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# Knight Shift

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### Excitement at 3045 Spring Street!

In the past two weeks major changes have occurred at your K. C. Hall site. The landscape looks different beginning at the entrance drive, and major changes are evident from there. A huge area has been cleared and leveled, and 36 posts forming the skeleton of the new rummage sale building have been installed. The mammoth work was accomplished in such short time by a tremendous crew of knights—**Joe Giompoletti, Rick Sands, Jim Reiter, Stan DeGruccio, Ray Kukuk, Bob Kortenber, Len Didier, Iturba Percefull, Harold Hager, Don Sass, Bill Thompson, Dick Smith, Tom Gilleran, and Larry Bauer.**

Bulldozers, bobcats, jackhammers, and chainsaws roared, and now our miracle is taking shape. Come out and see! Watch it go up.

This has been possible by the generous response by several knights to our fund drive for the new building. Early donors—

**Newton White, Jim Reiter, Bob Kortenber, and one anonymous donor**—gave a total of \$28,000 to start off. There have been additional donors since. A complete list will be published next month after we complete our drive. Get your pledge in soon so that you can be included. /**Jim Reiter, Chairman, Community Outreach**

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### From Our Grand Knight



I would like to thank all of you for the confidence you have displayed in me by electing me Grand Knight for the 2009-2010 year. There are two ways to look at this position. One is that this is the first of 12 reports I will be writing. The other is that following this article, I have only 11 more to write. I would like to start on a positive note and say that this is the first of 12 reports. My vision for this council is one of hope. If we are to be successful, I will need all the help my Brother Knights can offer. With all the improvements made to the Hall, Past Grand Knight **Joe Giompoletti** has left some large shoes for me to fill. I will call on him and many others for advice. Together we can continue to build on what Joe and all of the other Grand Knights have begun.

On June 11 the slate of officers was installed at the K. C. Hall by the new District Deputy **Ed Miller**. **Fr. Erik** has graciously agreed to continue as our chaplain for the year ahead, and for my first appointment **Jim Reiter** has accepted the position of Lecturer. After the installation of officers, those present were treated to a potluck dinner with some tasty dishes from our ladies and delicious smoked pork tenderloin provided by **Joe Giompoletti**. During dinner Brother **Pietro Tomassi** with a slide presentation gave us an update on the mission in Haiti. After dinner Past Grand Knight **Joe Giompoletti** presented the winner of the Fr. Ralph Bauer-Gus Massanelli Scholarship to Kasey Burgener, recent graduate of Cutter Morning Star School. (See separate article)

Next I have some updates on projects and fund-raising events. The May 31 Barbecue-to-Go initiated by **Randy Schnoebelen** was a big success. Thanks to all who worked this event following masses at St. John's, especially **Robert Rowe** who cooked the pork and beef. The proceeds from this fundraiser went to the Pro-Life Movement from St. John's and St. Mary's. The good news is that we earned approximately \$400 after expenses; the bad news is that we ran out of sandwiches after serving two masses at St. John's and one mass at St. Mary's. Next time we'll prepare more sandwiches.

I also want to update on the progress of the second rummage sale building. The new building will be 96 feet by 40 feet, substantially larger than Reiter Building, which measures 60 feet by 40 feet. "Bobcat Joe" (**Joe Giompoletti**) and his crew of "Bubbas" have cleared the land (south of Reiter Building) and set 36 poles for the new building. Trust me that there have been a lot of sweat, sore backs, and few blisters (not to mention chigger bites!). Thanks to all who came out to help (See separate article that includes volunteers). After its completion, Jim Lockwood and his large crew will not have to spend a week setting up the Hall for the rummage sale and then an additional day to pack up and get the Hall back in order.

### Council 6419 Awards Scholarship to Kasey Burgener

Council 6419 has awarded its annual \$1000 Father Ralph Bauer-Gus Massanelli Scholarship to Kasey Burgener, a recent graduate of Cutter Morning Star School. Kasey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burgener, graduated with a 4.1 G.P.A. and was co-valedictorian of her class.

**Grand Knight Joe Giompoletti presents check to Kasey Burgener**

In addition to scholarship, the scholarship committee, led by Youth Director **Mark Layton**, considered five applicants' service to church, school, and community and also their participation in school activities and honors received. As a life-time member of St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church, Casey has been an altar server since third grade and has been an active member of Catholic Youth Organization throughout high school. She was also a four-year member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. A partial listing of her volunteer work includes Meals on Wheels, two years; junior volunteer for St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center, one year; serving food at Jackson House, one year; working Salvation Army's Christmas Toys for Tots program, one year; and working concession stand for Cutter Morning Star Booster Club, 3 years.

Kasey's activities included four years as cheerleader, gymnastics, track and field, 3 years; band, four years; art, four years;

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## Grand Knight's Message, continued

What's left on the tables can be left in place.

Our council will have its next pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, July 12, in St. John's Parish Hall. Following all the masses, a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee will be served for \$5. Again, those 10 and under will be served free. As always, we will need a lot of volunteer help for this undertaking—cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Come help us!

For all that you do in conjunction with Knights of Columbus—charity, officer responsibilities, building and grounds, fund-raisers, etc.—remember to keep track of your hours and report them to Recorder **Steve Barron**. These hours will go a long way toward helping us get recognition for our council from the Supreme Office.

May God bless us in all that we do, for it is He for whom we work so hard./**Rick Sands, Grand Knight**

## Kasey Burgerer, Scholarship Winner, continued

Future Business Leaders of America, four years; Beta Club, 3 years; and Spanish Club, 2 years. Recently she was selected as a member of the cheerleading squad of Arkansas Tech University, where she will be a student this fall. Her intent is to major in graphic design with the hope of becoming a graphic designer and eventually having her own advertising company.

