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# Knight Shift

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**Rummage Sale Approaches!**  
 The council has six weeks before launching what we hope will be another bang-up rummage sale for local charities. Our collections thus far have been good but still far from the October sale's bountiful harvest. We hope that collections of quality merchandise mount significantly during these last weeks of preparation. At the moment we are particularly in need of kitchenware, including sets of dishes, other glassware, flatware, and cookware. We also need bedding, decorator items, tools, framed art, toys, furniture, and flower arrangements.

Our ladies have been waiting for warmer days to work in *Spirit Hall* and had such a day last week. **Dawn Thompson, Liz Sass, Mildred Giompoletti, and Martha Lockwood** spent the day clearing the receiving tables of recent donations and placing them in their designated locations. As always, the total job of organizing and pricing will require many days prior to the sale's opening on April 13. Of urgent need is a day for the men to storm *Reiter Hall* for several hours to organize the furniture, making the best use of space. **Bob Kortember and Jim DeGeorge** are the champions of the organizing process. We need them—and others!

Carol Andrews, who spearheaded a fantastic advertising program before our last sale has already made considerable headway in advertising for the upcoming sale. She is ready for the *Sentinel-Record* with beefed-up ads, hopefully including the bi-monthly *On the Go* magazine from the *Sentinel-Record*. She has also arranged for heavy radio advertising through council member **Dick Antoine** and flyers to be scattered throughout Hot Springs and Garland County. Finally, Carol has enlisted a team of ladies to collect donations from local businesses to offset advertising costs. Good work, Carol! And thanks to all those who will be assisting you.. Look for their names next month.

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**Grand Knight's Report**  
 February was a busy month with three events either sponsored or hosted by the council.

One carryover item from January was the exemplification of two new knights at a January 19 First Degree ceremony in the Village. **Jose Deciderio and Kenny Kaufman** became the 12th and 13th council member this year. This means we will achieve Star Council for the second consecutive year. Welcome to Jose and Kenny!

The only council-hosted event was a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification on February 12 at which 10 of our First Degree members completed both degrees. Two of the ten were our new First Degree members, who completed all three degrees in less than two weeks. The total class was 40 knights from seven councils. The four councils in our district had 35 knights complete the two degrees. Three Little Rock councils sent the remaining five attendees. We had over 90 knights at our hall for the ceremonies. We still have 26 members who remain 1st Degree. I hope that we will host a 2nd and 3rd Degree next year at our hall as we have done the last two years.

On February 18 **Paul Ruckstuhl** and I accompanied two winners of our council Free Throw contest to Mena to participate in District competition. The parents of two other council winners also made the trip with their children. We came away with two of our four as winners. Both can now advance to the state contest in Conway on March 4. [see article, p. 2]

On Sunday, February 19 council members served another pancake breakfast in St. John's Parish Hall. We used the occasion to recruit new candidates for membership in our council. Chairman **Randy Schnobelen** reports that we served more than 110, bringing in \$535, the proceeds going toward the cost of two new ranges for St. John's School cafeteria. Thanks to **Joe Kanopsic, Ed and Chase King and friend, Joe Giompoletti, Bill Thompson, Dennis and Chris Bosch, Dick and Jackie Smith, Larry Stamps, Don Sass, Zack Nehus, Wally Frazee, and Randy Schnobelen.** Volunteer hours for this event totaled 60 for members and spouses.

**Faithful Recorder Charlie Cook** and I are putting the final changes on our submission to the State Council for awards for the current fraternal year. I thank everyone who assisted in this effort. We should get acknowledgement of all the activities we do each year.

One of the things I have noticed as I attend Exemplifications is the absence of many of the knights who sponsored a new member. If we are to keep our new members interested in our activities, our sponsoring members should come to the



**Thieves Break into Council Utility Building**  
 Sometime on the weekend of February 18-19 thieves broke into the storage building that houses lawn equipment and other items, including the relatively new riding mower. They removed the screws from one section of the metal siding to gain entrance to the building, from where they took a leaf blower (well-marked as property of Knights of Columbus), a weed trimmer, and gasoline. The incident was reported in the *Sentinel-Record*. The council is considering options to improve security, not only to that building but others as well.

