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**October Charity Rummage Sale: Final Report**

Council Treasurer **Zack Nehus** reports that the gross proceeds for the October Charity Rummage/Furniture Sale are \$17,525. As chairman of the event, I can report two post-sale items totaling \$155, making a total of \$17,680. In addition, we have a significant pending sale of a couple of sofas, a queen-size mattress/box springs set with bed, and a recliner. That should bring gross sales very close to \$18,000, a very comfortable record sale for the council. Zack also reports that our video and newspaper advertising expenses were \$631.00, putting our net gain comfortably above \$17,000.

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**Council and Assembly Dues Payable January 1**

For 2011 dues for council members will remain at \$45 and for Fourth Degree Assembly members at \$15. Both assessments will be due January 1. Council Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks**, who receives council dues, will almost certainly tell you that his most tedious, unpleasant task is getting all the dues submitted in a reasonable time. March and April are not reasonable times. Assembly Comptroller **Robert Rowe** will probably concur with that sentiment. Members of both orders can help alleviate that distress by responding early to the notices. Please be among the first responders. Both Council and Assembly members may pay their dues at the January meetings of both groups.

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**remitt check to the post office box shown on this newsletter, Attention: Joe Dierks.**

Assembly dues, if not paid at the meeting, should be sent to **Faithful Comptroller Robert Rowe at 706 Lakeside Road, Hot Springs 71901**



**Fourth Degree Dinner/Dance: A Gala Evening**

Do you have your tickets? Don't miss out on what promises to be a fun-filled evening planned for Saturday evening, December 11. The annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will begin with a social at 6 o'clock, with dinner following at 7 and dancing at 8. **Belle Arti** will prepare on site a delicious dinner of chicken zingara (chicken breast sautéed with green and red peppers and onions in a chardonnay sauce), garlic mashed potatoes, a medley of fresh vegetables, a garden salad with a vinaigrette dressing, fresh baked bread with a choice of butter or pesto, and red velvet cake with vanilla icing and fresh strawberry wedge. Sounds good, doesn't it? Music will be provided by *the Blue Notes*. One of the evening highlights will be the drawings for the door prize and other nice raffle items secured by the hard work of **Lou and Vi Kosarek**. And you'll enjoy the festive decorations created by chairman **Don Sass, his wife Liz, Bill and Dawn Thompson**, and others. Get your tickets at \$25 each from **Don** at 767-2780, **Lou Kosarek** at 525-4741, Or **Newton White** at 622-0191.



**Grand Knight's Report**

The Christmas holiday season is upon us, and the annual Fourth Degree-sponsored Christmas Dinner/Dance is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 11. All knights are welcome, so don't think it is reserved for the Fourth Degree Assembly.

This past month we had another candidate who completed his First Degree to become a knight. **Roberto Hazera** completed his First Degree in Jacksonville on November 17. Roberto and his wife have two school-age children, a boy and a girl. Roberta is originally from Panama, and most of his family lives in Panama City. Please join me in welcoming him to our council. We now have nine of the twelve new members and two of the four insurance members required to renew the Star Council Award which we achieved this year.

I think it would be good for our new members to know about council members who are contributing to local volunteer organizations but who are not often seen at council meetings. **Charles Smith**, a Fourth Degree knight, is a past Faithful Navigator of the Assembly and also was a member of the last active First Degree team from our council. Charles is very active in local volunteer organizations and is currently chairman of the Board of the Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute, which conducts the Hot Springs Film Festival each year. Charles also was a driving force in renovating the Freedman's Cemetery located on Hollywood. This cemetery was first used in the 1920's as a burial ground for local black families.

Another council member well-known in Hot Springs is **Dick Antoine**, who has a morning radio talk show on 1340 AM. Dick was council Lecturer in the past. He is the father-in-law of council Treasurer, **Zack Nehus**. Dick plays a lead role in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Furthermore, he serves as master of ceremonies at numerous charitable events, in particular the Search for a Cure for Cancer Fund events often held at Oaklawn Park. In the recent past, Dick was honored by the *Sentinel-Record*, determined by a community response, as Hot Springs Man of the Year.

