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Anatomy of a Rummage Sale: Wrap-up

Following the amazing first weekend of our spring rummage sale for charity, the second week posed problems as described in May *Knight Shift*. Several phone calls, some personal contacts, and even a last-minute solicitation from the pulpit brought in a surprising number of nice items—pristine pots and pans, a set of dishes and other glassware, small appliances, and a few pieces of nice furniture, including a gorgeous antique chair and a unique antique school desk. Our shameless begging reaped rewards. So when the second Friday rolled around, the tables were respectably replenished. And the first-day weather was rainless, though rain remained in the forecast. Customers were far fewer than the first Friday swarm but maintained respectable numbers throughout the day. Approximate equal numbers continued through Friday—until 2:30 on Saturday afternoon when the overdue rain attacked viciously. Electric power fluttered off and on but was never interrupted more than a few seconds. Ten knights were trapped in the furniture building. Lightning crackled, its long tentacles reaching down a black sky as if searching us out. We scurried to the middle of the building away from the open door. Thunder exploded, and exploded again, carrying out a relentless blitz. Our sales for this endeavor had effectively ended. But wait! Suddenly a van carrying two ladies—the storm at its peak—backed right up to Reiter Building and continued through the opened door until the vehicle was out of the rain. One of these ladies earlier had purchased a mattress and box springs, and she had come to collect them at the worst possible time. It was impossible to stuff both pieces into the van, and we reasoned with the lady that she could return the following week to get them. She wanted them then!

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So our obliging knights began to maneuver the mattress into the back of the van. Fortunately it would sufficiently fold, but unfortunately about 8 inches of the mattress extended beyond the van, leaving that portion exposed to the rain. The next move was to strap the box springs to the top. Only a paper-thin sheet of plastic, two holes in its surface, covered the top side. The sides and ends were completely exposed. The knights had done their jobs. All we could do at that point was watch the ladies pile into the van and drive into a pounding, blowing rain. Our second Saturday came to an early but decisive end.

How much money did our two-week sale generate? The best four-day sale ever! The spring sale of 2006 actually topped this sale but that was only because of almost \$2700 of pre-sale items we had sold. (That was during a roughly 3-year period when we were reaping hugely profitable sales from the Antique Showroom, a luxury we no longer enjoy.) Our sale just ended, with pre-sales of \$795, grossed \$13,216.78 and netted after advertising expenses

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From Our Grand Knight

The installation of officers for 2009-10 will take place at the K. C. Hall on June 11. The monthly council meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the bar room, and the installation will follow at 7 p.m., casual dress being in order. The evening will conclude with a potluck dinner with our wives. I will cook pork tenderloin and ask each family present to offer a dish for our dinner—a main dish, salad, or dessert. Officers to be installed are **Rick Sands**, Grand Knight; **Joe Giompoletti**, Deputy Grand Knight; **Raymond Kukuk**, Chancellor; **George Marshall**, Advocate; **Steve Barron**, Recorder; **Dennis Bosch**, Treasurer; **Hans Purkott**, Warden; **John Davis**, Inside Guard; **Bill Thompson**, Outside Guard; **Randy Schnoebelen**, 3-year trustee; **Iturba Percefull**, 2-year trustee; **Bill MacSorley**, 1-year trustee. **Joe Dierks**, appointed by the Supreme Council, will continue as our Financial Secretary. We hope that **Fr. Erik** will continue as our chaplain. The Lector's office is to be appointed by the new Grand Knight.

Money collected during the State Convention and the week prior for tornado-struck Mena and St. Agnes Church, which sustained heavy damage, amounted to \$3,292.30, not counting three checks from the State Knights of Columbus "Pennies from Heaven" account.

A big thanks to incoming Grand Knight **Rick Sands** for purchasing a P. A. system that works with all the existing speakers in the Hall. The system works great!

The council-sponsored golf tournament is set for Belevre Country Club on October 4, headed by **Hans Purkott**. Hans will need help, so you golfers need to step up to help Hans.

