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Grand Knight's Article

"He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. "Maybe Christmas," he thought...."doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps...means a little bit more!"

My hope is that you, like the Grinch, did find that Christmas doesn't come from a store and it does indeed mean a whole lot more! By the time you get to read this, presents will have been opened, perhaps your decorations are packed away for the year's wait till next Christmas, and the New Year has officially begun. Our responsibility as Christians and knights is to keep the charity of Christmas forefront in our minds and our hearts all year long.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 3, there will be a men's retreat directed by **Deacon Robert Wanless**. The theme of this retreat will be "What is your faith worth? Intentional Disciples." The retreat will begin in the Frassati Room of St.

John's Gym with the movie **Courageous**. The Saturday continuation will be in St. John's Parish Hall, beginning at 7:30 with coffee and bagels, and close at 5:30 p.m. **There will be no charge for this experience, including the lunch.** All men, ages 18 to 118, including non-Catholics and non-Christians, are invited.

Our regularly scheduled council meeting will be January 9, 6:30 p.m., and our monthly Corporate Communion will be the following Sunday, January 12 at the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Spring Church. **[Note the change in schedule. Henceforth, Corporate Communions will be at the 9 a.m. St. Mary's Mass and 10 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church on alternating months.]**

On January 18 the St. John's School will host "Trivia Night," a fund raiser for St. John's School. This fun event will unfold at St. John's Gym with a social beginning at 6 p.m. and the games following at 7 p.m. Per ticket cost is \$15.

The following Saturday night, January 25, St. John's Council of

Catholic Women will hold its annual Beans, Brats, and Bingo social at St. John's Gym. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults, which includes one free drink and five games of BINGO. Kids between 5 and 12 years of age will be admitted for \$5 each and those under 5 will be admitted free. Last year there was standing room only, so let's get our tickets early and come for the fellowship and food! To get tickets, call **Mel Wilson at 276-2884 or Carol Andrews at 525-4920.**

In January and February our council focus will be our Pro-Life Campaign. We have purchased over 800 baby bottles to be passed out after each Mass on the weekend of January 18-19. The bottles will be filled with loose coins and bills (and checks!) and within a specified time be returned to St. Mary's and St. John's Churches for the Knights to collect and then donate to Change Point Pregnancy Center to pay for an ultrasound technician who will use the ultrasound machine purchased by Knights of Columbus in 2011. Since **continued, p. 6**

Dues, Ads, and Sponsorships: Time to Remit Payment

As of the first day of the New Year annual dues payment is payable to both our council and the Fourth Degree Assembly. Council dues remain at \$45 and Assembly dues at \$20. Remit council

dues to Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** either at the January 9 council meeting or to the P.O. Box address at top of page 7 of this newsletter. For those paying Assembly dues, please remit to Faithful Comptroller **Robert Rowe** at

P. O. Box 1679, Hot Springs, AR 71902 or pay at the January 17 Assembly meeting.

The plea each year with this dues reminder is to pay them promptly for two important reasons: (1) **Reduce concluded, p. 5**



Columbian Squires Circle Takes Shape Under Guidance of K. C. Council 6419



The Squires emblem includes a Maltese cross upon which are the letters "P." (physical fitness); "I." (intellectual development); "S." (spiritual growth and the practice of our faith); and "C" (citizenship and civic life). The large letters "C" and "S" intertwined with the cross respectively represent Christ and Squires. The "K." centered on the cross symbolizes the Knights of Columbus. *Esto Dignus*, the Squires' motto encircling the emblem, is Latin for "Be Worthy."

Our new Columbian Squires Circle has a name, it has officers, it's had its first official meeting, and it's off and running! Its birth is long overdue. Many councils, perhaps most across the international brotherhood, have a circle.

Officers were recently installed by Chief Counselor **Newton White**. Each member present received his Charter Membership certificate and membership card. Those not present will receive theirs in the mail.

The Squires will assist our council on several of its charitable functions. Currently we have planned to pass out baby bottles at the end of Masses at St. John's and St. Mary's Churches for our annual Baby Bottle Campaign on January 18-19. The Squires will assist. They will also be on hand to help with

Pancake Breakfasts, the Altar Servers annual Picnic, Lenten Fish Fries, Vocations Celebrations, Free Throw Tournaments, the St. John's Golf Fundraiser and any other function the Hot Springs Council would like to include them in. Among themselves they will also plan fun events such as the kickball game in January.

