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Happy Results for Rummage/Furniture Sale

The outcome of our recent Rummage and Furniture Sale brings smiles to our faces. Actually, with an initial count of **\$21,739.45**, this sale result was our second highest ever, the record sale of course being tis past October. The net income at this point is incomplete since we have some money still outstanding. In addition, we have a potential significant sale coming up in a couple of weeks.

Now we shift our thoughts and efforts to our October sale for which we've already begun collecting donations. We have been incredibly blessed with donations of quality merchandise from our parishes and indeed from the non-Catholic community that recognizes our ecumenical outreach to the city.

Thanks to all of the many people who stepped front and center to produce our good results. A successful outcome happens only because of the cooperative efforts of many knights, wives, and other friends of our council. Those who paid either major or minor roles in this sale were **Dennis and Sue Wood, Stan and Gwen DeGrucio, Carol Andrews, Joe and Mildred Giompoletti, Bill and Dawn Thompson, Don and Liz Sass, Bob and Sandy Kortember, Dennis and Chris Bosch, Jim and Martha Lockwood, Gil and**

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Special gratitude must also be expressed for those who provided food either for our volunteer workers or for the public. **Joe Giompoletti** took the lead in preparing lunches for our patrons at \$5.00 a head. What a deal! In serving hamburgers with fries or chips, fried fish with fries and hushpuppies, or pulled pork sandwiches with chips and a drink, Joe was assisted by **Larry Stamps, Jackie Smith, Tom Gilleran, Julian Post, and Bill Thompson.**

In another category of service, we express appreciation to those who provided and in some cases served lunches to our workers. Those providing lunches were **Martha Lockwood, the Morning Circle of St. John's** (pizza, salad, and dessert by **Melanie Wilson, Doris Reis, Margo Longo, Sandy Pajodius, Jeanette Mace, Laura Mazzia and Gwen DeGrucio**), **Sacred Heart Circle of St. John's** (lasagna, salad, and dessert by **Sue Wood, Chris Bosch, Fran Kasemeier, Ruth Kapkau, and Marylou Peterson**), and **Ed Soris** (his famed homemade pizza) and **Jim DeGeorge** (salad), all very good. Contributing snacks/desserts were **Lee Myers** (cherry bars), **Buddy Gloor** (cake), **Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Tom Gilleran** (donuts), and **Bev Priest** (lemon bars).

The Charity Committee will soon meet to determine how to allocate the monthly distribution of available funds.

Grand Knight's Report



April was a busy month, including two weeks of another great Rummage Sale. While final numbers are not in, it is certain we had the second best results to date. (See opposite column)

At the April council meeting **Treasurer Zack Nehus** reported that our cash position was not good and that we would be unable to pay our property insurance bill, partly because of some members not having paid dues but mostly by unchecked spending. I must remind all council members that no member may spend money without council approval and expect to be reimbursed for the unauthorized expenditure. That includes every council and assembly officer. I realize that many of our more active members want to spend time improving our hall and grounds and that we do have numerous maintenance items every year, but we must have the funds before we start. Please ask for a vote after we confirm that we have available money.

On a related note, our anonymous donor has once again blessed us with another handsome donation. This blessing of course means that some members immediately feel we can launch into some of the projects they favor. However, we must pay an insurance bill of almost \$3,000 and then reserve another \$3,000 for the bill due this fall. At the May meeting I will propose that we take another amount (at least \$3,000) to be placed in reserve for any unplanned repairs. We will then have about \$4,000 to use for council purposes. There are several needed repairs such as the power line to the storage building which was cut by the crooks who broke in, a couple of roof leaks in **Giompoletti Hall**, at least one in **Reiter Hall**, and of course the bar floor replacement, which many support. Those three items will wipe out most of the remaining \$4,000.

