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## Rummage Sale: A Summary

The fall Charity Rummage Sale closed down on October 24 with record proceeds—something over \$15,000 before expenses, which will be something above \$400. The previous high was \$14,156 in the spring of 2006. That figure included high pre-sale income from consignment sales by Antique Show Room. We no longer enjoy that luxury. Our spring sale of this year, also one of our best, lagged behind our fall sale by about \$1800.

We are grateful for the tremendous support we have had in bringing this sale to a more than successful conclusion, particularly in the final month. A short time ago, our inventory lagged behind those of the past. But in a short time, meager inventory became abundant. We thank the parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's Churches, who responded to several church bulletin requests, and also those of the community at large who have supported our ecumenical efforts to serve others.

October's weather of course has been a series of prolonged, drenching rains, which could have become a serious hindrance to our sales. On both Thursdays preceding our Friday sale days rain was unrelenting. With hardly a break, it was torrential on both days. But, as a blessing, the following days were without rain. The second Friday was uncomfortably cold, especially in the open Reiter Hall, but at least there was no rain. And the customers came. The first Friday was almost unbelievable in customer turnout. Proceeds were right at \$7000 on that day alone.

As always, many people have contributed time and labor to the success of our sale. A special thank-you to all: **Bill and Dawn Thompson, Don and Liz Sass, and Dennis and Sue Wood**—three couples who made powerful contributions from beginning to end. Thanks also to **Stan DeGruccio, Tom Gilleran, Rick Sands, Dennis Bosch, Bob and Sandy Kortenber, Jim and Martha Lockwood, Jim and Barbara Reiter, Ray Kukuk, Joe and Mildred Giompoletti, Dick and Jackie Smith, Rose Glover, Harold Hager, Julian Post, Frank Maxwell, Jim DeGeorge, Rose Glover, Bev Priest, George Marshall, Sarah Sands, Chris Bosch, Barbara Gilleran, Gwen DeGruccio, Pat Logan, John Macchietto, Lennie Didier, Pat Burton, Raymond Mace, and Lou Kosarek.**

And a special note of appreciation to **Joe and Mildred Giompoletti** for many hours preparing and serving barbecue sandwiches to customers and volunteer workers. Additional gratitude to those who treated workers to lunches and snacks through the sale preparation days as well as sale days. Thanks to **Sarah Sands, Rose Kukuk, Lorraine McManus, Ed Soris (the pizza man), Chris Bosch, Martha Lockwood, Sandy Koretenber, Gwen DeGruccio, Lee Myers, Marge Knoth, Bev Priest, Tom Gilleran, Rose Glover, and also to Melanie Wilson, Doris Reis, Jeanette Mace, and Laura Mazzia** of St. John's Morning Circle.

## Grand Knight's Report



Whew! I think most of those helping with the Tootsie Roll Drive, the Charity Rummage Sale and golf tournament will agree that we need a break. But we have one more event to complete for the month of October—the October 30 Bazaar for support of St. John's School. We will need a crew of workers to assist **Larry Stamps** in cooking and serving the spaghetti dinner to be served in the evening. Congratulations to all who have been involved with the just mentioned projects. Great work! And let's not forget the new addition to the fall Rummage Sale. **Joe and Mildred Giompoletti** prepared and sold barbecue sandwiches with chips and soft drinks. Joe has requested that the profits from the sandwich sales be allocated to construct a new door to replace the old "barn" door at the south end of the hall by the restrooms.

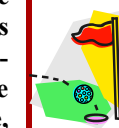
Our first annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tourney was a great success. I thank all those involved, especially committee chairman **Hans Purkott** and his assistants **Mike Layton** and **Randy Schnoebelen**. [See Hans Purkott's article for financial results] After one rain-out, the tourney enjoyed a beautiful fall day on Sunday, the 25th. I know that all involved had a great day.

