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Council Acts on Pressing Needs

An item of business at the May 13 council meeting was to establish some priorities in council needs and to act on those needs. Items termed important or pressing were replacement of the leaky awning over the entrance with a metal covering, chimney work, repair of west wall of kitchen, replacement of outside double door on south end of building, and acquisition of a new mower, a six-by-twelve foot enclosed trailer (for pickup of donated furniture and rummage sale items), an ice maker, and a microwave. These improvements and acquisitions are made possible by the anonymous donation from a generous council member. (These improvements will cost slightly more than half of the total donation.) **Joe Giompoletti** has volunteered to take the lead in the Hall improvements. Not only that but he also did the leg work and bargaining to obtain the purchased items. Joe asked for and received an elimination of the tax from the on-sale Sears Craftsman mower. With the reductions he received he was able to upgrade to a \$1295 mower, less than what the council had approved. He obtained the ice maker for \$1295 and added on a three-year warranty for \$150. The microwave, also on sale, was something over \$100. These three items all came from Sears. Finally, Joe located

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a used trailer in good condition and with a ramp selling for \$2000. Joe, with his astute bargaining skills, offered \$1900 and went home with the trailer. The

council plans to add to the trailer sides the K. C. logo and lettering to identify it with our council. Among its members the council is blessed to have at its disposal the talents of an expert carpenter (**Joe**), a master electrician (**Don Sass**), and a master plumber (**John Ledbetter**). It has also been blessed to have the donated signs for our rummage/furniture sale buildings *Spirit Hall* and *Reiter Hall* from council members **Dave and Robbie Meeks** of Meeks Neon and Plastic Sign Company. We are grateful to all of these gentlemen and to all the member volunteers who have assisted them. And obviously we're forever grateful to the council member who provided the finances that have made these and other improvements possible.

Hot Springs Knights, Inc.—Its Purpose

Since our Council has many new members and new officers, an explanation of the organization is appropriate, as the Corporation is mentioned from time to time during meetings of Council 6419. This probably is the first published explanation of the organization.

Hot Springs Knights, Inc. is a legitimate Corporation, of perpetual duration, registered in the State of Arkansas on July 29, 1979, and amended on June 30, 1987. The Corporation has a Board of Directors consisting of the officers of the Corporation, the current

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Grand Knight's Report

Let me introduce to you and to welcome **Zac Buttrum** and **Kevin Touhy**, our most recent new council members. They received their First Degree Exemplifications in Jacksonville on May 19.

When you see them, give them a warm welcome. We also had seven members to travel to St. Jude's Parish Hall in Jacksonville on May 23 for their Second and Third Degree Exemplifications. Congratulations to **Kevin Touhy, Larry Bauer, David Myers, Conrad Stein, Robert Long, Paul Huo, and Steve Dunne**. Having attained full knighthood, they are now eligible to hold office.

District Deputy Ed Miller will install our new council officers at our June 10 council meeting. We will have a short council meeting at 6 p.m. with the Installation to follow. Following the Installation, we will enjoy a potluck dinner including a pork tenderloin entree prepared by **Jumpin' Joe Giompoletti**. Please bring your favorite side dish or a dessert.

I am pleased to announce that, after determining some priorities, a council vote approved an expenditure of funds for several council needs and much-needed improvements to our building. [See separate article]. A lot of good things are happening in our council. Everyone needs to become involved to help our council grow.

Knight of the Month for May is **Bill Thompson**, one of those strong rock movers and also, along with his wife **Dawn**, one of the most dependable volunteers in our furniture and rummage sales for charity. He is among those who can be counted on when a job needs to be done. Bill serves as council Outside Guard during our meetings. All in all, he is a great asset to our council.

As my term as Grand Knight winds down, I would like to reflect on accomplishments my brother Knights and their wives have achieved. *Spirit Hall*, our new, vastly improved rummage sale building, was erected in time for our October 2009 sale, an accomplishment achieved almost entirely with member donations. This eliminated the prior necessity of re-boxing unsold items for the next sale. Items now stay in place unless we feel a need to discard them. Until *Spirit Hall* became a reality, we had the unpleasant task of cleaning up Thomas Hall twice a year, always a major undertaking. Next, I think that the new building was at least in part a reason for our record-setting October sale and our fantastic May sale that came in only a few dollars shy of the October result. The last two sales collectively, after expenses, brought in at least \$32,000! Another successful venture, led by **Iturba Percefull**, was our Vocations Celebration in February. The evening offered a fabulous gourmet dinner of Beef Wellington with all the trimmings followed by several skits centered on the life of Knights of Columbus founder **Michael McGivey**. Students from St. John's School

