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K. C. Vocation Celebration: Year of the Priest

Under the chairmanship of **Iturba Percefull**, Council 6419 is sponsoring a celebratory tribute to our priests at the Knights of Columbus Hall on February 12.. The event will provide a first-class dinner to be followed by speakers **Bishop Anthony Taylor** and **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier**. **Valley Barron**, wife of council recorder **Steve Barron**, who is known in part for her beautiful singing voice will entertain with several songs and also with skits she has created, focusing on the life of **Father Michael J. McGivney**, founder of Knights of Columbus. School children will perform.

The dinner, prepared by Hot Springs Country Club chef **Jean Claude Bridoux**, will feature spring-mix pasta salad, roasted sirloin Wellington, stuffed tomato with broccoli and cheese, potato garlic Dauphine, dinner rolls, and chocolate profiteroli with raspberry sauce. Sounds good, doesn't it?

Chairman **Iturba Percefull**, as well as other Knights of Columbus members, has tickets for the occasion. You may secure yours now for \$25 each. Be present for this memorable evening. It will be a dress-up event. Social, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 6 p.m.

Donations for April Charity Rummage Sale?

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With the April 9-10 and 16-17 Charity Rummage Sale a bit more than two months away, it is time to begin gathering those items that you will donate to our good cause: benefit of local charities. For those items you will donate, please call **Jim** (525-7022), **Tom** (767-1631), **Dick** (760-3879), **Dennis** (525-6478), or **Stan** (520-5974) to collect them.

In addition to furniture of all kinds, including clean mattresses and box springs, the council needs almost all kinds of household and garage articles ranging from kitchen items to linens, pillows, decorator items, art, books (fiction, biography, children's), toys and games (if complete), tools, electronics, including television sets, large appliances, etc. We cannot use broken items or outdated electronics, such as the earlier computers, printers, and VCR's. In addition, experience has shown us that old luggage (without wheels) and window blinds do not sell. Neither do medical books, encyclopedias, and other outdated books.

Without your donations we obviously cannot fulfill our mission to help those in need. Besides assistance to individuals, we currently give donations to Jackson House (\$500 monthly), residents of Hot Springs Housing Authority (variable but at least \$300 monthly), Charitable Christian Medical Clinic (\$200 monthly), Project Hope (food bank) (\$200 monthly), St. Vincent de Paul Society (two \$500 donations annually), Focus (\$50 monthly toward support of St. John's parishioner **Tanya Cenac's** campus mission work at University of Nebraska), and St. John's School (\$1000 at St. John's Bazaar plus other amounts from other council projects such as pancake breakfasts and annual golf tournament).

Grand Knight's Report



The Officers Meeting was held on January 8 at 6 p.m. and was followed by the council meeting at 7:30. It was noted that Knights, Inc. has no means of income other than that which is reimbursed by the council for such things as payments to Morning Star Fire Department and taxes and insurance on our buildings, which are paid by Knights, Inc. The council borrows money from Knights, Inc. for various purchases and repair/remodeling costs such as for the cost of our two kitchen ranges and cost of kitchen and restroom remodeling. Then the amount borrowed is repaid as funds become available. Knights, Inc. is our umbrella in the event that we should be sued. The organization currently holds assets in CD's, savings accounts, and other investments. I bring this up only to give our members a better understanding of the relationship between Hot Springs Knights, Inc. and Knights of Columbus Council 6419.

The council is facing significant and unexpected bar expenses detailed by Treasurer **Dennis Bosch**. Please read his important article "Bar News" on page 2.

On January 20, thanks mostly to council member **Hans Purkott and his wife Ilse**, our council provided dinner for the participants in the current Wednesday night classes at St. John's Parish Hall. Hans and Ilse prepared 25 pounds of German goulash, red cabbage, German cucumber salad, and dinner rolls. **Joe Giompoletti, Stan DeGruccio, and I** were on hand to roll out the Bavarian potato dumplings for the goulash topping. **Newton White** helped us serve the dinner. Fifty-five people were served, and comments let us know that it was a blow-out success. **(Hans says that the water in which the dumplings were cooked makes a good stock for potato soup. In fact, he will prove his point at our February 11 council meeting when he will serve potato soup to council members for \$5.00 a person. Hans says to come to the meeting hungry. There will be plenty of soup.)** The council will serve dinner to the R.C.I.A. participants again in March with council member **Iturba Percefull** taking the lead.

