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Some may have noticed the absence of a printed newsletter the last couple of months; with the cost of inks and postage going up, we thought we'd try to save money by publishing an electronic version — unfortunately, more easily said than done. To complicate matters, many on our mailing list aren't able to access high-speed Internet, so at least some newsletters will have to be printed and mailed each month. Then, too, the .pdf version of the printed newsletter must be necessarily either very large, and therefore too slow for many browsers to download, or if posted in a smaller version, many browsers are simply unable to “read” it.

Well, we're working on it; be patient with us.

Below and on the next page, some shots taken by Becca Breault of the Randolph Knights Bingo Halloween bash.



THE GK'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights and Worthy Sir Knights . . .

Here comes the busiest time of year.

Saturday, November 7, our annual roast beef dinner will be held. Please offer your help. Kitchen, cleaning, washing dishes, setting up, taking down; there is a lot to be done. Please, please, don't wait until Saturday and just show up. We need to plan on the help. Let John Tuz, Jim Kirkpatrick, Dale Mount or me know.

Tuesday, November 10, our State Deputy will be present at our council meeting. Please show him respect and plan to be there. Last month we had 18 members; a beautiful showing.

Tuesday, November 10, we have decided to start a spaghetti dinner prior to the meeting each month. This is for members; not for the general public. Nothing fancy — spaghetti, meat sauce, bread. Hopefully, this will get more members to become involved. We need you there. Jim Kirkpatrick will do the first dinner.

Sunday, November 15, our degree team will host our last first degree for the year. There promises to be several new members taking the degree. Please plan to show up and lend your support!

Saturday, December 5, we will be providing a luncheon for the Christmas Bazaar.

Thanks for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Grimes, GK



THE INSURANCE CORNER

This month's column is for all you baby boomers out there. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday....

But it's coming and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest: "The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement."

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their careers, but more employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expect to change their pension plans in the next year are considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

Call me – let's talk.

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Are you praying each day for the sale of our old church and rectory?

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 11/6	9 AM–3 PM	First Friday: Mass, Sacred Heart, Adoration
Saturday 11/7	5:00 PM	Roast Beef Dinner–First seating
	6:30 PM	Roast Beef Dinner–Second seating
Tuesday 11/10	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Supper–Knights only
	7:00 PM	Council meeting, Our Lady of the Angels (State Deputy to attend meeting)
Sunday 11/15	1:00 PM	First Degree; please support your council
Saturday 12/5	“Noonish”	Christmas Bazaar luncheon

POPE BENEDICT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

General: That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation.

Missionary: That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace.