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January Means Council and Assembly Dues Time!

Brothers: It's that time again. The Council and Assembly dues both were payable as of January 1. For the Council the amount remains at \$45. For the Fourth Degree Assembly the fee is unchanged at \$20. Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** fantasizes that he will be inundated with money at the January 10 council meeting, all of it dues for 2013. Every year an intense appeal is put forth for prompt payment to eliminate second and third dues reminders, and every year the appeal falls on many deaf ears. Even when April fades to April, unpaid dues remain unpaid, sometimes necessitating not only the expense of additional reminders but also phone calls to avoid dropping some from the council membership roll. Every year we hope that the dues collection task can become less of an ordeal. Let this be such a year! **Pay your \$45 assessment either at the January 10 council meeting or by mailing to Joe at Greenleaf Financial Advisors, 835 Central Avenue, Hot Springs 71901.**

To pay Fourth Degree Assembly dues, please submit your \$20 payment either at the 6:30 January 24 Assembly meeting in *Giompoletti Hall* or by remitting payment to **Faithful Comptroller Robert Rowe** or mailing it to him at 706 Lakeside Road, Hot Springs 71901. You could help Robert and the Assembly with your prompt payment.

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Last, it's also time for **Knight Shift** sponsors to renew their sponsorships and also for renewal of page 4 ads as well. The cost of a sponsorship is \$10 for the year, for ads \$25. Sponsorships of course are completely voluntary, but the money generated by these is quite important in helping offset the cost of the monthly newsletter. This year the ads and sponsorships have brought in \$940, more than half the cost of 12 issues of **Knight Shift**. The approximate cost of the newsletter for 2012—ink (the biggest item by far), paper, postage, mailing labels, and post office fee for bulk rate postage privilege—is \$1653. Renew your ads and sponsorships through **Joe Dierks** or editor **Jim Lockwood**. (Note Well: If you write one check to cover more than one issue, be sure to indicate on the check what the added money is to cover. Traditionally, many members add an amount beyond dues assessment to apply to our seminarian fund. Others include \$10 for a sponsorship. Our financial secretary, unless the amount is designated, does not know for what the extra money is intended.

Reclaiming Strayed Catholics

Much appreciation of those men who made announcements at St. John's and St. Mary's on the weekend before Christmas and to the many who helped distribute the books following all the Christmas Masses. Many books were given, but we have a lot left. These books are available for use where they are needed. Call Jim Lockwood for free copies (525-7022).



Grand Knight's Report

On December 2 our council hosted a state-wide turnout exemplification for 40 new brothers, including seven from our council, move to the Third Degree.

December 8 was a wonderful night to have a dinner dance. The Fourth Degree really knows how to throw a party! **Larry Womack and his Salt and Pepper Band** played beautiful dance music to dance by while **Chef Joe Giompoletti** and his assistants **Larry Stamps** and **George Schwass** served up pork chops, green peas, and candied yams. Special thanks to party chairman **Bill Thompson** and his wife **Dawn**, **Faithful Navigator Don Sass** and his wife **Liz**, **Dennis and Sue Wood**, **Dick and Jackie Smith**, **Iturba Percefull**, **Lou and Vi Kosarek**, all the kitchen help, and the youth of St. John's, who so effectively served the tables under the leadership of Youth Director **Donna Rivard**. The splendid decorations engineered by **Dawn Thompson** following her Winter Wonderland theme were one highlight of the event. She was assisted by husband Bill, Don and Liz, and Dennis and Sue. Always of special interest for this annual party is the raffle. Thanks to Lou Kosarek for securing several nice gifts.

As of December 13 we have a certified Exemplification Team!! After much practicing and memorizing, **District 10 Deputy Roy Anderle** certified our newly trained members. We performed our first exemplification with three new knights coming into the Order, witnessed by 29 knights.

Council representation will be present for the annual **March for Life** scheduled in Little Rock on January 20. In addition, we will have a March for Life here in Hot Springs for those who are unable to go to Little Rock. The march in Hot Springs will be from St. John's to Calvary Cemetery.

