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Charity Rummage Sale: Super

With December *Knight Shift* being so late, I am able to report that our Charity Rummage Sale netted, thus far, \$24,606.18, a new record by a few hundred dollars. The previous record, established one year ago, was \$24,231.88. At this point, a nominal amount of income remains outstanding, under \$200. All in all, it was quite an interesting sale. On that first Friday, when we netted a record \$9455, it was truly amazing to see the morning crowd. Mid-morning we generated our very first bona fide traffic jam on the entrance road. Cars had parked solid on both sides of the narrow road. As vehicles turned onto George Marshall Way from Spring Street, there were other vehicles trying to exit. For several minutes traffic was stalled. Then **Stan DeGrucio** at the entrance and **Ray Kukuk** at the upper end of the road, working together, synchronized traffic movement from both ends of the road by directing traffic from one direction to proceed



Traffic Jam!

while that from the opposite direction waited its turn. Tempers apparently were about to fray. One fellow took off through the trees to the right, reached a point that he couldn't negotiate, and had to crawlfish his way backward to join the traffic once again.

So many people have played roles in our success. There were the usual ladies—**Sue Wood, Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Mildred Giompoletti, Carol Andrews, Martha Lockwood, Carol Koch, and Karen Gibbons.** And joining them were **Chris Bosch, Barbara Gilleran, Judy Kirton, Sue Stephens, Evelyn Enderlin, Sandy Kortenber, Gwen DeGrucio, Bev Priest, Barbara Reiter, Audrey McDonald, Miriam Didier and Mary Shields.** The men regulars were **Gil Gibbons, Don Sass, Bill Thompson, Dick Smith, Dennis Wood, Bob Koch, Stan DeGrucio, Leonard Buchholz and Joe Giompoletti.** Also working the sale were **Dennis Bosch, Jim Reiter, Tony Shields, Don Sluyter, Tom Gilleran, Bob Kortenber, Harold Hager, Julian Post, Ray Kukuk, Ed King, Ray Kukuk, Leonard Didier, Joe Dierks, and Tony Hoeng.** **Joe Giompoletti** of course

set up **Joey G's** Chuck Wagon across the parking lot from which he and **Jackie Smith** served racks of ribs and jumbo burgers and barbecued pork sandwiches. His servings remain the most delicious in the county. Much thanks to all volunteers for their faithful service. A special thanks to **Arkansas Glass** president and council member **Larry Nieman** for his ever-ready willingness to supply glass for broken or missing glass for several donated furniture items. And we once again express gratitude on several preparation to those who served dinners to us not only on sale days but preparation

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Grand Knight's Report

On October 11, during our regular council meeting, **State Deputy Michael Kieffer** presented the Star Council Award to our council for the 2011-2012 year. Immediate Past Grand Knight **Dennis Bosch** accepted the award on behalf of Council 6419. It was noted by State Deputy Kieffer that Arkansas ranked #10 in the nation for number of councils receiving Star Council Award last year.



Joe Dierks read applications for three new members: **Don Peck, Danny Morrison, and Leonard O'Donovan.** We also had transfer applications from **Brett Robey and Tony Shields.** On October 17 **Doug Bolwerk and I** took **Danny Morrow and Trance Palazzi** to Jacksonville, where they completed their 1st Degree Exemplification.

On October 11 the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at *Giompoletti Hall*, welcoming our council as its newest member. Attending the ribbon cutting were Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator **Don Sass**, his wife **Liz**, Chamber Ambassadors **Dick Antoine and Greg Speas** and I as Council Grand Knight. Also present were **Lou Kosarek, David Meyers, Zack Nehus, Dick Smith, Jim Reiter, and Gil Gibbons.** I explained to the Chamber members the history of the knights, the charitable organizations we support, and how we obtain the funds for these charitable deeds, such as the rummage sales, pancake breakfasts, etc. After the ribbon cutting the knights served the Chamber members cake, cookies, and apple cider in the Hall.

Although we were not able to hand out Tootsie Rolls at all the usual locations, we still did very well with our annual drive for people with disabilities. We netted \$3,676.00, which is \$1,000.00 more than the 2011 net collections. Thanks to **Joe Kanopsic** effectively organizing this worthy cause. The funds will be distributed 85 percent to First Step School here in Hot Springs and 15 percent to Special Olympics.

Council knights **Robert Rowe and George Schwass** with the help of **James Newlin, another Instrument & Supply, Inc. employee,** replaced the kitchen ventilator. **Joe Giompoletti** has generously offered to donate \$200 from the profits of his Chuck Wagon lunches served during the October 26-27, November 2-3 Rummage Sale toward the \$440 cost to replace the *Giompoletti Hall* backdoor awning. Council knights voted at the October meeting to make this improvement.

Following separate reports and recommendations from Knights **Kanopsic** and **Don Sass**, the council also approved motions to upgrade the sound system and overhead lighting in the Hall. Both had carefully researched costs of the improvements.