If you know a Catholic young man between the ages of 10 and 17, who would possibly be interested in membership in our new Squires Circle, please call Squires President **Richard Pellegrino** at 258-8334, or e-mail him at mgrino@gmail.com or Chief Counselor **Newton White** at 622-0191.

The Squires, founded on August 4, 1925, in Duluth, Minnesota, is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men, ages 10 to 18, in over

1,500 circles worldwide. Circles exist, or have existed, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and on U.S. military bases abroad. Local Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies sponsor Squire circles, which may be based either in a council/assembly hall, in a parish building, a parochial, private, public or military school, or on a military installation.

The Squires involves young men in programs to benefit the Church and the community, as well as in recreational and social activities. The Squires program strives to provide "the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities," (section II, Article II of the *Laws and Rules of the Columbian Squires*).

From Our Insurance Agent: Insurance Check-up for 2014

Can you believe it is 2014? I hope that 2013 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the times goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. May I make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year, and until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writ-

ing a resolution down is the first step toward achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more, or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you first write it down.

Second, schedule your time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You

also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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From Father George Sanders: "Say You're Sorry!"



I grew up with a sister who was two years my junior. As you can imagine, in our younger years we had our share of sibling squabbles. We were not allowed to

physically settle our differences, as two boys might have been allowed to do back in the day. So when our verbal disagreements got beyond our ability to self govern, appeal was made to the final arbiter, usually Mom, who would first lecture us for an appropriate length of time on the merits and demerits of our actions, castigating the guilt of each party and then insisting on reconciliation (something neither of the interested parties was usually interested in doing). And in the end, no matter how well I had explained my sister's inexorable guilt, we both had to apologize and make up. "Tell her you are sorry," I would hear, to which I would very tersely respond in an unbowed tone, "Sorry." It was the oblig-

atory mea culpa to which I only paid lip service until the imposing threat had subsided and we were alone again, when I could not so subtly let her know that it didn't mean a thing, and I knew she was still clearly wrong no matter what the powers-that-be had coerced out of me earlier.

Though unbowed and unbroken in the moment, the experience had not left me unaffected. Even though I would not admit it, I did know that at least I was partially responsible (that was as far as my emerging manly pride could go at the time) and that eventually I had to forgive and get over it. I always did. Thinking back, my forced mea culpa may have done me some good after all. Somewhere deep in my heart, I knew that I had some responsibility for the mess that we were in, and in some measure I needed to come clean and make it right on my part. Perhaps it made it easier for my ego to show my adversary (my sister) that my forced confession was in

no way a sign of weakness or a retraction of my righteous stand, although my heart secretly knew that I was overplaying that hand; perhaps I was not completely at fault, but substantially so. Somewhere deep in my heart, I really wanted to say, "I'm sorry," but I couldn't do it on my own. Mom had to help me begin the healing process with the verbalizing of the remedy.

I have found that the Sacrament of Confession works the same magic. Every dawn begins with the appearance, sometimes barely perceptible, of a single ray of sun shining through the limitless darkness of night. Theologically, we call it imperfect contrition, and that first, single ray of light is the acceptance of our responsibility and probable guilt for the mess we have made. By verbalizing

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Assembly's December 14 annual Christmas Dinner and Dance at *Giampoletti Hall* once again was an evening of great fun. The somewhat reduced numbers present did not temper the festive mood.

A special thank-you to Chairman **Joe Kanopsic** and his wife **Janet**, who planned and organized the party's details—the dinner, the decorations, the mu-

sic, the setup, and the clean-up. Many people played important roles. **Wally Frazee** took the lead in the kitchen with a fine dinner of pork loin and vegetables, and **Chuck Pavlovich and his wife Darlene** prepared an incredible array of pastries. Assisting in the kitchen were **Stan and Jan Kowalkowski**, and **Joe and Janet Kanopsic**. In addition to Joe and Janet, the decorating committee included **Dennis and Sue Wood**,

