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The Last Mail Out

As announced in February *Knight Shift*, this is the final issue that comes to you through the mail. The April newsletter will continue to be published on the council website (hotsspringsknights.org) and, in addition, will be delivered to email addresses IF the editor is supplied those addresses. Those who do not have a personal computer and who go to 10 a.m. Mass at St. John's may be hand-delivered the monthly newsletter.

Dennis Bosch has shared with me the email addresses of those members who currently receive e-mail notices from him. Otherwise, the only way for the editor to email the newsletter to you is for you to call **Jim Lockwood at 525-7022** to let him know your email address. This of course applies to non-members who have been receiving *Knight Shift*. If he doesn't hear from you, he has to assume you're not interested in receiving the monthly issues. Of course, another matter of importance is to notify the editor when you change your Internet server or change your place of residence.



Grand Knight's Report

We've had a whirlwind of council activities in the past two months, and there is no sign of letting up.

Hot Springs Knights continue to receive rave reviews from the local press, thanks to **Charlie Cook**, our recorder and publicity man. Charlie continually makes sure our good deeds are not only publicized in the local paper but also at the Supreme Office. Our activities are often detailed in the *Sentinel Record*, which brings awareness to the causes we hold dear in our community.

March 3 brings us the State Free Throw competition at the St. Joseph Activity Center in Conway. The center is located at 1115 College Avenue. Registration begins at 11:30 with the competition at 12:30.

On March 16 we will have a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Hot Springs Village. Registration/Lunch is set from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The exemplification will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Mass at 5 o'clock. Activities for women are planned from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The social hour will begin a 6 o'clock with dinner following at 7. The candidate registration and dinner is \$70. The banquet fee is \$20 per person and the women's activities are \$15. The candidates from Hot Springs, their sponsors and guests should plan to leave from St. John's Church around 11:15. Several candidates will be taking this next step.

March 17 brings what is to be a delightful St. Patrick's Day party at **Giampoletti Hall**. Corned beef and cabbage will be the main menu item. **Vali Talbot-Barron and the Royal Celts** will be there to provide the entertainment. **Joe Kanopsic** is the chair of this event. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 a couple. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. To get tickets, you can call chairman **Joe Kanopsic** at 262-5829 or **Vicki Stanley** at 538-4502.

On March 22 the knights will host another Lenten fish fry in the gym at St. John's Church. The first fish fry was a week ago and was judged to be a very successful endeavor. **Mark Layton** expresses appreciation to **Leonard Didier** for taking his place in chairing the event. Mark was busy tending his new son. Mark also thanks all those who contributed to the success of this event. Frying the fish was regular chef **Joe Giampoletti** and helping with the setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up were **Bill Thompson, Dennis Bosch, Don Sass, Joe Cenac, Doug Hall, Larry Stamps, George Schwass, Todd Shiver, Dick Smith, Zack Nehus, Joe Dierks, Rick Sands, Stan DeGruccio, Harold Hager, Jody Dvorak, and Doug Bolwerk. Zack Nehus**

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Grand Knight’s article, continued
prepared three desserts for the evening, and his wife **Stephanie** helped with serving them. **Miriam Didier**, collected tickets and said that at least 100 people joined in the feast. The dinner was excellent....and NO ONE could complain about receiving a skimpy serving. **Be assured, friends, that the fish dinner to be served on March 22 will be the best buy in town! Where else could you get a large serving of fried fish, hushpuppies, beans, dessert, and beverage for a mere \$8? The only thing to cause personal guilt is the realization that no Lenten sacrifice is involved.** The dinners will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 with a 6:00-6:30 break during the Stations of the Cross devotion. Carry-out dinners will be available for those who can’t stay.

March 28 is Holy Thursday, a day of major importance in the Church calendar. Service of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard will be needed for the evening Mass. The following day—Holy Friday—ushers in the Veneration of the Cross. And then, as the grand culmination of the six weeks of preparation come the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30 and the Easter Mass of the following day.

Our spring Rummage/Furniture Sale unfolds **April 12-13** and winds up the following weekend, **April 19-20**. Those involved are anticipating another great sale to benefit several local charities. **[See article, p. 1]**

Coming at the end of April will be the annual Arkansas State Knights of Columbus Convention, scheduled for **April 26-28 in Jonesboro**. Two rooms have been booked for our delegates. The host hotel is completely booked for the event. Our delegates will be in Hampton Inn, where all overflow guests will stay./**Newton White, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Valentine’s Day Rib Tickler Dinner took the place of both the council and assembly meetings. I commend all those involved in giving us such a great evening of fine food and entertainment. This would include **Joe Petruk**, the chairman of the event, perennial chef **Joe Giompoletti**, assisted by **George Schwass**, **Joe Petruk**, **Tom Gilleran**, and **Harold Hager**, who served some of tastiest ribs—and plenty of them!—that you’ll ever have. Chairman Joe introduced the after-dinner joke fest that provided a lot of good tasteful humor. **Lou and Vi Kosarek** were on hand to collect tickets. My wife **Liz**, assisted just a bit by her husband, took the lead with the table decorations. All in all, it was a fine evening. Thanks to all who helped with the preparation, the serving, and the cleanup.

March 16 brings on our next Fourth Degree exemplification. For this ceremony all candidates for membership should wear a black tuxedo, black bow tie, black cummerbund, white gloves, front-pleated white shirt with lay down collar, cuff links, and studs. No duck tail collar shirts are to be used. The proper shirt may be purchased at Belk’s, including a bow tie, cuff links, and studs. Tuxedos may be purchased or rented from King of Hearts in Cornerstone Shopping Center. Used Tuxedos may be purchased also from Paul Morel Formal Wear, 120 South Victory Street, Little Rock (501-374-8256) and new tuxes may be purchased from Men’s Warehouse, 4205 East McCain Blvd., North Little Rock (501-955-2041).

