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Open Your Wallets: Dues Time

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year, and that means annual council dues are payable now. **Dues remain at \$45.** A great time to dismiss this obligation is the January 14 council meeting. But if you prefer to take care of this by mail, please remit check C/O **Financial Secretary Joe Dierks at P. O. Box 22927, Hot Springs, AR 71903-2292.** As in the past, members are encouraged to add a supplemental amount to apply to the council contribution toward the expenses of one of our diocesan seminarians. But it is also time to renew sponsorships (\$10) and ads (\$25) that appear on pages 3 and 4. If you include an extra amount beyond the \$45, please indicate its purpose (seminarian fund, sponsorship, or ad); otherwise, it will be applied to the seminarian fund.

The most important point is to pay your dues promptly. For our Financial Secretary, no task is more difficult than collecting dues assessments. Two mailings, three mailings, sometimes four mailings! Obviously those additional mailings are costly for the council, not to mention the Financial Secretary's wasted time. Some members never read *Knight Shift*, therefore never know it's dues time. Others apparently plan to remit payment soon but forget or postpone. Please take care of this responsibility quickly and lessen **Joe Dierks'** pain.

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Half-Way Point Between Rummage Sales

Though the great October Rummage Sale must still be very fresh in our memories, the truth is that we are fast approaching the half-way mark to our spring sale. Our next sale is set for the weekends of **April 9-10 and 16-17.** Easter falls on April 3 and we begin the following day, possibly Tuesday, to prepare for the Friday-Saturday sale. Donations, particularly furniture donations, have been surprisingly good since the October sale, but of course we have many collections to go before we're ready for the spring sale. Please remain alert to possible donations. We will need a lot more household items (especially kitchen, bedroom, and bath) as well as additional donations of furniture, bedding, etc. The success of the October sale set the bar very high for future sales. We'll have to dig deep to approach the success of that record sale. We can do it!

Supreme Council Gives Attention to Local Council

From January 1 until the end of the month, you may see some details of the Council 6419 rummage sales and related charity program on the Supreme Council's web site under "Knights in Action." At an unspecified time later, the information will be printed in *Columbia*, the Supreme Council's magazine. Please go to www.kofc.org to find the information.

A 1034-word article with pictures was submitted to Supremecontinued, p. 2

Grand Knight's Report



I hope that all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a blessed New Year. Those of you who were unable to attend the Christmas Dinner/Dance missed out on a great event. The music was wonderful, the food excellent, the decorations gorgeous, and door prizes and raffle prizes from **Lou and Vi Kosarek** top notch. Thanks to all who made this possibly the most successful Christmas parties we have ever had, and thanks to all who attended. [See **Fourth Degree** article]

The recent pancake breakfast and BBQ-to-go were also huge successes. Thanks to **Chairman Randy Schnoebelen** and his crews whose work made possible a \$1400 check to St. John's School to apply to the school's tuition fund.

At the December council meeting **Iturba Percefull** was recognized as Knight of the Month. When assistance or a leadership role is needed, Iturba is always among the first to volunteer. He, **Bill Thompson, Don Sass, and Lennie Didier**, have devoted many hours to K. C. grounds improvement, bringing in tons of big rocks for landscaping improvement. Take note of the rock-bordered bed (between upper and lower levels on south end) ready for a few loads of compost and a future rose bed. Also he and **Dick Smith** recently transplanted a pair of crape myrtles to the front of Reiter Building and plan a couple more in front of Spirit Hall. The other rock men say, "Iturba has never met a rock he didn't like, the bigger the better." In addition, Iturba has grand plans for a big February 12 K. C. Hall dinner honoring our priests. [See **article, p. 3**]

As I reflect on the past two council years, there have been many accomplishments achieved by Knights of Columbus 6419, including the renovation of both the ladies' and men's restrooms, kitchen improvements, correction of heating and air-conditioning problems, the continuation of landscaping around Thomas Hall, and the addition of Spirit Hall for the bi-annual rummage sales. Of these things we can be proud. In addition to these physical improvements, we have recently completed the most successful charity rummage sale ever, and we've inaugurated periodic pancake breakfasts and BBQ-to-go for the benefit of St. John's School. And most recently we've had probably our best ever Fourth-Degree sponsored Christmas Dinner/Dances. Credit for these accomplishments of course goes to our members, but for many of these undertakings, huge credit also goes to our wives and other ladies who are valued friends of our council. Our gratitude to them cannot be overstated. We have been truly blessed by so many outstanding people. We as Christians have much to be thankful for this past year. Let us not forget that Our Lord provided for us all, and to Him we give all our praise.