The council also decided to sponsor **Robert Smith** and **Luke Womack**, who are among the present seminarians in the

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Grand Knight's article, continued....

Diocese of Little Rock. This will be our first time to give financial support to two seminarians at the same time. Luke Womack, from Hot Springs, is a St. John's parishioner.

Following a recommendation from council member **Stan DeGruccio**, membership voted to cease rental of our council hall to non-members, recognizing first of all that the time demand on one council member **Richard Smith** was unreasonable. Richard by himself has rented the hall, met with the renters on multiple occasions, remained at the hall during periods of decorating, then again during the parties, frequently till 1 or 2 a.m. In addition, he has spent untold hours cleaning the hall both before and after the parties. **Don Sass** has been very helpful in helping with the floor cleaning and polishing, but still far too much responsibility has fallen on Richard's shoulders (and back). The council is indebted to him for meticulously doing what no one else would be willing to do. Thank you, Dick, for that and for the countless, time-consuming jobs you continue to do: cleaning, keeping the Hall well-stocked with supplies, tending bar, and keeping the extensive grounds neat. How fortunate we are to have a guy who has so much pride in his work.

At the time of this writing, council members, wives, and other council supporters are gearing up for the semi-annual Charity Rummage Sale scheduled for October 26-27 and November 2-3. *Reiter Hall, Spirit Hall, and Giompoletti Halls* are packed with sale items. Depending on when November ***Knight Shift*** arrives at your home, the sale may be history. We hope we will be able to report in December that an abundance of volunteers showed up, especially for the sale days....AND that the efforts produced another record sale.

Due to failing health, **Conrad Stein** asked to be replaced as Membership Chairman. **Joe Kanopsic** has agreed to take over this position.

On November 4, a Second and Third Degree Exemplification will be held in Fayetteville and then again on December 2 at our own council hall.

Please be present for our November 8 council meeting. The building will be open at 5:30 p.m., the officers meeting at 6, and the council meeting beginning at 6:30./**Newton White, Grand Knight**



Christmas Dinner/Dance Set for December 8

The Fourth Degree Assembly-sponsored Christmas Dinner/Dance will be Saturday evening, December 8 with the social beginning at 5:30 p.m., the dinner at 6:30, and dancing and raffle following at 7:30. With **Bill Thompson** chairing the event and his wife **Dawn with Liz Sass** taking the lead in decorations using a Winter Wonderland theme. It will be fun evening with a great dinner from our own chef **Joe Giompoletti**, who will be assisted by council member **Larry Stamps**. The dinner menu will feature a thick pork chop,
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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The October 4 annual living rosary and potluck dinner honoring our deceased knights brought a good turnout, including widows of those knights. Following the living rosary, all present enjoyed an array of good foods, including barbecue pork from Smokin' in Style provided by the Assembly. Fourth Degree members of the Assembly Honor Guard served to introduce each mystery of the rosary. Then a couple of days later, on the 6th, three knights in regalia assisted at a Mass sponsored by Catholic

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**A Message from Seminarian George Sanders:
A Gentle Breeze**

Thirty minutes into my maiden voyage in a hot air balloon over the Arizona desert, I experienced one of those "ah ha" moments. You know the ones that slip up on you from out of nowhere like a sudden gust of wind... As we glided along, a gentle breeze touched my face. Looking down, I saw our gondola seemingly moving into the wind. I paused, amazed at this impossibility. Even a city boy from southern Arkansas knows that balloons don't fly into the wind; they are pushed by the wind. They flow *with* it, not *against* it. Duh!

But then (and not for the first time in my life), I learned something in my perplexity. I asked the balloon captain why we seemed to be traveling into the wind. With a wry smile (This was not the first time in his thirty years of flying that he had been asked this naive question). He told me that the wind was actually behind us. We were actually flying at the same speed as the wind, and what I was feeling on my face was the slower air that we were flying through. He said that we could be flying 30 knots (about 35 miles an hour for you landlubbers) and strike a match and see the flame only barely flickering, since the balloon would be traveling at the same speed.

As we floated along, I couldn't help asking myself how often we ourselves have also been fooled in a similar way. None of us are just suspended in space; we are all in the balloon of humanity, pushed by the wind of our culture and time. And the thing is, without our really knowing it or making any conscious decision, we are all caught up in the winds of the 21st century. If you haven't looked over the edge to see that we are moving, tell me, is there anything on TV these days that would have been a scandal to our families a generation ago? When did it become acceptable for an unmarried man and woman to live together? When did the art of "spin" become more valuable to our news agencies and press than the search for truth? When did "in God we Trust" cease to be written on our hearts and seem to the majority of Americans to be some archaic slogan that should no longer be written on our coins either? Whoa! Stop this balloon! I want to get off!

But the good thing in all of this is that once we finally find out that we are moving and know what it is that is pushing us, we can change directions. We may have to climb or we may have to descend, but we can ultimately decide where we want to go, find a favorable breeze and do something about it.

