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Rummage Sale Enjoys Fourth Consecutive Record

We realize that at some point we will reach a saturation point with how much money we can bring in at our charity rummage sales. Each time we hope that the present sale will not be that limit. The council is happy to report that the sale that ended a couple of weeks ago was definitely not that sale. We had our fourth consecutive record sale, the gross sales totaling **\$18, 845.77** with a couple more potential sales. Our October sale grossed \$17,318.70 while the two previous sales (April 2010 and October 2009) grossed \$15,842.26 and \$15,386.69 respectively. We've come a long way since the advent of Reiter and Spirit Halls. Can we break \$19,000 in October. Let's go for it.

The rummage sale Charity Committee—with **Jim Reiter (chairman), Dennis Bosch, Stan DeGruccio, Tom Gilleran, Dick Smith, and Jim Lockwood**—met the Tuesday following the close of the sale to allocate funds between now and the October sale. The men raised its twice-a-year contribution to St. Vincent de Paul Society from \$500 to \$1000. The \$500 monthly allocation to Jackson House remains the same as do the \$400 monthly contributions to Charitable Christian Medical Clinic and Project Hope, the local food bank. Its monthly contribution to Housing Authority residents for diapers and personal items (toothpaste, soap, etc.) will range from \$400 to \$500. In addition, the committee agreed to purchase 7 new 12,000 BTU air conditioners for the High Rise Building, where low-income seniors reside. From each sale the Committee sets aside \$3000 for council operating expenses. The group has allowed a cushion of approximately \$3500 for emergency items.

Our successful sales are dependent on three important factors: an abundance of quality donations, men and trucks (or our trailer) to drive about the county collecting the donations, and, always, a good number of men and women to arrange and price the items, and

of course to work the sale itself. We've been blessed with all of those. Special tribute goes to the men and their trucks (that operate on a high-priced fuel!). Those who do the bulk of the collecting on a regular basis are **Stan DeGruccio, Tom Gilleran, Lennie Buckholz, Dick Smith, Dennis Bosch, Julian Post, Bill Thompson, Harold Hager, and Jim Lockwood**. During a six-month period many miles roll over and lots of gasoline is burned. These same men work the sale; but long before the sale begins, faithful ladies are busy attractively arranging and even creating. The ladies are **Dawn Thompson, Liz Sass, Gwen DeGruccio, Sue Wood, Mildred Giampoletti, Carol Andrews, Jackie Smith, and Martha Lockwood**. Husbands and council members **Joe Giampoletti, Don Sass, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, and Gil Gibbons** join in.. Other ladies contributing in a big way are **Barbara Reiter, Barbara Gilleran, Chris Bosch, Karen Gibbons, Beverly Priest, and Audrey McDonald**. Welcomed new helpers were **John Andrews and Arlene Kinnard**. **Sandy Kortner**, another important

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Grand Knight's Report



April was, as always, a busy month. We had our bi-annual rummage and furniture sale, a council-sponsored pancake breakfast, and our first Lenten fish fry. We completed the month with our Arkansas State Convention in Fort Smith from Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1. The rummage sale was our best ever as we exceeded October's \$17,000 gross sales. Our gross intake was slightly less than \$19,000. (See the complete results in adjoining column.)

This month we will elect a new slate of officers for the fraternal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of next year. Council members who have agreed to run for office are as follows:

Grand Knight	Dennis Bosch
Deputy Grand Knight	Newton White
Treasurer	Zack Nehus
Recorder	Charles Cook
Advocate	John Ledbetter
Warden	Hans Purkott
Inside Guard	Tom Gilleran
Outside Guard	Bill Thompson
Trustees	Rick Sands
	Randy Schnoebelen
	Robert Kness

Joe Dierks, appointed by the Supreme Council, will continue as our Financial Secretary. We are fortunate indeed to have his continued service. Unfortunately, due to **Fr. Raja's** coming re-assignment, we will soon need a new Chaplain.

Our Living Rosary, an annual May event, will be May 26, the fourth Thursday. The rosary will be followed by a potluck dinner, with the Council providing the meat. We will need side dishes from each council family attending. **John Andrews** has agreed to purchase the meat but could use some help. Please call him if you can help (318-3683).

I have had several calls from knights who have had other parishioners offer an item or two for our rummage sale. These members requested that we contact those people and pick up the item(s). Gentlemen, please do your part by putting the item(s) in your car to bring to the next meeting. Don't add to the process by passing the request on to someone else rather than handling it yourself. If the items are large enough to require a truck, then that can be arranged.