Our next entertainment event will be a **January 17, 5:30 p.m.** "Dinner Theater," featuring the magic of illusionist **Maxwell Blade**. Mr. Blade has donated his services to help our knights raise money to help our brother knights in New York and New Jersey affected by Super Storm Sandy. All proceeds will be sent to those State Councils to be distributed to storm-affected knights. Get your tickets from either event chairman **Hans Purkott** (623-8263) or **Vicki Stanley** (538-4502). The price is \$20 per ticket covering an excellent German dinner and the evening's entertainment. The dinner will include pork roast and gravy, German potato dumplings, red cucumber salad, and an assortment of goodies, compliments of several council wives. The main course will be prepared by **Chef Joe Giompoletti** and **Ilse Purkott**, assisted by **Hans**. Hans will need three or four people to clean up after dinner and clean the hall on January 18. The first help will be need to help set up for the party on either January 14 or 15. Come help with this worthy cause.

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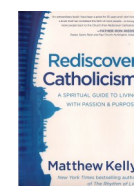
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Grand Knight’s article, continued

A council event of major significance is our upcoming *Vocation Celebration with Bishop Taylor*, set for February 2 at *Giampoletti Hall*. This year we will focus on the family, our theme being “Vocations Begin at Home.” This is NOT a fund-raiser but instead an awareness raiser! We will have hotdogs and . hamburgers with all the fixin’s at the St. John’s school cafeteria. The program will be in the gym. More information regarding this event will come later.

We should be ever mindful of those in need of our prayers during this Christmas and New Year season. The daughters of council members **Joe Palmere and Hans Purkott** especially need our prayers, as do council member **Stephen Stoddard**, and young **Haley Glory, cancer victim**, of St. John’s Parish.

We now have liability insurance coverage protecting our knights during activities on and off the premises while conducting events for our charitable causes. A copy of the policy is on file at 141 Technic Circle, my business office, and is available for copy and review during regular business hours. A copy will also be on hand in the office of *Giampoletti Knights of Columbus Hall./Newton White, Grand Knight*

And Now....A Note from Vicki (who needs no last name!)
I just want all my sweet knights and lovely ladies to know how much I appreciate the poem that was written for me and read at the dinner dance. It was a complete surprise! I enjoy working with all of you and cannot think of a better bunch that I would want to help out. You all make me feel special and appreciated and for that I am eternally grateful. God bless you all.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance was very beautiful, thanks to **Bill and Dawn Thompson**, who took the lead in planning and organizing the event. **Together they spent untold hours on the project.** A special thanks also goes to the faithful assistance from **Don and Liz Sass and Dennis and Sue Wood**. And of course as always the evening could not have been without the planning and preparing of the beautiful dinner by **Joe Giampoletti, assisted by Larry Stamps and George Schwass**. The Assembly expresses gratitude to all these as well as to **Larry Womack and his Salt and Pepper Band**, who entertained throughout the evening. It was their first time to perform for this event, and the group was well received. Finally, we express appreciation to our bartenders **Dick Smith and Iturba Percefull**, to Dick and his wife **Jackie** for washing the glassware for use in the bar, and all those, including wives of band members, who helped clean up when the party ended.

The Assembly followed tradition in providing an Honor Guard to serve at the St. John’s Christmas Midnight Mass. Those serving in regalia were **Commander Zack Nehus, Bob Kness, Bob Kortenber, Newton and Cooper White, Mike Tucker, Dennis Bosch, Bob Koch, Robert Rowe, and Faithful Navigator Don Sass**.

Our regular monthly Assembly meeting will be delayed one week to the fourth Thursday, January 24, 6:30 p.m. because of the fundraising dinner for the benefit of recent New York and New Jersey storm victims. (See **Grand Knight’s article, bottom page 1**)



Save Those Cans for Your Council!

The current price for scrap aluminum is approximately 50 cents a pound. It adds up! Please deposit your aluminum cans in the K. C. Recycle Box at **901 Albert Pike**.



A Message from Seminarian George Sanders:
“It’s All About Me....Or Maybe Not”

Frequently I hear the phrase, “It’s all about me.” I don’t particularly like the phrase, but as a Baby-Boomer I should easily identify with it since it has been our theme song. During my early years, children somehow passed from something “that should be seen and not heard” to the epicenter of attention.

Often our acting-out even came to be thought cute.