This November we all have a chance to decide which direction that we as a nation want to take. Take a minute to look over the edge of your balloon. This is not an endorsement for change or no change, nor in favor of any political party. It's just a plea to remember what is really important. And to remind each of us that "the answer is not always blowing in the wind;" it's not always what our culture tells us is important; it's what God tells us is important that really counts. Vote your heart, vote your faith, vote your hope...and then pray...because I am personally convinced that neither of these pilots can get us home without the Balloon Maker's help.



Columbus Day Flags

On hand for the October 8 Columbus Day raising of the flags at Calvary Cemetery were **Dick Smith, John Steinhaus, Joe Dierks, Iturba Percefull, Harold Hager, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Gil Gibbons, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, Leonard Buchholz, Bob Koch, Ed King, Joe Kanopsic, and Chairman Tom Gilleran. Don Sass** provided coffee and donuts for the council members gathered there. This event marks the end of flag events until Presidents' Day in January.

- Tom & Barbara Gilleran
- Scott & Sessie Hrdlicka
- Bob & Mary Ann Fiedler
- Zack & Stephanie Nehus
- Randy & Marty Schnoebelen
- Bob & Sandy Kortember
- Mark & Stephanie Layton
- Mike & Mary Schnauffer Sr
- Joe & Mildred Giompoletti
- Stan & Gwen DeGruccio
- Bill & Dawn Thompson
- Mike & Cathy Tucker
- Mike & Nancy Schnauffer Jr
- Dick & Becky Antoine

- Joe & Janet Kanopsic
- Joe & Peggy Palmere
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- 5 Robert Standridge
- 8 Doug Hall
- 8 Frank Janaskie
- 11 Aurelio Ayala
- 15 Fr. Jack Vu
- 17 Paul Ruckstuhl
- 19 Farrell Hass
- 21 Ken Schmitz
- 22 Ed King
- 23 Dennis Bosch

Pray for our Sick
 Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Lorraine McManus, Jerry Hawley (Arkadelphia), Bob Kortember, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Gwen DeGruccio, Charles Smith, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, and Laura Mazzia**

November Calendar

- 8 Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m.
- 8 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Fourth Degree Social Meeting with wives, Back Porch Grill, 4810 Central Avenue, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Christmas Dinner/Dance (see article, p. 2)

Rummage Sale, continued... workdays: Joe Giompoletti, Martha Lockwood, Sue Wood, Jim DeGeorge, Ed Soris, St. John Church's Morning Circle (Gerry Rostan, Margo Longo, Doris Reis, Jackie Hammerstein, Marge Knoth, Millie Connell, Dianne Nieman, Fritzie Schmelz, and Dodie Mahoney) and St. John's Sacred Heart Circle (Fran Kasemeier, Sue Woods, Karen Gibbons, and Chris Bosch). Finally, thanks to **Beverly Priest** for a return of her famous lemon bars and **Tom Gilleran** for donuts..

Fourth Degree, continued....

Daughters of America. The October 7 Fourth Degree-sponsored Pancake Breakfast was poorly attended, but the pancakes, sausage, and eggs, were delicious as usual. Thanks to **Tom Gilleran and Doug Bolwerk** for their help.

The November 15 Assembly meeting will be a social at Back Porch Grill, 4810 Central Avenue, 6 p.m. Come early for cocktails. All knights and their wives/friends are invited..

See separate article, p. 3, regarding the Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner/Dance.

From Our Insurance Agent:

"Right to Apply" Helps Widows in Need

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state ([rovincial) laws, specify that Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from members of Knights of Columbus. Members may apply for insurance on themselves, their wives and their dependent minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, however, to assure that a brother knight's widow maintains the right for a limited time to purchase additional insurance. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy or Disability Policy, this benefit is not available to the widow.

But if the knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things: First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and with any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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Christmas Dinner/Dance, continued from p. 2

candied yams, sweet peas with onion pearls, a garden salad, fresh homemade rolls (from the culinary skills of council wife Carol Koch), cheese cake, coffee and/or complimentary wine. Count on another delicious dinner served once again by the St. John's youth group (CYO), trained by Youth Director Donna Rivard. Music will be provided by council member Larry Womack and his *Salt and Pepper Band*. They are very good. Those who heard them back in late winter at the St. John's Mardi Gras dinner and party held in St. John's Gym were quite impressed, setting them up for their first performance at our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance. You will be pleased with this selection. So get your tickets at a cost of \$25 each and be with us for a great evening of good food, good company, beautiful decorations, good music and altogether much fun. Tickets may be secured from Grand Knight Newton White, his secretary Vicki Stanley, Dennis Bosch, Stan DeGruccio, Joe Kanopsic, Jim Lockwood, Bob Koch, Don Sass, and church office at both st. John's and St. Mary's. Once again, the persistence of Lon Kosarek will bring an array of raffle items. We're hoping to have you join us!

Scenes from the Council Fall Rummage Sale

