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# Knight Shift

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## Charity Rummage Sale Coming Up!

Our second Charity Rummage Sale of the year is scheduled for October 16-17 and 23-24. This sale will be of particular interest, not only for the sales we hope to make but also because we will be inaugurating Spirit Hall, the newest building we've added to the council complex out on Spring Street. It will be a different feel to be removed from the council hall, but it's an adjustment that should be easy to make. We believe those many helpers we count on so heavily will be impressed when they for the first time see the new building. The council hall **possibly** will be used to sell barbecue sandwiches, drinks, and chips during the sale. While there's been discussion of that possibility, it remains uncertain whether it will happen.

A number of volunteer knights have been going on a fairly regular basis to finish some important jobs at the new building. **Don Sass**, our resident electrician, in particular has spent innumerable hours finishing electrical work, not only in Spirit Hall but also in improving our electrical power to Reiter Hall, including connections for electric ranges, etc. **Rick Sands, Joe Giompoletti, Dennis Bosch, Bill Thompson, Ray Kukuk, Dick Smith, Lennie Didier, and Tom Gilleran** have also been on hand for various projects. Last Tuesday most of these men plus **Jim DeGeorge, Jim Lockwood, Stan DeGruccio, Dawn Thompson, Sarah Sands, and Liz Sass** showed up to set up tables and begin putting merchandise on tables and shelves. Dick has also done mowing and weed trimming, getting the place spruced up for our sale. **Dawn Thompson** is ahead of all of us. She with the help of **Sarah and Liz** already has a crafts display, including floral arrangements, sewing, and holiday items organized in a fashion that would make Macy's proud. Just wait till you see it. Thanks, ladies. Even before the week of the sale, set-up work will be continuing, though not on a daily basis. Our main work will begin on Monday, October 12 and will continue through the week. Between now and then telephone contacts will be made to solicit volunteer help and also to secure ladies who will volunteer to provide a lunch.

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In the meantime, collections of donated items are continuing, fortunately having picked up in numbers. We expect to have a good many more before October 16.

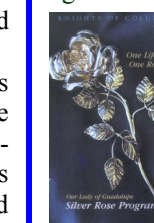
Also look to see our new signs identifying our new buildings and a third interior sign to go over the door in Spirit Hall. We are grateful to **Dave and Robbie Meeks**, council members and owners of Meeks Sign Company. They are donating the three signs for our two rummage sale buildings: Reiter Hall, Spirit Hall, and an interior sign, "Thank You for Helping Us to Help Others." And underneath that is the Biblical quote from *Matthew 25:40*: "As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me"

## Grand Knight's Report



Wherefore art thou, Brother Knights? A very busy month is ahead of us in October. Starting with the Tootsie Roll Drive on the 2nd and 3rd at Wal-Mart on Albert Pike and the 3rd only at Wal-Mart on Central Avenue, we complete the Tootsie Roll Drive the following Friday and Saturday at two Kroger Stores, Hobby Lobby, and Sam's Club. [See **Tootsie Roll** article, p. 2.] Let Chairman **Randy Schnoebelen** know which date you will be available to donate a couple of hours or more if not contacted by one of his captains. Sandwiched between those two weekends is the First Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament at Belvedere Country Club on the 4th. For that event **Chairman Hans Purkott** will need assistance with some of the extra events; we need your help to make this a success. Don't think we're finished for the month. Next up is our annual rummage sale held on Friday and Saturday, the 16th and 17th and 23rd and 24th. With our new building, we hopefully have to do only one more major set up. **Jim Lockwood** will need to start setting up soon, so be ready to help when he calls! To finish off the month comes the annual St. John's Bazaar on October 30. **Bill Thompson** will need help with the dinner, so please come forth to volunteer your service with that fundraiser for St. John's School.

Most of you are aware that **Miss Kasey Burgener**, May graduate of Cutter Morning Star School and member of St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church, was awarded the Fr. Bauer/Gus Massanelli \$1000 scholarship. She had excellent credentials. Perhaps you don't know that we had another outstanding applicant, a May graduate of Lakeside School and also a communicant of St. Mary of the Springs Church. Although the council has never awarded two scholarships, members struggled with the possibility of awarding a scholarship of equal value to the other candidate. Since they both were judged to be equally deserving, members voted to award **Ryan Meeks** a \$1000 scholarship. Ryan is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. David Meeks**. He is a student at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, is a percussionist with the Band, and is pursuing a degree in Business.



