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An Editorial: A Worthy Mission

Since the inception of Council 6419 rummage sales back in the early 90's, possibly the 80's, they have been presented to the public as "charity" rummage sales. The question occasionally arises, shouldn't the sales revenue be

directed more toward council needs rather than for charity? If ever they are NOT charity sales, then they must not be advertised as for the fraternal year starting July 1. After two years as Grand that. That quite simply would be a deception to the public who Knight, I will soon achieve the title of Past Grand Knight, as provides our sale items. The Charity Committee, formed just a few our new officers take office at our July 12 meeting. years ago to manage the monies generated by our sales, determined with strong conviction that the bulk of the proceeds should be distributed to local charities, not specifically for Catholic needs but exemplified in the Village by the Village degree team. All rather for the greater good of our community without regard for one's religion or whether in our opinion a particular recipient is worthy or unworthy. It is not in our domain to judge a recipient's Chunn's sponsor) and yours truly, who sponsored Steven worthiness.

The Charity Committee wishes to see ourselves more cooperative with the larger non-Catholic community, to help remove the dition of these three knights, our roster now has 199 members. common perception that Catholics are more exclusive than inclusive. To a significant degree, we believe the mission thus far has teered at the Arkansas Special Olympics held in Searcy on the

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ure such sentiment, all the more convinced that the overall goal is came from Hot Springs Village, although one knight came on target. Keep in mind that at least half, perhaps most, of our do-from Brinkley and brought his son and daughter and his son's nations come from the non-Catholic community. Furthermore, a girl friend. The opening ceremony of Thursdy night was imvast majority of our patrons are non-Catholics. We of the Charity pressive as more than 1500 participants entered the stadium Committee know that our donations would dwindle rapidly if the followed by 400-plus motorcycles. Eight Fourth Degree present perception that we serve ALL suddenly changed. God has knights in regalia carrying both the U.S. and Arkansas flags blessed our council and our mission richly. Sometimes we wonder led the entrance parade. The Olympic Torch arrived via helihow future sales can compete with those of the past. We wonder copter as the climax to the opening ceremony. how we can possibly continue to bring in the quantity and the quality of donations that we have thus far enjoyed. And yet God proling. **Patrick Gallaher**, member of St. Mary's parish, is emvides. The donations continue to come in. It is amazing to observe ployed by the Diocese of Little Rock with Catholic Charities. how through the last several years, the donations for each sale have surpassed those of the previous sale, the one exception being our spring sale of this year, which was our second largest sale ever but which did not quite equal the proceeds of last fall's mammoth sale.

Nevertheless, the Charity Committee DOES feel that it can in-Charities and on the Bishop McDonald golf outing scheduled crease its contribution to the council, possibly in the form of a confor September 17. tribution to Knights, Inc. without damaging our reputation for "charity" sales. One of the charity committee members will put to go tomorrow (Sunday) with the Knights of Columbus biforth a proposal at the June meeting. Come hear.

Finally, as the last justification for serving the poor with the bulk of our rummage sale proceeds—the most important reason of all comes from the mouth of Jesus himself: "....as long as you did it to these the least of my brethren, you did it unto me." Matthey 25:40



Grand Knight's Report

This past month was certainly not as busy as April with its two weeks of Rummage Sale; however, we have had a few events worth noting. At our May meeting we elected a new set of officers (most of

these gentlemen are more old than new) to lead our council

We had three new knights join our ranks. On Sunday, May 20 Steve Stoddard, Mark Chunn, and Doug Bolwelk were three members had their proposer attend. Thanks to **David** Myers (Doug Bolwerk's sponsor), Mike Tucker (Mark Stoddard. Steve is the grandson of Ron and Bev Priest and the nephew of council member Ron Priest, Jr. With the ad-

This past Thursday and Friday, May 24 and 25, I volunbeen successful. Frequently, non-campus of Harding University. This marked the 18th year Catholic donors say such things as, Harding has offered its campus for the Special Olympics com-"We are giving to Knights of Co-petition. State Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Chairlumbus because we know what you man **Dub Green** of the Village Council had almost 30 people do. Keep up the good work." Our helping him staff the games in the Olympic Village, with a lot patrons at the sales often hand out similar compliments. We treas- of knights' wives helping. The majority of those helping

> We will have a guest speaker at our June 16 council meet-Patrick's daughter Mary Margaret was the winner of the 2011 Knights of Columbus scholarship. He has also signed a Form 100 and will become a member of our council once we vote on his application. Patrick will address us both on Catholic

> Chairman Dennis Wood and his volunteer helpers are set parish picnic on the grounds outside Giompoletti Hall. Joe Giompoletti will take the lead in the cooking. Once again expect top-notch hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats. Each family is asked to bring a special dish to share. Soft drinks and

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Grand Knight's article, continued....

