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# Knight Shift

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## Hans Slam-Dunks a Winner Once Again

With sports metaphors out of control, we report that the **Hans (Purkott)** has served up three consecutive aces with the third annual council golf tournament for the benefit of St. John's School (80%) and Council 6419 (20%). That is to say, with the help of his power team of volunteers, he hit another home run in spite of the fact that the net proceeds fell about \$1200 from last year. The prize money on the other hand was far more than last year—approximately \$7000. Add that to the great time that everyone had and you have a knock-out punch.

Altogether, there were 24 teams (95 players) and 16 volunteer contributors, who helped with a variety of tasks, including **Joe Giampoletti's** fabulous breakfast and lunch. Breakfast offered pancakes with sausage, and lunch served up barbecue beef and pork as well as ribs. Thanks to all of the players and the volunteers for their support of this fund-raiser for St. John's School. The council also expresses its gratitude to those Hot Springs Village knights who joined in with us to support St. John's School. They shared equally in this undertaking. And a huge thank-you goes to the many who joined in as sponsors to the tune of \$700 (Diamond Sponsors), \$300 (Gold Sponsors), or \$100 (Silver Sponsors), contributions that often were in the form of gift packages rather than cash. Without their support, the efforts could not have succeeded. **Please note who these sponsors are and give them your frequent patronage. See insert page.**

In spite of the reduced proceeds from last year, we are still able to contribute **\$5300** for the school and, with dinner profits added in, about \$2800 for the council. Not bad for a morning's fun. From the \$7000 prize money, all 24 teams received prizes. In addition, each golfer received a \$50 gift certificate to redeem with **100thingstobuy.com**. With the best score from a participating priest, **Father Bill Elser**, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, won a \$45 gift certificate from Outback Steakhouse. The ladies on **Stephanie Nehus'** team,

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with the best ladies' score, all will be treated to massages at Quapaw Bath House. The team of **Brian Gehrki**, with an unbelievable score of 56, took the first place prize. In addition, the Gehrki team took the \$100 prize in the skin game. With a score of 62, the **Dan Murphy** team—all from the Village—came in second. (I hope they feel somewhat better following the shellacking that the Villagers took from the Hot Springs knights in the Knights' Cup Tourney earlier in the summer.)

Again, my grateful thanks to all who supported our efforts in one way or another. I would like to have suggestions for improving this annual event, including your opinion of the DeGray State Park golf course./**Hans Purkott, Chairman**

## Grand Knight's Report



It's not a lock box if it's not locked! I was at *Reiter Hall* this past week to leave some items for the Knights of Columbus District Meeting held August 20. I had to use the keys in the lock box since I had left mine at home.

Much to my shocked surprise, the 4-digit access code was still visible on the key pad. I am not sure who had used the keys last; but when using them, be certain that you reset the combination to all zeroes.

Then, the day before the District Meeting, I returned to Giampoletti Hall and discovered that one of the two air conditioning units had been left on following the Fourth Degree meeting the night before. All of us must be careful that lights and air-conditioning are turned off when we leave the building. Our largest utility cost is electricity.

Fourteen down and ten to go! No! I am not summarizing a football game but counting the months until my 24-month term as Grand Knight is finished. The Grand Knight's job requires far more time than I had realized when I accepted this position. I was clueless about how much time is demanded.

August is a slow month but not without activities. Our District 10 deputy, **Ed Miller**, held a meeting at our hall on Saturday, August 20. Twenty-one members of the four councils making up our district attended. Mena, Benton, Hot Springs Village, and our council comprise District 10. **Zack Nehus, Hans Purkott, and I** attended as well as providing sandwiches for lunch. Missing from our council were **Joe Dierks** (playing in the council-sponsored golf tourney), **Newton White** (in Madrid for the Catholic World Youth Day) and Program Director **John Andrews**. The major item discussed was the 2012 state awards. Our council goal is to do a better job of documenting our numerous activities so that we can present a better accounting of our activities at the state awards next April. A meeting to start our data collection was held late in August. More on that subject next month and all through our council year. State awards applications are submitted in late April so you will hear more on this every month.

