851* we are told that the Passion of Christ is the clearest manifestation of sin the world has known. The events that surround the death of Jesus bring into sharp focus the real consequences of sin. With sin human nature itself is deformed, and the many characters that surround Jesus' death reveal this truth in all its ugliness. Every form of sin shows itself as the evil-one senses what would seem to be the final victory.

The killing of the Son of God required the worst of humanity, and in the Passion we see the worst in full display. The cowardice of Pilate, the cruel violence of the soldiers, the bitter resentment of the Pharisees, the anger of the crowd, the betrayal and denial of the apostles, the hatred of those to whom he had given love all reveal the depth of human depravity. We wonder at times how human beings can be capable of such sin, but in the Passion only a few remained free of guilt and the rest represent so many of us in the reality of our sins.

It should not surprise us if we consider the bigger picture of that event. It was the climax of the encounter between sin and redemption. The victory for sin and death seemed to be at hand and so were unleashed in all fury. But that victory was only apparent. Despite every appearance and the reality of sin, God remained in control.

Jesus submitted himself to the human condition to take on himself the consequences of sin. He knew that the Father's plan included his death, but that was so death could be robbed of its victory. In taking human sin and death to the tomb, Jesus was able to transform it into new life with the Resurrection. The power of God cannot be contained by death. The victory was fully God's as death no longer meant final separation from God but passage to eternal life.

As we move into Holy Week and celebrate the work of Redemption, we seek deeper understanding of God's love that would go so far. Our sins are real and the damage they cause is real, but if we take them seriously and humbly seek the mercy of the cross, we also experience the power of the Resurrection. We pray that these most holy of days will mean for us the transformation to new life that God desires for us./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**



Can This Fellow Be 76 Years Old?

Congratulations to council member **Harold Hager**, who recently broke the state record in weight lifting in the 75-80 age classification and 165-pound weight class. Harold's accomplishment was at the Sonlight Power Contest held in Conway. Harold beat the state record by 10 pounds, lifting 230 pounds. His four-lift total was 870 pounds. An amazing accomplishment, Harold!

Tea Party: a Little Humor (as told by a little girl)

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was maybe two and one-half years old and had just recovered from an accident. Someone had given me a little "tea set" as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

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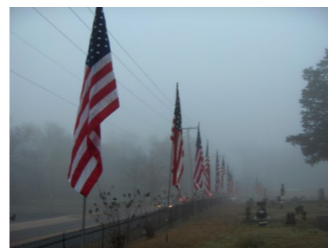
Pray for our Sick

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, Anne Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

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- 29 **David Meeks**

April Calendar

- 8 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 8 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 12 **Easter**
- 16 **Fourth Degree Meetng, Smokin' in Style Barbecue, 6:30 (see article, p. 3**
- 17-
- 19 **Arkansas Knight of Columbus State Convention, Hot Springs (See Grand Knight's article, p. 1)**
- 27-
- 30 **Rummage Sale Preparation, K. C. Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (see p. 1)**



Flag Raising at Calvary Cemetery on Foggy Morning

Tea Party, continued

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of "tea," which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my mom came home.

Daddy made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was "just the cutest thing!" My mom waited, and surely enough, here I came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a mother would know...)

"Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"



What a dad!

Congratulations, Dennis and Sue Wood!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Dennis and Sue Wood**, who just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The celebration highlight was a beautiful mass with their son **Fr. Mark** the celebrant and **Fr. Erik, Fr. Alan, Fr. Hart, and Fr. Marconi** of Pocahontas concele-



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As of the April issue of Knight Shift, sponsorships that have not been renewed, have been dropped from those at the top of the page. We hope that they will still be renewed and new ones added. The income from these sponsorships helps to off-set the significant cost of printing and mailing *Knight Shift*. The annual donation for a sponsorship is \$10. All ad spaces on page 4 have been filled. We are grateful for these ads and the sponsorships as well.