Beer will be available. Bingo players bingo will enjoy the cool of the council hall.

Wouldn't it be nice to somehow draw a larger crowd than we consistently have from our two parishes? You do have today to call a few parishioners to extend a special invitation. Who knows? It might work!/Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Our Fourth Degree social was at Olive Garden on May 17. The food once again was good, and the camaraderie was special. Thanks to Larry Nieman who made arrangements.

The day following brought sadness to our local parishes when **Father Bill Thomas**, at age 74, lost his on-going battle with leukemia. Father had served as pastor of St. John's for four years and, following an assignment as pastor of St. John's Church in Russellville, returned to Hot Springs to serve as St. Mary's pastor, where he remained until his death. Church. The Rosary service, conducted by **Fathers Bill El**ser, Alan Rosenau, and Raja Chappidi, was quite moving from the Rosary itself to the detailed story of Father Bill's life told by one of his sisters. Most of us who knew Fr. Bill were unaware of his having been left as an infant on someone's doorstep, of his orphanage days, of his being unable to read and write at age 14, of the nun Sister Louise, who changed the course of his life, and of the Missouri farm family that finally took him in as part of their family. It is a remarkable story. Fr. Bill will be greatly missed. His life as a priest (delayed vocation), following years as a Franciscan brother, began in 1993 in Hot Springs, and it ended in Hot Springs. His Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, May 20 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock.

The installation of Assembly officers was conducted by State Master Max Nutt on Tuesday, May 22 in a joint installation ceremony with Hot Springs Village at Sacred Heart

New officers for our Assembly are **Don Sass**, Faithful liers!" Navigator; Robert Rowe, Comptroller; Father Alan Rosenau, Faithful Friar; Bill Thompson, Faithful Captain; Newton White, Faithful Admiral; Larry Heisserer, Faithful Purser; Zack Nehus, Faithful Pilot; Bob Koch, Faithful Scribe; Larry Stamps, Faithful Inner Sentinel, and Joe Kanopsic, Faithful Outer Sentinel. Trustees are Joe Giompoletti, 1-year; Mike Tucker, 2-year; and Louis Kosarek, 3year. We look forward to an active, productive year.

The next meeting will be business meeting on June 21 at Giompoletti Hall./Don Sass, Faithful Navigator

Knights Commemorate Memorial Day with Flags



Council members in abundance showed up bright and early on Memorial Day to raise flags at Calvary Cemetery. Present were flag chairman Tom Gilleran, Grand Knight Dennis Bosch, Iturba Percefull, Louis Kosarek, Cooper White, Newton White, Ed King,

Chase King; Stan DeGruccio, Joe Dierks, Julian Post, Jim Reiter, Dick Smith, Harold Halsey, Joe

Giompoletti, Bob Koch, Dennis Wood, Bill Thompson, Don Sass, Van Arlotta, Joe Kanopsic, and Leonard **Buchholz.** Prior to raising flags, the men enjoyed donuts from Don Sass and coffee from Tom Gilleran. The next flag event will be Flag Day, June 14.



A Message from Seminarian George Sanders It's Just a Rummage Sale

I am often fascinated with words, especially those rich ones that immediately conjure up images that are metaphorically applied in the English language to colorfully describe otherwise normal and mundane things. Rummage is just to stow, as in the cargo hold of a ship. The word

has been commandeered in English to describe a "confusion of miscellaneous articles." For those knights who have been involved to any degree in the council rummage sales, the definition seems apropos, although careful shelving and placement do abate the confusion to some degree.

If you think about it, the Rummage Sale itself is a great metaphor for the Christian life. Things that have no apparent value to the ordinary Joe are picked up, free of charge, and are then offered Bill & Dawn Thompson up for adoption to someone that sees their real value and usefulness. The stories are endless of patrons coming to the sale and On Sunday evening, May 19 several knights in regalia from buying items for family and friends who really need them. Per- Mike & Nancy SchnauferJr Bob & Carol Koch our Assembly joined by knights from Russellville served in an haps they had suffered a fire and lost everything, or perhaps they Honor Guard at Fr. Bill's rosary conducted in St. Mary's had lost their jobs and had to move out, having no furniture or dishes or anything.