Our third annual golf outing for St. John's School was held Saturday, August 27 at DeGray Lake Golf Course. (See Chairman **Hans Purkott's** article in opposite column.)

September will likely be an even slower council month than August. The Labor Day flag raising at Calvary Cemetery will be at 7 a.m. September 5.

The last item for September is the handling of the Our Lady of Guadalupe image that will pass through Hot Springs. The original plan was for our participation to be in October, a very busy month for our council. The pilgrimage of the image through District 10 begins in early September, but we will be the last council to receive our copy of the painting. Most councils arrange a ceremony at each parish, which is our plan.

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## Grand Knight's Report, continued

**Tony Torres** will chair this event.

The council meeting this month will be September 8, and the Fourth Degree meeting the following Thursday, September 15. In my absence Deputy Grand Knight **Newton White** will lead the council meeting. **Chris and I** will be in Europe from September 5 till October 5. Later in the month we will meet the **Lockwoods** and the **Dierks** in Florence followed by a second week in Rome, where we are arranging to attend a Papal Mass and audience./**Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight**



### October Rummage Sale Update

With the charity rummage sale looming just six weeks off, our donation collections continue at a fairly steady pace. At this point, we especially need **glassware, including sets of dishes, flatware, costume jewelry, linens and bedding, and tools/garage items.** All other usual items are encouraged.

Presently we have some interesting specialty items which are open to purchase now. We have two nice hospital-type beds (motorized) with mattresses, a large Craftsman metal lathe with cutting tools, and 160-plus beautiful collector plates from such artists as Norman Rockwell, Bessie Gutmann, Edna Hibel, and Donald Zolan. Many of these sell on eBay for handsome prices. Often the plates are in series such as a "Mother Goose" series and a "Gone with the Wind" series. We will sell at a great bargain. Pictured here is a "Little Boy Blue" plate that goes with plates for "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," "Little Jack Horner," and "A Tisket, a Tasket." To see any of these items, call **Jim at 501-525-7022.**



### Footnotes—Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at Giompoletti Hall on August 18 for its monthly meeting. **Joe Giompoletti**, in giving a preview of the Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner, served tender prime rib dinners with salad, garlic toast, and blackberry cobbler. Delicious!

Joe proved his culinary expertise once again on Saturday, August 28, with a fine breakfast and lunch for the golfers and volunteer helpers at the third annual Council Golf Tourney. The entire event was a great success. Congratulations to all involved, especially to Chairman **Hans** and to Chef Joe.

Our bi-monthly social meeting will be September 15. Former Faithful Navigator **Bill Wavering** will host this event. The restaurant will be announced later./**Don Sass, F.N.**

### Conrad Stein Now at Lake Hamilton Health and Rehab

Following his extended hospitalization at St. Joseph's Mercy Center, Brother **Conrad Stein** is now undergoing rehabilitation at the new Lake Hamilton Health and Rehab, located at 121 Pittman Road just off Airport Road (Hwy. 70West). It's directly across from Airport Road Small Engine. Conrad enjoys visitors but points out that his busy schedule with therapy makes evenings and weekends the best times for visits. Enter the building at the side entrance. He is in room 201. His cell number is 321-1361. Conrad appears stronger now. Keep him in your prayers.



### Flag Raising Set for Labor Day

Council members will report to Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m., Monday, September 5 to raise flags, commemorating Labor Day. Coffee and donut social will precede.

## Fr. West to Begin Monthly *Knight Shift* Column

**Father James West**, pastor of St. John's Church, has agreed to provide for us a monthly article, beginning in October. We are fortunate to have his contributions to our newsletter and, in advance, express our gratitude for his sharing articles on or related to our faith. In the meantime.....

"The World Needs the Church"—from the closing pages of Matthew Kelly's book *Rediscovering Catholicism*, pp. 309-310 ".....it seems the only acceptable prejudice in this hypersensitive, politically correct, modern climate, is to be anti-Catholic. This prejudice is growing and growing, as it is subtly nurtured by the arts and the media, and furthered by the way prevailing philosophies undermine Catholicism.