Please be aware of some changes on the council website. Any officer who has an e-mail address now has that address located as part of the officer title. If you want to e-mail that person, please click on the title. An e-mail with the proper address will pop up for you to complete.

Last, I have cancelled my home phone, which had become
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Grand Knight's article, continued

a major source of irritation with the majority of the calls being automated solicitations for donations to charities as well as other unsolicited services. Please call me on my mobile phone listed on the website./Dennis Bosch/Grand Knight.

Rummage Sale, continued

contributor to our sales, was sidelined this time as a result of her recent knee replacement. **Bob Kortenber** is a valuable contributor, helping especially to clean and organize furniture for the best display and then during the sale collecting the money. Manning the electronics were **Jim Reiter and Rick Sands**. **George Marshall, Lennie Didier, Jack Andrews Raymond Mace**, money manager **Zack Nehus, Frank Maxwell**, and new member **Tony Hoenig** completed the work crew. Thanks to all!

Finally, thanks to all those who regularly fed us. That number includes **Joe Giompoletti**, who did his outstanding barbecued pork sandwiches with the trimmings, as well as corned beer with mashed potatoes and gravy on another day, **Martha Lockwood, Mildred Giompoletti, Carol Andrews, Chris Bosch, Sue Wood, Fran Kasemeier, Sue Stephens, Liz Sass, Bev Priest, Lee Myer, the Morning Circle** from St. John's Church (**Melanie Wilson, Laura Mazzia, Jeanette Mace, Sandy Pajuodis, Dianne Nieman, Jim DeGeorge** (fabulous hamburgers, chips, cookies, and the perennial **Ed Soris** who returned once again with his homemade pizza—"the best this side of Chicago." Thanks, ladies and men.

Annual K. C. Picnic: Something New This Year

Our annual picnic, set for noon, **Sunday, May 22**, will have a different site this year. Instead of returning to ARC Isle, the council, led by **Chairman Dennis Wood**, will host the event in the upper parking lot of Joe Giompoletti Hall on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus property (unless bad weather chases us inside). Council chief chef **Joe Giompletti** will man the big grill to prepare hamburgers, bratswurst, and hot dogs. The council will provide meat, buns, condiments, etc. but request a side dish from each family present. **Tom Gilleran and others** will assist.

The change in location is an effort to increase attendance. In years past essentially the same people came to the picnics. We feel it is important to increase the numbers from both St. John's and St. Mary's for our efforts to be successful. We've even discussed the possibility of having mass at that location in an attempt to draw more parishioners. Maybe next year.

Following the picnic, bingo and children's activities will be offered for entertainment. Please plan to be present.



Footnotes—Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at Giompoletti Hall Thursday night, April 28 for its monthly meeting. Non-member **Larry Stanley**, husband of the inimitable **Vicki Stanley** of Instrument Supply prepared an excellent chili dinner for the 16 members present. Our next meeting, May 19, will be a social at K. J's Grill on Airport Road beyond the bridge. Please be present by 6:30 p.m.

Among items of business, **Joe Giompletti** presented to the Assembly a proposal to partially finance construction of a 10' x 10' screened structure between *Spirit* and *Reiter Halls* for the purpose of setting up a large grill to prepare barbecue, particularly for use during our rummage sales. As Joe pointed out, the cooking needs to be closer to the customers than the kitchen of Giompoletti Hall so that customers can SMELL the meat cooking!

Murder at the Last Chance Saloon—Coming Soon!



Business tycoon and council member **Hans Purkott** is bringing to Giompoletti Hall a macabre murder mystery which he wants YOU to witness as the grisly murder unfolds. Dress in your best western attire (if you choose) and join us in the town of Buzzard's Breath, Texas, for a production of *Murder at the Last Chance Saloon*. Enjoy the dancing Can-Can girls, get involved in a poker game, horseback riding, a shoot-out and—a MURDER! We will feast on a Texas-sized spread of barbecue provided by Chuck Wagon Joe (aka known as **Joe Giompoletti**).

Our council will finance the production, so Hans is hoping to pack the house. Get your ticket for \$40 by calling 623-8263 or 321-5558, mark your calendars for June 4 and show up for a great dinner and a suspenseful drama. We've never known Hans to fall short of his always-lofty goals. Let's help him get his wish, turning this undertaking into a financial boon for our council.

Lenten Fish Fry a Big Success!