Rick Dwyer and Pam Dwyer, Jody Dvorak, and Liz and me. Finally, **Larry Womack's Salt 'N Pepper Band** provided an encore performance of their best dance music. Their first appearance last Christmas was so well received that they were requested to return. Thanks to all of these who provided an evening for **concluded, p. 7**

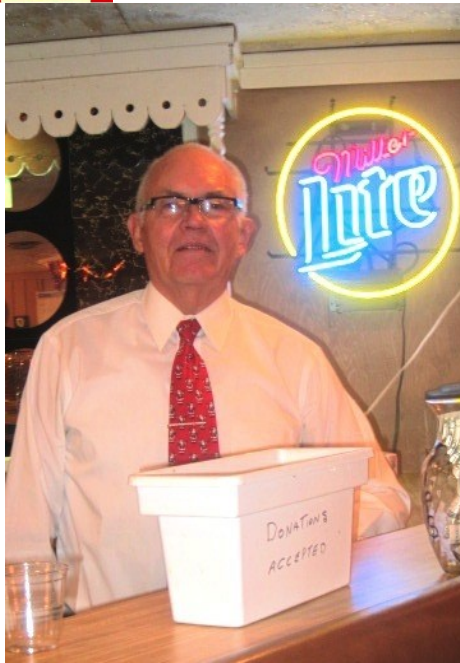


"If you're that person [willing to take over Dick's jobs], step forward now and make your willingness known so that we'll be ready when the time comes. No one comes forward? I was afraid of that."

Dick Smith: "I love this place! I'm so proud of all the improvements!"



Spotlight on Richard Smith



We all know that no one is indispensable. **Or do we?** Think about it. If **Dick Smith** suddenly decided to fold his cards and go home (wherever HOME might be), WHO would take his place? [If you're that person, step forward now and make your willingness known so that we'll be ready when the time comes. No one comes forward? I was afraid of that.]

Dick Smith's value to Council 6419 is incalculable! It all starts with a work ethic that Dick had to learn

as a child. He is a hard worker and he takes much pride in everything he does, especially things related to 3045 Spring Street. With reference to the Knights of Columbus acreage, he once said to this writer, "I love this place! I'm so proud of all the improvements," He of course was referring to the changes inside and outside *Giampoletti Hall*, including all the grounds, even the wooded area.

Dick, like so many of our council members, is a transplant from the Chicago area. Just outside Rockford he did lathing and carpentry work with a construction company. Upon his retirement, he and his wife Jackie, fortunately for us, chose Hot Springs for their retirement home. They moved temporarily in November of '97 to Diamondhead and then, nine months later, moved to their newly built home on White Eagle Trail, just off Marion Anderson Road and Walkway. Soon after their relocation to Hot Springs, Dick transferred his Knights of Columbus membership to Council 6419. That began what would become a litany of contributions to our council. So, specifically, just what does Dick do to make

these contributions of incalculable value? Let me count the ways.

For starters, he manages *Giampoletti Hall*, a commitment that calls him in a variety of ways. Of course he tends the bar, meaning that in addition to serving drinks, he keeps the bar needs updated: liquor, beer, etc. (You've probably noticed that the bar is named "Dick's Bar.") He stocks the building, especially kitchen and restrooms, with supplies: soaps and other cleaners, toilet tissue, and food staples for the kitchen. He also does the routine cleaning of the entire building, especially the kitchen and restrooms. Periodically, when the floors need cleaning, Dick, sometimes with some help, cleans, polishes, and buffs the floors. In the past, when the building was frequently rented for non-council parties, Dick was on hand to show the building to prospective renters and he was present during the parties, sometimes till 2 a.m. **Note Well:** You might also have noticed that Dick likes order, and that includes neatness. If you move things around and fail to return them to their proper places, Dick will let you know! And he definitely does not like it when we move furniture around and scuff the floor that he meticulously polished. **continued, p. 8**

Deacon Robert Wanless to Direct Men's Retreat

For Friday evening, January 3, and Saturday, January 4 from 7 a.m. till 5:30 p.m., Deacon and Council member **Robert Wanless** has organized a men's retreat to enable participants to evaluate their spiritual lives and to learn more about their faith, thereby becoming the Christian disciples that Jesus expects us to be.

The Friday evening program will be the movie **Courageous**. The film focuses on law enforcement officers on one hand trying to do their best jobs professionally and on the other hand to live their faith in their family and elsewhere.