The New Year has begun. Let's go to work and make it even better than 2009. We invite our uninvolved members to join in. We need them./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**

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for consideration as a feature article. It was rejected as a feature article but probably in a much abbreviated form will appear in "Knights in Action."

Council to Honor Priests

In keeping with "The Year of the Priest," designated by Pope Benedict, Council 6419 is planning a dinner celebration at the K. C. Hall on the evening of February 12. **Iturba Percefull**, chairman of the event, has ambitious plans including a first-rate dinner and a fine program. The chef from Hot Springs Country Club will be charge of the **dinner, and vocalist Valley Barron, wife of Recorder Steve Barron**, is planning a program. **Bishop Anthony Taylor** will be present. Both Bishop Taylor and **Fr. Erik** will speak.

February ***Knight Shift*** will offer further details. Tickets will sell for \$25 each and will be available at the January 14 council meeting.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The December 12 Christmas/Dinner Dance was a wonderful evening. *Home Plate Caterers* served 132 guests. With elaborate decorations it was by far the most festive Christmas party the Fourth Degree has sponsored. Table linens were decorated with mirrors topped by candles at staggered heights and red sleighs stuffed with Christmas ornaments.

Beautifully decorated trees were prominent in both the main room and the bar room. Many hours of work went to the decorations. Special thanks to **Dawn Thompson and Liz and Don Sass** who donated many hours to obtaining new decorations and putting them in place. Thanks also to **Dennis and Sue Wood, Martha Lockwood and Sandy Kortenber** for their hours on multiple occasions, not only on decorating but hand washing and drying all the dishes and flatware for the 17 tables. And a special thanks to **Newton White and his assistants Vicki Stanley and Sheila Green** of Instruments Supply for their valuable time in coordinating their varied contributions. **Lou Kosarek** did a lot of advance work in securing beautiful prizes for the raffle, which he and his wife **Vi** directed. Vi also collected tickets at the door. We express our gratitude to them and also to **Dick Smith and Lennie Didier** for their bar work. It was a record night for bar income.



Bob and Sandy Kortenber (center) flanked by Danny and Jean Daniels (left) and Phyllis and Max Whitman

The Fourth Degree furnished an Honor Guard for the Christmas Midnight Mass at St. John's Church. Participating were Commander of the Guard **Iturba Percefull, Bob Kortenber, Joe DePrez, Mike Tucker, Jim Reiter, and Zack Neihus**.

The next Fourth Degree meeting will be a January 21 dinner social at Grandpa's Catfish Kitchen on Airport Road next to the Valero Station by the Expressway. Dinner is a 6:30 p.m./**Bill Wavering, Faithful Navigator**



From Our Chaplain

Over the last week or so, I have heard many attempts to list the best and worst of not only the year, but the last decade. This accounting is part of the tradition of TV, radio and magazines, but it seems to have greater interest this particular year as we examine the opening decade of a new century and millennium. Everyone wants to ask where we have come or what tone we are setting for the next 100 years. *Time* even ran an article titled, "The decade from hell."

Well, I would like to turn to a different source as we begin the second decade of this century. I want to reflect on words of Pope John Paul II, who was a towering figure of the last century and who envisioned very clearly what this century could be.

For years leading up to the turn of the millennium he was preparing the Church and the world with a very clear message. To paraphrase, while the challenges of our time are real and often difficult, we should not be afraid. The power of Christ in our lives is greater than every challenge.

His message of ten years ago bears repeating as we look back and look ahead. "What awaits us therefore is an exciting work of pastoral revitalization—a work involving all of us. As guidance and encouragement to everyone, I wish to indicate certain pastoral priorities which the experience of the Great Jubilee has, in my view, brought to light." He went on to list the following pastoral priorities: holiness, prayer, Sunday Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, the primacy of grace, listening to and proclaiming the Word.