Congratulations to Chairman **Mark Layton** for scoring such a big success with our first Lenten Fish Fry for St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. Served on Friday, May 22, the dinner included a good serving of catfish, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and fries. Mark was gratified to hear at least a couple of people say, "This is the best fish I've ever eaten." He of course had a good crew of workers to do the cooking, the serving and the cleaning up. He expresses his gratitude to all who helped. He has set a goal of at least two fish frys for next Lent. He reports that the event grossed \$1400 but doesn't know as yet what the profits will be after expenses. He estimates somewhere between \$500 and \$600. That will be a nice sum for the council. (Maybe, in addition to the Lenten fish frys for next year we could have at least one other fish dinner out of Lent—with BEER!)

From Our Chaplain

"Reasons to Honor Blessed Virgin Mary"

We have countless reasons to honor the Mother of our Lord, our Blessed Mother: The Archangel Gabriel honored Mary. St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist honored Mary. Of all the people ever created, Mary was chosen by God to bear His son. Thanks to Mary's fiat, the gates of Heaven were opened for us. Jesus gave us Mary as our spiritual mother. The Fourth commandment requires that we honor our mothers. Mary loves Jesus perfectly and also loves each of us perfectly. No Mary, no Jesus (although Jesus, as God, always existed). By honoring Mary, we imitate Jesus, who honors his Mother for eternity. From Mary came the Eucharistic Body and Blood. God chose Mary as His way to come to us. Mary helps defeat Satan. The early Church Fathers offered high praise for Mary. Mary was a part of the most significant event in Jesus' life. God entrusted His own Son to Mary. God has honored Mary above all creatures. Mary's consent was required to bring Jesus into the world. Her permission was *essential* to our redemption. Mary worked and suffered for our salvation, and it therefore would be ungrateful not to honor and revere her. Mary's consent made reparation to God for the disobedience of our first parents. Mary is a perfect example of obedience. Mary is sinless. Mary is full of grace. Mary is blessed among women. Mary is the mother of our Lord. Mary said all would call her blessed. Mary is the greatest of all saints. Mary is the Queen of heaven. Mary underwent intense sufferings on our behalf. Mary is our Mother by the Will of Christ. Mary is the greatest example of virtue in a creature. Surely someone worthy of being the Mother of Jesus—that is, God!—is worthy of our honor. Jesus' humanity was drawn from Mary. Without her we could not be Jesus' brothers and sisters./Fr. Raja



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May Birthdays

- 1 Zack Nehus
- 7 Cooper White
- 8 Jeremy Tedder
- 11 Steve Gallimore
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 14 Don Sluyter
- 16 Joe Volpert
- 16 James Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Ratzlaff
- 25 George Meggers

Sponsor Spaces Still Available

Please note there are 11 remaining sponsor spaces above. The \$10 annual cost helps offset the cost of *Knight Shift*. Send check either to Zack Nehus or to Joe Dierks.

Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Fr. John Burkus (in St. Joe's) Ruth Heithaus (Kansas. Husband Kenn a former council member), Rick Sands, Bob Fiedler, 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,**

May Calendar

- 12 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m. (after Officers Meeting)
- 19 Fourth Degree Assembly with wives; K. J.'s Grill, Hwy 70 West, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Council Picnics; Outside Giompoletti Hall, Noon (see article, p. 3)
- 16 Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner; Giompoletti Hall; 6 p.m.
- 30 Flag Raising, Memorial Day, May 30, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast Brings \$459

Chairman Randy Schnoebelen reports that the April 10 pancake Breakfast at St. John's Parish Hall served 140 parishioners, bringing in approximately \$495 and resulting in 80 volunteer hours from the cooking, cleaning, and sales staff. The leftovers were taken to Jackson House for distribution from there. Thanks to **Joe Giompoletti, Dick Smith, Don Sass, Doug Shackelford, Tom Gilleran, Stan DeGruccio, Wally Frazee, Newton White, Lou and Violet Kosarek, Paul Ruckstuhl, Lennie Didier, and Bill Thompson, who helped me./Randy Schnoebelen**



From Our Insurance Agent "Teach Your Children Well"

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you even thought possible: cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more. And that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much; and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you impart—respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.—run counter to the values of our instant-gratification-driven society. So we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show your children that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take seriously your responsibility to provide for your family and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eyes on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing in order to pay the premiums.

It will teach them your priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they ask as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

A Brother Knight helping you and your loved ones.
I'm at 501-204-9486.

Randy Schnoebelen, FICF