Last, we have a fund-raising event in progress with our "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets. **Ray Kukuk** is chairman of this effort. Knights were selling these magnets after St. John's masses on the last Sunday of November. If you missed that opportunity to acquire one of the magnets, you may call Ray at 760-7983. The cost is a nominal \$5.00. If you already have a magnet, how about another as a Christmas gift? They will make an excellent stocking stuffer. Better yet, they'll be a great pre-Christmas gift for use this season.

Don't forget our December council meeting, scheduled for Thursday evening, 7:30, December 9./**Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight**.

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### Rummage Sale results, continued

As Charity Committee member **Stan DeGruccio** commented: "We've set the bar very high for our future sales." I am also happy to report that our donations have not let up since the fall sale. We have already collected a lot of new merchandise, including a beautiful dining room set and white wicker bedroom furniture (king-size headboard)./Jim Lockwood.

### Fourth Degree—Footnotes

As we approach the Christmas season, I pray that we all celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving. Advent is now upon us, and soon, we will celebrate the Birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we navigate the holidays, I am reminded how this season highlights all we hold precious as Knights of Columbus. Our founding principles are embodied within the celebrations of the season.

**Charity**—"Tis the Season!" Christmas eventually turns the thoughts of all Christians to those less fortunate than themselves. Remember that the Greatest of All took the form of the least of us, and His birth is truly celebrated through a giving heart. The smallest of comfort, given freely, without regard to relationship or recompense, is the essence of Charity.

**Unity**—"Home for the Holidays!" The holiday season is a time of gathering. Almost nothing can compare to the feeling of contentment provided by children returning home for the holidays. While we are busily renewing family ties, let us take a moment to rededicate ourselves to our Faith. We are the Body of Christ, and all of us are unified within Him.

**Fraternity**—"We Gather Together!" We are all brothers within the Knights of Columbus. We, as Knights, all share a bond of Brotherhood. During this time of the renewal of God's promise to send a Savior, let each of us renew our commitment to each other. Each of us has an important role to fill.

**Patriotism**—"American Exceptionalism!" We are not only Knights of Columbus; we are also citizens of the Greatest Republic ever established upon this planet. During this Christmas Season let us not forget to give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he has bestowed upon us as a nation. Let us pray that He persists in blessing us. Let us pray that he persists in blessing us and that He continues to hold our country safely within the palm of His hand.

Please allow me to be among the first to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas season and a happy, prosperous New Year./Bill Wavering, Faithful Navigator 1892

**P.S.:** Don't forget the Christmas Dinner/Dance at the KC Hall on December 11! I hope to see you there.

### Ladies Conduct Christmas Bazaar for Council

Again, our ladies have shown their dedication to our council. Their willingness, their creativity, and their endurance were on display again at the K. C. Hall on Sunday afternoon, November 28. **Dawn Thompson and Liz Sass, the original brains behind this operation, were joined by Sue Wood, Carol Andrews, Gwen DeGruccio, and Sandy Kortzenber.** These ladies, assisted by husbands **Bill, Don, Dennis, and Jack** conducted a Pampered Chef Christmas party at the K. C. Hall the Sunday after Thanksgiving—all for the benefit of Council 6419. Orders were taken for cookware and other kitchen items. In preparation, they beautifully decorated the Hall and also prepared a lavish array of holiday refreshments. But that's not ALL they did. They moved the holiday decorations left over from our October rummage sale and sold a LOT of them to the guests. Altogether, they cleared \$450 from Pampered Chef sales and an additional **continued, bottom next column**



### A Christmas Message from Our Chaplain

The feast of Christmas is a special feast for us. It is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who came into the world for our sake. He was born in utter poverty, yet in obedience to God so that he might establish God's kingdom on earth. Realistically speaking, can we see something more defenseless than a little baby? He or she is totally dependent on others for every need and is completely vulnerable. God chooses to come to us as a helpless infant born in the humblest of circumstances. But why did God do such a thing? He did it because he loves us, and he wants to share himself with us. He does not want merely to exist alongside us but rather to be a part of everything that we are. Hence on Christmas Day God became one of us, to love each one of us intimately, passionately and without limit.