We currently have four approved Form 100's and four more awaiting council vote. The Village knights are planning a First Degree Exemplification on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. We hope to have several of the pending candidates attend before they lose interest. **An excellent opportunity for First Degree Exemplification will be at Sacred Heart Church in Hot Springs Village on Sunday, May 20, with registration at 1 p.m. and the ceremony at 2.** If you sponsor someone, you need to attend their First Degree Exemplification and bring them to the first three or four meetings. One very interested candidate gave his completed form to one of the knights at the March 30 fish dinner; however, it was not presented at the April meeting, nor do I know who has it. If someone hands you a Form 100, please get it to **Financial Secretary Joe Dierks** ASAP. The state convention will be over before this article is published, but we hope, thanks to the well-documented data prepared by Recorder **Charlie Cook**, to win some recognition for our council. Look at the website in early May to see what happened.

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Finally, every year we have a number of knights failing to pay their dues despite at least four notices from our Financial Secretary. To ignore multiple dues reminders is inconsiderate of other members, not to mention inconsiderate of the financial secretary's time AND council expense, which becomes a significant loss. We are assessed per capita (by State and Supreme) for almost half of the \$45 on each knight, causing others to pay for their share. In some cases, members claim they never got a dues notice, which considering the number of reminder statements sent out, can't be true. Please act responsibly and either pay or ask for a hardship waiver.

Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight

Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Meets

The annual meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. will be conducted immediately following the May 10 council meeting. **CEO George Marshall** will preside. The meeting, as always, promises to be short.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

I would like to thank the Fourth Degree knights who showed up in regalia for **Bishop Andrew Taylor's** celebration of Mass commemorating the 100-year anniversary of St. John's Church. I also thank them for serving at St. John's Easter Vigil Mass. Those participating were **Commander of the Guard Bob Kness, Joe Petruk, Lou Kosarek, Zack Nehus, Mike Tucker, Dennis Bosch, Larry Stamps, Bill Thompson, and me.** Keep in mind that we will also need men in regalia to participate in the June 10 Feast of Corpus Christi march through downtown Hot Springs, beginning at St. John's Church and ending at St. Mary's Church.

Let the following verse prompt some soul-searching for our knights:

Some members keep the Knights strong
While others join and just belong.
Some dig right in, some serve with pride
Some go along just for the ride.
Some volunteer to do their share
Some lie back and just don't care.
On meeting nights some always show
While there are those that never go.
Some always pay their dues on time
While others always lag behind
Some do their best, some build, some make
Some never give but always take
Some lag behind, some let things go
Some never help their Knights grow.
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do
.....Consider...which of these are YOU!!!!

On Tuesday, May 22 we will have a joint installation of Assembly officers jointly with the Hot Springs Village Assembly in the basement of Sacred Heart Church at 295 Balearic Road. We will have dinner at 6 p.m. and the installation at 7. A tux is required of officers. All incoming officers should be present.

Then on Sunday, June 3 we will have a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Theresa's Church, 6311 Baseline Road, Little Rock. Registration will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with the ceremony following at 2 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for our Third Degree members to become members of our Assembly as Fourth Degree Knights.

Our next meeting will be a social gathering with our wives, beginning at 6:30 at Olive Garden. Our host is **Larry Nieman.** Come join us./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**



**A Message from Seminarian George Sanders
Tilling Between the Rows**

Many of life's best lessons can be found all around us; all one has to do is learn to "listen" with his soul and "see" with his heart. Recently I was working in my garden, tilling the rows between the furrows. It is actually a very mundane, non-skilled task. The greatest challenge is to keep the tiller in the proper track and not let it get into the furrow where the tender emerging plants are rooting and growing, some of which have just recently peeked their heads out of their soft beds and into the inviting warmth of the sun.