This calls for renewal of their faith and strengthening their family relationships, especially with their children. The Saturday content will cover basic faith concepts, such as defining the Good News, evangelization, and conversion. The existing Friday morning classes with Deacon Wanless include a booklet **Beginning Apologetics I with the subtitle "How to Explain & Defend the Catholic Faith,"** a subject that we ALL need to know well but many of us being woefully inadequate to do so. **Apologetics I** includes topics such as the Eucharist, Apostolic Authority: Peter and the

Papacy, doctrines related to Mary, Confession, church scandals, and Purgatory. We could probably expect these topics or topics similar for the Saturday Retreat.

Please join other men and Deacon Robert for this meaningful encounter with Jesus. There is no cost involved. There will be a Saturday morning continental breakfast and then lunch at noon.

Please call either the church office or Deacon Robert at 609-9101 to secure your place in the group. This will enable Deacon Robert to have sufficient food, but not excessive, for lunch.

Father George, concluded

our mea culpa we open our soul to experience the reality of what we may not be able to see clearly yet, as the grace of the moment dawns on our consciousness. God will perfect our perception and our contrition for our guilt, as our actions, our penance, leads us toward the light of His Presence.

"Sorry" is a wonderful and necessary step toward the light that is coming into our souls, which will help us to clearly see and come to the reality of mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa and finally both affected human parties will honestly receive and give true forgiveness. As it turns out, my mom was right as usual. It just took me 40-plus years to find that out.

Dues Payable, Concluded

the stress level of the Financial Secretary and the Faithful Comptroller. Can you imagine how much stress can be eliminated by simply responding to this promptly, thereby eliminating the need for repeated reminders, telephone calls, and, ultimately, when all else fails, to begin steps for suspension for non-payment of dues? (2) You can help significantly to reduce council and Assembly expense by eliminating the need for additional mailings at a time that postage cost is spiraling upward. It is also time to renew ads at \$25 each (\$50 for double-size) and sponsorships at \$10/year. **Those beginning near end of 2013 need not pay now.**



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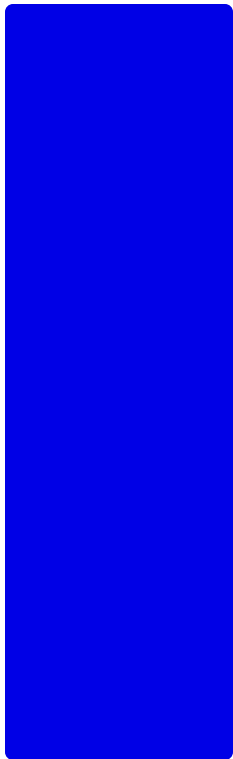
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Grand Knight's article, concluded

the last Baby Bottle Campaign, 35 young women who saw an image of their unborn child have decided not to abort but to carry their babies to full term. That, according to **JoAnn Carter**, the Director of Change Point Pregnancy Center, is a 97 percent success rate.

On January 19 we will have the Right to Life Marches in Hot Springs and in Little Rock. Our Columbian Squires will help with this campaign. [See separate article about **Columbian Squires**, p. 2]

February will bring the Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition in four age categories for both boys and girls. As always, it will be open to students in area schools with the winner of each category eligible to advance first to an area-level competition and then to state level competition. This endeavor will demand widespread advertising in the area and several volunteers to help this event to run smoothly./**Newton White, Grand Knight**



An Act of Charity Awaits

Mrs. Baksa, widow of former council member **Louis Baksa**, has called me with an incredibly generous offer for the right person. Mrs. Baksa has a very nice oxygen machine that she would like to donate to someone with limited funds. The machine, she says, has had very limited use.