Please see the lead article in the opposite column. Iturba Percefull has planned a great evening to honor our priests for the evening of Friday, February 12. Following a fine dinner, **Bishop Taylor and Fr. Erik** will speak, and then we will have entertainment provided by **Valley Barron**.

March will provide us with still another evening of fun. On Saturday, March 13, will have a pre-St. Patrick's Day dinner party. **Chairman Tom Gilleran** has tickets (\$8.00) for a meal of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes, carrots and onions. Come hungry for a good dinner; then enjoy the Irish band featuring vocalist **Valley Barron**. If you've never heard Valley's beautiful voice, here's your opportunity. Social hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30.

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Grand Knight's article, continued

It is with great pleasure that I announce **Dick Smith** as our Knight of the Month. Some of you may not know of Dick's dedication and of the great number of hours he devotes to the council hall and the surrounding grounds. He maintains the bar, including purchase of supplies, and he keeps the kitchen and bathrooms clean and the hall floor polished. When he's not busy with those things, you can often find him on the mower or trimming weeds. (If Dick weren't doing these things, have you considered who might take his place?) Thanks, Dick, for all you do. You are greatly appreciated, my friend./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**

Bar News (or Bad News)

Each year I have given a report regarding the operation of our bar. This year we have a new situation. The bar is considered a "private club" by the state and requires a special license currently costing \$500 per year. No license is required by the federal government, but we have recently learned the county does require a license fee of one-half the state fee. The license is held in the name of **Knights, Inc.**, although the council is required by agreement to pay all bar expenses as well as revenues or loss.

Knights, Inc. received a letter from the county informing us of the license and a **5% mixed drink tax** which has been in place 1969. I suspect, based on my visit to the county, some incompetence in the tax assessor's office was the reason we were not notified. We are not liable for any back taxes or fees, but must conform in the future.

Now for the additional bad news! The county tax assessor's staff provided me with state license fees for the 12-month period starting July 1, 2010. The state fee will triple to **\$1500**, and since the county rate is 1/2 that, the county fee will be **\$750**.

Assuming we choose to renew both licenses and assuming we have the same receipts as in 2009 (with no price increases), **we will have a net loss on the bar of \$1994 for 2010!**

The above does not include direct or indirect expense for the bar which I estimate an average of \$700 annually.

Gentlemen, we have a big problem!

Dennis Bosch, Treasurer

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Thanks to all who took time out to join Assembly members for the January 21 dinner at Grampa's Catfish House. Thirty-five people, including **Fr. Alan** and **Fr. Erik**, were present. That's one of the largest turn-outs we've had for a social function. I'm sorry that a previous engagement prevented my being with you.

Our next business meeting will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on February 18. Our social will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6. **Lou Kosarek** and his wife **Vi** will prepare our dinner. Knowing how much Lou enjoys good food, his dinner promises to be something special. Please plan to be present as we will have much to discuss during the meeting.

The Assembly once again will have a fund-raising pancake breakfast at St. John's Parish Hall on March 21. As always, we will need volunteers to prepare the pancakes, eggs, and sausage, to serve, and to clean up. We also must discuss the challenge we're facing regarding the exorbitant licensing expenses to be imposed upon the bar. (See **Dennis Bosch's article above**)



From Our Chaplain

What is on the mind of the world at this time is the devastation in Haiti. I'm sure this is a need that will continue for a long time to come. This need is of particular interest to the Catholic community of Hot Springs now that we have made an effort to support the people of Calladere. The members of our parishes that have gone to Haiti tell us that it is hard to comprehend the poverty that is the daily reality for the people there. That was before the earthquake.

The interest in this disaster has filled the news in the days since the earthquake. There have been many stories of terror and stories of triumph. As I write (now nine days after) there are still stories of people being discovered alive under the rubble. Yesterday was the story of a five-year-old boy found with no injuries, suffering from severe dehydration but recovering. It is only one story, but it is a story that renews hope.

