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Dues Collections Lagging

Here as we begin the third month of the year, **Financial Secretary Joe Dierks** reports that at least 25 percent of membership has yet to submit council dues for 2010. Please simplify Joe's work considerably by remitting the \$45 council dues immediately to **P. O. Box 22927, Hot Springs, 71903-2292.**

A good number of regular **Knight Shift** sponsors (p. 3) and ads (p. 4) also have not been renewed. Income from the \$10 sponsorships and \$25 ads helps to offset the significant cost of the monthly issues. Costs of mailing, ink cartridges, and paper consistently cost the council more than \$100 a month. Please renew your sponsorships and ads. We also seek new sponsorships.

Spring Charity Rummage Sale Six Weeks Off!

The time for our big spring sale draws near. **Because of conflict with the Apple Blossom and Derby races on our first weekend, we must change our dates to April 16-17 and 23-24.** Collections continue to come in, including a lot of furniture from the **Paul and Flo Bachmann** home that is now on the market. During the six weeks ahead, we hope for on-going contributions of furniture and other household items: linens, kitchenware, collectibles, decorator items, art work, books, tools, sports equipment, electronics, etc. We continue to discourage window blinds, old luggage (without wheels), and outdated electronics, including console television sets.

It is gratifying to report that several ladies and men have already begun the process of organizing present donations in **Spirit Hall**. Some receiving tables have been placed near the entrance for new donations. From there they're being relocated to their appropriate tables. Some of the rectangular tables have been removed and replaced with sturdy new tables built by **Joe Giompoletti**. At this point, those involved with the present organization process are **Liz and Don Sass, Dawn Thompson, Gwen and Stan DeGruccio, Sandy Kortner, Dick Smith, Martha Lockwood, Dennis Bosch, and Jack and Carol Andrews**. Much appreciation goes to them for their enthusiastic advance work.

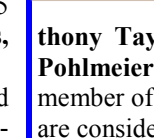
Council 6419 Inaugurates Annual Vocations Celebration

The first annual vocations celebration was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the evening of February 12. In this "Year of the Priest," the celebration was essentially an expression of support for our priests and increased vocations.

And what an evening it was! **Chairman Iturba Percefull** began planning this event a year ago, and his efforts really paid off. More than one person among the large number of attendees commented that it was perhaps the best event held at the K. C. Hall—at least in a good number of years. To begin, the hall was

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Grand Knight's Report



February was a very busy month with the Vocations celebration chaired by **Iturba Percefull**. [See article, column 1] This memorable event will become an annual event. **Bishop Anthony Taylor** was the featured speaker, along with **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier** and young **Jose Luis Galvan**, who presently is a member of the diocesan Discernment Class for young men who are considering the seminary and priesthood.

With the Vocations celebration behind us, we now turn our attention to the upcoming pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration at the K. C. Hall. It will happen not on St. Patrick's Day but on Saturday, March 13. The social will begin at 5:30 and a traditional dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes will follow at 6:30. A cake dessert will complete dinner. Tickets for this festive occasion are selling now for \$8.00. Call **Tom Gilleran (767-1631)**, **Joe Giompoletti (767-8292)**, or **Don Sass (767-2780)** for tickets. Musical entertainment will be provided by **Valley Barron and The Royal Celts**, an Irish band. Guests will hear further Irish music from the **Fun City Barbershop Chorus**. This should be a great annual event.

Looking to the future, we hope to have a Hispanic social event celebrating **Cinco de Mayo**. Occurring during the first two weeks of May, this event would be similar to the Mexican Fiestas that for several years were chaired by **Jim and Anita Maguire**. Look for additional details in April **Knight Shift**.

Due to the Apple Blossom Invitational Race at Oaklawn Track on April 9, the Rummage Sale has been changed to April 16-17 and 23-24. [See article, column 1]

We had three contestants participate in the District Hoop Shoot contest. Unfortunately none advanced to state. We appreciate their efforts and look forward to the participation next year.

