

First Degree Exemplification, continued

The opportunity to complete the Exemplification close to home does not happen often. **It is very important that these men be contacted by their sponsors in an effort to get them to be present for this Exemplification.** With a bit more than a month before the ceremony, we still have time to submit names of other applicants.



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Our August 21 social was held at On the Border restaurant with 29 knights and guests in attendance. Thanks to **Dorothy Rowley** for once again getting **Fr. John Burkus** to our dinner gathering. Also present was **Vicki Stanley**, who handles our Assembly paperwork and communication.

Our special guest was **Daniel Ketchner**, who traveled from Fayetteville to be with us. Brother Daniel, soon to begin his second year as a seminarian at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, has been sponsored by our Assembly in 2007 and 2008. An accomplished cellist, Daniel until recently played with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. Formerly he was Grand Knight of the council at St. Thomas Aquinas, which serves the university campus. Another accomplishment is fluency in German, which he had the opportunity to hone when he spent 7 months last year in Austria. More recently, he and other seminarians from St. Meinrad traveled to New York for a rally with Pope Benedict. Daniel spent this summer back at Fayetteville helping with the Catholic Youth Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas. The weekend of August 23 he participated with the Hot Springs pastoral team in several masses at St. Mary's and St. John's. It is a privilege for our Assembly to provide financial assistance to Daniel as he pursues his goal to become a priest. He shows so much promise.

Upcoming events include the following:

September 18: A closed business meeting at the K. C. Hall with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please call Vicki Stanley at 321-5558 to let her know that you'll be present. It's important to have an accurate count for dinner.

October 16: An open social meeting will be held at Back Porch Grill at 4810 Central Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to bring friends and family since this will be an open meeting. We will order from the menu. Attendees will receive a 10 percent discount from the menu prices. Please call Vicki to let her know your plan to attend.

October 26: Pancake breakfast will be held at St. John's Parish Hall from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. We will be covering the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses as well as the 11:30 a.m. Vietnamese mass. Contact **Louis Kosarek** for ticket information.

November 20: The Fourth Degree Assembly will conduct a Living Rosary, open to all, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the K. C. Hall. Following the rosary a potluck dinner will be served with the meat dish provided by **Iturba Percefull**.

December 14: The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held beginning at 5 p.m. at the K. C. Hall. Dinner will be catered by *Home Plate* restaurant. *The Blue Notes* will perform live dance music. Attractive door prizes and raffle items will be one of the evening's highlights. The attendance fee will be \$22 per person. Please call **Vicki Stanley** at 321-5558 for ticket inquiries. **Newton White, Faithful Navigator**

Labor Day Flag Raising

Council members raised flags over Calvary Cemetery on Monday to commemorate Labor Day.



From Our Chaplain

My article this month is something of a book review. I have recently completed the book *A Civilization of Love* by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The subtitle of the book is "What every Catholic can do to transform the world." That is obviously a bold claim, but it is built on a long tradition of changing the world. The book is firmly grounded in the Catholic faith, and in our history there are many examples of the transforming power of the Church Jesus himself founded. When men and women live the life of the Church in faithfulness, the world around them is transformed by the power of Christ at work in them. By the grace of the sacraments Christ is brought into the world and placed in his hands. The claim of transformation is not so difficult to imagine.

The focus on world changing takes on a narrow focus to achieve lofty goals. Any real transformation will come when the legions of Catholics in the world begin to live the gospel in the most personal of ways. By responding more fully to the call of Jesus to love God and neighbor with those immediately around us, every aspect of life begins to improve.

For each chapter the book traces the development of modern thought as well as the Church's response. Through an introduction to various church documents, the reader can appreciate that the command to love can be lived at every level. In most cases the Church's vision for the world offers hope that can seem lost to those with no eyes to see it. A Catholic is called to offer a different way, to put into practice a life that offers hope even while remaining honest about the challenges that often surround us. By allowing the truth of the gospel to transform our own lives, we have more to offer family and society.

Knights of Columbus is a group dedicated to working for the mission of the Church. The book is filled with examples of fellow Knights who have done so in heroic ways. Their witness is meant to inspire and challenge. More can be done than we sometimes think possible.

Each chapter concludes with a series of questions meant to provoke reflection and discussion. Each personal response will more fully bring about the civilization of love. I encourage each of our Knights to read through the book and focus on the areas that apply to his situation. Consider well the discussion questions. With some effort the mission of the Church will grow and find success here in Hot Springs, and each Knight will find renewed vigor in the practice of the faith.

I end with a quote that sums up well for Mr. Anderson: "This love is not a matter of more high-minded sentimentality but of genuine compassion tempered with a well-grounded realism. It is a love that offers hope not only for eternity but for a better way of life on this earth." **In Christ, Fr. Erik**



Council Serves Spaghetti Dinner to 69

Last Thursday evening the council, led by **Grand Knight Joe Giompoletti**, served delicious spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert to 69 people, including new First Degree candidates **Ben Van Wagner** and **Scott Hrdlicka** with their families. It was a great evening, just as the fourth Thursday of the month socials are supposed to be. Joe, whose spaghetti is renowned, especially at the St. John's annual bazaars, was assisted by **Rick Sands** and **Larry Stamps** in preparing the dinner. **Bob Kortenber, Don Sass, and Leonard Didier** joined Joe, Larry and Rick in serving the dinner. Thanks to all who put this evening together. Thanks also to **Dick and Jackie Smith** for their work on the raffling of a gift card to Olive Garden. The raffle cleared \$101 and that, plus donations for the dinner, paid for all expenses with \$50 left over.

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September Birthdays

- 1 Glen Hunt
- 2 Charles Antonini
- 3 Raymond Mace
- 5 Steve Barron
- 5 Louis Turala
- 12 George Sanders
- 14 John Connell
- 14 Michael Schnauffer, Jr.
- 15 Wally Marroy
- 16 Kevan Riley
- 17 Joe Kanopsic
- 20 Julian Post
- 27 Rick Dwyer
- 30 Mark Palmer

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Hallie Salemi, Val Poe, Ken Schmitz, Sharon Maxwell, John Harris, Hattie Harris, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

September Calendar

- 4 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall Dinner, 6:30; Meeting to follow

Sponsorships Solicited

Note that the sponsorship section at the top of this page has a good number of spaces available. With six months of the year now behind us, names of several previous sponsors have been dropped for failure to renew. The annual donation for a sponsorship is \$10. We hope to restore the dropped sponsorships and to add new ones. The \$10 donation covers partial expenses of printing and mailing ***Knight Shift.***

Insurance Field Agent's Notes

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the *best way to protect* against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance at all. Almost one-third of all adults have **nocontinued next column**

insurance protection.

Fact 3: *Forty-four percent* of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, *40 percent* believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they *do not have a plan* in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they die tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would *immediately have trouble* meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have **difficulty keeping up** after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. **Half** find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and *43 percent* worry about making the wrong decision.

At your convenience I'd like to meet with you in your home. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a Brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

A brother Knight helping You Protect You and Your Loved Ones!!! Call me—let's talk.

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"Gratitude is something of which none of us can give too much. For on the smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbors build up their philosophy of life."A. J. Cronin