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Knight Shift Mail-outs to Cease

At the January 12 council meeting following the recommendations from **Dennis Bosch** and me membership voted to discontinue mailing out copies of the monthly newsletter *Knight Shift*. Postal regulations have become increasingly more stringent, more costly, and more time-consuming. Two or three months ago they began to require TWO pieces of tape to seal each newsletter, and in January I learned that we must now use 20-weight paper as opposed to the previous 20-pound weight. It is much heavier paper, a fact which will also increase the cost of mailing them. But the real surprise is that the required paper costs \$30 for a 500-sheet ream as opposed to the \$10 former cost.

Of course, the monthly *Knight Shift* will continue to be prepared and made available to membership and to others who request it. It was pointed out at the meeting that almost all of our members have on-line computer service, and this is also true for almost all of our other recipients. So the plan is to continue placing the newsletter on the web at hotspingsknights.org and also to send them to individuals for whom I have e-mail addresses. In addition, I will continue to print several copies to hand-deliver either at the 10 a.m. Masses at St. John's and will take some copies to the council meeting each month. The mail-outs will end with the March issue./**Jim Lockwood, editor**

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Grand Knight's Report

What a wonderful way for a knight to begin the new calendar year! Our January meeting brought in a recent-year record number of attendees with 43 present, including 11 officers. Help us to keep up this great showing, perhaps with even more members in attendance. We have a full calendar of events coming up and what better way to stay warm than by serving others, eating, playing, and socializing. Please plan to attend the get-togethers lying just ahead.

1. The theme for the annual Vocations Celebration is "Vocations Begin at Home." **Donations toward the seminarian fund will be accepted.** We will begin at 3 p.m., February 2, at St. John's Gymnasium with talks by seminarians, 5 p.m. Mass with **Bishop Anthony Taylor**, hamburgers and hotdogs for dinner, and skits performed by the St. John's Youth. To show our support for vocations, we need as many knights as possible to be present. Donations to offset cost of food will be accepted.

2 Get your reservations for the February 14 return of the Rib Tickler dinner. This will be a great (and inexpensive) way to treat your Valentine to a special dinner. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 o'clock. The menu includes ribs, beans, coleslaw, cake coffee, and/or tea. Tickets are \$8 each. You can "earn" a dollar rebate by getting up to tell a **G-rated** joke or limerick. **Off-colored jokes will be inappropriate.**

3. **The council under the leadership of Mark Layton** will serve two Lenten fish fry dinners—February 22 and March 22. Mark will depend on others to prepare the dinner on the first date because it conflicts with the arrival of a new baby in his family. **Lennie Didier**, assisted by **Joe Cenac**, will take the lead in the frying. Dinners will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 with a break from 6:00-6:30 while the Stations of the Cross devotion is in progress in the church.

4. The annual District 10 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will begin here in Hot Springs on **February 16** in St. John's Gymnasium at 11:15 a.m. Chairman **Paul Ruckstuhl** will need help. Come on out to help him. The following Saturday, February 23, the district-level contest will be conducted at St. John's Gymnasium. Again, volunteer help will be needed. Competition, **both boys and girls**, will be offered in **five different age groups: 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.** Winners will advance to the state contest at a different location and date to be announced later.

5. On February 17 the council will serve a pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast at St. John's Parish Hall following all morning Masses on February 17.

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More Space Needed! Desperate!

Just yesterday I turned down a potential rummage sale donation of an office full of furniture: desks, chairs, filing cabinets, etc. simply because we at the present have no room for them. But shortly before that rejection, I did accept a BIG pickup for next Saturday morning—furniture, glassware, other household items—estimated to require our trailer and two trucks to transport. But then what? Some of us will go out one day this week to move things around in *Reiter Hall* in an attempt to make more space for new donations. Does anyone know of anyone with an empty building that he would be willing to let the Knights use temporarily for storage of overflow donations? We have two and a half months to go before our April sale! Help! (Will we need to add onto *Reiter Hall*? /**Jim Lockwood/Rummage Sale Chairman**

Vocations Celebration Focuses on the Young

The annual Vocations Celebration is set for February 2 in St. John's Gymnasium. **Bishop Anthony Taylor, Father Erik Pohlmeier** and several seminarians will participate. The event will begin at 3 p.m.. The schedule will follow this timeline: 3:05-3:10, Welcome & Introductions; **3:10-3:40, Bishop**

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Grand Knight's article, continued....