In the midst of the obviously anti-Catholic environment that our culture has created, it is easy to overlook some fundamental and practical realities. The world needs the Church today more than ever before. In a modern schema where people are becoming more self-absorbed and completely fixated on the fulfillment of their own selfish desires, the Church is only going to be needed more and more.

The Catholic Church feeds more people, clothes more people, houses more people, and educates more people than any other organization in the world. And when the modern media and the secular culture have finished tearing down the Church as best they can, let me ask you, who then will take our place? Who will feed the hungry? Who will clothe the naked? Who will visit the lonely and imprisoned? Who will house the homeless? Who will comfort the sick and dying? Who will educate the masses?

The world needs the Church.....The Church may be massively unappreciated and woefully persecuted, but we must press on all the same. After all, that is always the way it has been. Jesus didn't promise an easy way. He promised that we would be ridiculed, persecuted, and unappreciated as he himself was, but that we would nonetheless experience joy and fullness of life.

We should try not to forget that when Jesus was on the cross, he didn't turn to the man next to him and say, 'You did the crime, now pay the price.' No, he offered him a better life. That is the responsibility that now falls to our shoulders as followers of Jesus. The mission of the Church is to offer people a better life.

The key word is 'offer'. The Church doesn't force people to do things. The Church is a lover who comes to propose to the beloved. The Church proposes to you a certain course of action for certain situations. The church proposed to you and me a certain way of life. And each of us, like the beloved who is proposed to, must accept the proposal or turn down the proposal. But, whatever our decision, we must live with that decision forever."

### Hot Springs Knights Well Represented at "A Taste of Faith" Fund-Raiser for Seminarians

Sixteen knights from Council 6419, most with their wives, enjoyed a beautifully served dinner earlier this month at Embassy Suites in Little Rock. Approximately 350 guests from around the state were present for this fund-raiser to help support our present 33 seminarians, 30 of them present at the dinner and three of them delivering powerful speeches. Three are in Mexico in the seminary. The event generated over \$150,000 in donations.

Those in attendance from our Hot Springs council were **Bob Fiedler, Bill Thompson, Don Sass, Larry Stamps, Jim Lockwood, Joe Cenac, Joe Harrison, Dennis Bosch, Dennis Wood, Newton White, Bob Standridge, Bob Kortenber, Hugh Truesdale, John Steinhaus, George Sanders (himself a seminarian), and Wally Marroy.**



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## September Birthdays

- 2 Charles Antonini
- 3 Martin Derbonne
- 3 Raymond Mace
- 5 Louis Turala
- 9 Jack Andrews
- 12 George Sanders
- 14 Jack Connell
- 14 Mike Schnauffer, Jr.
- 15 Wally Marroy
- 20 Reid Hilton
- 20 Julian Post
- 23 David Evans
- 27 Rick Dwyer
- 29 Jerry Hawley
- 30 Mark Palmer

### Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Msgr. Gaston Hebert, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Fr. John Burkus, Fr. Mark Wood (son of Dennis and Sue Wood), Fr. Bill Thomas, Barbara Gilleran, Dorothy Rowley, Bob Fiedler, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rose Mary Pultz, Ruth Heithaus (Kansas. Husband Kenn a former council member), Rick Sands, Morgan Anderson (Raymond Mace's niece), Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, Ed McManus, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, Karen Gibbons (surgery soon), and Rosemary Pultz.**

### September Calendar

- 5 Labor Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 8 Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Fourth Degree Social Meeting, 6:30. Place to be named

### October *Knight Shift* to be Delayed

The October *Knight Shift* will be several days late. Your editor will be sampling choice red wines in Florence and Rome. Back October 2.



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### From Our Insurance Agent

"Not Another Salesman! WAIT, He's One of Us"

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 75 percent 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 protection at all. Almost one-third of adults have no life 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 who already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

**Fact 4:** One-Fourth of primary wage earners feel that they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died 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.

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A Brother Knight helping you and your loved ones! I'm at 501-204-9486. Call me—let's talk.

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