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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 everpresent, ever-costly items like utilities, building and grounds maintenance, and insurance that many councils, those meeting in parishowned buildings, do not have.

Not only are the dues essential, they should be paid promptly, in est council member. Welcome Vance to our Order. part because of the enormous drain of Joe's time "beating the bushes"—and then beating them again....and AGAIN—to bring for January 26, the fourth Thursday of the month. We will this money in. Multiple notices by way of the post office become a begin the evening at 6:00 for a 6:30 potluck dinner followed by drain on council funds and time that should be totally unnecessary. an informative talk by Lynn Reeves, Director of *The Caring* Traditionally, there have been some dues still outstanding as late as *Place* located at 101 Quapaw Avenue in Hot Springs. Most of April or May in spite of not only mailed notices but personal tele- you know that *The Caring Place* is a wonderful organization phone 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 Our council's Charity Committee has allocated a donation of for another year.

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this worthy cause. However, please designate how the money is might bring a dish usually accompanying barbecued pork: to be used, either toward the seminarian fund or for an ad or barbecued beans, cole slaw, etc. Spread the word and join us! 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 we now have 11 new members for this fraternal year. We have ads on pages 3 and 4 of each *Knight Shift* publication. (There are four signed Form 100's from men who want to join our Order, three or four sponsors exempt from this charge until next year be- and these men have been approved by council vote. Sponsors cause they became sponsors near the end of 2011.) These funds are of these men should stay in touch with them and accompany important toward paying the expense of printing and mailing the them to the next First Degree Exemplification. Let's keep renewsletter. 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 Co- way on an as yet unspecified date in March. lumbus to provide Christmas gifts to a little girl

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 new-

Please mark your calendars for an important social event set 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] \$400 each month toward the operation of this valuable commu-**Important:** Many members nity service. This potluck, of course, is open to all. We eneach year submit an additional courage you to be present to learn more about The Caring **amount of their choice to go to-** *Place.* Some of us on a personal level will unfortunately one ward the support of a seminarian. day need its services. Please contribute to the potluck a salad, This of course is completely vol- a casserole or vegetable/casserole dish, or a dessert. Since Joe untary, but members are strongly encouraged to contribute to Giompoletti will be preparing his delicious pulled pork, some

> 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, cruiting 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 districtlevel contest in Mena on February 18. I will accompany the local winners to Mena. The state contest will be held in Con-

Our effort to purchase an ultrasound machine continues. who's been through and continues to go through Our application for matching funds from Knights of Columbus a very difficult extended illness. The appeal 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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Christmas Gifts, continued

Mother's desperation and her daughter's suffering, the Council responded. Amy described for us Tayleigh's complex problems: "Chari malformation, spina bifada, IGH deficiency, allergies, urinary problems, and a multitude of other conditions." She had spent the previous three days at Children's Hospital for a string of tests, only for her mother, Melanie, to learn that Tayleigh is now facing dangerous brain surgery, a procedure that could even be fatal.

Medical expenses have depleted the family's resources. In short, they have no means to provide Christmas gifts for Tayleigh. Could the Knights help her? Our Knights did just that. The Council Charity Committee and the Fourth Degree Assembly each contributed \$200 to provide Tayleigh a beautiful Christmas. Following the Knights' contribution, Amy Rowe wrote, "I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, you just do not know how much this means to my best friend. Melanie. When I called and told her she burst into tears and said that God has answered her prayers. You guys are men doing God's work, and it does not seem like thank you can even begin to convey the appreciation I and Melanie truly have for all of you. God Bless You All! and Thank you again.