His point was that when individual Catholics are committed to living the faith in this way, the whole Church is stronger and becomes an influence in the world and has an effect on world events. A quick rundown of the Church's actions of the last decade would find success and failure in this regard. There are many deeply committed Catholics whose inner reserves are strengthened by this faith that overcomes all fear. Their efforts have helped to relieve poverty, protect unborn lives and many other social goods. And yet many other Catholic voices have been silent at times.

While it can be difficult to believe our lives can make a
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Council Member Jewell Thomas Dies

Jewel Thomas, long-time member of Council 6419 died December 28, a few weeks after surgery for stomach cancer. Jewel's death followed by less than a month that of his wife Ann, who had been in bad health for several years. Jewel in recent years had been unable to take an active role in the council as a result of Ann's illness. Thomas Hall, the building used for council meetings, socials, and other events, is named for Jewel's father, who was an active worker as well as benefactor of the council during its early years.

The Rite of Christian Burial Mass is scheduled for Saturday, January 2 at 11 a.m. in St. John's Church. Visitation is the evening prior from 4 till 6 p.m. with rosary devotion at 6. Council 6419 will provide pall bearers as well as an Honor Guard at both the visitation and the funeral mass. Pall bearers will be **Ed McManus, George Meggers, Tom Gilleran, Julian Post, and Deacon Jack Connell**.

Thank You, Dick!

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Dick Smith** whose pride coupled with an amazing work ethic provides for us a clean building for our varied activities. Many council members are unaware of how many hours Dick spends alone in Thomas Hall. He may be cleaning the kitchen, waxing the floors, restoring order to the bar, or scrubbing toilets. If he's not in the building, he's probably doing grounds work: mowing, trimming weeds, or planting a new crape myrtle. Or he may be about town re-stocking supplies needed in Thomas Hall. Without Dick, we would be in a serious bind.



Harold Hager

Iturba Percefull

Dennis & Chris Bosch

Wally & Lucy Marroy

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Joe & Mildred Giompoletti

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Paul & Flo Bachmann

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Raymond & Rhonda Byrne

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January Birthdays

- 1 **Ronnie Bran**
- 1 **Lou Kosarek**
- 3 **Larry Heisserer**
- 5 **Larry Archer**
- 6 **Floyd Sherfield**
- 7 **Joe Dierks**
- 7 **Charles Elias**
- 7 **Bill Thompson**
- 9 **Jim Lockwood**
- 11 **Derek Monroe**
- 17 **Newton White**
- 19 **Joe Cenac**
- 21 **Dick Smith**
- 23 **Francis Klein**
- 26 **Hugh Truesdale**
- 27 **Joe Farrell**
- 28 **Bill Wavering**
- 29 **Larry Stamps**

**Knight of the Month
Iturba Percefull**

Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **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,**

January Calendar

- 1 **Council dues assessment payable (See article, p. 1)**
- 14 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6:00 p.m.**
- 14 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 21 **Fourth Degree Dinner Social, Grandpa's Catfish Kitchen, 6:30 p.m.. [See article, p. 2]**

Field Agent's Insurance Notes

Can you believe it is 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and welcome a new one, we wonder where the times goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal in writing, it's nothing more than a wish.

Second, schedule some time to visit with your Professional Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent. The "insurance check-up" that is provided, free of charge, will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can—guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries. We call that peace of mind, and that's priceless.

**Randy Schnoebelen, FICF
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Chaplain's article, continued

difference, the message remains clear. John Paul II often quoted Jesus speaking to the fishermen with the words, "Put out into the deep." The water may seem threatening and your work may seem fruitless, but your success does not depend on your ability. Jesus makes it clear that only when we rely on him do we find strength in reserve to face the challenges of the day.

The pastoral priorities listed above focus our attention on that source of strength so that our own weakness does not discourage us. Ten years after that turning point in time we are just as much in need or clear focus.

Be not afraid is a message that needs to be heard in the Church and in the world. Each of us can echo those words in our own lives and the message grows stronger. The challenges we face will not suddenly disappear, but for those who discover Christ it is as if the light suddenly appears. A new decade begins in the middle of our Christmas season and so we look ahead with hope. Christ is born and his coming can renew the world. He looks to us, who profess his name, to reflect his light into every darkness of our world./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**