Ah! Next is the choice for Knight of the Month. There are so many deserving Knights that it is difficult to choose, so please don't feel slighted if you have not been selected yet. We will get to each one of you a month at a time. This month the award went to **Brother Hans Purkott**. A few months ago Hans came to me with the idea of the golf tournament. It was discussed at the meeting at which time Hans said he would make it happen, and the rest is history. When you see the cash results for our council, you'll agree.

Look who's new! We have a new First Degree member, **Frank Janaskie**, who attends St. Mary's Church, is the vice-principal at Fountain Lake High School. His membership was sponsored by our October Knight of the Month **Hans Purkott**. On October 21 he was accompanied to the First Degree Exemplification in Jacksonville by **Hans, Randy Schnoebelen, and me**. When you see Frank at mass, be sure to welcome him to Knights of Columbus.

Now I'm ready for a break. I'll be gone for a week camping. Good luck finding me, **Jim Lockwood, Dennis Bosch, Dick Smith**, and anyone one else who might attempt finding me. Cell phones will be turned off./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**

## From Hans Purkott



Hello, Brother Knights. A big THANK YOU to my committee and to all the knights who helped and participated in our first Charity Golf Tournament.

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**Hans Purkott's Golf Tourney, continued**

It was a huge success. Not that I'm satisfied with the 14 teams [\$300 a team] we had but rather with the big response of our community. About \$3500 in prizes was donated. There were also 22 Hole Sponsors at \$100 each. When you see these sponsors, please say a thank-you to them. And when you can, give these sponsors your patronage. The Hole Sponsors were National Park Pharmacy, Tim Parker Chrysler, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Dr. Robert J. Barnett, DDS, Diamond Bank, Douglass-Newman Insurance Agency, Family Care Chiropractic Center, Dr. Michael Harrison, DDS, St. John's Catholic School, SWBC Mortgage, Blunt Law Office, Arkansas Glass Company, Teeter Motors, The Pancake Shop, ALL CLEAN, Instrument Supply, Inc., Convenient Care Clinic, St. Joseph's Hospital, Health First Physicians, Simmons First Bank, and Back Porch Grill. One-Half Hole Sponsors were Central Arkansas Pain Center and Dick's Sporting Goods. In addition, there were many donors of prizes. Thanks to all for a memorable "First Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament."

All together we collected about \$6500 in cash plus more than \$3500 in prizes. Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Pu Bah Championship Flight. An astounding 59 for a par 72 earned the foursome of **Mike Tucker, Julian Masias, Scotty Steed, and Mike Sinks** a round of golf at Diamante Country Club in the Village. Thanks to all who helped and participated. Next Year, our tournament will be a late August or early September event. **A thankful and lucky Hans**

**Fourth Degree—Footnotes**

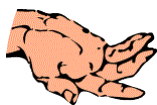


I have more information on the Hot Springs Village Fourth Degree Exemplification originally scheduled for September 26. This exemplification has been rescheduled for Bigelow, Arkansas, on December 6. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, let's start rounding up participants.

The Fourth Degree is hosting a Living Rosary followed by a potluck dinner on November 5 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Widows of our council and assembly's deceased knights will be invited. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please try to be present for this beautiful occasion.

Our next business meeting will be November 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We'll be discussing the final preparations for the Christmas Dinner Dance to be held on December 12. Also we will vote on support of new seminarian Joseph De Orbegozo through the RSVP Program.

Thank you all once again for all you do. Hope to see all of you at the events scheduled for this month! **Bill Wavering, FN, 1892**



**Charity Committee Expands Outreach**

The Council Charity Committee will expand its financial aid to include St. John's School (\$1000 at time of Bazaar) and \$500 twice each year for at least the next three years to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Council member **Francis Klein**, who works with St. Vincent de Paul Society, donated a huge amount of good merchandise for the second week of our recent rummage sale. Our council in turn will give financial aid to that organization whose mission is similar to our own. In addition to helping individuals with furniture at the request of Jackson House, we presently give monthly assistance to Jackson House (\$500), Charitable Christian Medical Clinic (\$100), and residents of Hot Springs Housing Authority (approx. \$300 for diapers and personal items, not counting the cost of varying numbers of air-conditioning units purchased each spring.