The State Convention of Knights of Columbus will convene in Little Rock at the Crowne Plaza Hotel April 23-25. Council delegates and alternates to this convention will be determined at the March 11 council meeting. Plan to be present to make your voice heard.

I must not end this article without giving well-deserved praise to council members **Lennie Didier, Dick Smith, and Don Sass**. All three of these members have been so on-the-spot ready to do whatever work needs to be done in and around the K. C. Hall. Most recently Lennie and Dick painted the walls of the partitioned area of the main hall a beautiful sky blue. In addition, Lennie has since painted the kitchen floor. Looks great! Then, in an effort to solve the long-term leak near the kitchen windows, Don and Dick cleaned out gutters along the back of the building, and Don applied a foam sealer

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Grand Knight's article, continued

near the edge of the roof. With one good rain to test the effect, there was no sign of leaks in the kitchen. In addition, Dick has cut down trees in the septic area to eliminate encroaching roots that play havoc with the system. Let's make sure that new trees springing up in the area are removed. Thanks to these men whose on-going volunteerism has saved the council a lot of money./Rick Sands, Grand Knight

Vocations Celebration, continued

beautifully decorated. Linen-covered tables had attractive Mardi Gras decorations and candlelight. Also eye-catching were the new pristine white chair covers recently ordered by Dawn Thompson, one of our council wives. A great addition!

At the front of the building, on a cold night, a fire blazed in the fireplace, a sight most of us had never seen in this fireplace. In close proximity Iturba had arranged a couple of sofas and occasional chairs (some of the nicer items from the rummage sale donations). It all made for a cozy setting.

In the center of the room were our honored guests, who included Bishop Anthony Taylor, our pastor Fr. Erik, our associate pastor Fr. Innocent, and, from Sacred Heart Church in the Village, Msgr. Bernard G. Mallone and Fr. Vic Bieberly. Also present was Jose Luis Galvan, presently a member of the diocesan Discernment Class. Following dinner Jose Luis spoke on his initial resistance to becoming a priest and how, particularly under the influence of Vocations Director Fr. Scott Friend, he reconsidered and decided to enter the Discernment Class. Bishop Taylor and Fr. Erik followed with speeches.

The dinner itself was superb, surely one of the best we've enjoyed at the K. C. Hall. Chef Jean Claude Bridoiux of Hot Springs Country Club prepared a delicious dinner of roasted Beef Wellington, salad, tomato stuffed with broccoli and cheese, and small potatoes. The final touch was a delicious chocolate dessert. The dinner was fabulously served by members of St. John's Youth Group, who had been trained in serving etiquette by Von Talbot.

Following dinner and the three vocations-related speeches, Valley Barron directed a group of our youth in three skits centered on the life of Knights of Columbus founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

Chairman Percefull wishes to thank all those who contributed to the great success of the first Vocations Celebration. In addition to those already named, he expresses his appreciation to council members Steve Barron, Don Sass, and Dick Smith, St. John's Youth Director Donna Rivard, Carli Dilick, Angela Mitchell, and Jennifer Driseden.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Sir Knights, the month of March will be a busy month. We have a lot of exciting things on our calendar.

On March 11 Our Lady of Fatima in Benton is requesting the Honor Guard to participate in a mass celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the school. Bishop Taylor will participate. Although the Third Degree meets that night, we really need Fourth Degree members with regalia to assist Our Lady of Fatima with this celebration. If you can participate, please contact Iturba Percefull at 802-3025.

On March 18 our Fourth Degree social will be held at Don Juan's on Albert Pike, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tony Torres is making all necessary arrangements. Please call Vicki

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From Our Chaplain

As was announced last Sunday, I will be leaving Hot Springs to become the pastor of Holy Souls in Little Rock. That means this will be my last article for Knight Shift. It is difficult to make that transition, but we don't get to choose the circumstances of our lives. I can say that I feel a great deal of freedom in this process because of my vow of obedience.