We have all felt like rummage at some time in our lives: unappreciated and undervalued, we just did not fit the bill of what others seemed to think valuable. And vet, God looked at us and saw our inner worth and potential. He picked us up, he redeemed us from those that saw no value in us and brought us into his house. Yes, he did have to clean us up (Some of us may have needed a lot more scrubbing than others. We know who we are.) and some of us required some repair, patching and paint, but with his inexpressible grace, he remade us better than we were before. And then he gave us to those who needed us most. This is the Gospel. Let us live it fully. Let us remember where we came from and appreciate all we have, and let us never forget that anything that we do in the Lord will never be in vain. Whether we are picking up rummage, or arranging our merchandise in the least confusing manner, pricing or serving our patrons, let us remember why we are doing it...for, as the song says, "Once we were lost, but now we are found. We were blind, but now we see." En avance mes cheva-

Scholarship Winner to be Announced This Month



The recipient of the 2012 council scholarship will be announced in June. Youth Chairman Paul **Ruckstuhl** reports that four applications have been submitted. The annual Massanelli-Bauer Scholarship each year recognizes a Catholic graduate from one of the local high schools with a \$1000 grant.

The recipient will be announced in the July *Knight Shift*.

Thanks and Appreciation for Kevin Coakley

Joe Giompoletti, on behalf of Council 6419, expresses grati-



tude to council member Kevin Coaklev of Coakley Construction for his generous several-day loan of a company bulldozer for use on the on-going grounds work at the council property on Spring Street. The loan of this 'dozer saved the council hundreds of dollars. It enabled Joe and

his crew, including Bill Thompson, Don Sass, and Dick Smith, to uproot stumps and to level large rises in the ground, thereby making future mowing possible. The appearance of the forested portion of the land is already vastly improved. The ultimate goal includes removal of undesirable trees and brush—and then to keep the ground-cover brush under control.

Sponsors Joe & Debbie VanHout Tom & Barbara Gilleran Joe & Janet Kanopsic Merlin & Vida Ratzlaff Bob & Ethel Kness Scott & Sessie Hrdlicka Joe & Peggy Palmere **Bob & Mary Ann Fiedler Hugh & Pat Truesdale** John & Denise Steinhaus Zack & Stephanie Nehus Wally & Lucy Marroy Joe & Agnes Petruk George & Sue Marshall such a word. Its origin is Old French, meaning Randy&Marty Schnoebelen Rick & Pam Dwyer Dick & Jackie Smith Frank & Sarah Maxwell **Bob & Sandy Kortenber** John & Millie Connell Gil & Karen Gibbons Jack & Carol Andrews Mark & Stephanie Layton Charlie & Carole Cook Rusty & Phyllis Baltz Jim & Frankie DeGeorge Paul & Lee Meyers Mike & Mary Schnaufer Sr Newton & Linda White Dennis & Sue Wood Joe & Betty Harrison Joe & Mildred Giompoletti De De Robbins **Don & Elizabeth Sass** Larry & Sandy Stamps Stan & Gwen DeGruccio David & Darla Mevers Lou & Vi Kosarek Kevin & Lisa Coakley Dennis & Chris Bosch Joe & Jayne Dierks Jim & Martha Lockwood Audrey McDonald Mike & Cathy Tucker **Steve & Mary Gallimore** Rav & Rose Kukuk Larry & Diane Nieman Dick & Becky Antoine Paul & Evelyn Enderlin Frank & Lynn Janaskie Joe & Sandra Cenac

June Birthdays

- 3 Jerry Jennings
- 3 Mark Weber
- 6 Jeff Seikel
- 9 Frank Maxwell
- 10 Joe DePrez
- 16 Bob Koch
- 20 Kevin Tuohy
- 23 Fr. Alan
- 24 Bob Kness
- 27 Edwin Mally
- 28 Hayden Dwyer
- 30 Monte Dilick

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Charles and Geraldine Smith, Dawn Thompson, Ilse Purcott, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Marge Knoth, Valerie Poe, 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.

June Calendar

- 3 Bi-Parish Picnic, K. C. Grounds, Noon. (see Grand Knight's article)
- 14 Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m.
- 14 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Fourth Degree Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.



Thank You, Iturba!

Iturba Percefull has spent many hours over many days enhancing the rock-bounded garden as a focal point for those coming onto the K. C. property. Arranged around the statue of the Blessed Mother are blooming roses in the background and two levels of grass in the foreground. Already it is a beautiful

addition. Time will enhance its beauty as the recently plated grass begins to grow. We are grateful, Iturba, for your dedication to this project.

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Having a professionally trained agent—and a Brother Knight you can trust at that—to help you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your Knights of Columbus membership. Take advantage of it.

A Brother Knight helping you protect you and your loved ones!

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