As I performed the simple task, a question eased its way into my thoughts: why am I plowing the rows? There are no plants here. The real actors in my garden scene are safely tucked away in their mounds just a few inches out of the reach of my tiller. I have heard when I was younger that tilling the rows does two important things in the garden: it removes the weeds that have tried to steal into my little Shangri-La and squat on soil that they have no right to occupy. And secondly, breaking up the soil between the furrows helps the ground to retain water. It was the second purpose that began to occupy my thoughts. So how does plowing the ground that the plants will never actually use do anything for my little ones safely tucked away in their beds a few inches away? And then it dawned on me. Breaking up the soil makes it soft and powdery so that when it rains, the water will not run off but will be able to soak into the dirt. Tilling the soil breaks up the hard, stuck-together clods of dirt so that they can drink in the water and capture the precious moisture it brings. Once the moisture is in the soil, it will leach into the surrounding furrows and water the real object of my labors, my tomatoes, peppers, squash, and peas.

It all now seemed to make sense. But my mind was not finished and began to wander again. I remembered that not too long ago I had plowed this same ground. Several weeks ago, it was soft and powdery and would easily flow between my fingers. So what happened? How did my soil lose its softness? Meditating on this, I realized that "life happened." Over the last several weeks I have walked on the rows along with my dog, birds, lizards, and every other creature that calls my little plot home. The sun has also borne down on the rows and dried them out. And the rains have also compacted the soil with their rhythmic patter. Life happened.

Then my thoughts began to reflect on how much all of this is like life, not just plant life, but my life. Almost without us really noticing it, life has a way of hardening our hearts. Pressures at work, challenges at home, relationships, missed goals, personal failure—we all have them. They compact us, harden us, knock the life-giving moisture right out of us. Life happens. An interesting irony is that the life brings us the very things that we need to grow. The sun dries the ground but gives nourishment to the plants. The rain compresses the soil but is as necessary to these plants as air is to us. The solution is not to get away from the things that make us dry because they are the very things that bring us nourishment and make life meaningful.

So, what's the answer? We must allow our hearts to be tilled, broken up and made supple again. The Parable of the Sower shows us that the Good Seed can only take root and flourish in soil that has been tilled and where the rocks and weeds have been removed. What are you doing to make your heart soft before our Lord? The Holy Spirit is like the tiller. He makes us soft and pliable, ready to receive moisture and life into ourselves. Are you making yourself available to His Touch? Do you find time to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? Are you celebrating Mass with intention and expectation? Are you reading Sacred Scripture and letting it change you? Are you removing the rocks and weeds in your life

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May Birthdays

- 1 Zack Nehus
- 4 Cooper White
- 11 Steve Gallimore
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 14 Donald Sluyter
- 16 Joe Volpert
- 16 James Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Retzlaff
- 25 George Meggers

"Tilling the Rows, "continued"
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Are you performing the corporal works of mercy out of love for our Lord and your fellow man? Are you giving of your resources to the Church for the furtherance of the Gospel? Do you find regular time for prayer each day? Are you welcoming the poor and stranger in his Name?

Like a wise and good Gardener, God wants our lives to be fertile and productive, ready to receive his graces. "If today you are hearing His Voice, harden not your hearts" but make yourself available to his gentle hand. He will remove the dryness and hardness that so easily happens to us, and will make us ready and prepared for every good work and blessing. Sursum corda! Lift up your hearts!

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **John Andrews, Dawn Thompson, Ilse Purkott, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Marge Knoth, Valerie Poe, Fr. Bill Thomas, Deacon Dave Briselden, Ruth Heithaus, Rick Sands, Charles & Geraldine Smith Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, and Doris Reis.**

May Calendar

- 10 **Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m.**
- 10 **Council Meeting, followed by Hot Springs Knights, Inc. meeting Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
- 17 **Fourth Degree Social Meeting with wives, Olive Garden, 6:30 p.m.**
- 20 **First Degree Exemplification, Sacred Heart Church, HSV, 1 p.m. registration.**
- 22 **Fourth Degree Joint Installation of Officers with HSV Assembly, HSV, 6 p.m. dinner (see 4th Degree article, p. 2)**

**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 ever thought possible: cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more...and that's often in one morning.
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One of the most important roles is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you will have instilled values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) run counter to what our instant gratification-driven society values. 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 them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, 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 eye on, or whatever else you might be making sacrifices in order to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see 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.

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