The St. John's altar servers' picnic is planned for June 6 at Lake Catherine State Park. **Mark Layton**, with the help of **Steve Barron**, will grill burgers and hotdogs for the servers. St. John's Church pays the expenses, but Mark has agreed to secure the food needed for the occasion.

Thanks to **Jim DeGeorge** for his year's service managing hall rentals, and thanks to **Dick Smith**, who once again has agreed to assume that responsibility.

The Feast of Corpus Christi annual procession, following the 3 p.m. June 14 Spanish mass, once again will proceed from St. John's Church to St. Mary's Church. Knights in regalia will participate, and all knights are encouraged to join in. (See **Fr. Erik's article, p. 2**)

The \$1000 council scholarship will soon be awarded to a Catholic student graduating from an area high school. The application period closed with three applications having been submitted. The recipient of the award will be announced in June *Knight Shift*. Council member **Mark Layton** has been in charge of this annual council award.

The K. C. Hall will be site of a Tool Sale on June 3.


This is my last month as Grand Knight./**Joe Giompoletti**,

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Rummage Sale—Wrap-up, continued
\$12,836.50. Actually, we believe we can claim a gross intake of \$13,916.78, the reason being that we had a donation of 8 new or near-new air-conditioners, one of which we sold for \$100. The others we donated to Hot Springs Housing Authority. (Altogether we’ve donated 117 air-conditioners to the Housing Authority). These most recent donations will mean 7 fewer that we will purchase for the next season.

It was a good sale. And credit for this success goes to so many people, starting with a huge number who have donated merchandise to our cause. And then to the many guys who responded with trucks and trailers, the standouts being **Tom Gilleran, Stan DeGruccio, Dennis Bosch, Julian Post, Bill Thompson, Don Sass, and Harold Hager.** All these people were actively involved in the work of the sale (excepting Dennis Bosch who was somewhere in Europe). Also we had **Jim DeGeorge, Gil and Karen Gibbons, John Macchietto, Bob and Sandy Kortenber, Martha Lockwood, Jim and Barbara Reiter, Ray Kukuk, Dennis and Sue Wood, Dawn Thompson, Liz Sass, Gwen DeGruccio, Pat Logan, Rose Glover, Pat Burton, Audrey McDonald, Bev Priest, George Marshall, Dick and Jackie Smith, Hans Purkott, Lennie Didier, Laura Mazzia, Mary Turek, and Larry Bauer.** Never forgetting the food preparation, the council expresses gratitude to those who prepared full meals and others who provided snacks for coffee breaks. Preparing full lunches were **Martha Lockwood (two), Karen Gibbons, Frankie DeGeorge, Sue Wood, Sandy Kortenber, Gwen DeGruccio, Ed Soris** with his return homemade pizza and **Jackie Smith** with a salad, and **Jim DeGeorge**, who fried hamburgers on site. Desserts/snacks were provided by **Tom Gilleran, Lorraine McManus, Rose Glover, John Macchietto, Bev Priest, Lee Myers, Marge Knoth, and Laura Mazzia.** Thanks to all these special people.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The monthly meeting of the Assembly was conducted May 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner was prepared by **Robert Rowe, Vicki Stanley, and Vali Barron.** Robert once again treated with the meat, Vicki with cole slaw and beans, and Vali with banana cheese pie. The next Assembly meeting will be on June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Smokin’ in Style on Albert Pike. **Robert and Amy Rowe** will be the hosts for this event. Please be present a little early because we order from the counter. Bring your wives!

Both St. Mary’s and St. John’s Churches are planning receptions for **Father Hart**, who will be leaving Hot Springs on June 17th to take over pastoral duties at Camden and Magnolia. St. Mary’s will honor Fr. Hart following masses on May 31, and St. John’s will have a reception following the 10 a.m. mass June 7.

