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All Systems Go! Rummage Sale Blasts off October 14, Eight O'clock Sharp

Council 6419 will launch its fall Charity Rummage Sale Friday morning, October 14, continuing Saturday, the 15th, concluding Friday and Saturday, October 21-22. There's still much preparation to be done, including pricing. Volunteers will be working throughout the first week of the sale. Several workers have recently been working at least twice a week. We perhaps have the largest inventory of merchandise ever with *Reiter* and *Spirit Hall* brimming and *Giompletti Hall* rapidly filling up. We will sell from the three buildings.

A special thanks to the ladies for their on-going work in *Spirit Hall*, cleaning, organizing, and pricing. Those regular workers have been **Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Sue Wood, Carol Andrews, Mildred Giompoletti, Gwen DeGruccio, and Martha Lockwood**. Monday through Thursday of next week will be devoted to finishing the organization and pricing. More volunteer help is encouraged. And thanks to **Carol Andrews** who spearheaded a fantastic drive toward advertising our sale, by far the best advertising we've ever had. She gives much credit to **Linda White** for collecting most of the money donations to pay for advertising—a total just shy of \$1000. Also collecting were **Rose Hoenig, Evelyn Enderlin, Chris Bosch, Marty Schnobel, and Carol**. In addition, others have helped distribute 220 flyers around town: **Carole Cook, Rose Hoenig, Evelyn Enderlin, Barbara Gilleran, Jackie Smith, and Carol**. **Barbara, Carol and Marty** stuffed flyers in Sunday bulletins of three churches. Five local radio stations will be advertising for us, as well as for the first time *Arkansas Catholic* (October 8 and 15). We will have larger ads in the *Sentinel-Record*. In addition, look for an article and picture in this Sunday's *Sentinel-Record* in the editorial section. Carol already has other ideas for our April 2012 sale.

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without our ladies???

Huge thanks to **Bob Kortner, Stan DeGruccio, Tom Gilleran, Dick Smith, and Bill Thompson**, who spent the biggest part of a day organizing furniture and other sale items in *Reiter Hall*. Blessed with overflow merchandise, the men moved a lot of items, including upholstered chairs, to *Giompoletti Hall* from where we hope to sell them. Thanks to these same men plus **Leonard Buchholz, Don Sass, Julian Post, and Harold Hager**, who have been regulars in traveling about Hot Springs and the outlying area to collect our donated merchandise. Of the many collections, one especially notable donations involved a trip with the council trailer and two or three trucks to Malvern to load up a whole house full of good furniture, a John Deer riding mower, a really nice 5x7 foot trailer, a 60-inch television, relatively new, with a complete surround sound system, and the promise of another load of smaller household items (kitchenware, etc) soon. The donor is a knight

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Grand Knight's Report



The month of October, as most of you know, is the busiest month of our fraternal year. Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive today and tomorrow (October 7 and 8) with chairman **Randy Schnobelen** organizing council members and their families as they collect donations in front of Kroger near the Mall, Kroger on Airport Road, Wal-Mart on Albert Pike, and Sam's.

The biggest event in October is the Charity Rummage and Furniture Sale scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 14-15 and 21-22. As usual we have collected a large volume of furniture and smaller items, filling not only *Spirit and Reiter Halls* but a large part of *Giompoletti Hall* as well. Needless to say, this volume encourages us to anticipate another great sale, perhaps another record sale. Advertising this year has been increased significantly over past years. Pray for good weather.

As most of you recall from last month's *Knight Shift*, our newsletter editor **Jim Lockwood, Joe Dierks, and I** along with our wives **Chris, Martha, and Jayne** met in Florence, Italy, and then a week later, traveled together to Rome for another week. The highlight of our trip was a general papal audience. The Pope's comments and prayers in at least six languages were inspirational. The pope, on his pope mobile, passed within 7 feet of us. Also moving was our tour beneath St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter's tomb is located along with tombs of other popes.

Another interesting event occurred several miles outside Florence, where we spent a week in a villa. Adjacent to the villa is the village of Loppiano, largely made up of members of a Catholic movement dedicated to our Lady. This movement called "Focolara" has about 700 members in that location who study and work together to further their goal of unity with Mary and our Lord. They focus primarily on the most important commandment of loving one another. Read about them on their website www.Focolara.org.