**From Our Chaplain**

I spoke recently to our RCIA class about the nature of the Church, about what we mean when we say the word *church*. There are many aspects of this word, ranging from a building to a people to an institution. As Catholics there are some distinct aspects that we profess every Sunday at mass. When we say the creed, we profess belief in the Church with four characteristics. We profess that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

As I write today, I want to reflect on the one aspect of being catholic. With a small "c" catholic means universal, and this reflects the reality that Christ gave a responsibility to the Church for the whole human race. The mission given to the apostles was to preach the gospel to all peoples, and since that time the Church has worked to make Jesus known in all parts of the world. At times that has meant the direct preaching of Jesus and leading souls to baptism. At times that has meant reflecting the compassion of Christ through works of charity. At times that means speaking in the political realm to defend the rights of human dignity. Whatever the occasion the message of faith has the power to transform.

Each of us has a role to play in the continued work of the Church as catholic. We are universal in our outlook, not only by going to far-away lands but by recognizing and working for the needs of every person around us. We are universal in being non-discriminatory right at home.

As an institution the Church is universal in its involvement around the world as an advocate to improve society for the good of every person. Recently attention was given to the particular need of the African continent. At the Vatican, bishops and other leaders gathered for three weeks for a Synod on Africa. They examined the role of the Church in the countries of Africa and worked to assess the best kind of support for the growth of faith in many areas.

As the Synod was coming to an end, Pope Benedict addressed those gathered with words of encouragement on how to engage the political world in meeting the Church's mission. His words are helpful not only to Africa but in every area where we try to influence society for good. He warned on avoiding extremes of being overly political or overly spiritual. To be overly spiritual is to ignore the lived reality of people, to speak of a world that is "beautiful but unrealistic." When people suffer because of bad government or oppressive powers, the Church must raise its voice.

The other extreme is to become overly political and lose sight of the real nature of the Church, which is in the arena of souls. In this regard the Holy Father noted, "that reconciliation, justice and peace are not possible without a profound purification of the heart, without a renewal of thought, a 'metanoia' [conversion], without a newness that must come precisely from the encounter with God." Those working for the good of people, whether bishops or lay people, must themselves seek the Lord in order to offer something greater than material or political good.

The universal mission of the Church continues to be our responsibility whether speaking on the global stage or the local. As always Pope Benedict stated the balance well with these closing words: "We continue on the same journey with the Lord, we go forward with the Lord to prepare the way for him, to help him, open the gates of the world so that he might create his kingdom among us." **In Christ, Fr. Erik**



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Harold Hager**

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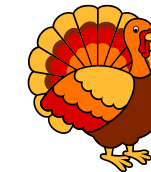
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**November Birthdays**

- 5 **Robbie Meeks**
- 5 **Robert Standridge**
- 8 **Doug Hall**
- 8 **Frank Janaskie**
- 15 **Fr. Jack Vu**
- 17 **René Anderson**
- 19 **Pietro Tomassi**
- 21 **Joe Palmere**
- 23 **Dennis Bosch**



**Liz Sass Working Rummage Sale**



**Dawn Thompson's Fantastic Holiday and Crafts Display for Rummage Sale**

**Knight of the Month  
Hans Purkott**

**Pray for our Sick**

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Jewel Thomas, Donna Hayes, 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,**

**November Calendar**

- 5 **Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m., (See Fourth Degree article)**
- 11 **Veterans Day, Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.**
- 12 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 12 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 19 **Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.**



**Knights to Raise Flags**  
Council members will raise flags over Calvary Cemetery at 7 a.m. on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. Just before hoisting the flags, those present will have coffee and donuts.

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I suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with the factors described by S & P, is that we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, "protecting Families for Generations" by means of "life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights."

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Fraternally, **Randy Schnoebelen**, Field Agent, FIC (I'm at 501-204-9486 or randy.schnoebelen@kofc.org Call me, email me—let's talk.