The local council will sponsor a Pro-Life Fundraiser on May 31. Under the chairmanship of **Randy Schnoebelen**, patrons will have their choice of a barbecue brisket or barbecue pork sandwich and chips for a mere \$3.00. Barbecue-to-go will be available following the 8 and 10 a.m. masses at St. John’s.

Council 6419 will host a Pancake Breakfast at St. John’s Parish Hall on Sunday, July 12. We should arrive at the Hall by 7:15 a.m. to begin cooking. Serving will continue until about 1 p.m. Once again the breakfast will consist of eggs, sausage, pancakes, orange juice and coffee for \$5.00 Children 10 and under will eat free

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Fourth Degree, continued
Hot Springs Assembly 1892 and Hot Springs Village Assembly 2316 will conduct a joint officer induction ceremony Friday, June 12 in the lower level of Sacred Heart Church in the Village. A rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. the Refreshment Center will open, and dinner will follow at 6:30. Dinner will be chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, tossed salad, rolls and carrot cake. Cost will be \$13 a person. Wives are invited. Installation of officers will follow dinner and a short program. Officers to be installed for Assembly 1892 are **Bill Wavering**, Faithful Navigator; **Newton White**, Faithful Admiral; **John Davis**, Faithful Captain; **Robert Rowe**, Faithful Comptroller, **Fr. Alan Rosenau**, Faithful Friar; **Larry Heisserer**, Faithful Purser; **Steve Gallimore**, Faithful Pilot; **Bruce Crane**, Faithful Scribe; **Steve Barron**, Inner Sentinel; **Iturba Percefull**, Outer Sentinel; **Tony Torres**, 1-year Trustee; **Mike Tucker**, 2-year trustee; and **Louis Kosarek**, 3-year trustee.continued, p. 3



From Our Chaplain

As you get your KC newsletter for this month, we will be gearing up for the annual Corpus Christi celebration. Spring has given us nice and cool temperatures this year, but I have no doubt the heat will come out in force when June 14 rolls around. Those of us with extra layers for the walk have come to expect it.

There is a great sense of pride each year as we make such a public witness of our Catholic identity. It is the right kind of pride that is not arrogance, but rather a clear statement of who we are. The pomp of the procession captures people’s attention, but our focus is clearly on the Lord who makes himself present in such an extraordinary way.

For his celebration of Corpus Christi last year, Pope Benedict spoke of this aspect of walking with the Lord that is evident in such a concrete way for this one day. He said, “With the gift of himself in the Eucharist the Lord Jesus sets us free from our ‘paralyses’, he helps us up and enables us to ‘proceed’, that is, he makes us take a step ahead and then another step, and thus sets us going with the power of the Bread of Life.”

Each year the procession gives us a chance to express our belief, but the point is not limited to the external expression. Our hope would be that some of those we pass on the way could come to faith in the Lord and his gift of the Eucharist. But, our hope is also for those who have professed this faith often. We, who make the effort to celebrate the mass need to be reminded of just what a gift we have. We want to be sure that we never take for granted that the Lord of life not only walks with us but actually feeds us with His own flesh for the life of the world.

This year as you walk, be conscious of each step as one taken with the Lord. Too often we try to go it on our own. Too often we hold up independence as a virtue while forgetting that no success comes without God’s gifts. What we profess about the Eucharist is nothing short of miraculous, and it should be no wonder that it captures the attention of onlookers. For our part we should walk in confidence and awe, for we do not walk alone.

I would also mention the need to walk in solidarity. In many parts of the world such an expression of faith would not be possible. Persecution against the Catholic faith is real and violent for many of our brothers and sisters in the faith. It is the Eucharist that unites us, and we who enjoy greater freedom should pray for those who must witness the faith at great risk to themselves. This may give us a little perspective in the heat.

May the Lord who feeds us be our strength in every challenge./In Christ, Fr. Erik

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June Birthdays

3 Jerry Jennings

6 Jeffrey Seikel

9 Frank Maxwell

10 Joe DePrez

23 Fr. Alan Rosenau

24 Bob Kness

25 Earl Robbins

25 James Rosamond

28 Hayden Dwyer

30 Monte Dilick

Fourth Degree, concluded

This will be our last meeting of the current Columbian year. Please make your reservations by sending a check to K of C Assembly 2316 to **Bill Burke** (915-8833). All reservations should be made by Monday, June 8.