**Thinning of Trees and Underbrush Clearing Continue**  
 A team of men has faithfully showed up for one day each of the last five weeks to continue the task of cutting undesirable trees and clearing underbrush from the front portion of council property. Included have been two backhoes from **Joe Giompoletti** and **Bill**

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**2—Grand Knight's article, continued**

Exemplification and offer to bring the individual(s) they sponsored. If we are not attending meetings or participating in council events, how can we expect our recruits to be active? **Gentlemen, we need to set good examples.**

Please keep our Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** informed of any change in your physical address or email address. Almost every month an email address is no longer valid. I currently have an email address list of almost 140 of the 196 members of our council. If we had an email address for every member, we could dispense with the expense of the paper, ink, and printer replacement and email a copy of *Knights Shift* each month. The Village Knights use email and their website as their primary communication mechanism. I do not think they mail a paper copy of their newsletter. Most of all it would eliminate the two days our newsletter editor spends printing the paper copies. */Dennis Bosch Grand Knight*

**Property Clean-up, continued.**

**Thompson.** In addition to Joe and Bill, those who have been on the job, either for every work session or some of them, have been **Don Sass, Tom Gilleran, Jim Lockwood, Leonard Buchholz, Leonard's son-in-law Tom, Lennie Didier, Iturba Percefull, Bob Koch, Ed Soris, Bob Kortenber, Dennis Bosch, and Jim DeGeorge.** At the proper time Joe will operate a dozer on loan from council member **Kevin Coakley** of Coakley Company, Inc. (see ad, p. 4) The use of this dozer will represent a huge saving to the council. Thanks to Kevin for his generosity. Through the years he has been supportive of our various endeavors. Joe will use the dozer to level the ground in several places where mounds of earth are prominent. The next work session is tentatively set for Tuesday, March 6, dependent on the weather. A considerable amount of clearing remains.



**Lenten Fish Frys for Parish Coming Up**

The first of two council fish frys, to be served before and following Friday evening Stations of the Cross will be this Friday evening, March 2. The second will be toward the end of the month, March 30. Both dinners will be served in St. John's School Cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 4-6 p.m. and 6:45-8 p.m. There will be a 45-minute break in food service in observance of Stations of the Cross per **Fr. West's** request. The dinner will include fish, hush puppies, choice of fries or pinto beans, slaw, bread, and choice of water or tea. Cans of soda and bottles of water will be available for purchase as well. To-go orders will be available. Cost of the dinner will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and kids under 5 free. If you have not been contacted to work yet but can help out, please contact **Mark Layton**, event chairman at (501)545-9830. Profits from the two events will partially offset the council's regularly increasing expenses. Please turn out to support this worthy cause.

**Fourth Degree—Footnotes**

At our February 17 meeting we had a turkey dinner with the trimmings and brownies for dessert. Our March 15 meeting will feature a St. Patrick's Day Party for all members, wives, and friends. A traditional meal of corned beer, cabbage, and potatoes, followed by cake dessert for \$10 a dinner. This occasion will commemorate the 30th anniversary of our Fourth Degree Assembly. Dinner will be prepared by **Joe Kanopsick** and **Wally Frazee.** Live music will be by the **Royal Celts** and **Vali Barron** performing once again. Social at 5:30 dinner 6:30.



**Council Commemorates Presidents Day with Flag Raisings**

Those present for raising flags over Calvary Cemetery on Presidents Day were **Dick Smith, John Steinhaus, Julian Post, Joe Petruk, Iturba Percefull, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Joe Giompoletti, Gil Gibbons, Bill Thompson, Leonard Buchholz, Ed King, Joe Kanopsic, Bob Koch, and Tom Gilleran.** Everyone enjoyed coffee and donuts provided by **Dick Smith and Don Sass.** The next holiday for flag raising will be Memorial Day on May 28.