Thanks to **Tom Gilleran**, the Silver Rose arrived on the 18th of September and was displayed at St. John's Church. Rosary began at 5:30 p.m., followed by a mass celebrated by **Fr. Erik**. Following the mass, the ladies of St. Mary's served wonderful hors d'oeuvres at the Parish Hall. The Silver Rose, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe but also serving to offer prayers for the unborn and their right to life, had begun its journey in Canada, had traveled through selected parts of the United States, including Hot Springs, and then continued its

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**Grand Knight's article, continued**

journey to finish in Mexico in conjunction with the Feast of Guadalupe on December 12.

Prior to the September meeting, **Tim Kelly** from Project Hope Food Bank gave a 10-minute presentation on the local Food Bank program, detailing how it serves the community and soliciting volunteer help from members of our council. **Jim DeGeorge**, who already works with the program, volunteered to be a liaison between our council and Project Hope.

Thanks in advance for all your help and support in the month ahead, and don't forget to keep track of your hours and to report them to Recorder **Steve Barron** at our next meeting. God bless all of you./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**



**Fourth Degree—Footnotes**

We had a wonderful service for the Silver Rose on September 18. The Honor Guard was present, and all three parish priests participated in the mass. More than 80 people were in attendance. I want to thank the ladies of St. Mary's for the excellent refreshments they provided in the Parish Hall.

We had our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 20 at St. John's Parish Hall. I want to thank **Lou and Violet Kosarek, Randy Schnoebelen, Rick Sands** and his grandson **Austin, Joe Petruk, Ed Thompson** from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, **Ronnie Bran, Lennie Didier, Larry Stamps, Steve Barron, and Jim Lockwood** for all their assistance. We netted over \$400 for charity! A huge "Thank You" to everyone for a job well done.

The Hot Springs Village Fourth Degree Exemplification originally scheduled for September 26 was re-scheduled for December 6. Let's get as many participants as possible signed up between now and then.

Our next social meeting will be October 15 at Smokin' in Style Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. The restaurant is located in the back corner of Shopping Plaza across from Greeson's on Albert Pike. Hope to see you all there!

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**Tootsie Roll Drive Next Two Weekends**

With scheduling an increasingly difficult matter, our annual Drive for People with Disabilities, traditionally called the Tootsie Roll Drive, will be completed over two weekends. **Jim Lockwood** will serve as captain at Wal-Mart on Albert Pike on Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3. **Ray Kukuk** will be captain of Wal-Mart on Central on October 3 only. Then the following weekend Ray will be captain of collections at Kroger and Hobby Lobby out on Central Avenue. **Bill Wavering** will be in charge of collections on Friday and Saturday, the 9th and 10th at Sam's. **Bill MacSorley** will be responsible for Kroger on Airport Road the same weekend, and First Step School will collect at the old Kroger on Central Avenue. Event chairman **Randy Schnoebelen** will make periodic collections of money the first weekend, **Hans Purkott** the second Friday and **Steve Barron** the second Saturday. Diamond Bank will count the money for us.

Tootsie Rolls, aprons, etc. may be picked up between 4 and 5:30 p.m. from the K. C. Hall on Thursday, October 1. As always, our collections will be donated partially to First Step School here in Hot Springs and a smaller portion to Arkansas Knights' special charity, Special Olympics.

According to tradition, volunteer workers for this project will be treated to a pizza supper Friday evening, October 2 in the Carroll Room at St. Mary's Church. Serving will be from 5:30 till 6:30.



**From Our Chaplain**

October 11 will be an important day for the Church Universal and for the Church of the United States in particular. That day will feature the canonization of Blessed Damien of Molokai. This saint was born in Belgium, but his mark on the world took place in Hawaii (though during his lifetime the islands formed a kingdom rather than the 50th state).

Many are familiar with his story, but it bears repeating. He was sent as a missionary to the Kingdom of Hawaii as a student for the priesthood and quickly demonstrated an eagerness for hard work. Ready to serve the people as a priest, he completed studies that normally took ten years in just four years. That kind of effort only pointed to the energy that he would bring to his whole missionary life.

