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Left to Right: Dick Smith, Bob Koch, Joe Giompoletti, Dennis Wood, Don Sass, Bill Thompson

Lift High the Cross!

Improvements to *Giompoletti Hall* and the surrounding grounds have been well publicized in the last couple of years. Two more improvements have been completed since the last newsletter. One is the replacement of the bar room floor. In place is a sparkling ceramic tile, replacing the well-worn, stained carpet [see picture, p. 3]. In addition to that, the large cross that stood for so long across from *Giompoletti Hall* has been moved to a more accessible position directly in front of and across the driveway from *Reiter Hall*. It is next to the picnic table at the edge of the wooded area. To enhance its image and perhaps to make it more functional as a place for meditation, several knights have labored to provide a concrete base for the cross and to provide electricity and water to spotlight it at night and to provide a water supply for grass and other plantings in that area. Engineering this project were **Joe Giompoletti, Bill Thompson, and Don Sass**. Other knights who helped to put the very heavy cross in place were **Bob Koch, Dick Smith, Dennis Wood, Leonard Buccholz**, Leonard's son-in-law **Tom Millsap** and Tom's son **Trevor**. Putting the cross in place demanded not only brawn and heavy equipment but brains as well. Thanks to these men who met the requirement.



Grand Knight's Report

What an exciting time to be a knight! We have so many opportunities to help the community and the church. On Thursday, July 12, as part of our monthly council meeting, we presented the annual Father Bauer-Gus Massanelli \$1000 scholarship to **Tanner Dvorak** (see article, opposite column). The Arkansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Trophy was once again awarded to the Hot Springs Council. Golf chairman **Hans Purkott** accepted the award on behalf of the council. The Hot Springs Council won over the Hot Springs Village Council by three strokes. This is the second consecutive year that our council has won the trophy. Hans immediately placed it on the council trophy shelf.

We continued the evening with our 2012-2013 officer installation. District 10 Deputy **Roy Anderle** from Mena was there to conduct the ceremony. **Father Innocent** was first inducted as Chaplain. He then offered his blessings upon the jewels, the officers, and the council. The following were inducted as council officers to serve during the 2012-13 council year: **Newton White**, Grand Knight; **Dennis Wood**, Deputy Grand Knight; **Bob Koch**, Chancellor; **John Ledbetter**, Advocate; **Don Sluyter**; Warden, **Mark Layton**. Lecturer; **Tom Gilleran**, Inside Guard; **Bill Thompson**, Outside Guard; **Dennis Bosch**, Three-year Trustee; **Rick Sands**, Two-year Trustee; and **Randy Schnoebelen**, One-year Trustee. Following the installation, **Dennis Bosch** was presented a plaque in recognition of his splendid two-year service as Grand Knight. Many good things happened for and by our council during Dennis' service. Thanks, Dennis for a job well done. The evening concluded with a fine potluck dinner and fellowship.

On July 23 the council assisted with the annual Altar Servers' appreciation party at ARC Isle. **Father West** treated the youth to a day of fun. While the youth played volleyball and other activities, the council members with some wives prepared lunch. **Joe and Mildred Giompoletti, Tom Gilleran, Don and Liz Sass, Dennis and Sue Wood, Larry and Sandy Stamps, Dennis Bosch, Bob Koch, and I** contributed by cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Approximately 70 individuals were present. After a brief period of rest, some youth were anxious to swim while Dennis treated others to a boat ride to see the lake. Two people helping with the outing submitted applications to become council members. (Always carry a Form 100. Chances to recruit occur unexpectedly.)

Our next big council event is Dinner with the Bishop, still scheduled for the evening of August 3. We have had tremendous success with ticket sales, and we are excited about this event. It will be an evening of fine dining, prayers, fellowship, and information regarding the opportunities to help those who are thinking about or who are already preparing for

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Annual Council Scholarship Awarded
 At the July 12 council meeting, the \$1000 Fr. Bauer-Gus Massanelli Scholarship, was presented to **Tanner Dvorak**, son of **Jody and Shelly Dvorak**. The Dvoraks are members of St. John's Church. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded each year to a recent Catholic graduate of an area high school.

