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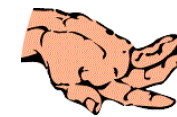
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Charity Committee Revamped

At a recent meeting of the Charity Committee, members agreed to reconstruct the committee under different guidelines. Members present were **Jim Reiter, Dennis Bosch, Jim Lockwood, Ray Kukuk, Dick Smith, Stan DeGruccio, Tom Gilleran, and Grand Knight Rick Sands**. First, members agreed, in addition to managing funds from the Charity Rummage Sale, to take in other council charitable endeavors, including the pancake breakfasts, barbecue take-outs, and the new annual Charity Golf Tourney next scheduled for August 28, 2010. This proposal was submitted to council members at the November 12 meeting and was approved by vote. The new Committee will be Chairman **Jim Reiter**, council treasurer **Dennis Bosch**, Rummage Sale chairman **Jim Lockwood**, ex-officio member **Tom Gilleran**, Golf Tourney chairman **Hans Purkott**, and **Randy Schnoebelen** as chairman of both the Pancake Breakfasts and the Barbecue Take-outs. The last three projects are presently intended to support St. John's School. The one council charitable undertaking that will not be encompassed by the Charity Committee is the October Drive

for People with Disabilities, also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. This activity is under the auspice of the Supreme Council. Any new charitable activities originating in the council will be directed by the Charity Committee.

Basking in the result of the October Charity Rummage Sale—almost \$16,000 before cost of publicity and other miscellaneous items—the Committee voted to expand its list of charities for financial aid. In addition to a \$1000 contribution to St. John's School plus expenses [and serving] for the School Bazaar spaghetti dinner, the Committee has committed to a twice-a-year \$500 donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$200 monthly to Project Hope (local food bank), and an additional \$100 monthly to Charitable Christian Medical Clinic for a total of \$200 monthly. Monthly donations to Jackson House (\$500), St. John's parishioner Tonya Cenac's campus missionary work at the University of Nebraska with *Focus* (\$50), and residents of local government housing (\$300 for diapers and personal items) will continue. That comes to \$17,000, not counting cost of the spaghetti dinner for the Bazaar. The Charity Committee is also committed to payments of \$3000 from each of its two rummage sales for support of the council. And that's not all. As well as donating items of furniture to people in desperate circumstances, the Committee purchases bedding, refrigerators, ranges, etc. for people in need when the rummage sale inventory of donated items does not include these items.

On another note, a 1037-word article describing the council's charitable activities has been submitted with pictures to the Supreme Council's monthly magazine *Columbia*. Even if it is not published as a feature article, perhaps our council will receive some attention in *Knights in Action* department.



Grand Knight's Report

The holiday season is upon us, with Thanksgiving having slipped to a memory and holiday shopping pressing. I wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas. With that thought in mind, the council now has nice car bumper magnets featuring an appropriate Nativity scene with a message that reminds us that gift-buying and holiday parties are subordinate to the celebration of Jesus' birth. The magnet message is "Keep Christ in Christmas." These magnets are available through the council for \$5 each. They make a statement to the ideological anti-Christmas groups that want to change Christmas to the one-size-fits-all Holiday Season. All Christians should unite and display the "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnet. Let's all promote the magnets not only to Catholics but to other Christians as well.

On November 11 I joined **Jim Reiter** and **Stan DeGruccio** for a meeting in Arkadelphia with knights of St. Mary's Parish, **State Deputy Jim Neff, State Round Table coordinator Ed Mitchell, District 10 Deputy, Ed Miller, and St. Mary's pastor Fr. Linus Ukomadu**. The purpose of the meeting was to help set up a Round Table in St. Mary's Parish. This allows knights in a parish to support their pastor when they do not have enough members for form a council. All Arkadelphia knights will be a part of our council but will not have to make the long drive to attend our meetings. I appointed **Joe Palmere** to serve as coordinator between their group and our council. He will attend our meetings and keep us informed of their activities. We in turn will give the Arkadelphia members our support. All funds they raise are for their parish. Their annual dues will be paid to Council 6419. I think this will be a successful program. Good luck to them. I encourage them to increase their membership so that they can form their own council.