Mrs. Baksa has specifically stated that the machine is not to be sold. Neither is to go someone who can purchase his own machine. She wants it to be reserved for someone who struggles to meet financial commitments. Do you know such a person who badly needs to be on oxygen? If so, you may call me at 525-7022 or Mrs. Baksa at 321-6194./**Jim Lockwood**

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." Psalm 122:6



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January Calendar

- 1 Dues Payable! Council and Assembly (See article, p. 1)
- 3-4 Men's Retreat (See article, p. 5)
- 9 Council Meeting, *Giompoletti Hall*, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Fourth Degree Assembly, *Giompoletti Hall*, 6:30 p.m. dinner (RSVP to Don!)
- 18- Baby Bottle Campaign (See Grand Knight's 19 article)
- 19 Right to Life Marches, Hot Springs and Little Rock

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Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Dick Smith, Larry Heisserer, George Schwass, Paul Enderlin, Tom Gilleran, Ilse Purkott, George Callahan, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Shirley Dvorak (mother of Jody Dvorak), Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, Fr. Raymond Rossi, and Gust Turek (former council member now in Minnesota).

Fourth Degree article, concluded

fine food and entertainment.

The next Assembly meeting will be a business meeting at *Giompletti Hall*, January 16, 6:30 p.m. I will serve a lasagna dinner. Will you be present? Call me to let me know so that I'll have the right food quantity—enough but not too much! Cell me at 767-2780. /Don Sass, Faithful Navigator

January Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Louis Kosarek | 21 Richard Smith |
| 5 Larry Archer | 22 Jody Dvorak |
| 6 Floyd Sherfield | 23 Francis Klein |
| 7 Joe Dierks | 26 Hugh Truesdale |
| 7 Charles Elias | 27 Joe Farrell |
| 9 Jim Lockwood | 28 Charles Elias |
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Focus on Richard Smith, Concluded

Now let's step outside *Giampoletti Hall* to see the rest of Dick's realm. That would mean the sprawling grounds. Who does the mowing? Who uses the weed whacker? Who tends the Blessed Mother's Rose Garden? Who does many new plantings that have taken place in recent years? Why, that would be Dick Smith, whether it's a cold day in February for clearing brush or the hottest day in August for mowing—so many times being the only person on the premises. Dick would be the first to acknowledge that he has had very good assistance from some members, especially **Don Sass and Leonard Didier**, when Dick has good reason to request assistance. But, more times than not, the work is done by Dick alone. He's the man!



03/14/2012

Highly Recommended Book: *By What Authority?* by Mark Shea

What do you know about Divine Tradition? We Catholics hear much about the Bible and indeed hear readings from the Old and New Testaments at each Mass that we attend. But the truth is that Catholics depend heavily on Divine Tradition, those accounts that were never expressed in the Bible itself but which have come down to us from the Apostles and from the early Fathers of the Church. We know from early non-Biblical writings that certain points of theology were believed and practiced by church leaders and theologians during the first two or three centuries of the Church. *By What Authority?* Is a fine book on our belief in Divine Tradition, a belief that sharply distinguishes us from Protestant churches that, centuries later, decided upon *Scriptura solus* (Scripture alone). Buy this book from [The Catholic Company.Com](http://TheCatholicCompany.Com) for \$16.95 or as little as \$4.43 for used books from Amazon.Com



05/29/2012

Blessed Mother's Rose Garden: Part of Dick Smith's domain



07/26/2012

Dick clear brush from the woods.

“Life High the Cross,” Dick Smith, far left, with Bob Koch, Joe Giopoletti, Dennis Wood, and Don Sass, reposition the Cross on K. C. Grounds

On Church/Papal Infallibility

“Infallibility, so far from meaning ‘sinlessness,’ in fact presumes sinfulness, stupidity, and ignorance on the part of the Church’s members from Pope to dogcatcher.”

“When Christ at a symbolic moment was establishing His great society, He chose for the cornerstone neither the brilliant Paul nor the mystic John, but a shuffler, a snob, a coward, in a word, a man. And upon this rock He has built his Church, and the gates of Hell have not prevailed against it.”

“And so, led by the Spirit, he [Peter] utters the deepest truth of our faith. ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’” (Mt. 16:16)

The following excerpts from the “Afterward,” pp. 202-204, of Mark Shea’s *By What Authority?* (used with permission by Mark Shea) just might be the most meaningful and most interesting account you’ve ever read on the subject of Church infallibility—what it is and what it is not:

[One of the major events taking place since the publication of *By What Authority?*] “was the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church. The appalling crimes of some priests, and the even more appalling crimes of some bishops in covering up the crimes and endangering those who later would be victimized, led some to conclude the Church’s claim of infallibility in preserving apostolic teaching is therefore laughable.