Our next business meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in **Giomopletti Hall/Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.



**A Message from Seminarian George Sanders:
I Talked to Him, Daddy**

I had just settled back into my front-row pew and eased onto the kneeler. It was the Mass in which I was received as a candidate for Holy Orders on the first Saturday in February. For me it was a special day. As I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving, I heard a child say rather loudly, “Hi (pause), hi!” As I looked up, opening my eyes, I saw a young boy standing in front of the Bishop as his father received Communion. Walking away, the child tugged on the father’s jacket, insisting, “I talked to him, Daddy!” And then again, in case Dad might be ignoring him, as Dads sometime do when children shouldn’t be talking. “I talked to him!” *The excitement on his face was indescribable.* Something very important had happened and “Daddy” needed to know. Brenda and I caught each other’s eyes and smiled knowingly. We had also had boys, one of whom would likely have done something similar when we least expected it.

As I bowed my head again, tears welled into my eyes as my heart gushed up to God. I realized he got it, he really got it! The little boy did not understand the theology of *in persona Christi*, the concept of transubstantiation or the significance of Holy Orders. What he did understand in that moment with his tender, open and childlike heart was that *someone special was with us*. That child saw and experienced more than most of us did that day. That’s just like God. He found a heart that was open and impressionable and he pressed his image lovingly into it. Though the little boy could probably not describe in any great detail exactly what the Holy Spirit whispered to him at that moment, his simple words and facial features captured it all and expressed what he saw clearer than the best theologians sitting in the nave that evening could have.

As my heart was swept away in a rush of emotion, I too heard the voice of God in a still, small whisper...“This same joy of knowing me, of really seeing me, is yours if you will come to me in prayer. I want to be found and will not hide myself from you, my child.” My soul sat still in the hushed, holy silence of the moment.

Little boy, I don’t know who you are, but the excitement in your face at that moment has never left me. Thank you for your honesty and your openness to hear God for me. And I want you to know that I have prayed that my life and my priesthood will also never cease to be open to those divine moments when God surprises us by his closeness, just as he surprised both you and me that night. If I could, I’d like to join you in that aisle, tug on your sleeve and thank you because, like you, I too talked to Him.

Editor’s Note: Let’s try to be present this Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass for George’s ordination to the Deaconate program and then for the following reception in his honor in the school gym. And then, as the culmination of years of dedicated work devotion, and the long wait for the word from the Holy Father, Deacon George, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock, will become FATHER George. Glorious day!



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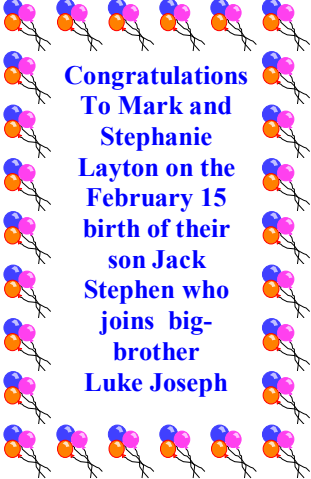
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**Congratulations
To Mark and
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Layton on the
February 15
birth of their
son Jack
Stephen who
joins big-
brother
Luke Joseph**

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Dick Smith, George Callahan, Tony Pultz, Beverly Priest, Lorraine McManus, John Andrews, Jo Ann Schnoebelen (Randy’s mother scheduled for March 4 surgery), Jerry Hawley (Arkadelphia), Bob Kortenber, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim and Anita Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, and Laura Mazzia,

March Calendar

- 5 George Sanders’ ordination to Deaconate, St. John’s Church, 10 a.m. Mass with reception following**
- 14 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- 17 Corporate Communion, St. John’s Church, 8 a.m. Mass**
- 17 St. Patrick’s Party, Giompoletti Hall, 5:30 dinner (see article, p. 1)**
- 21 Fourth Degree Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- 22 Lenten Fish Fry, St. John’s Gym, 4:30-6:00, 6:30-7:30 (see article, p. 1)_**
- 28 Holy Thursday**
- 31 Easter Sunday**

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From Our Insurance Agent

Why do we go to work every day? The answer is obvious, or is it? Yes, we have to make a living to feed and clothe ourselves and our families. How much thought have you put into your future? How about retirement savings and protection from now till then? How much do I need besides my Social Security benefits to still be self-sufficient? Have you done everything that you need to do to secure your future? Yes. No. I am working on that. I just have not had time to work out all the details. Gosh, I just have too many other things pressing me right now, but I will eventually get it done.

Do you have a will?

“I’m working as hard as I can! What else can I do?”

Well, brother knights, we have begun a new year, but we have not done all the things that we need to do to secure our futures. Is it better to get started now and do a little bit rather than doing nothing? Of course it is. Do you believe in Knights of Columbus? Of course you do, or you would not be a member. Now is the time to plan. Secure your future with a **Knights of Columbus Insurance POLICY**. Save for your retirement with **Knights of Columbus Annuities**.

And, everyone, let’s make out that **WILL** so that you—and not the state—control what happens to your estate.

**God Bless All
Fraternally yours,
Randy Schnoebelen, FICF
501-204-9486**

We need to find God, but he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence, see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence....We need silence to be able to touch souls.