After talking to **Randy Schnoebelen**, I can report a very successful barbecue-to-go undertaking following masses at St. John's and St. Mary's on November 14. Randy and his band of "merry men" sold approximately 288 sandwiches, and after expenses netted \$440 for St. John's School. Profits from this program as well as those from pancake breakfasts will go toward support of St. John's School. Be sure you come to mass HUNGRY on December 6. "**Jumping Joe**" **Giompoletti** will flip flapjacks, while "**Rambling Randy**" **Schnoebelen** cracks the whip to the rest of the crew. Buy your tickets in advance for speedier service or buy them at the door from "**Light-Fingered Louie**" **Kosarek**. Five dollars will get you a fine breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Children under 12 will eat free.

The council recently received an unexpected check of \$100 from Garland County Master Gardeners. This check was an

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Grand Knight's article, continued

expression of appreciation for the council's having lent the organization our rectangular tables for use at the September County Fair.

You still have time to get your tickets for the Christmas Dinner/Dance, the annual Fourth Degree Assembly-sponsored gala event. The event coming up should be especially nice. A committee of women is planning beautiful decorations. The menu will consist of prime rib with asparagus, twice-baked potato, and salad followed by a chocolate dessert. The music once again will be provided by *Blue Velvet*, who will play the great dance tunes. Social hour begins at 5 p.m, followed by dinner at 6 o'clock and then dancing from 7 till 10:30. Formal attire or suit is recommended. Invite your friends and family—Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Tickets sell for \$25. each. This is your opportunity for a great evening!

Brother **Hans Purkott** is already ahead of the game. He has procured the site for next year's Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament at Diamond Head. Hans may be calling on you to assist him in making next year's event even better than our first event, though achieving that goal will be tough.

Once again, merry Christmas. May God bless you in all endeavors you do in his name./Rick Sands, Grand Knight

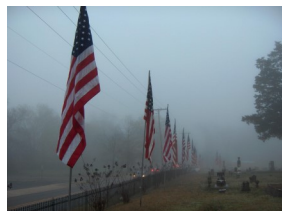
October Tootsie Roll Drive, the Result

Chairman **Randy Schnoebelen** reports that the Drive for People with Disabilities, held in early October, brought in \$4459.60, a pretty good amount when considering that Friday of the second weekend was a total rain-out. A check for this amount has been sent to Arkansas Knights of Columbus. Fifteen percent will be held out for Arkansas Knights' special charity, Special Olympics. The remaining will be returned to the council for distribution to First Step School, a local school for the disabled.



Veterans Day Flag Raising

Dedicated council members showed up at the crack of dawn on November 11, Veterans Day, to raise 23 flags over Calvary Cemetery. A special treat was the presence of **Ross Rumore**, bugler for the Honor Guard of VFW Post 2278. Rumore played Taps and other military songs. With the Honor Guard he travels about the state and into neighboring states to play at military funerals.



Knights present were Chairman **Tom Gilleran, Don Sass, Newton White, Joe Dierks, Ed McManus, Harold Hagar, Rick Sands, John Steinhaus, Jim Reiter, Iturba Percefull, Julian Post, Stan DeGruccio, Gil Gibbons, Dick Smith, Dennis Wood, and Dennis Bosch.** Gilleran had prepared coffee and Sass brought donuts for a social prior to raising flags. Essentially the same group returned in the evening to take down the flags.



From Our Chaplain

It all starts again. It happens every year, and yet it seems part of the tradition to say, "This year went by so fast," or "I can't believe it is already Christmas." There is something about holidays that always surprises us. Some say it gets worse with age, some say we need to slow down our lives, some say it all starts too early. Whatever goes through our conscious thoughts this time of year, there is a part of us that feels the weight of time marching on.

