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Council Contributes to Sheriff's Department Fund
 At the June council meeting membership voted to contribute \$500 to the local Sheriff's Department for the purpose of acquiring a horse-drawn hearse to be used for transporting the bodies of law officials and firemen killed in the line of duty.

Council Charity Golf Tournament August 27
 Almost two months remain until our third annual charity golf tournament. The tourney will take place at DeGray State Park Golf Course outside Arkadelphia. **Chairman Hans Purkott** urges council members to help him repeat, perhaps even surpass, our great council showing of last August. This again is a major fund raiser to benefit students of St. John's School in honor of deceased council Deputy Grand Knight **Steve Barron**. Tee-time will be 8:30 a.m. Entry fee, which includes cost of breakfast and lunch, is \$85.00. Come join us for this worthy cause.

Turnout for Comedy Production Fundraiser Disappoints
 Organizer **Hans Purkott** did not hide his disappointment over the poor attendance at the council theatrical production "Murder at the Last Chance Saloon." Hans reports that the event resulted in only a minimal profit for students of St. John's School because so few knights participated in this fund-raiser for the school. Hans wishes to thank all those who did support the council's efforts, especially **Joe Giompoletti** for his dinner preparation. He says further that he enjoys working for the good of the council but only when he has reasonable support from membership. "Only the apathy of the majority of our council will make me quit the work I'm doing."

Keep 'Em Coming!
 Those donations to our October Rummage Sale continue to come in. As always we're grateful for the contributions to our council's community charity work. It is particularly gratifying to see the large amount of non-furniture items for *Spirit Hall*, including one person's donation of more than 160 decorative and commemorative plates, such as a *Gone with the Wind* collection (23). This collection is quite valuable, but marketing it is a potential problem. Any ideas? We also have several nice framed art pieces. *Reiter Hall*, our furniture building, was essentially emptied by the end of our spring sale, and we presently have a long way to go replacing those sold items. So keep your eyes and ears open to let us know of donation sources. Call **Jim** at 525-7022, **Stan** at 520-5974, or **Tom** at 767-1631 and point us in the right direction. Keep us busy to ensure great October rewards.



Grand Knight's Report
 What is a Knight? That question has bothered me over the last few weeks. We have men join the Knights and then we rarely, if ever, see them. Our last report from Knights of Columbus Supreme Council confirms that we have 192 members, yet we rarely exceed 35 men at our meeting. I took the time to go through our roster, and 83 or 43% of our members are those whom I do not even know by sight. Our council has become vibrantly involved in church and community matters. And the fact is that we—most of us involved being well into, even advanced, senior years—need support from others, from other seniors and especially from our younger members. Presently, we have involvement from no more than three young members, one of them our council treasurer, the other our Family Director. We have several new youthful members. We're counting on their involvement.

This past month we have had two events, both of which were meagerly attended by council membership. The barbecue dinner followed by the **Hans Purkott**-promoted comedy featuring local talent was attended by fewer than 15 council members, even though profits were to benefit local Catholic education in the name of **Steve Barron**, our recently deceased Deputy Grand Knight. Fortunately, member absence was at least somewhat offset by attendance from non-members. The first session of our *Know Your Faith* series, scheduled on a trial basis for the fourth Thursday of the month, was attended by only 35 people including council wives and other non-members. Those absent missed out not only on a spirited question-and-answer session led by **Deacon Robert Wanless** but also a wonderful potluck dinner with pulled pork and brisket bought by the council and prepared by council member **Robert Rowe**. **Let's try to have a much better attendance July 28.**

Those who not participate in council activities—what is it you want from council membership? **I'd love to hear from some of those who don't participate. My phone number is 501-617-2557.**

District Deputy Ed Miller was present to install our new council officers at our June 9 council meeting. I was not in attendance for that occasion because my wife Chris and I were in Brazil for a wedding. I understand that Deputy Miller gave high praise for our council's accomplishments, accomplishments he judged to make us worthy to be named Arkansas' top council at the State Convention. He chided us a bit for not having done a better job of writing up our council activities for the state judging committee. We will need to correct that flaw next May. Though I did miss our last council meeting, I did (at my request) attend the installation of the Mena council's officers on Tuesday, June 21.

