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Rummage Sale: Three to Get Ready and Four to Go!



The April 13-14, 20-21 Charity Rummage/Furniture Sale looms big. How will we do this time? As we know too well, our \$25,000 intake in October, not counting the money from the coin collection, will be hard to beat. We certainly lack the big-ticket items of the last sale; on the other hand, thanks to our many donors, we once again do have two buildings full and a third (*Giampoletti Hall*) collecting the spillover. It's a good problem to have. Getting a jump start, we have sold several pre-sale items, including a \$500 five-drawer fire-proof file. Regarding our present donations, we have nice furniture pieces and a wide variety of interesting items in *Spirit Hall*. At this point, we are short on costume jewelry and could also use more sets of tableware, cookware, linens, and bath items.

Several people have been working fairly regularly, particularly in *Spirit Hall*. **Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Carol Andrews, Sue Wood, Gwen DeGruccio, Gil Gibbons, Martha Lockwood, Sandy Kortener, Mildred Giampoletti, and Karen Gibbons** have already accomplished a great deal in the cleaning, organizing,

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and pricing, but much work remains with a bit less than two weeks to get it done. In addition, Carol Andrews has done another superb job of bringing in monetary donations for our advertising campaign. We have a supply of flyers now being distributed about the city, advertising arranged with two local radio stations, and of course our usual classified and display ads in the *Sentinel-Record*. Furthermore, Carol sent out "Save the Date" post cards to all those who paid for October merchandise with a check. This contribution is invaluable.

We need workers every week day until the sale is finished. Come help if you can. **We need people to help clean, organize, and price. We especially need someone with savvy in electronics to help Jim Reiter with the televisions, computer equipment, and other electronics.**

Then, once again, we hope to have volunteers to provide lunches (either singly or cooperatively) and snacks. If you can help out with this request, please contact **Martha Lockwood (525-7022)**, who will make a daily schedule. Thus far, **Jim DeGeorge** and pizza man **Ed Soris** have once again committed to provide a lunch. And, not surprisingly, faithful chef **Joe Giampoletti** will do barbeque as a moneymaker.



Assembly Hosts St. Patrick's Day Dinner

On the evening of March 15 the Hot Springs Fourth Degree Assembly celebrated its 30th anniversary with dinner and entertainment at *Giampoletti Hall*. Approximately 95 people were present. With credit to **Don and Liz Sass** and

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Grand Knight's Report



March introduced a number of council and assembly activities. **Mark Layton** organized two Lenten fish fries at St. John's School gymnasium on the first and last Friday of the month.

On March 4 two local Knights of Columbus free-throw winners advanced to the state contest in Conway. The assembly used its March 15 meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Hot Springs Assembly with a St. Patrick's Day party. Dedicated knights showed up several times to work on the clearing of brush and undesirable trees from the K. C. property, each time bringing about improvement in the appearance of the wooded area. Finally, March 13 marked completion of a special council undertaking: the delivery and installation of the ultra-sound machine at Change Point, the local pregnancy crisis center.

April brings on the first of our two rummage/furniture sales for local charities. The dates for this spring event is April 13/14 and 20/21 [See article, opposite column].

The Knights of Columbus State Council is conducting its 104th state convention in Rogers on April 27, 28 and 29. Each year the state proposes a number of resolutions to be discussed and voted on by delegates. This year I have received a copy of 27 resolutions. Several cover the same topic with slightly different actions. Several of the more significant resolutions are (1) two competing resolutions to set the annual state per capita and (2) a resolution to purchase a state liability insurance policy to cover all state councils. The proposal of state officers is to raise the tax to \$10 per member, excluding Honorary Life and disabled members.

I have also received copies of resolutions from a number of councils to support a member of their council for state office. The Jacksonville council is proposing **Mike Kieffer** (currently state treasurer) as State Deputy to succeed **Charles Ketter**. Ft. Smith is proposing **Michael Heathcott**, currently State Advocate, for Treasurer. Siloam Springs is proposing **Francisco Olguin**, currently State Warden, for Advocate, and St. Vincent is proposing **Alan Halman** as State Warden. No offices have competing candidates.