If you missed the Super Storm Sandy fund-raising event, you missed a wonderful German dinner as well as a fine Maxwell Blade magic show. [see separate article, bottom of page, as well as Seminarian George Sanders' article in next column.]

Council members, led by **David Meyers**, distributed baby bottles following January 19-20 Masses at both St. John's and St. Mary's Churches. Our council baby bottle campaign is designed to fund a trained operator of the ultrasound machine that our council purchased for use at Change Point, the local pregnancy crisis center that seeks to persuade women with unplanned pregnancies to sustain their pregnancies to full term rather than resorting to abortion. Those who received the bottles are encouraged to fill the bottles with loose change, bills, and checks and, in a couple of weeks, to return them to the church. Change Point reports that during the past year the use of the ultrasound machine resulted in the saving of at least nine lives.

On May 24-25 the Knights of Columbus Special Olympics will be conducted on the campus of Harding University in Searcy. We could use volunteers for this event. Contact Dub Green of the Hot Springs Village Knights [501-922-6134 (home) or 501-984-0590 (cell)] for more information./ **Newton White, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

With a Fourth Degree Exemplification coming in the basement of Sacred Heart Church in the Village on Saturday, March 16, we need to turn our attention toward acquiring more candidates for the occasion. We don't often have the opportunity to have the Exemplification so close to home. At this point four Third Degree members have expressed a desire to join our Fourth Degree Assembly: **Doug Hall, Mark Chunn, Charlie Cook, and William "Andy" Anderson.** Others are presently considering joining these men in their intentions. So let's all join in the recruitment efforts. Those wishing to become Fourth Degree members should complete a Form 4 and mail to **Vicki Stanley**, Instrument and Supply, P.O. Box 1679, Hot Springs 71902. They should include a one-time check for \$70 made out to Knights of Columbus. For the Exemplification ceremony they should have a black tux (no vest), a black cummerbund, white gloves, black bow tie, studs, cuff links, and a white front-pleated shirt with lay-down collar, cuff links, and black shoes. **Annual Assembly dues are \$20.** The next Exemplification opportunities will be April 6 in Fort Smith and April 21 in Morrilton. So to avoid more distant travel, aim for the March 16 opportunity in the Village.

Assembly dues of \$20 were payable January 1. If yours are unpaid, please take care of this matter.

There will be no Fourth Degree meeting in January./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

Vocations Celebration, continued....

Taylor; 3:40-4:10 Youth Groups Divide (Girls to Youth Room with **Sister Norma, Sister Marta, and Donna Rivard**, Boys remain in the gym with **Father Erik, Father West, Seminarians, and Bishop Taylor.** Parents should accompany their children.) 4:10-4:25, Video on "How to Discern"; 4:25-4:35, Video on "What Are Vocations?"; 4:35-4:45, Seminarian **Karldy Isidor;** 5:00-6:00 Mass at St. John's Church; 6:15-6:45, Hamburger/Hot Dog Dinner with Chips, Cookies and Soft Drinks; 6:45-7:00; CYM Skit; 7:00-7:10, Seminarian, **Jerry Wilkerson;** 7:10-7:25, Closing Remarks, **Fr. Erik;** 7:25-7:30 Vocations Prayer, Close.