On Wednesday evening, June 22, I accompanied four candidates to the Village, where Village council members performed

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Grand Knight's Article, continued

the First Degree Exemplification for our four candidates and one other from the Village council. Please welcome new



Newton White, Sam Selig, Austin Radimer, Dennis Bosch, George Schlass, and Ed King

members **Ed King, George Schwass, Sam Selig, and Austin Radimar** to our council. George plunged right into council activities by helping serve dinner at the **Know Your Faith** event the following Thursday evening. Ed King with his wife Cheryl attended this event and brought their son Chase, a recent graduate of St. John's 8th grade class.

July is a calm month with no events scheduled other than our meeting on July 15th. **We are planning on a meal before our meeting using some of the excess meat from the Know Your Faith dinner, so come and join us.** We will serve the food at 6:30. Our officer meeting will be held at 5:30. A voluntary contribution towards the food cost will be appreciated. Please plan to attend.

With **Bishop Anthony Taylor** carrying the Blessed Sacrament, we closed the month of June with our annual Corpus Christi procession through downtown Hot Springs from St. John's to St. Mary's. The procession was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's. Thanks to our Fourth Degree Assembly members who in regalia led the procession./**Dennis Bosch/Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at Giompoletti Hall on June 16 and began the evening with a fine fish dinner with hushpuppies, French fries, salad, and cake prepared by **Joe Giompoletti** and **Zack Nehus**. Joe and his wife Mildred caught the crappie just the day before. As always, the dinner was delicious.

To begin the meeting, I presented **Joe Giompoletti** and **Joe Palmere** with lifetime membership cards. Then, Assembly members agreed to contribute \$700 toward the construction of a screened smoker room (adjacent to *Spirit Hall*) for the purpose of preparing barbecue to be sold during future rummage sales. This donation is dependent on the Council's contributing an equal sum for the project. Members are confident that the aroma from **Joe Giompoletti's** simmering barbecue will be irresistible to shoppers.

A discussion followed on the June 26 Corpus Christi Procession from St. John's to St. Mary's. The importance of having an ample number of Fourth Degree members in regalia to lead the procession was stressed. I'm happy to report that the Procession, with **Bishop Anthony Taylor** present, went very well as did the closing ceremony at St. Mary's.

Looking ahead to our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, I'm also happy to report that our dinner this year will be prepared by none other than **Joe Giompoletti** (This Assembly business is really NOT a one-man show.) will prepare our dinner—and his name alone is enough to assure us that the dinner will be super (especially if he has the expected input from Mildred).

The next Assembly Pancake Breakfast is set for St. John's Parish Hall following Sunday morning Masses on September 11.

Our next meeting will be a July 21 social at Don Juan Mexican Restaurant at 1311 Albert Pike Road. **Larry Nieman** is making arrangements. Please be present by 6:30 p.m./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

The Bible Alone?

In his book *Rediscovering Catholicism* Matthew Kelly writes (pp. 206-208) "...the Bible, as we have it now, was not printed in any language at all until almost 1500 years after the birth of Jesus Christ." [following the invention of the printing press].

"From the Catholic perspective, salvation is available to the men and women of every age and every culture. Through the teaching of the Church, the people of every land for two thousand years have learned about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The people of every place and time have been encouraged to believe and do all that Jesus taught. And in many cases, this great work has been achieved in all corners of the globe *without a written or printed Bible*....If you had lived prior to the invention of the printing press, like the men and women of the first fifteen hundred years of Christianity, you would have read the Scriptures from a manuscript that a Catholic monk or friar had laboriously copied onto pages of parchment or vellum.