What I found interesting about the "Focolara" movement is the commonality they have with Knights of Columbus in focusing on unity with other members of the Focolara movement, other Christians, the Church, and all other religions. The second principle of our order is unity. So, brother knights, are we in unity with those same people as the second principle so clearly defines?

Finally, I am announcing a month early that we will once again honor our dead with a living rosary on November 3, the day following All Souls Day. The Living Rosary will begin at 6:30, with a potluck dinner to follow. **George Schwass** will arrange for the meat. We ask others to bring a dish to share. We hope to have **Fr. West** as a speaker./**Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight**

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Rummage Sale, continued

(though not a member of our council) who has decided to move back to Pittsburgh. He has given away practically all of his household possessions for our sale AND his house to the Diocese of Little Rock! His explanation was that God has been good to him, and that the Bible teaches us to give back to others, knowing that other blessings will follow. We are grateful for such generosity to our charitable endeavor. Other collections are scheduled for this week, including a trailer load of merchandise from council member **Francis Klein**, who has given generously to us in the past.

Once again, we'll need volunteers next week, especially on Friday and Saturday, the sale days. We also hope to have the food preparations for lunches during the two weeks. Please call me (or Martha for food donations) at 525-7022./**Jim Lockwood/Charity Rummage Sale Chairman**



Drive for People with Disabilities Underway

The annual Drive for People with Disabilities, commonly called the Tootsie Roll Drive, began today at 9 a.m., with collections in front of Wal-Mart on Albert Pike, Kroger by the Mall, Kroger on Airport Road, and Sam's. As of this writing, the Drive needs more volunteer help. In the absence of the usual site captains, Chairman **Randy Schnoebelen** is doing the job of all the captains. Come forth. Call Randy to help out where he needs you. The Friday line-up hopefully is in place, but you may be able to help in a Saturday time-slot. Call Randy at 501-204-9486. Help is definitely needed in setting up at each location, making sure especially that Tootsie Rolls, aprons, and collection cans are ready for those collecting. Randy will periodically collect the money at the various locations, but he will definitely NOT be able to get the equipment and Tootsie Rolls to each of the four sites by 9 a.m. Help him out!

An appreciation pizza supper will be served to workers at 6 p.m. today (Friday) in St. John's Parish Hall.

As in the past, 85 percent of the collections beyond expenses will go locally to First Step School for the handicapped. The remaining 15 percent will go to Special Olympics, the special charity of Arkansas Knights of Columbus.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly with wives and guests enjoyed a pleasant social with great food at Olive Garden in the evening of September 15. Twenty-three were present. The next gathering of the Assembly will be a business meeting in *Giampoletti Hall* at 6:30 on October 20. **Joe Kanopsic** will prepare a dinner for the occasion. With the Christmas Dinner/Dance on the horizon, it will be an item of business for the evening.

The Assembly sponsored a pancake breakfast on September 11 in St. John's Parish Hall. Breakfasts of eggs, sausage, and pancakes were served following each of the morning Masses. The event brought in a profit of \$675, \$500 of which will go toward the support of one of the Diocesan seminarians. The remaining money goes to finish a debt connected to the hard surfacing of the parking lot in front of *Giampoletti and Spirit Halls*./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

New Initiatives for Knights of Columbus Supreme Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in his annual report at the national convention announced four new initiatives: (1) a Knights of Columbus Disaster Response Program of second responders who will help those affected by disasters, (2) Out-

From Father West

I have recently returned from a third mission journey to the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Vladivostok, Russia. Surprisingly, the rebirth of that parish actually began with the curiosity of a Community Party official stationed on board a ship of the Soviet Pacific fleet, headquartered at Vladivostok. Week after week, this official, Andrei, was obliged to call together his shipmates in order to preach to them the "glories" of Communism and the utter failure of everything else. Toward that end, Andrea had received from the Soviet government a document that he was to use in ridiculing religion in favor of atheism. Here we see, though, the steady and mysterious hand of God in bringing about His holy will.