One item relates to St. John's School. Any of our younger council members who have school-age children are encouraged to enroll their children in St. John's. Some of us believe the local public schools fall short of meeting the quality of education offered at St. John's.

Mea Culpa!



It seems that my every attempt to list names of those involved with council events omits at least one name, sometimes more. My apologies for the omissions! The mind fails. Last

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Mea Culpa, continued

month, for example, in listing the names of those who have faithfully worked on the brush-clearing project, I omitted the name of **Dick Smith**, who at that time had been present for all the work sessions. Furthermore, I omitted the name of **Gil Gibbons** not only from the list of *Spirit Hall* workers preparing for the upcoming rummage sale but ALSO from the birthday list. Gil, whose birthday was March 25, celebrated his 84th birthday! Looks great, doesn't he? Eighty-four? Hard to believe. At any rate, my apology to all those whose names I've forgotten to list following their contributions of time and effort. Unfortunately, there will likely be others in the future./
Editor

St. Pat's Day Celebration, continued

Dawn Thompson, the Hall and the tables were beautifully decorated in a St. Pat's Day motif—lots of green, shamrocks, leprechauns, etc.

Chef **Joe Kanopsic**, assisted by **Wally Frazee**, **Joe Giompoletti**, and **Stan DeGruccio**, worked long and hard preparing a fine dinner of traditional corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes, complemented by his own special soda bread and finished off with cake. Apparently the corned beef was quite good because people returned for seconds as long as it lasted.

The evening was made complete with Irish music from **Vali Talbot Barron** and her band, "*The Celts*." Vali, the principal vocalist, sang about 20 Irish songs. She was accompanied by two violinists and a banjo player.

Thanks to all who made this evening a great success. And thanks also to the clean-up crew of **Charlie Cook**, **Todd Shiver**, **Newton White**, **Mark Layton**, and several others who joined in.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

On March 15 the Assembly celebrated its 30th anniversary with a great St. Patrick's Day party. Much effort went into the success of this festive occasion. [See separate article]

On Friday evening, following the St. Patrick's Day party, with **Father Bill Thomas** in the hospital, Fourth Degree knights, some in regalia, conducted the Stations of the Cross devotional at St. Mary's Church. Knights in regalia leading the Stations were **Bob Kness**, **Joe Petruk**, and **Larry Stamps**. Following Stations, the knights served pizza to the worshipers in the Carroll Room. About 30 people participated.

Our April 19 meeting will be a business meeting in *Giompoletti Hall*. There will be no dinner served because we can never determine how many will be present.

Hot Springs Knights, Inc.

The annual business meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. will follow the May 10 council meeting. CEO George Marshall will lead the discussion, expected to be short.

Catholic Daughters Organize Locally

Deputy Grand Knight **Newton White** represented our council at the installation of Court 2656 of the Catholic Daughters of America on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at St. John's Parish Hall. The CDA was sponsored by Knights of Columbus at the foundation ceremony in 1903 in New Haven, Connecticut. Council 6419 will be having some joint functions with the CDA now that we have a local Court in Hot Springs.

Elected to office are **Linda Kay White**-Regent; **Carolyn**continued, bottom second column

A Message from Deacon George Sanders

We began our Lent on a somber note: "Remember, man, that thou are dust, and to dust thou shalt return." Lent is a time of fallowness, a time of waiting in the winter chill, patiently (or not so much) looking and longing for signs that spring is really coming.

Though one could easily think that winter is a time of inactivity and barrenness, I have learned an important fact that may be commonly known by the true gardeners among us. But to me, who cannot claim any such distinction, it was an ah-ha moment, a discovery. One night, as I watched HGTV (For you confirmed manly men who are more at home with ESPN or the History Channel, HGTV is the Home and Garden network), which my wife loves to watch. I learned that winter is actually a very active time for many plants. Although you can't see it from the surface, their root systems can double their size over the long winter. At the surface, it's the same old, possibly dead-looking plant, but deep inside it is renewing itself and will come back with first light of spring stronger, fuller and more beautiful than ever.