Immediately after Christmas came the following letter from Melanie. "I am the mother of the 6-year-old little girl, Tayleigh, that Knights of Columbus....so graciously gave a wonderful Christmas. I don't have the words to express to all of you how grateful I am for your gift to my daughter. She has been through so much in her 6 short years with so many medical issues and to see her so happy opening Christmas presents was such a blessing and great joy!! She has already endured 2 brain surgeries and 3 on her spine! Her neurosurgeon has scheduled a rare and dangerous test on her in a couple of weeks along with an MRI. Unfortunately, it has to be done to determine where we go from here. There is real possibility that she will have to undergo more surgeries very soon. We refuse to claim it and continue to pray through this!! Thank you for all your prayers and giving my precious child a wonderful Christmas. She is an amazing, brave little girl and so deserving. I just wanted to let you know how appreciative and thankful I am for your thoughtful, precious gift to my little hero! Sincerely, Melanie.

Please notice Tayleigh's name among those on the sick list. She needs our prayers.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

As of January 1, the \$20 annual Assembly assessment was due. Please send your dues promptly either to Faithful Comptroller Robert Rowe at 706 Lakeside Road, Hot Springs 71901 or hand-deliver at our January 19 social.

The January meeting will be a social with wives at Ruby Tuesday on Central Avenue. Louis Kosarek will be our host. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please be present.

Midnight Mass at St. John's Church on Christmas Eve was a special event in the Church year. The liturgy, the music, and the festive Christmas decorations were beautiful. Fr. James West celebrated the Mass, while Deacon Robert Wanless and a host of altar servers assisted. The Centennial Assembly of the Patriotic Degree was present with an Honor Guard led by Commander **Bob Kness**. Assisting in full regalia were Jim Reiter, Bob Kortenber, Newton White, Joe Giompoletti, Zach Nehus, Cooper White, Robert Rowe, and Mike Tucker. Faithful Navigator Don Sass and Bill Thompson, in tuxedos, brought up the gifts./Don Sass, F.N.

Grand Knight's article, continued

sound machine will be installed at Change Point, the pregnancy crisis center near St. John's Church, and operated by trained staff members. Total cost of the machine is \$28,500, with the Supreme Council providing half of the cost under their matching program and Arkansas State Council providing \$3500. The state's check came to me Friday. So our undertaking will be finalized soon

Our next council meeting will be January 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Officers Meeting will precede at 6. Please plan to attend. ... Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight

Christmas Dinner and Dance Exceptional

The annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held on Saturday, December 10th. Attendance was a little lower than normal, with about 65 holiday revelers on hand. Joe Giompoletti provided everyone with some of the best food ever served at the KC Hall. Many people complimented Joe for the generous, very tender slice of prime rib, the twice-baked potato, and the tender asparagus. Lou and Vi Kosarek did another wonderful job with the raffle and **Blue Velvet** kept the music playing for those wishing to boogie down. Special thanks are extended to the folks (Bill and Dawn Thompson, Don and Liz Sass, and Dennis and Sue **Wood**) responsible for transforming the Hall into a classy, holiday -themed atmosphere. Martha Lockwood joined in on Sunday following the party to restore Giompoletti Hall to its everyday order: taking down decorations, packing them away, and washing and drying soiled linens.. Please make plans to attend next year for an evening of food, fun, friendship, and frolic. Those who missed the December celebration didn't do justice to themselves./Zack Nehus, Event Chairman

Pancake Breakfast Benefits 8th Graders

The December 10 council pancake breakfast served in St. John's Parish Hall following morning Masses brought, after expenses, \$525 toward expenses for St. John's 8th graders who are planning a

tour of San Antonio shrines Eighth graders were on hand to assist with serving and clean-up. Thanks to all council volunteer workers for the project: Louis and Vi Kosarek, Joe Giompoletti, Tom Gilleran, Bill Thompson, Don Sass, Stan DeGruccio, Ed. King and his son./Randy Schnoebelen/Chairman.

Flags for Pearl Harbor Day

Council knights responded to the occasion, appearing at Calvary Cemetery early on the morning of December 7 to raise flags in recognition of that dark day in 1941 called by President Roosevelt "a day that will live in infamy." On hand were **Dick Smith**, **Ray**

Kukuk, John Steinhaus, Julian Post, Joe Dierks, Iturba Percefull, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Gil Gibbons, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Lennie Buckholtz, Lou Kosarek, Joe Kanopsic, and Tom Gilleran. All enjoyed coffee and donuts, compliments of Dick Smith and Joe Kanopsic. The next flag raising event will be February 20, Presidents Day.