A Message from Seminarian George Sanders:

Last night, Brenda and I attended the K of C fundraiser for the Hurricane Sandy victims. The whole evening was delightful from the warm fellowship to the incredible food to the professionally performed magic show. It was truly a night to remember. Somewhere along the way, I began to relapse into my old finance role and started to calculate what might be the revenue, expenses and net contribution to the hurricane victims from this evening fundraiser. Even if there were 200 people here and even if we had some donors that contributed one-time gifts, how could what we would be able to give begin to address **s u c h a g r e a t n e e d .**

As I began to feel hopeless, somewhere deep in the recesses of my heart, I heard these words whispered softly ... "It's not all about the money!" As I meditated on these words it seemed to become clearer in my mind that the greatest miracle tonight was not that we could raise enough money to rebuild one house or reroof a school. The real reason (by this I mean the Divine reason) that we were here was really about us. Knights heard about a need and decided that they would do what they could to help. One knight talked to another and he talked to another and his wife talked to another wife and before long a council said "count me in!" Most of us are not wealthy, just willing. The real miracle, the real story of the night was that someone decided to do something for someone else whom they had never met. No matter if they were from from Asian, Caucasian, Mexican descent or a New Yorker, Hindu, Muslim, Christian or Jew, men and women stood together for a single purpose, to reach out to another human being in need. That very night we experienced something of the unconditional love that God has for us in that, when we were at our greatest need, he sent us his Son for the very same reason.

Whatever the final amount of money that we send, the gift we gave and actually received ourselves that night was much bigger. When Jesus wanted to feed 5,000 men way back on the grassy hills of Judea, Phillip came to him and said, "Master, there is a boy here who has a couple loaves of bread and a few fish, but what is that with so many people?" Jesus replied, "It's enough. Bring it to me." You might be surprised what he can do with bread and a few fish. **[The dinner, after expenses, netted \$1670.]**



Presidents' Day Next for Flag Raising

Council members will gather at Calvary Cemetery at 7 a.m. on February 18 to raise flags commemorating Presidents' Day.



Raising Money for Hurricane Sandy Victims

Brother Knights and their families left homeless by the late October storm that devastated the coastal area of New York and New Jersey benefited from the fund-raising dinner served January 17 at **Giampoletti Hall.** Chaired by **Hans Purkott**, the event featured one of our most impressive events combining charity with a wonderful German dinner followed by a highly entertaining magic show from local illusionist **Maxwell Blade.** The delicious pork roast and gravy dinner complemented by potato dumplings, red cabbage, and cucumber salad was put together by chief chef **Joe Giampoletti, Larry Stamps, Nolan Bramlett, George Schwass, Rick Sands, Vinente Gonzales, Hans and his wife Ilse.** Also playing a huge role were **Vicki Stanley** with organization and **Don and Liz Sass** with decorations.

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- 1 John Davis
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- 12 Tony Torres
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- 15 Steven Dunn
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- 16 Paul Sturman
- 19 Tony Hoenig
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- 20 Kenny Scott
- 20 Charles Smith
- 22 Bob Fiedler
- 25 James Roaamond

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, Jerry Hawley (Arkadelphia), Ute Purkott Adams (Hans Purkott's daughter), Annie Palmere (Joe Palmere's daughter), Bob Kortember, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, and Laura Mazzia,**

February Calendar

- 2 Vocations Celebration, St. John's Gym, 3 to 7:30 p.m. (see article, p. 1)
- 14 Rib-Tickler Dinner, Giampoletti Hall, 6:00 social, 7:00 dinner
- 16 District 10 Free K.C. Free-Throw Contest, St. John's Gym, 11:15 a.m. (see Grand Knight's article, p. 1)
- 17 Council Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Parish Hall, following all morning Masses (see Grand Knight's article, p. 1)
- 18 Presidents' Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 22 First Lenten Fish Fry, St. John's Gym, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 (with break during Stations of the Cross)

From Our Insurance Agent

Having Only "Through Work" Insurance Doesn't Do the Job

The recession and economic downturn has drastically changed many lives. With unemployment numbers rising (the jobless rate was 8-plus percent in 2012, the highest since ?????), it'scontinued, next column

Insurance Agent, continued....

very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. With this uncertainty, there is real possibility that there will be a lost job or a change in employers in the near future.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Having only "through work" insurance doesn't work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Many forms of group insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

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