Council 6419 congratulates Kasey and wishes her a bright future. Her accomplishments to date suggest that she will be successful in whatever she undertakes.

The Scholarship Committee also comments that of five applications for this award, all were amazingly impressive. Separating one from the others was perhaps the most difficult ever. We express appreciation to all who submitted applications and regret that equal scholarship awards cannot go to all of them.



## Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The joint Officer Installation was held in Hot Springs Village at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Friday, June 12. **State Master Max Nutt** conducted the installation of officers from both Hot Springs Village and Hot Springs Assemblies. The officers from Hot Springs Village were present; **unfortunately those from our own Assembly, except for Bill Wavering, our new Faithful Navigator, were not present.** Nevertheless, Master Nutt read the list of our duly elected officers so they are officially installed.

On June 14 the Hot Springs Assembly Color Guard, along with four members of the Hot Springs Village Color Guard, led the procession from St. John's to St. Mary's on Corpus Christi Sunday. The Procession concluded with a worship service, led by **Father Erik Pohlmeier**, at St. Mary's. Honor Guard participants were Commander of the Guard **Iturba Percefull, Larry Stamps, Tony Torres, Joe DePrez, and Steve Gallimore**. Several other knights also were present.

The next meeting of the Hot Springs Assembly 1892 will be at 6:30 p.m., July 16 at the K. C. Hall. **Joe Palmere will prepare the dinner.**

State Deputy Jim Neff has appointed Ed Miller of the Hot Springs Village Council to a one-year term as District 10 Deputy, replacing Newton White, who had held the position for two years. Brother Ed is a former Grand Knight of the Village and can be reached by e-mail at [sb11th@yahoo.com](mailto:sb11th@yahoo.com)/ **Newton White, Past Faithful Navigator**

## From Our Chaplain



In the middle of June I spent a week with the Benedictine sisters of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro. I was there to conduct their annual retreat, and I felt it was a great privilege to speak to them about faith and spirituality. For those days I was also able to observe the life of the sisters in their own house. I came away with a greater awareness of what their presence means to the Church in Arkansas.

The sisters from Holy Angels are engaged in various active works for the Church. Many are teachers here in Arkansas and in Texas. Some work in hospital ministry at St. Bernard's in Jonesboro where the sisters have been since 1900. Others are youth ministers. They have met many needs for the Catholics of Arkansas for a lot of years. Of course, they are not alone. Many other religious men and women have helped, and continue to help, the foundation of faith here among us.

But, despite the work they have done, many faithful Catholics remain unaware of their presence and contribution. While their work is located in specific places, their ministry stretches beyond those boundaries. Without a doubt each Catholic in Arkansas benefits from their presence.

As I prayed with them and watched them for a week, I found myself more and more grateful for their faithfulness. The work of the Church has never existed only in the material world, and for all of the active service they provide, their role of prayer offers still more. Multiple times a day the sisters gather in their chapel, and they lift up the works of their community, of our diocese, and of the whole world. In the spiritual realm their voices echo with the needs of us all and we are so much the better for it.

We can take comfort in the fact that as we go about the busyness of our day there are some who pause frequently to seek the Lord in prayer and to lift up the intentions of us all. We can be sure that a spiritual power radiates from the walls of their convent. With their voices joined in unison they come before God on our behalf.

As in many convents in the U. S. today, the members are often in their declining years. Yet, it is often the sisters in the infirmary who are able to focus entirely on the work of prayer. Despite the weakness of their bodies, their spirits are strong and their fidelity to their vows makes the Church stronger.

There are signs of growth. This summer they will welcome four sisters into final vows and one more into first vows. Interest in their life seems to be growing. We have seen more and more young men respond to the call to priesthood, but God is also calling young women to make their lifelong commitment of consecrated life. As you pray for vocations, please remember our sisters as well. You can be sure they do not forget you in their prayers./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**

## Insurance Field Agent's Notes

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, as well as all the other dedicated Brother Knights who will serve in either an elected or an appointed leadership position in the coming year. I am sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have assurance that I'm ready to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the **Star Council Award**, the most prestigious award the Order offers at the Council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

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## July Birthdays

6 **John Ledbetter**

7 **Leonard Didier**

10 **Robert Rowe**

10 **Eric Sanders**

11 **Richard Boyes**

11 **Joe Giompoletti**

12 **Donald Pullen**

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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: **Julian Post, Rose Kukuk, Newton White, Dick Antoine, Dick Smith, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Ethel Kness, Val Poe, Sharon Maxwell, Hattie Harris, Catherine Smart, George and Sue Marshall, Anne Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka,**

## October Calendar

4 **Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.**

9 **Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 6 p.m.**

9 **Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.**

12 **Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Parish Hall, following masses (See Grand Knight's article)**

16 **Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall 6:30 p.m.**

## Insurance Field Agent's Notes, continued

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't?), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself or by "coaching" you—transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

**Let's get an early start** on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the *growth of our council*.

Thanks to all the brothers who helped their council be successful during the last year. And thanks to all of the brothers who decided protection of their family with Knights of Columbus Insurance was necessary. I appreciate your business!

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**Fraternally,  
Randy Schnoebelen, FIC  
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## The Ground Is Ready for a New Building



**Jim Reiter, Rick Sands, Bob Kortember, and Stan DeGruccio Doing the Ground Work for New Building (See article, p. 1)**