Joe Giompoletti and wife Mildred,

kicking up their heels at Christmas Dinner/Dance



Classy Lady and the Farm Boy/Hired Hand

Dick & Becky Antoine Joe & Sandra Cenac Tom & Barbara Gilleran Carol Ecklund Scott & Sessie Hrdlicka **Audrey McDonald Dennis & Chris Bosch** Zack & Stephanie Nehus Joe & Peggy Palmere Rick & Pam Dwver **Bob & Sandy Kortenber** Mark & StephanieLayton Mike & Mary Schnaufer Sr Newton & Linda White Dennis & Sue Wood Joe & Mildred Giompoletti Earl & DeDe Robbins Stan & Gwen DeGruccio David & Darla Myers Bill & Dawn Thompson **Beverly Priest Bill & Marilyn Wavering** Hans & Ilse Purkott Mike & Nancy SchnauferJr Bob & Carol Koch

Sponsors Merlin & Vida Ratzlaff Bob & Ethel Kness Hugh & Pat Truesdale Bill & Pam MacSorlev Wally & Lucy Marroy Joe & Agnes Petruk Dick & Jackie Smith John & Millie Connell Gil & Karen Gibbons Charles & Carole Cook Don & Rose Pullen Don & Elizabeth Sass Lou & Vi Kosarek Joe & Jayne Dierks Vali Talbot Barron Ray & Rose Kukuk

Paul & Evelyn Enderlin Joe & Debbie VanHout Tony & Diane Pollock John & Denise Steinhaus Wanda Eckhart George & Sue Marshall Frank & Sarah Maxwell Leonard Buchholz Jack & Carol Andrews Jim & Frankie DeGeorge Paul & Lee Meyers Joe & Betty Harrison **Gust & Mary Turek Larry & Sandy Stamps Ed & Lorraine McManus** Jim & Martha Lockwood

Julian & Kav Post

Larry & Diane Nieman

Jeremy Tedder **Harold Hager** Marge Knoth Val Poe Isabel Peregrn

January Birthdays

- 1 Louis Kosarek
- 3 Larry Heisserer
- 5 Larry Archer
- 6 Floyd Sherfield
- 7 Joe Dierks
- 7 Charles Elias
- 7 Bill Thompson
- 9 Jim Lockwood
- 11 Derek Monroe
- 17 Newton White
- 19 Joe Cenac
- 21 Dick Smith
- 23 Francis Klein
- 26 Hugh Truesdale
- 27 Joe Farrell
- 28 Bill Wavering
- 29 Larry Stamps

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, Marge Knoth, Valerie Poe, Fr. John Burkus, Fr. Bill Thomas, Deacon Dave Briselden, Ruth Heithaus, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, Ed McManus, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, Rosemary Pultz, and Tayleigh Mosley (see arti-

January Calendar

Council and Assembly dues payable. (see articles, p. 1)

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- Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- **Council Meeting, Giompoletti** Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Fourth Degree Dinner Social, Ruby Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Potluck followed by speaker, Giompoletti Hall, 6:00 p.m. (see Grand Knight's article)

From Our Insurance Agent "Insurance Check-up for 2012"

Can you believe it's 2012? I hope that 2011 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It is said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year, preparing to welcome a new one, we wonder where time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2012. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit it in writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution is the first step toward achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more, or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can match: Guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should you die. We call that peace of mind and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I'm at 501-204-9486 or randy.schnoebelen@kofc.org. Call me. Let's talk. Have a blessed and prosperous year

Randy Schnoebelen

"The year draws to a close. December, the final month, is complete. For us Christians, all time is sacred, either in its beginning or at its end. All time is God's time.—Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette (from December 31 entry in The Word Among Us)