Obedience is a virtue often misunderstood and under appreciated in our day, but I am grateful that is a key part of priestly life. While there is sadness at leaving the home that Hot Springs has become, I spend no time worrying if it is the right thing. I have been asked by my bishop, and I trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. While this change happens without the normal time of transition and that poses some difficulty, the Holy Spirit is up to every challenge. I ask for your prayers for me and for all affected, for good or for worse, by this change.

The people of Holy Souls have been going through a difficult time. The pain is real and wide-reaching. It is made more difficult because all the information cannot be given. The problem of alcohol has been named, and with that comes further consequences. It is natural that people want to know more, but we should reflect on the good we are seeking. My knowledge of more does not necessarily help anyone involved, and my actions without all of the information can make matters worse. And so, I again ask for your prayers. As Catholics we are truly brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to support each other. We should always work for the good of the whole Church.

The timing of such a change is rarely good, but we are in the days of Lent and that can help us to find the right perspective. During these holy forty days we are called on to look with the eyes of faith at every part of life. These are days in which we focus on walking with Christ and that walk sometimes includes carrying the cross. But that cross leads to resurrection for Christ and for all those joined to him. This is our goal in the face of every obstacle.

I have enjoyed writing this column for your newsletter. I have regretted that I could not be more directly involved in the work of the council but have felt this chance to write gives me more connection. It has been a kind of signpost each month to get an e-mail from Jim Lockwood reminding me ever so gently that the deadline has once again arrived. The few minutes I am able to spend reflecting on what to write helps me keep my life in the Church in perspective. I am able to slow down for a moment and take account of where we are in the life of Christ and his Church. It helps me to appreciate the beauty of the liturgical calendar and the seasons of celebration. We are never far from the life of Christ if we take the time to look for him. We are blessed indeed with the richness of life in the Catholic Church.

I close by saying, "Thank you." I appreciate the support you have shown me and am grateful for the work you have done for our parishes. These have been good years, and I pray the good work you continue to do will help you each to grow in faith and love./In Christ, Fr. Erik

Fourth Degree, continued

Stanley at 321-5558 if you and a guest will be attending so that we can give Don Juan's an accurate head count!!!

March 21 is the date of the next Pancake Breakfast. If you can help, please contact either Randy Schnoebelen (501-915-0313 or me at 476-2365. Otherwise, circle the date on your calendar and come on by to eat breakfast with us on the 21st.

My wife and I want to wish everyone a Blessed Lenten season in preparation for the biggest event in Catholicism: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!/Bill Wavering, F.N.

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- 3 Iturba Percefull
- 3 John Steinhaus
- 4 Paul Selig
- 12 Jim Elder
- 12 Jerry Parker
- 13 William McSorley
- 14 Tony Pultz
- 15 Marc Hayes
- 16 Harold Hager
- 17 Barry Owens
- 18 Tom Giusti
- 19 Mike Tucker
- 22 Victor Volk
- 23 Theodore Mader
- 23 George Marshall
- 25 Gil Gibbons

Knight of the Month Jim Lockwood

Pray for our Sick

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

March Calendar

- 11 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.
- 11 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30
- 13 Pre-St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party, K. C. Hall, 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner
- 17 Raising of Flags (St. Patrick's Day), Calvary Cemetery, 7:00 a.m.
- 18 Fourth Degree Dinner Social, Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. (See 4th Degree article)

More Bar News

At the last council meeting agreement was reached to explore a wine/beer license (\$850 year) with no liquor sales permit. The idea was to allow BYOB for liquor and have the bar sell setups. Unfortunately, state liquor laws will not allow private clubs to have any liquor brought in, if we sell beer or wine.

Options are to go to "bring your own" (No selling of any alcohol) or just selling beer and wine. The first option needs to be checked with the county to see whether any county restrictions exist./Dennis Bosch, Treasurer

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Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

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

Randy Schnoebelen, FICF
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