The response of the Catholic Church has been crucial in the relief effort. Haiti is a country that is 80 percent Catholic. Many members of our family of faith have been directly affected. We have all heard the news of the death of **Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot** as well as priests and seminarians living in Port-au-Prince. Images of the ruined Cathedral have been shown frequently. Even CNN has covered the role of the Church in this tragedy. Catholic Relief Services responded immediately, and the generosity of Catholics throughout the world is finding its way to our brothers and sisters in need. Of course the material and spiritual needs are ongoing.

We have been grateful to hear from the people of Colladere that their homes and lives were not immediately disrupted. As time passes, however, the fallout from this enormous tragedy spreads to all the people of Haiti. It is hard to grasp how fully that entire country depends on its capital for all aspects of life. Every person in Colladere has family and friends who have died.

Our Haiti Mission team has been in contact with **Fr. Benive** and others in the area since the beginning. Our two Hot Springs parishes contributed over \$14,000 with the first collection. We are taking the steps necessary to respond directly to the needs of our friends in Haiti. As we continue that communication and assess the growing needs of the people, we will send what relief we can. While our Mission trip for March has been suspended, our resolve to help has only grown. We look forward to the time when we are able to return in person, but our prayers and money will continue to be offered.

At his Sunday Angelus, **Pope Benedict** prayed for the people of Haiti and entrusted them in a particular way to their patroness saying, "May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, protect her children." We join our prayers with his, confident in God's love for his children in Haiti. We also pray that the efforts of the world community responding to this disaster will offer hope and new life from the rubble./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**

Flag Raising: Presidents Day

Council members are reminded that on Presidents Day, February 15, flags will be raised at Calvary Cemetery. Show up at 7 a.m. for coffee and donuts, and following that social time the flags will go up. We need you there!



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February Calendar

- 11 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.
- 11 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 Supper, 6:30 (see Grand Knight's article, p. 1)
- 12 Vocation Celebration, K. C. Hall, Social, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 6 p.m. (See article, p. 1)
- 15 Presidents Day, Flag Raising Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 18 Fourth Degree, K. C. Hall, Social, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 6 p.m..

February Birthdays

- 3 John Davis
- 5 Kevin Coakley
- 9 Edward Daven
- 9 Joe Palmere
- 12 Tony Torres
- 13 Ed Sharkey
- 15 Anthony Pollock
- 16 Ronald King
- 16 Rick Sands
- 16 Paul Sturman
- 20 Kenny Scott
- 20 Charles Smith
- 22 Bob Fiedler
- 24 Gregg Sanders
- 25 James Rosamond

Hoop Shoot Contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot Contest was held Saturday, January 23 at the Boys and Girls Club. Winners in the various categories were **Luke Mangan** (10-year-old boys); **Chris Roberts** (11-year-old boys); **Mellisa Hamby** (12-year-old girls); **Richard Sands** (13-year-old boys), and **Sarah Sands** (13-year-old girls). Thanks to chairman **Mark Leyton** and to his wife **Stephanie, Randy Schnoebelen**, and **Gil Gibbons**, who assisted Mark. District competition will be February 20 at Our Lady of Fatima School Gym in Benton.

Field Agent's Insurance Notes

Why do we go to work each day? The answer is obvious. *Or is it?* Yes, we have to make a living to feed and clothe ourselves and our families. How much thought have you put into your future? How about retirement savings and protection from now till then? How much do I need besides my Social Security benefits to be self-sufficient?

"Yes! No! I am working on that. I just have not had time to work out all the details. **Gosh, I just have too many other things pressing me right now, but I will eventually get it done.**" Do you have a will?

"I'm working as hard as I can! What else can I do?" Well, brothers, we have begun a New Year, but have we done all the things we need to do to **secure our futures?**

Is it better to get started now and do a little bit rather than doing nothing? Of course it is. Do you believe in Knights of Columbus? Of course you do or you would not be a member. Now is the time to plan. Secure your future with a Knights of Columbus Insurance Policy. Save for your retirement with Knights of Columbus Annuities. Keep your retirement savings secure with Knights of Columbus Long Term Care.

Brother Knights, let's make out that will so that you—not a judge—decide what happens to your and your family's estate.

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Council Dues (\$45) were payable to Financial Secretary Joe Dierks January 1. It's also time to renew sponsorships (\$10) and p. 4 ads (\$25). Income from ads and sponsorships help pay cost of *Knigh Shift*.



Dues unpaid??? Please pay promptly.