Christmas is a feast of joy, love and peace. It is a joy to celebrate the greatest moment in history. On this day we greet each other with festal wishes, exchange cards and sweets. We share with each other this happy moment in which even enemies call a day of truce. It was a gift of love when God showed his love for us by sending his own beloved son, who will continue to live with us forever. This is the ultimate form of God's love. Christmas is day of peace, and this is what was proclaimed by the angels at the birth of Jesus: peace to those of good will. Jesus the God of peace will give his peace for us, and this peace will last forever.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, and we share it too since we are reborn as the children of God through Jesus on this day. St. John in his gospel tells us that to all those who received him and believed in his name he gave the power to be the children of God. This is the news of great joy that a great light has appeared and a child is born to us, a son is given to us so that we may become the children of God. He will uphold justice and righteousness forever. This light has come into the lives of people; the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Hence the Angels could joyfully announce to all, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to those of good will." St. Paul tells us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. He, Jesus, gave himself for us that that he might redeem us from all iniquity and might purify us to make us the real people of God.

What is the spirit of Christmas for us? It is to make room for all who are sad, empty in their lives. It was said that there was a short Christmas play performed by fourth grade students. There was a boy in the play who was bigger, yet kind at heart and who wanted to be a shepherd and carry the sheep on his shoulder, but the teacher made him inn keeper to drive out Mary and Joseph. As the play went on, when Joseph pleaded for a room, the innkeeper loudly told them that there was no room and that he and Mary must leave. Then Mary started crying, and the innkeeper said softly, "Look, there is no room here in the inn, but you can take my room and have all the privacy you need." True, the play went off the track, but the revision showed the spirit of Christmas with the message that there is room for everyone if we choose to give it. The poor, lame blind lepers and all will find a room in the babe of Bethlehem. The presence of Jesus gives room for everyone. This is because Mary wrapped him in swaddling cloth and laid him in the manger so that room is found for all./Fr. Raja, Chaplain

### Pampered Chef Christmas Party, continued

\$200-plus from Christmas decoration sales. Fantastic! Be assured, ladies and men, that the council is forever grateful for your on-going dedication to the council. You're all indispensable to us. Thanks you for all that you do.

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### December Birthdays

1 Bradley McClintock

1 Grant Shiver

3 Fr. John Burkus

6 Dick Antoine

7 Robert Ward

13 Michael Schnauzer, Sr.

15 Charles Failla


26 Jim DeGeorge

**Pray for our Sick**  
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **John Davis, Paul Ruckstuhl, Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Penny Monetti (Ed Soris' daughter), Dick Smith, Jolene Sharkey, Louis Turala, Vi Kosarek, Pat Logan, Jim Maguire, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka**

**From Our Insurance Field Agent**  
**Remember—Keep Christ in Christmas**  
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 of your death? **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 one's own mortality, but the fact is that nobody lives forever. The best gift of all for your family is doing something about it. When you buy a Knights of Columbus insurance policy or annuity, you are not only preparing for your retirement and for your family in the event of your death but you're also giving to charity. This last year \$151 million dollars was given by Knights of Columbus to those who are less fortunate. Believe in the LORD. He will surely reward us for our charity to others. Help those less fortunate and at the same time help your family. Where else but **Knights of Columbus Insurance and Annuities!** God bless all! Have a Blessed Christmas Season!!  
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**December Calendar**  
9 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.  
9 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
11 Christmas Dinner and Dance, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m. till ?



**The Parrot**  
  
A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word from his mouth was rude and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music, and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up, and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot, and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird, and put him into the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?" 