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performed under the direction of **Vali Talbot Barron**. Following close on the heels of the February celebration came our St. Patrick's Day affair, one of our best parties ever. The corned beef and cabbage were described by many as the best ever. Decorations were outstanding, and the entertainment provided by the Fun City Barbershop Chorus and an Irish band called the Royal Celts was fun. Finally, just last week we had our first Living Rosary of the year to honor our deceased council members. Following that, we offered a tribute to **Fr. John Burkus**, who has given 70 years of service as a priest. At 96, Fr. Burkus is the oldest active priest in the Diocese of Little Rock. He also served the Fourth Degree Assembly as its chaplain for 23 years. The evening concluded with a potluck dinner for which **Dennis and Sue Wood** prepared great chili dogs. We must not forget the landscaping work that has taken place. **Dick Smith** has done tree plantings, and **Lennie Didier, Bill Thompson, Donald Sass, and Iturba Percefull** have transported and put in place tons of rocks in the median between the upper and lower levels in front of Thomas Hall. The rock crew proclaimed that Iturba has never seen a big rock that he doesn't like. A rose bed has been prepared at the south end of the median and awaits its roses. Other noteworthy items were the painting of the front porch, the south wall in the Hall, and the kitchen floor. And more recently **Don Sass**, assisted by **Bill Thompson** and **Tom Gilleran**, installed rows of fluorescent lighting in *Spirit Hall* to correct the dim lighting from the fan lights. These same men also enlarged the mattress bins in *Reiter Hall*. I can't adequately thank my brother knights and their ladies for what they've done this past year. God bless each of you for your dedication to our Order. We are optimistic that, resulting from cooperative work, we will receive the Star Council Award this year./**Rick Sands, Outgoing Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

On June 20 the Fourth Degree Assembly with wives and other guests met at K. J.'s Grill on Airport Road for dinner. Thirty-six people were in attendance. The food was great and the fellowship was equally so. Business items were put aside until our June 17 meeting at the K. C. Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Business to be conducted at this meeting will include voting of officers for the 2010-11 fiscal year, discussing and voting on contributing up to \$600 to share with the Council in the cost of the new riding mower to take care of the grounds around the Hall, and discussing and voting on contributing matching funds with the Council for purchase of an enclosed trailer for transporting Council/Assembly gear to and from off-site events.

Please attend this meeting in order that we may get as many opinions as possible on these important expenditures. We will also introduce and discuss the proposed calendar of events for the next six months at this meeting. An announcement will be made at this meeting regarding our next social gathering on July 15.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend, enjoying the occasion with family and friends. I also hope that each of us paused for at least a moment to remember the reason for this holiday. If it weren't for all the brave men and women who paid the ultimate price, this might be a much different country from that which we are privileged to enjoy.

Congratulations to **Fr. John Burkus** who on June 16 will celebrate 70 years as a priest! We are grateful for his many years of service to the Lord and his Church. We are also grateful for all those years he served the Fourth Degree Assembly as our Faithful Friar./**Bill Wavering, F.N.**

The following essay by **Monsignor J. Gaston Hebert** is used with his permission. Taken from his book *The Faux Bishop's Gems*, it was originally published in *Arkansas Catholic* when **Monsignor served as Administrator of the Diocese of Little Rock.**

The Ripple Effects of Sin

The ripple effects of sin have long interested me. Sin is similar to a stone cast into a still pool, causing a disturbance in the surface of the water indicated by an ever-widening series of circular ripples. Sin disturbs the beauty and peace of God's loving plan and creates an ever-widening effect upon mankind.

The Mark Foley scandal may well be a factor in changing the political face and policies in our country. The former U. S. congressman is accused of improper conduct in his relationship with House pages. Foley revealed that he had been molested by a "clergyman," later identified as Father Anthony Marcieca, now of Malta. Father Anthony admits to a relationship with Foley, which is both sinful and appropriately termed as "sexual misconduct."

My heart sank as the relationship between the two men was revealed. Our Church is once again embarrassed due to the sinful conduct of one of its priests. Both our clergy and laity become subject to pain and humiliation. Was Father Marcieca the remote cause for Mark Foley's later aberrant behavior, and what effect will Foley's conduct have upon the House pages' self-image in their development as men?