Tanner graduated in May with a 3.8824 GPA from Lakeside High School. He has been active in church, school, and community service, including work with Hot Springs Catholic Youth Ministry's *The Edge*, serving meals to the hungry at Jackson House and aiding his peers to grow in faith through his involvement with *The Search Program*. In addition, he was active with his school's football, track, and chess teams.

A committee of **Paul Ruckstuhl, Mark Layton, Zack Nehus, and Newton White** had the difficult task selecting a recipient from four applicants, all with impressive credentials.

Congratulations to Tanner and his family. Tanner is bound for Central Arkansas University in Conway, where he will pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy. We wish him Godspeed as he begins his next big venture.

Grand Knight's article, continued

a religious vocation. We still have available tickets, but hurry if you want to secure your ticket(s). Call **Vicki Stanley** at 321-5558 or her cell phone at 538-4502. **It's important to remember that the \$25 ticket price pays not only the cost of an excellent Joe Giompoletti dinner but also provides a contribution toward support of our seminarians. Our council has an obligation to do what it can to further the diocesan goal of increasing the numbers of religious vocations.**

While I was at the ARC-Isle Altar Server's Party, a woman from St. John's handed me a \$100 bill in support of our seminarians. She could not attend the dinner but wanted to do her part. This woman is of modest means and most likely contributed a substantial part of her household budget. It reminded me of the story of the poor widow described in the book of *Luke*. Luke 21 reads "Jesus looked around and saw rich people dropping their gifts in the Temple treasury, and he also saw a very poor widow dropping in two little copper coins. He said, "I tell you that this poor widow put in more than all the others. For the others offered their gifts from what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, gave all she had to live on." The \$100 gift embarrasses me a little. I am disappointed when I hear a knight complain that the \$25 admission for the evening is too expensive, while this lady gave a generous contribution considering her means. We will be receiving a social hour with hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib dinner with nice complementing dishes and dessert. Not to mention fellowship with **Bishop Taylor, Fr. Erik, Father Innocent, sisters, seminarians, and other guests.**

On August 11 Council 6419 will host the District 10 meeting at *Giompoletti Hall*. We will provide donuts, coffee, a meat and cheese tray, chips, and drinks. Make plans to attend if you an officer in the Assembly or Council. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

We do have other activities planned for the upcoming months. October 7 will be the 4th Degree Pancake Breakfast in St. John's Parish Hall. Also on that day we will be supporting the Life Chain Day in downtown Hot Springs.

It's a great time to be a knight. Get active in your council./ **Newton White, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly recently took on the job of moving the cross from its position across from *Giompoletti Hall* to a new location facing *Reiter Building*. **Joe Giompoletti, Bill Thompson, and I** took down the cross on July 17. On July 20 we formed a concrete base, and on July 27, assisted by others, we raised the cross to its permanent position [See article, p. 1] With money raised from selling cupcakes, etc. at the April Rummage Sale, the Ladies of the Knights recently purchased steak knives for use at dinners served at *Giompoletti Hall*. We will use them for the first time at the August 3 "Taste of Faith" dinner with **Bishop Anthony Taylor**.

Our Assembly social at Bleu Monkey Restaurant brought out 25 people to enjoy a delicious dinner. Thanks to **Jack and Carol Andrews** for arranging the restaurant details. The evening began with prayers for council member **Dick Smith** and council wife **Gwen DeGruccio**. Dick had suffered a minor stroke while at his daughter's home in Katy, Texas, and Gwen broke her ankle while she and Stan were vacationing in Maryland. Dick is seemingly enjoying a full recovery, and Gwen's ankle is mending.