**Hot Springs Knights, Inc. to Hold Annual Meeting**

A brief annual meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. will immediately follow the March 8 council meeting. **George Marshall** will preside. Please plan to attend this meeting.

**District Free-Throw Contest Nets Two Winners for Council**

Youth Chairman **Paul Ruckstuhl** reports that of our councils four entries into the District-level competition in Mena two came away as winners. **Meredith Hayes**, daughter of council member **Marc Hayes**, won in the 14-year-old girls division and **Ashton Patrick** won the 11-year-old girls competition. The two will travel to Conway

for state-level competition this Sunday, March 4. Competition will be in St. Joseph's Church Parish Life Center. Congratulations to Meredith and Ashton and best wishes for great Sunday performances.



**Council Member and Friend, Ed McManus Dies**

On February 24 our council lost a valued member and dear friend. **Ed McManus** was diagnosed a few months ago with lung cancer and then met with pneumonia complications. He died in hospice care at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. Ed was born on July 19, 1931, in Chicago. After retiring with his wife Lorraine to Hot Springs, he became a member of Knights of Columbus and Council 6419 in 1988. As long as he was in good health, he was involved in council activities, perhaps his biggest annual event being St. Patrick's Day parties at which he sometimes led the singing of Irish songs, including "Danny Boy." He was Irish to the core, beaming when he recalled the memory of his mother Mary Catherine Conroy.

Ed was a staunch member of the Church of St. John the Baptist, serving many years as an usher at 10 a.m. Mass and on occasion leading the recitation of the Rosary before Mass. Visitation was at the church on Tuesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. and following, **Father Bill Thomas** led the Rosary devotion. Ed was devoted to the Rosary and our Blessed Mother. On Wednesday his body was returned to home church, St. Raphael's Church in Chicago, for the Rite of Christian Burial.

In addition to his wife Lorraine, he is survived by two daughters seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

We will greatly miss Ed, his cheering smile, his dancing blue Irish eyes, and, yes, his fondness of corny jokes for which he had an extensive repertoire.



**Save Those Cans for Council Needs!**

Are you remembering to save aluminum cans for the council? Those cans convert to cash, which the council never has enough of for its every-growing expenses and its varied projects. Please deposit cans in the large K. C. receptacle located at **901 Albert Pike** near the street. Council members **Julian Post** and **Ray Kukuk** periodically collect the cans to sell at the going-rate.

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**March Birthdays**

- 2 **Charles Kessler**
- 2 **Hans Purkott**
- 3 **John Andrews**
- 3 **Iturba Percefull**
- 3 **John Steinhaus**
- 4 **Paul Selig**
- 12 **Jim Elder**
- 13 **William MacSorley**
- 14 **Tony Pultz**
- 15 **Marc Hayes**
- 16 **Harold Hager**
- 17 **Barry Owens**
- 18 **Tom Giusti**
- 19 **Mike Tucker**
- 22 **Victor Volk**
- 23 **George Marshall**

**Pray for our Sick**

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Msgr. Gaston Hebert, Ilse Purcott, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Marge Knoth, Valerie Poe, Fr. Bill Thomas, Deacon Dave Briselden, Ruth Heithaus, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, Rosemary Pultz, and Doris Reis.**

**March Calendar**

- 2 **Lenten Fish Fry, St. John's School Cafeteria, 4-6 and 6:45-8 p.m.**
- 8 **Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 8 **Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 8 **Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Annual Meeting, Giompletti Hall, following council meeting**
- 15 **St. Patrick's Party, Giompoletti Hall, 5:30 (See Fourth Degree article, p. 2)**
- 30 **Lenten Fish Fry, St. John's School Cafeteria, 4-6, 6:45-8 p.m. (See article, p. 2)**

**From Our Insurance Agent**

When your family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow. You act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or to let them slip to the backburner for later.

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