Of course, as Christians we have come to understand that this belief is wrong. We are not the center of the universe. God is. And because of that we are supposed to be more outwardly focused rather than inwardly focused, more charitable and less selfish. But I believe that somewhere back in the shadows of our unconsciousness we are still whistling the tune, “It’s all about me.” And no where is this more apparent than when we find ourselves in difficulties, in sickness, in tragedy, in want and need. When we experience a misfortune in our lives—whether we are passed over for a well-deserved promotion, we find that we have a terminal illness, our life partner divorces us, or.....(You fill in the blank), our immediate thought is something like....”Well, God must be trying to tell me something or punishing me for something I did in the past. Or when we pray for God to lead us to the magical hidden stairway out of our mess with no (apparent) answer, we feel abandoned. Trying to explain the deafening silence from the Almighty, we begin to search our hearts and souls for some reason, some lesson we need to learn, some shortcoming that deserves this punishment. We can’t keep from hearing that familiar tune whistling in the dark. “It’s all about me.” But is it?

This may come as a total shock, Boomers, but sometimes it has very little to do with us. Not all suffering happens for the ultimate benefit or edification of the sufferer. Sometimes the good that will come from our suffering is for someone else. In the second letter to the Church at Corinth, St. Paul writes *II Corinthians* 1:8 “The hardships we underwent in Asia, (were) beyond our powers of endurance, so that we gave up all hope even of surviving. Yet the reason that he was suffering might surprise you. He tells the Corinthians that his sufferings and hardships were to encourage them! St. Paul understood that by enduring these trials his life would become a lesson written in flesh and blood through which the Corinthians would be able to see God’s providence and in their own times of difficulty and struggle they would be encouraged to trust God. St. Paul’s struggles were not “all about him.”

Although sometimes the problems we are facing were fashioned by our own hands and may be the direct result of our actions, I am convinced that sometimes God gives us a particular cross to carry for Him. Simeon was given such a cross; he carried it for Christ up to Golgotha. He didn’t deserve it. To him it may have seemed that he was just the wrong person in the wrong place at the wrong time. Why did this happen to him? He couldn’t have possibly understood at the time, but we can because as it ends up, it really was not all about him. It was much bigger.



Pearl Harbor Day Remembered

On December 8, once again, several council members gathered at Calvary Cemetery at 7 a.m. to raise the flags in remembrance of “the Day of Infamy,” that fateful day that the Japanese unleashed the surprise bombing attack on Pearl Harbor, signaling the beginning of World War II. Present were **Dick Smith, Joe Dierks, Jim Reiter, Itruba Percefull, Harold Hager, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Joe Giampoletti, Gil Gibbons, Larry Stamps, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, Lou Kosarek, Bob Koch, Ed King, and Tom Gilleran**. Before the flag raising, Dick and Harold treated everyone to donuts, while Tom brewed the coffee. The next flag event will be Presidents’ Day, February 18./**Tom Gilleran, Chairman of Flag Events**

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January Birthdays

- 1 **Louis Kosarek**
- 3 **Larry Heisserer**
- 5 **Larry Archer**
- 4 **Floyd Sherfield**
- 7 **Joe Dierks**
- 7 **Charles Elias**
- 7 **Bill Thompson**
- 9 **Jim Lockwood**
- 9 **Newton White**
- 10 **Doug Bolwelk**
- 19 **Joe Cenac**
- 21 **Dick Smith**
- 23 **Francis Klein**
- 26 **Hugh Truesdale**
- 27 **Joe Farrell**
- 28 **Bill Wavering**
- 29 **Larry Stamps**

Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Tony Pultz, Lorraine McManus, Dick Smith, Jerry Hawley (Arkadelphia), Ute Purkott Adams (Hans Purkott’s daughter), Annie Palmere (Joe Palmere’s daughter), Bob Kortenber, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Charles Smith, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia,

January Calendar

- 10 **Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., preceded by 6:00 Officers Meeting**
- 17 **Maxwell Blade Dinner Theater, Giampoletti Hall, 5:30 p.m. social, followed by dinner and magic act. (see Grand Knight’s article, p. 1)**
- 20 **Marches for Life (see G.K.’s article, p. 1)**
- 24 **Fourth Degree, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 2 **Vocation Celebration (see G.K.’s article, p. 2, col. 1)**

From Our Insurance Agent:

If you’re like me, you derive great joy from your children. It’s a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child. We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we’re trying to instill in them—concern for others,continued, next column

Insurance Agent’s article, continued

accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it—seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share with your older children what important, you’re exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You’ll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You’ll show them 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. And 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 one, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

They’ll probably roll their eyes at you as you’re explaining this, and they’ll certainly moan and groan if they can’t get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do, just as they learn from what you don’t do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I’ll perform, free of charge, we’ll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals, and budget.

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