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### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

It's annual dues time! Council members should have already received Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks'** notice of the \$45 council dues, payable January 1. Income from dues assessment is crucial to the smooth-operation of our council. Aside from the expenses incurred by council activities, charitable gifts, etc., there are the ever-present, ever-costly items like utilities, building and grounds maintenance, and insurance that many councils, those meeting in parish-owned buildings, do not have.

Not only are the dues essential, they should be paid promptly, in part because of the enormous drain of Joe's time "beating the bushes"—and then beating them again...and AGAIN—to bring this money in. Multiple notices by way of the post office become a drain on council funds and time that should be totally unnecessary. Traditionally, there have been some dues still outstanding as late as April or May in spite of not only mailed notices but personal telephone calls as well.

So please pay the dues promptly. Try to be present for our January 12 council meeting and along with yourself bring either your checkbook or a pocketful of bills to rid yourself of this obligation for another year.

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**Important:** Many members each year submit an additional amount of their choice to go toward the support of a seminarian. This of course is completely voluntary, but members are strongly encouraged to contribute to this worthy cause. However, please designate how the money is to be used, either toward the seminarian fund or for an ad or sponsorship—or both. Remit to Joe Dierks at the address found at the top of the back page of this newsletter.

### Sponsorships and Ads

The New Year also marks the time to renew the sponsorships and ads on pages 3 and 4 of each *Knight Shift* publication. (There are three or four sponsors exempt from this charge until next year because they became sponsors near the end of 2011.) These funds are important toward paying the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter. The total amount does not cover the total annual cost, but it certainly helps in a big way. Please include with your \$45 payment a \$10 contribution for a sponsorship and/or \$25 to renew or begin a monthly ad.



### Both Council and Assembly Respond to Christmas Appeal

**Amy Rowe**, wife of council and assembly member **Robert Rowe**, appealed to Knights of Columbus to provide Christmas gifts to a little girl who's been through and continues to go through a very difficult extended illness. The appeal came through Deputy Grand Knight **Newton White**. Moved by the

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### Grand Knight's Report



December was a quiet month with no council meeting and few activities. The one big social event, of course, was the great Fourth Degree Dinner/Dance on December 9. (See separate article, p. 2). The only other events affecting our council were the December 10 Pancake Breakfast and December 11 First Degree Exemplification in Hot Springs Village. Our one candidate was **Vance Arlotta**, now our newest council member. Welcome Vance to our Order.

Please mark your calendars for an important social event set for January 26, the fourth Thursday of the month. We will begin the evening at 6:00 for a 6:30 potluck dinner followed by an informative talk by **Lynn Reeves**, Director of *The Caring Place* located at 101 Quapaw Avenue in Hot Springs. Most of you know that *The Caring Place* is a wonderful organization under the auspices of First United Methodist Church that provides a supervised day-care program of activities for people with dementia. [see [www.thecaringplaceofhotsprings.com](http://www.thecaringplaceofhotsprings.com)] Our council's Charity Committee has allocated a donation of \$400 each month toward the operation of this valuable community service. This potluck, of course, is open to all. We encourage you to be present to learn more about *The Caring Place*. Some of us on a personal level will unfortunately one day need its services. Please contribute to the potluck a salad, a casserole or vegetable/casserole dish, or a dessert. Since **Joe Giompoletti** will be preparing his delicious pulled pork, some might bring a dish usually accompanying barbecued pork: barbecued beans, cole slaw, etc. Spread the word and join us!

We are making great progress toward another Star Council Award. Our goal is four new insurance members (We now have five. It is nice of Randy not to wait until the 11th hour) and a goal of 12 new members. With the addition of Vance, we now have 11 new members for this fraternal year. We have four signed Form 100's from men who want to join our Order, and these men have been approved by council vote. Sponsors of these men should stay in touch with them and accompany them to the next First Degree Exemplification. Let's keep recruiting new members.

The council will conduct its annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest at St. John's School gym on Saturday, January 28. Youth Director **Paul Ruckstuhl** has indicated that registration will begin at 2 p.m. and the contest will follow at 2:30. Winners in each age bracket will advance to the district-level contest in Mena on February 18. I will accompany the local winners to Mena. The state contest will be held in Conway on an as yet unspecified date in March.

Our effort to purchase an ultrasound machine continues. Our application for matching funds from Knights of Columbus Supreme in New Haven is awaiting final approval. We expect to receive a check early in the new year. The ultra-

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