“But this is radically to misunderstand what infallibility means. Infallibility, so far from meaning ‘sinlessness,’ in fact presumes sinfulness, stupidity, and ignorance on the part of the Church’s members from Pope to dogcatcher..... It is rooted in two great promises of Jesus: his pledge that he would remain with the Church to the end of the age (Mt 28:20) and his promise that the Spirit would guide the Church into all truth (Jn 16:13). The great paradox of the Spirit’s gift of infallibility is that, if anything, the sins of Catholics only demonstrate its reality. For infallibility is not the guarantee that Catholics will not have fools, scoundrels, crooks, and buffoons in their ranks—including in their

clerical and even Episcopal and papal ranks. Infallibility is, rather, the promise that despite all that sin, ignorance, and stupidity, the Holy Spirit and he alone will see to it that the Church will not lose track of the essentials of the gospel or define falsehood as crucial doctrine.I sometimes suspect that the reason Jesus picked the disciples he did—and especially Peter [and Judas??]—was to highlight the fact that it is in his Spirit, not the personal sanctity or genius of his followers, that holds the whole works together. In the words of [G.K.] Chesterton [1874-1936, English poet, journalist, and convert to the Catholic Church], ‘When Christ at a symbolic moment was establishing His great society, He chose for the cornerstone neither the brilliant Paul nor the mystic John, but a shuffler, a snob, a coward, in a word, a man. And upon this rock He has built his Church, and the gates of Hell have not prevailed against it. All the empires and the kingdoms have failed because of this inherent and continual weakness, that they were founded by strong men and upon strong men. But this one thing—the historic Christian Church—was founded upon a weak man and for that reason it is indestructible. For no chain is stronger than its weakest link.’

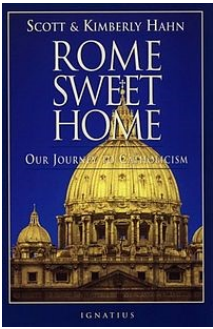
“.....The Church was from the get-go full of sinners, squabblers, dunces, and chicken-hearted hypocrites guided by God. Indeed, Peter stands as sort of an archetype of this pattern. He has the

peculiar habit of formulating perfect statements of Christian doctrine and then immediately failing to live by that doctrine. And so, led by the Spirit, he utters the deepest truth of our faith. ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’ (Mt. 16:16) Jesus himself tells us that Peter isn’t speaking mere human wisdom but is speaking revelation from God the Father (Mt 16:17). Jesus even goes on from there to make shocking promises delegating all sort of breathtaking authority to Peter: ‘And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven’ (Mt 16-18-19).

[But as we begin to think that Peter now has it right, Matthew “records Peter’s boneheaded attempt to tell Jesus what to do, followed by Jesus rebuking Peter, saying, ‘Out of my sight, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, you do not have in mind the thing of God, but the things of men.’”

And so it goes, Peter’s vacillating from saint to sinner and at the same time foreshadowing similar qualities in our church leaders—and of course the laity “to the end of the Age.”

Given in the Spirit of Evangelization!



At the Christmas Masses at St. John's and St. Mary's Churches, our Knights of Columbus Council had 750 copies of Scott Hahn's conversion story **Rome Sweet Home**

for distribution to worshipers as they were leaving the Mass celebrations. We had approximately 100 copies left at St. John's but an insufficient number at St. Mary's. Of the remaining copies, approximately 25 went to St. John's Church

office for distribution from there; the remaining copies have gone to St. Mary's, from where three different requests have come. Of those books to St. Mary's **Deacon Joe Harrison** has requested 15-20 copies for use in his prison ministry.

It has been gratifying to have such positive feed-back with regard to the gifted books. In the spirit of evangelization, it is our hope that the readers, upon finishing the book, will thoughtfully pass it on to someone else who, under the Spirit's guidance, will be led to be part of the one Church that has with-

stood the wear of 20 centuries. Perhaps that person will be a family member who has strayed from the fold. Or perhaps it will be a non-Catholic friend/neighbor who would like to know more about the Church.

Rome Sweet Home this Christmas followed Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* last Christmas. Several of us knights hope that next Christmas will bring yet another good book for our two parishes, next time including copies in Spanish, which we regret having slipped up on this Christmas. It won't happen again.

Pictures from the Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner/Dance