Lent is much like that. If we let it, our sojourn in the time before Easter (our spring, if you will) can also be very fruitful in our lives. It's a time when we need to let our outward activities give way to our inside and real self and take the time to refocus on the things that are really important, those things that are rooted in the real meaning of life. We need to extend our tap roots deeper into the soil of our faith, which holds us firm and which daily nourishes us. By allowing ourselves to really enter into the season, letting our inner life find nourishment in prayer, spiritual reading and works of charity, we might just be surprised at how much we have grown over the winter.

Editor's note: We are fortunate that **Deacon George Sanders** has agreed to provide for ***Knight Shift*** a monthly column in which he will give us spiritual lessons for our lives. Most of you know that Deacon George, though presently a deacon, in another year will be Father George. He is presently deep into his seminary studies. In his current article he alluded to his wife [Brenda]. So, yes, we will soon have our second married priest, both of whom were once Episcopal priests.

Dual Fish Frys Serve Parishes and Net \$800 for Council

As a Lenten service, Council 6419 served catfish, fries, beans, and hushpuppies at St. John's School Gymnasium following the Friday evening Stations of the Cross devotion on March 2 and March 30. Chaired by **Mark Layton**, the combined events brought approximately 285 patrons, mostly from St. John's and St. Mary's Churches and netted approximately \$800 for our council's needs.

In addition to Mark, our knights who did the work for these projects were **Joe Giompoletti**, **Bob Kortenber**, **Bill Thompson**, **Tom Gilleran**, **Zack Nehus**, **Julian Post**, **Doug Shackelford**, **Joe Dierks**, **Doug Hall**, **David Meyers**, **George Schwass**, **Harold Hager**, **Ed King**, **Vance Arlotta**, **Joe Kanopsic**, and **Scott Hrdlicka**. In addition, important help came from **Mark's father**, who came down from Missouri for both dinners. Thanks to all these men for their faithful involvement.

Catholic Daughters, continued

Wethington-Vice-Regent; **Kathleen Casey**-Treasurer; **Shelly Dvorak**-Financial Secretary; and **Sessi Hrdlicka**-Recording Secretary. Court 2658 is comprised of Catholic women from St. Mary's of the Springs and St. John the Baptist Catholic Churches of Hot Springs.

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April Birthdays

- 1 **Jim Reiter**
- 2 **Bart Newman**
- 4 **Jimmy Bolt**
- 12 **Don Sass**
- 14 **Joe Petruk**
- 14 **Brian Charles**
- 16 **Evan Archer**
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- 25 **Nolan Bramlett**
- 26 **Joe Kanopsic**
- 29 **Leonard O'Donovan**
- 29 **David Meeks**

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **John Andrews**, **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**, and **Doris Reis**.

April Calendar

- 12 **Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m.,**
- 12 **Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 12 **Hot Springs Knights, Inc., Giompoletti Hall, following Council Meeting**
- 13- **Charity Rummage Sale,**
- 14 **8 a.m.--5 p.m.**
- 19 **Fourth Degree, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.**
- 20- **Charity Rummage Sale,**
- 21 **Completed, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**



Ultrasound is Presented to Change Point
Pictured: **Jim Scheffler** (salesman and trainer), **JoAnn Carter** (Director of Change Point), and Council Member **Stan DeGruccio**

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Spring is a time for renewal. Trees and plants are blooming, and many animals are shaking off the cold to become active once again. Now that the winter doldrums have passed, you are getting outside with your family too and becoming a part of this renewal.

It is a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what's important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a new child or to send one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Maybe an annuity or long-term care plan appeals to your situation. Whatever the case, I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

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I'm at 501-204-9486 or randy.schnoebelen@kofc.org. Call me—let's talk!

A Brother Knight helping you help you and your loved ones.