Andrei's document listed various Christian groups, along with their founders and dates of founding. "Lutheran Church, founded by Martin Luther in the 16th century," and so on. Looking down this list, Andrei came across one line in particular which caught his eye. "Roman Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ in the year 33," it read. "That's the only one I'm interested in," thought Andrei, "since that one was actually started by the same person all the rest of them are worshiping as God."

Clandestinely, Andrei began a diligent search for every bit of information he could find on our Church, and in the midst of his research, the Communist government fell. With his newfound freedom, he placed an ad in a local paper. "If there are any Catholics still alive in Vladivostok, I want to meet you," the ad said. At the appointed time and place, eight elderly people arrived, all that survived of a parish of 15,000 persons at the time of the Russian Revolution. Two American priests soon arrived to serve the tiny community, and they remain there to this day, one of the most fascinating mission fields of the Catholic world.

So the next time you wonder if God is really at work in this world or in your life, remember the moment when a godless Communist government official actually became God's instrument, placing in Andrei's hands a document which would lead to the rebirth of the Catholic Faith in the Russian Far East.

You can find the full story at www.vladmission.org/. **James West, Pastor, The Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist.**



Council 6419 Hosts First Degree Exemplification

On Wednesday, September 28, a First Degree Exemplification brought 12 candidates to First Degree membership in our Order. The 12 came from Benton Council 9396, Hot Springs Village Council 10208, and our local council 6419. Three of the new members, shown from left to right in above picture, are with our council. They are **Vincente Gonzalez, Mark Weber, and Aurelio Ayala**. Welcome to our newest members. The council expresses appreciation to the Village council for providing the Degree Team for this Exemplification.

Knights of Columbus Initiatives, continued

reach to the Children of Africa, where so many are affected by AIDS, (3) a KC Military Chaplain Scholarship for seminarians who enter the military service, and (4) an initiative to keep alive the message and legacy of Blessed John Paul II. Knights of Columbus will purchase the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington D.C. where will be established a shrine and museum.

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October Birthdays

- 1 Steve Libby
- 1 Jim Maguire
- 1 Randy Schnoebelen
- 3 Buddy Gloor
- 3 Mark Layton
- 3 Robert Shamburger
- 7 Dennis Wood
- 8 Charles Cook
- 10 George Callahan
- 10 Curtis Casey
- 12 Tom Baroni
- 13 Frank Buckholtz
- 13 Ray Kukuk
- 18 Herb Koudelka
- 18 Larry Martin
- 19 Jim Witovec
- 21 Bruce Crane
- 26 Ronald Priest
- 29 Bob Kortenber
- 29 Salvador Osegueras
- 31 David Meyers

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Msgr. Gaston Hebert, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Fr. John Burkus, Fr. Bill Thomas, Barbara Gilleran, Dorothy Rowley, Bob Fiedler, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rose Mary Pultz, Ruth Heithaus (Kansas. Husband Kenn a former council member), Rick Sands, Morgan Anderson (Raymond Mace's niece), Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, Ed McManus, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, Karen Gibbons, and Rosemary Pultz.**

October Calendar

- 7-8 Drive for People with Disabilities 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see article, p. 2)
- 13 Officers Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6 p.m.
- 13 Council Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 7:30 p.m.
- 14-16 Charity Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 21-22
- 20 Fourth Degree Assembly, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6:30 (See Grand Knight's article, p. 1)



Happy Halloween!



From Our Insurance Agent "One Quarter Left in the Year"

Can you believe we are coming to the end of 2011? Have you met all of your goals of preparing for your retirement and do you have enough insurance to cover your family's needs in the event of your disability or death? It's easy to say next year when things get better, especially in the present economic climate. You know as well as I do that another year goes by and things remain the same. Let's face it! No one wants to think about his 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 an insurance policy or an annuity, you are not only preparing for your retirement and your family in the event of your death, but you are also helping charitable causes. Last year, Knights of Columbus gave \$154 million to those who are less fortunate. Believe in the LORD. In *Matthew 10:40*, Jesus tells us. "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he certainly will not lose his reward." And *Proverbs 19:17* tells us, "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." Where can you both give to charity and take care of your family. Where else but Knights of Columbus! God bless all!

A Brother Knight helping you protect you and your loved ones!

Fraternally yours,

Randy Schnoebelen, Field Agent

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