With this clear and concise understanding of the history of the Scriptures, the Protestant theory of "the Bible and the Bible alone" self-destructs into the most monumental case of well argued nonsense in the history of humanity.

Christians of all types around the world owe an enormous debt to the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is responsible for the formulation, preservation, and integrity of the Sacred Scriptures. For fifteen hundred years, when there were no Baptists, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Methodists, Anglicans, [or] Evangelicals,...the Catholic Church preserved the Scriptures from error, saved them from destruction and extinction, multiplied them in every language under the sun, and conveyed the truths they contained to people everywhere.....

The Bible is the most profound and sublime collection of writings in human history. It therefore goes without saying that these writings are also the most difficult to understand. Individual interpretation of the Bible is a very slippery path and leads people to great confusion, heartache, and distress. The history of Christianity in the last five hundred years is proof enough of this point. This type of approach doesn't promote unity and always leads to division among Christians.

"...The living voice of the Catholic Church stands as a beacon for all men and women of good will, and announces the life and teachings of Jesus Christ with *Tradition* in one hand and the Scriptures in the other. Ultimately, interpreting the Scriptures comes down to a question of *authority*. It... is no surprise that the greatest obstacle to Christian unity is also the question of authority



Knights to Raise Flags

Independence Day in part means patriotism. With that in mind, a collection of council knights will appear at Calvary Cemetery at 7 a.m. on July 4 to raise the flags. They will return at 4 p.m. to take them down and put them away.

The last flag raising over Calvary Cemetery occurred on Flag Day, June 14. Those present were **John Steinhaus, Joe Dierks, Iturba Percefull, Harold Hager, Don Sass, Joe Giompoletti, Bob Kortenber, Gil Gibbons, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Dennis Woods, Lennie Buchholz, and Tom Gilleran.**



Recycle Those Cans (through your council!)

Are you saving your aluminum beverage cans for Council 6419? Aluminum is selling for a good price now, so your cans over a year's time, joined with those from other members, can mean a significant source of income for the council. When you get a bag full, please deposit them in the K. C. receptacle located at 901 Albert Pike. **Julian Post** and **Ray Kukuk** periodically collect them to convert them to cash for the council.

- Rick & Pam Dwyer
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- Dennis & Chris Bosch
- Zack & Stephanie Nehus
- Mike & Mary Schnauffer, Sr.
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July Birthdays

- 4 Greg Speas
- 6 John Ledbetter
- 7 Leonard Didier
- 10 Robert Rowe
- 11 Richard Boyes
- 11 Joe Giompoletti
- 12 Don Pullen
- 12 Ben Van Wagner
- 14 Tom Gilleran
- 14 Joe Harrison
- 15 David Johnson
- 19 Ed McManus
- 20 Zachary Buttrum
- 22 Stan DeGruccio
- 24 Tommy Tobin, Jr.
- 25 Ralph Berdikowski
- 28 Gust Turek
- 31 Leonard Buchholz

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Fr. John Burkus, Dennis Wood, Barbara Gilleran, Rose Mary Pultz, Violet Kosarek, Ruth Heithaus (Kansas. Husband Kenn a former council member), Rick Sands, Morgan Anderson (Raymond Mace's niece), John Davis, Paul Ruckstuhl, Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, and Mary Ellen Kagel**

July Calendar

- 4 Independence Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 14 Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m. preceded by Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (See Grand Knight's article, p. 2)
- 21 Fourth Degree Social, Don Juan Mexican Restaurant, 1311 Albert Pike, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 "Know Your Faith," with Deacon Robert Wanless, 6:30 p.m.



From Our Insurance Agent

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 appointed leadership post in the year ahead. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives to accomplish during the year. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

One of the desired goals surely is attainment of the Star Council Award—the most prestigious award offered at the council level. I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

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 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 fraternal year. And thanks to all the Brothers who decided protection of their family with Knights of Columbus Insurance was necessary.

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Fraternally,

Randy Schnoebelen, FICF

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