With the transfer of our chaplain **Fr. Hart**, we have asked **Fr. Alan Roseneau** to be our Faithful Friar, and we are happy to report that he has agreed to serve us. This will be my last meeting as your Faithful Navigator/**Newton White, F. N.**

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Julian Post, Rose Kukuk, Newton White, Dick Antoine, Dick Smith, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, Val Poe, Sharon Maxwell, Hattie Harris, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Anne Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

June Calendar

- 3 Tool Sale, K. C. Hall
- 7 Fr. Hart’s Reception, St. John’s Parish Hall, following 10 a.m. mass
- 11 Council Meeting, Officer Installation, and Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.
- 12 Fourth Degree Officer Installation Hot Springs Village (see article, p. 2)
- 14 Feast of Corpus Christi Procession, (see Grand Knight’s article)
- 17 Fourth Degree Social, Smokin’ in Style Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. (see Fourth Degree article, p. 2)



Corpus Christi Procession

June 14

Insurance Field Agent’s Notes

We all know the old adage *the grass is greener on the other side of the fence*. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less green in your wallet—in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old saying. *Read the fine print.*

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with Knights of Columbus or with another company. I’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here—pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period after the contract is issued, typically two years. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it is unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage for the same premium that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that will determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself whether you’ve changed during that time. Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace—or worse, drop—your existing coverage, please call me. I’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest..

Randy Schnoebelen, Field Agent

Good Fortune and High Ambition

Most of you are aware that the council recently received a \$12,000 gift from the estate of **Emil Wencil**, a long-time member of Council 6419. The council was incredibly grateful for this handsome monetary remembrance. With pressing council needs it came at a good time. We assumed that was the total gift. It turns out that it was not. Coming as a total surprise was a \$6000 check from the estate of **Claire Wencil**, Emil's wife. In addition, the council is informed that it will receive an undetermined amount from the sale of the Wencil home that recently sold. There are several beneficiaries, so the amount potentially is nominal. But whatever it is, it will be an additional gift that, like the \$6000, that was totally unexpected.

But that's not all. More recently the council received a \$13,000 check from the same anonymous council member who last year donated \$12,000 that went toward the renovation of the Knights of Columbus kitchen heating and air-conditioning units, and restrooms. How blessed the council has been! We surely must have done something right to have received such blessings.

Regarding the subject of council ambitions, even before the surprise \$13,000 gift, the charity and rummage sale committee had begun laying ground work for a new pole barn to be built south of and parallel to the Reiter Building. If approved by the council, it will be significantly larger—40' x 100'—roughly to equal the usable floor space of the Knights of Columbus Hall. The idea behind this proposal is essentially to eliminate the use of the K. C. Hall for future rummage sales and to use the new building for a permanent set-up of tables and donated merchandise. As donations come in, they can be organized and priced. Some of the ladies who have been so faithful to the council have suggested that they could come at convenient times—possibly council meeting nights—to arrange new donations. Obviously this plan would greatly simplify the always arduous task of setting up for a rummage sale AND the inevitable job of returning the week following the sale to clean up and restore order to the Hall for its next event. The new building, unlike Reiter Hall, would have available heat and a restroom.

The chief architect and spokesman for this project is **Jim Reiter**, who has given much thought to the plan. The Charity Committee members are impressed. Jim has even engineered a one-man drive to obtain monetary pledges for this cause and in just a few days has secured handsome pledges from several knights. He believes—and with good reason—that he can secure the necessary funds to pay for the new building, which preliminary estimates suggest can be built for approximately \$27,000, not including the restroom and heating unit.

These indeed are high ambitions. But the Charity Committee believes they are reasonable and obtainable. The Committee hopes for council approval at its June 11 meeting.