But the march of time is embraced by this season of Advent. In fact, we go out of our way to take note of just how the days pass. Each Sunday we light another candle to count down the days. In many homes Advent calendars are attached to refrigerators and little doors are opened that tell us we are another day closer. As the season progresses, the anticipation builds and whether it comes with excitement or dread it is undeniable.

Of course the Church has a long tradition of marking times in the most deliberate ways. The liturgical calendar and the passing of feasts keep the year in perspective. The ringing of bells from church towers reminds of the hours of the day, and in monasteries, convents and rectories, those hours are marked with prayer. While time marches on, we make every effort to consecrate that time. The march of time should not bring dread but rather serve as a reminder that we anticipate a day in which God's kingdom comes. We say those very words every time we pray the *Our Father*.

This should help us to recognize that the season of Advent is best described as a season of hope. It is a season of new beginnings as we fill our minds with the image of a new-born child, but we know well that the story continues. We continue the story as well, as the images progress to a man of compassion, a miracle worker. The crowds follow him more closely, and we walk right along with them. Then the image shocks us as we follow him to the cross. But the shock is short-lived as the empty tomb reminds of his real power. In the end we stand with the disciples at the Ascension staring into heaven awaiting his return.

Time marches on, but not without meaning, not without hope.

The Advent wreath conveys this hope very well. Laid out in a circle, the wreath has no beginning or end. It symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The evergreens that decorate it remind us of continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism. The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells us of how the cross was made of holly. Of course the candles bring the light of Christ as we anticipate the birth of the light that will scatter every darkness.

And so it begins again. This time of year we both dread the rush and cherish the moment but are struck that it all passes so quickly. These days of Advent are consecrated days filled with hope. We should enjoy them as the gifts from God they are. Whether it passes quickly or slowly, the same words echo in our hearts: Come Lord Jesus./In Christ, Fr. Erik

Harold Hager

Iturba Percefull

Dennis & Chris Bosch

Wally & Lucy Marroy

Steve & Emma Lou Hotho

Frank & Sharon Maxwell

Joe & Mildred Giompoletti

Newton & Linda White

Ray & Rose Kukuk

Paul & Flo Bachmann

Jim & Martha Lockwood

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Merry Christmas!

December Birthdays

1 Brad McClintock

1 Grant Shiver

3 Fr. John Burkus

6 Dick Antoine

7 Robert Ward

13 Mike Schnauffer, Sr.

15 Charles Failla

26 Jim DeGeorge

27 David Farrell



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, Earl and DeDe Robbins, Val Poe, Hattie Harris, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Anne Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,



This is an image of the magnetic bumper message described in the Grand Knight's article, p. 1. It measures approximately 6 inches by 6 inches. These images are available from Knights of Columbus for \$5.00 each.

December Calendar

6 Pancake Breakfast, following Sunday masses at St. John's Parish Hall

10 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.

10 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.

12 Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner/Dance, K. C. Hall Social, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 6 o'clock

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Dear Brother Knights,

We are getting closer and closer to the end of another year. Have you met all of your goals of preparing for your retirement and having enough insurance to cover your family's needs in case something happens to you? *Tempus Fugit!!!*

It's easy to say, "Next year when things get better." You know as well as I know that another year goes by and things are the same. Let's face it! No one wants to think about his own mortality, but the fact is that nobody lives forever. The best gift of all for your family is to secure their future.

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Fraternally yours,
Randy Schnoebelen, FICF

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P. S. Pray for our Soldiers. Pray for peace.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The December 12 Christmas Dinner/Dance will take the place of the usual third Thursday Assembly meeting. The next Assembly meeting will be January 21. Look for details in the January *Knights Shift*. In the meantime, secure your tickets for the Assembly's fabulous Christmas Dinner/Dance. *Home Plate* will cater a fine dinner of prime rib, *Blue Velvet* will play your favorite dance music, **Louis Kosarek** will conduct drawings for great prizes, and a team of ladies will impress with new decorations. Tickets \$25 each. Social begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 12th.