Will some Catholics, already weak in their faith, despair in their relationship with the Church due to still another scandal? With the shortage of priests so critical, will some young men turn away from a possible vocation because they begin to have doubts about the integrity of priests? Will sexual morality, already at a low ebb in our country, decline even further with such an example set by a priest?

All sin has destructive effects upon the sinner himself, upon his relationship with God and with his fellow man. All sin weakens the sinner morally and handicaps his relationship with others. For example, every unkind thought, word or deed makes the sinner a less loving person, less able to relate to others, which affects those who suffer from his hostility or coldness. The ripple effects of our individual sins continue on in the conduct of those we have damaged, and from them to still others, and on and on. Is it any wonder that Our Lord hated sin so deeply as to die so that we might be relieved from its burden?

The psalmist tells us "God loves those who hate sin." If we were capable of seeing the effects of any sin that we commit, I doubt that we would have the temerity or the heartlessness to commit it. With recognition of the effects of sin, we could easily be weighed down by the enormity of its evil effects. That is where the merciful, forgiving love of Christ comes in.

About Father Burkus

As we reflect on **Fr. Jonas (John) Burkus'** 70 years as a priest, 23 of which he served as our Fourth Degree Assembly's Faithful Friar, I point out some incredibly interesting facts about him. He was ordained on June 16, 1940, in a Lithuanian cathedral which during the ordination was surrounded by Russian tanks. The tanks even rammed the cathedral walls. Although the cathedral could seat 2000 people, only 8 observers were present because of the dangerous situation.

Fr. Burkus spent most of his career as a pastor in El Paso. He came to Hot Springs to retire, but the Diocese of Little Rock thought otherwise. For many years, he continued responsibilities with Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, and St. John's Churches.

To honor him for his long service for our Lord and his Church, we paid tribute to him at our Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner at the K. C. Hall on the evening of May 27

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Dennis & Sue Wood
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June Birthdays

- 3 **Jerry Jennings**
- 6 **Jeffrey Seikel**
- 9 **Frank Maxwell**
- 10 **Joe DePrez**
- 20 **Kevin Tuohy**
- 23 **Fr. Alan Rosenau**
- 24 **Bob Kness**
- 25 **Earl Robbins**
- 28 **Hayden Dwyer**
- 30 **Monte Dilick**

Knight of the Month Bill Thompson

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Vi Kosarek, Pat Logan, Ann Witovec, Jim Maguire, Shirley Donahue, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, Earl and DeDe Robbins, Val Poe, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka**

June Calendar

- 10 **Council meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:00 p.m., followed by Installation of Officers and Potluck Dinner (See Grand Knight's article)**
- 10 **No Officers Meeting**
- 14 **Raising of Flags, 7 a.m., Calvary Cemetery for Flag Day**
- 17 **Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:30 p.m.**



Flags for Flag Day

Tom Gilleran reports that the next occasion for hoisting the flags over Calvary Cemetery is June 14, Flag Day. The most recent occasion for raising the flags was Memorial Day when most of the usual volunteers showed their patriotism.

In the month of April Knights of Columbus sold \$706,000,000 in insurance.

Field Agent's Insurance Notes

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer"? While the hot weather may encourage a slower-paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether you have insurance with the Order or not, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals.

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If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let's get together soon.

I'm at 501-204-9486. Call me—let's talk.

Randy Schnoebelen FICF
Field Agent

A Brother Knight helping protect you and your loved ones.

Hot Springs Knights, Inc., concluded

Grand Knight and the most recent Past Grand Knight.

The elected officers are the president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary. Nomination for and election of officers is conducted at the annual meeting in May of each year.

Every member of Council 6419 in good standing has a voting right. At the annual meeting members are encouraged to run for one of the officer positions or to nominate another member to any officer position.

One purpose of the Corporation, among others, is to "hold property for Council 6419" (Article IV, amendment to Article III. As lessee of the Corporation property, Council 6419 must reimburse the Corporation for current expenses incurred by the Corporation and spelled out in the Corporate By-Laws. By-Laws were written at the inception of the Corporation and re-written by the vice-president/treasurer, and approved by the directors and the membership at the June 2005 meeting. This was the first re-write of the By-Laws since incorporation./**Gil Gibbons, Vice-President and Treasurer**