Our next meeting will be a business meeting at *Giompoletti Hall* at 6:30 p.m. on August 16./**Don Sass, FN**



A Message from Seminarian George Sanders

Wow! I did it! It of course was not my idea, and those who know me will be incredulous that I would even let this happen. But it did. It all began in a very surreal way as Brenda and I were on a guided tour of Grand Canyon. As I was minding my own business, enjoying the scenery (as we all should have been doing), in the back of my mind, I heard a more elderly couple in the seats behind us talking to my wife about the best thing that they have ever done since arriving in Sedona, Arizona. ...So far, I am only mildly interested in this seemingly benign conversation. With genuine excitement, they told Brenda that of all the things to do in the area, "You cannot miss this." Yep. Hot Air ballooning. And right on script, Brenda said, "Really! Really, are you kidding!" Could she have not just said, "No" ? Or "We would never be interested in that sort of thing"? No, she said, "Really?" with that intoned, raised pitch at the end, you know, the way you say something if you are really considering it and would like additional information or encouragement to do it. The older lady then told of her personal apprehension about the idea, but once she got over that, the ride was incredible. "You have never seen Sedona until you see it at day-break from a balloon." This certainly was not working on me, but someone else very dear and close to me seemed to taking flight in romantic ecstasy. And then (I had already felt it coming), Brenda turned to me and asked, "What do you think? Can we do it? I really want to." Of course I could have given her 999 reasons why this was not a good idea, but most of them started with "chicken." My first thought was to strangle the old lady behind her, but was sadly too late for that. Then I made the fatal mistake of looking into Brenda's eyes. She wanted to do it. What else could a feller do? I said, "Sure, Honey. Let's do it. It sounds great to me."

Some of my greatest lessons have come from my family life. Over the past 30 years I have come to understand that love must from time to time be courageous. Love that is not willing to risk itself for another is just a sentiment and not the real thing. Faith is like that too; they both have a lot in common. Today I want to challenge you to do something unexpected, something dangerous... Love deeply today; tell someone who has lost his way to find reconciliation with God, volunteer at a homeless shelter, or do something unexpected for your spouse. Chicken? Bon courage, mes chevaliers!/**George**



Charity Golf Tourney Beckons

One of our biggest council fund raisers for charity looms ahead. Once again, 80 percent of the profits from this undertaking will go to St. John's School. Last year's effort provided more than \$6000 for the school. This year we're going for more. This event will mark the fourth year for the tournament. As last year, it will unfold at beautiful DeGray Lake Resort on August 25.

In addition to teams of golfers [\$75 per person, \$300 per team], We need business and private sponsors to donate prizes, coupons, and cash. In the past we have been blessed with generous donations from a variety of Hot Springs businesses. We're counting on those donations plus others for this tournament. Contributors will qualify for a Silver Sponsorship with four \$25 gift certificates and a Gold Sponsorship with twelve of those certificates. Sponsorship levels: Diamond, \$700; Gold, \$300; Silver, \$100.

To enter as a player/team or to become a sponsor, call Chairman **Hans Purkott** at 501-623-8263. Hans is ready to answer any question regarding this tournament. The entry fee will entitle each participant to a fine breakfast and lunch, compliments of Chef Joe.

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- August Birthdays
- 3 Guillermo Vellejos
 - 8 John Rima
 - 12 Kenneth Dubay
 - 16 James Womack
 - 21 Forest Wells
 - 22 Walter Frazee
 - 23 Tommy Tobin, III
 - 25 Scott Hrdlicka
 - 25 Larry Nieman

Pray for our Sick
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Bob Fiedler, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Gwen DeGruccio, Charles and Geraldine Smith, Dawn Thompson, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Marge Knoth, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, Laura Mazzia, and Doris Reis.**

- August Calendar**
- 2 Organization of First Degree Team, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 - 3 Dinner with the Bishop, Giompoletti Hall, 5 p.m. (cocktails)
 - 9 Officers Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6 p.m., followed by council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 - 16 Fourth Degree, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 - 25 Charity Golf Tournament, DeGray Lake Resort, 8 a.m tee-off (see article, p. 2.

First Degree Team to Organize
Randy Schnoebelen will take the lead in organizing a First Degree team at *Giompoletti Hall* on Thursday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. Come join him, Grand Knight **Newton White** and Past Grand Knight **Dennis Bosch** in this organization meeting. Our council is almost certainly the largest council in the state without a Degree Team. Please consider offering to take one of the several roles.

Tanner Dvorak receives \$1000 council scholarship and congratulations from **Newton White** and **Dennis Bosch**.



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At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20 may not be at 30, 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?
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A brother knight helping you help you and your loved ones!

I'm at 501-204-9486 and randy.schnoebelen@kofc.org. Call me—let's talk.

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