While progress in the missionary effort was happening, the spread of leprosy on the islands forever changed the course of his life and work. As fear for the spread of the dreaded disease rose among the people, a law was decreed that banished those infected to a remote peninsula on the island of Molokai. With no regard for the individual person, those with leprosy were forcibly removed from families and society regardless of age or class. They were pushed overboard as a boat neared the wind-swept and isolated peninsula. Those who made it ashore faced a life of abandonment.

Fr. Damien was one of the first to respond. He volunteered to work among the lepers despite the challenges and the fact that he himself could never return. When he arrived, 816 lepers and a life of deprivation and chaos awaited. With his characteristic energy he helped to establish some order among the people and secured enough materials to build a church, hospital and huts for shelter. Most importantly he helped to restore dignity to people who thought that all had abandoned them.

From the beginning he made it clear that he was among them as one of them. After eleven years of work that idea became more literal as he was found to have the disease as well. For the next five years he battled the disease as he cared for all around him. In 1889, at the age of 49, he gave everything and died among the people he had served and loved.

Today the peninsula on Molokai is marked as a National Historic Park and is managed by former patients no longer forced into isolation. October 11 will stand as another chapter in the healing for those who lost so much. It will be a day of celebration of the power of love. St. Damien closely imitated Jesus in loving those considered unlovable. He stands as witness to the power of Christ in the darkest places. We too celebrate that day for the example he gives. By his prayers we can better answer the call to love over every fear. St. Damien of Molokai, pray for us./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**

**First Annual Charity Golf Tournament Ready to Go**

This coming Sunday, October 4, our council Charity Golf Tourney will take place at Belvedere Country Club, with the putting contest beginning at 10 a.m. and tee-time at 1 p.m. Let it be known that **Chairman Hans Purkott** has put lots of time and energy into this project for the council's charity fund, and his work has outstanding results.

Thanks to Hans and to all who have come forth to help him make the details of this project fall into place. Hans reports that at this writing he has secured 13 four-member teams at \$300 for each team, 15 hole sponsors at \$100 each, and more than \$3000 in prizes. Probably few imagined such a degree of success. Now let's pray for a beautiful day and a pleasurable day for all the participants. Great job, Hans!



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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: **Newton White, Dick Antoine, Dick Smith, Lou Kosarek, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, DeDe Robbins, Val Poe, Hattie Harris, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Anne Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

**October Calendar**

- 2-3 **Tootsie Roll Drive (see article, p. 2)**
- 4 **Charity Golf Tourney, Belvedere Country Club (see article, p. 1)**
- 8 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 8 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 9-10 **Tootsie Roll Drive Concludes [See article, p. 2]**
- 15 **Fourth Degree Assembly, Smokin' in Style Restaurant Social, 6:30 p.m.**
- 16-17 **Charity Rummage Sale, Reiter Hall and Spirit Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. [See article, p. 1]**

**Knight of the Month  
Randy Schnoebelen**

**Field Agent's Insurance Notes**

Dear Brother Knights, we are getting closer to the end of another year. Have you met all of your goals of preparing for your retirement, and do you have enough insurance to cover your family's needs in case something happens to you? It's easy to say "next year when things get better." You know as well as I that another year goes by and things are the same. Let's face it! No one wants to think about one's own mortality, but the fact is that nobody lives forever. The best gift of all for your family is to do something about it. When you buy a Knights of Columbus Insurance Policy or Annuity, you are not only preparing your retirement and your family if something happens to you, but you are helping give to charity. This last year \$150 million dollars was given to those who are less fortunate. Help those in need and take care of your family at the same time.. Where else but Knights of Columbus Insurance and Annuities! God Bless All!

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**Fourth Degree, continued**

We're gearing up for our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. Please plan to attend the November business meeting to help detail our largest fund-raiser of the year. At that meeting we will also be voting for support of **Joseph De Orbe-gozo**, one of our diocesan seminarians, through the RSVP Program.

Don't forget the council Rummage Sale

Later this month. At last report, the project was running a little behind on donations, so now would be the opportune time to donate some of those lightly used items of furniture and other household items. Then you can help stimulate the economy, help our charity program, and at the same time please your better half by buying her new things for the home./**FN, Bill Wavering**



**Happy Halloween**