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Spring Rummage and Furniture Sale Update

The spring Rummage and Furniture Sale is set for April 8-9 and 15-16. With Holy Week beginning April 18 and Easter Sunday on April 24, our sale dates will avoid conflict with this most important week of the Church year. With somewhat earlier dates than ordinary, we will pray not only for dry weather but also for reasonably warm temperatures.

Donations have been fairly brisk ever since our October sale. Most have been of good, even great, quality. One of the most beautiful pieces we've ever received is an approximate 6-foot long mahogany bar with a marble top. It's in pristine condition. On the back side are several drawers and ample space for storing wine glasses. The Internet shows a wide range of prices for home bars, some costing several thousand dollars. We believe that, conservatively, this bar should bring \$750. If anyone would like to see it for possible purchase, call Jim at 525-7022. We are of course grateful for this and all donations. The success of every sale is entirely dependent on the generosity of others. Let's all make an effort to keep donations coming in during the next two months.



On another matter related to the coming sale, **Joe Giampoletti** recently donated a small, compact refrigerator which he placed in *Reiter Hall*, near the front entrance. Joe calls it a "beer froster." It has disappeared. Does anyone know the whereabouts of this refrigerator?

Vocations Celebration Set for February 12

A repeat of the fabulous Vocations Dinner of last February will take place at Giampoletti Hall on Saturday evening, February 12. Once again, tickets sell for \$25 each. Featuring a Valentine motif, the evening will be a celebration of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. **Steve Barron**, with much assistance from his wife **Vali**, is chairing this special event. A social hour will begin at 6 o'clock with a formal dinner following at 7. As of this writing, the menu is undetermined. Dinner, under the leadership of St. John's **Youth Director Donna Rivard**, will be served by Catholic Youth Ministries, who served so beautifully at this same occasion last year and again at the Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner and Dance.

Bishop Anthony Taylor will speak. Members of the Diocesan Vocations Committee are also invited, including Vocations Director **Msgr. Scott Friend** and our former pastor **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier**.

Vali Talbot Barron will lead the St. John's middle school grades in a drama and music presentation.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go toward support of seminarians with our diocese. **Secure your tickets from Steve (318-4193).**

Grand Knight's Report



February is upon us and we have another busy month ahead. Our second annual Vocations celebration will be held February 12 with **Bishop Taylor** in attendance [see article, opposite column.] **The January 12 date on the council website is of course incorrect.** Please help sell and buy tickets as a way of helping the Diocesan Seminarian Fund.

Our February 10 council meeting, with prospective members included, will feature another dinner. This occasion will provide an opportunity for these prospects to meet us and for us to meet them. Of course we hope that this outreach will enable the council to increase significantly its membership. Fraternity is about inviting other Catholic men in good standing with the Church to enjoy the fellowship and similar attitudes we offer. Please think about whom you can ask to join us.

A Second and Third Degree Exemplification was held at Giampoletti Hall last Sunday, January 30. As of this writing in advance of the Exemplification, it appears that, including candidates from other councils, at least 40 men will be present to gain complete membership in the Order. Following the Exemplification, candidates and others present enjoyed a dinner of pork loin with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread, and chocolate cake prepared by master chef **Joe Giampoletti**.

First Degree Exemplifications occur frequently in the basement of Sacred Heart Church in the Village.. Regular third Wednesday exemplifications are conducted in Jacksonville at 6:30 p.m.

District Deputy Ed Miller will conduct a district leadership meeting on February 19 at St. John's School gymnasium following the District Free-Throw Contest [Described on p. 2.] Council members are asked to attend.

Last, the trust department at a Hot Springs Village bank has informed me that we will be the future beneficiary of \$3,000 from the estate of one of our long-time supporters./**Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight**



Special Kroger Card a Means to Help St. John's School

Following a spaghetti dinner prepared by **Joe Giampoletti, Principal Elizabeth Shackelford** of St. John's School spoke to council members and their wives on the state of the school—its academic and religion program, the concentrated effort to boost declining enrollment, its funding program, and costs, including scholarships. Mrs. Shackelford, accompanied by **Sisters Nolene Banks and Cheryl Quave** and **St. John's Director of Advancement Marianne Layne**, came at the request of Grand Knight **Dennis Bosch**. The council has supported the school in the past, both with donations of

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Kroger Card for St. John's School, continued

money and council members' time and expertise in answering specific requests. Last fall, for example, the council donated to the school \$6400 raised from a golf tourney. More recently, **Joe Giompoletti** led a crew of volunteers in constructing and painting several book shelves for use in St. John's classrooms. Helping Joe were **Jim Reiter, Leonard Didier, Bill Thompson, Don Sass, Julian Post, Raymond Mace, Tony Hoenig, and Raymond Mace.**

Our council is eager to assist St. John's School in other ways. Grand Knight Bosch urged council members to join other parishioners in contributing to the annual St. John's solicitation of donations to offset the ever-growing cost of operating the school. In addition, those present learned of a Kroger card that with widespread participation can result in significant funds for the school. It all begins with purchase of a \$5 card from **Sr. Nolene** (624-3167, school), from **Vicki Stanley** (321-5558) or at our February and March council meetings. Then when you next buy groceries at Kroger, take the card to the service desk and request that a specific sum for store purchases be added to the card. Whatever is unused, of course, may be used for later purchases. Five percent of each purchase will go to support the school. Add additional sums to the card as needed. If you are accustomed to receiving ten cents a gallon (or fifteen cents with use of the Kroger Plus card) with each accumulation of purchases of \$100, you may continue to receive those reductions and help the school at the same time. **It costs you nothing extra, so please get involved.** The \$5 used to purchase the Kroger card will be added back to the card. Consider this: If someone with an average monthly purchase of \$400 for groceries and another \$100 for gas could have an annual payment of \$300 to St. John's School from Kroger. Consider further: If 50 council members, with the above figures, followed this process, our council could be responsible for a \$15,000 donation to the school. Can we turn our backs on this possibility? Please buy a Kroger card and join those of us who are already involved.



Footnotes—Fourth Degree

First of all, I sincerely thank everyone who took time to join other Assembly members at K. J.'s Grill on the evening of January 20. The gathering was smaller than ordinary but, considering the bad weather, not bad. K. J.'s seems to have become a favorite place for us.

After expenses, the Christmas Dinner/Dance netted \$922. According to our Faithful Purse our available checkbook balance is \$3,331.04. Our CD balance is \$2,339.34. Total of both accounts is \$5,670.38 For those who haven't yet, I urge you to get your \$20 Assembly dues posted.

Our regular February meeting will be at Giompoletti Hall on February 17. Happy hour is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Joe will be cooking. Knowing how much he enjoys good food, I'm confident the dinner will be special. Please be present as we will have much to discuss during the meeting.

Our next pancake breakfast is set for March 21 following morning masses at St. John's Parish Hall. Of course we will need volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up.

Our next social meeting will be March 17. We will discuss options for dinner for this meeting on February 17. Hope to see you all at the meeting. **Vivat Jesus./Bill Wavering, Faithful Navigator**

Father Burkus Receives Bathroom Carpeting

Thanks to **Joe Giompoletti** for solving **Fr. Burkus'** slippery bathroom floor problem. Joe cut to size and put in place a piece of carpeting for the bathroom floor.

Fr. Raja Vacations in India

Fr. Raja, our chaplain, is vacationing in India, his native country. With his absence, his monthly article will not appear this month. It will return in March ***Knight Shift***.

Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition

Five boys and girls from Hot Springs, ages 10-14, were named local champions of the 2011 Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship, earning the right to compete at the district level. Hot Springs Council 6419 sponsored local competition on Saturday, January 22 at St. John's gymnasium. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 were eligible and participation was free.

Chance Siebert won the 10-year-old boys' division, and **Ashton Patrick** the 10-year-old girls' division. In the 11-year-old bracket **Jy'von McElroy** was the boys' champion, while the 12-year-old winner in boys' division was **Derek Bledsoe**. **Meredith Hayes** won the 13-year-old girls' division.

With an eye toward moving on to the state competition, each of these winners will compete in district competition at 2 p.m. on February 19 in St. John's gymnasium. Good luck to all.

Council Youth Director Mark Layton wishes to thank all who participated and those knights who came to help with the competition: **Dick Antoine, Dick Smith, Tony Hoenig, Zack Nehus, Doug Shackelford, Gil Gibbons, and Tom Gilleran.** Thanks also to St. John School's principal **Elizabeth Shackelford** for opening the gym and for providing refreshments.

On a different note, relative to another Knights of Columbus work of charity, Mark wishes also to thank **Paul Ruckstuhl, Leonard Buckholtz, Ray Mace, Zack Nehus, Doug Hall, Dennis Bosch, and Leonard Didier** for helping to cut, split, and stack firewood for a needy disabled couple just before the Christmas holidays. Good work, men!



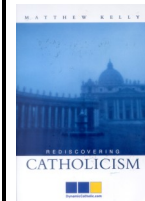
Hans Needs More Golfers!

Hans Purkott, the organizer of the May 21 Golf Championship, whose proceeds will go the support of seminarians with the Diocese of Little Rock, announces that thus far he has only four golfers committed. He needs at least 12. So, to you golfers, please involve yourself in this worthy project.

In the meantime, Hans wants participants to go out to Belvedere Golf Club on February 26 for the first of possibly several practice sessions. Tee-time will be at noon. Green fee is \$20, including the cart. Come join us. **[The trophy pictured above will be presented at the championship on May 21.]**

Recommended: Rediscovering Catholicism

Matthew Kelly, Catholic activist and author, has written a wonderful, easy to read, book called **Rediscovering Catholicism**. Like many of us Catholics, Kelly is concerned about the number of Catholics, particularly young Catholics, who have drifted and are drifting from the Church. He's also concerned that 75 percent of Catholics do not attend Sunday mass. Wanting to reverse this trend, he has written a strong appeal to Catholics, especially fallen away Catholics, discussing the beauty and truth of the Church. Please check out his website <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/> and find out about Kelly's mission, which he wants to become OUR mission as well. By clicking on "Featured Offer" (in green), you can learn that **continued, bottom of p. 3**



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- 5 Kevin Coakley
- 6 Robert Long
- 9 Edward Daven
- 9 Joe Palmere
- 12 Joe Magnini
- 12 Tony Torres
- 13 Robert Hazera
- 15 Steve Dunn
- 15 Tony Pollock
- 16 Ronald King
- 16 Paul Sturman
- 19 Tony Hoenig
- 20 Charles Smith
- 22 Bob Fiedler
- 25 James Rosamond

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Matthew Kelly, continued
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Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Bob Fiedler, Larry Nieman, Ryan Nieman (Larry and Diane's grandson), Morgan Anderson (Raymond Mace's niece), John Davis, Paul Ruckstuhl, Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Jolene Sharkey, Pat Logan, Jim Maguire, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka**

February Calendar

- 10 Council Dinner Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m. [see Grand Knight's article]
- 12 Vocations Celebration, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m. (see article, pp. 1-2)
- 17 Fourth Degree Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner
- 19 District Free-Throw Competition, St. John's Gym, 2 p.m.
- 19 District Leadership Meeting, St. John's Gym, following Free-Throw competition. See Grand Knight's article

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In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.
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