

Knight Shift

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 donating their time and abilities on multiple occasions have been **Bob Kortener, Dennis Bosch, Tom Gilleran, Julian Post, Harold Hager, Ed King, Rusty Baltz, Jim Reiter, Ray Kukuk, Tony Shields, Don Sluyter, Andy Anderson, Blake Lockwood, and**



Gwen DeGruccio's ladies' handkerchief display with paper doll cutouts.

Trevor (Leonard Buckkhold's grandson). A special note of thanks to **Larry Barner**, new transfer member from

California. Larry has quickly established himself as a hard-working, on-the-spot volunteer. And we old guys welcome a strong back like Larry's. Thanks to all these. Success of the sales depends on them.

Finally, thanks to those who prepared food. Chef **Joe Giompoletti's** smoking' kitchen, minus its usual wheels, each day tantalized the workers with the aroma of grilling ribs, burgers, and pulled pork. From its open window he and assistant **Jackie Smith** sold food to hungry patrons and to our volunteer workers as well. Then there were the **Morning Circle** and **Sacred Heart Circle** of St. John's Church, and council member **Jim DeGeorge**, who served lunches to all the workers. We're grateful to them for supporting us with the great food.



Good News!

Our council delegates Grand Knight **Newton White** and Chancellor **Bob Koch** returned last weekend from the Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention in Jonesboro with long-awaited good news. Council 6419 has been named Arkansas' Large Council of the Year. And wait....our council also received the Culture of Life Award. Aren't we proud? Of course much hard work has gone into achieving these honors. Many knights—and often with their wives—have done a lot of work on various projects. The Culture of Life Award grew primarily from our council's involvement with erecting the pro-life crosses on the grounds of the Church of the Nazarene on Central Avenue. In addition to our members' dedicated work, we must also acknowledge the detailed work of Recorder **Charlie Cook** in recording our council's varied involvements in the community. Organized and methodical, Charlie has amassed an impressive three-ring binder of our council's activities, including many pictures and press releases. Without this wealth of evidence, we could not have received these distinctions. Congratulations to all for many tasks well done!



Grand Knight's Report

You know it's spring: The trees are budding, the flowers are blooming...and our 2013 spring rummage sale already is a memory. The success of that sale as well as all the others depends on many men and women. But at this time I focus on the ladies, thanking them for all they do. They're amazing! They wash, iron, organize, price, bag, sweep, dust and sell. It's often their presentation of merchandise rather than the merchandise itself that results in sales. For all they do so beautifully, they deserve a standing ovation! What an amazing group of women standing behind all our successful functions! **LADIES, WE THANK YOU!**

We are approaching the end of the Knights of Columbus fiscal year. This is the time when we have to really buckle down and finish everything that we need to accomplish to get our Star Council Award. Our new member quota is thirteen; we currently have twelve. We need one more exemplified before June 30. Our new member insurance quota is five; we now have three. Therefore, we need two more before June 30. Let's get busy and make sure it happens!

Rummage Sale Just Ended... and Rummage Sales Revisited

The council spring Charity Rummage Sale, ending April 20, grossed a total of **\$23,381.30**, though impressive, not a record. The first Friday, with patrons lined up to get through the doors of *Spirit Hall* and a parking lot jammed with cars, was indeed another record day. But the remaining days couldn't keep pace. By way of comparison, our previous sale netted **\$24,996.30**, and the 2012 spring sale, **\$22,996.30**. Going back even further, our 2009 fall sale netted **\$14,667.33**, the spring sale of 2010, **\$15,410.90**; the fall 2010 sale, **\$17,202.34**; and the spring sale of 2011, **\$19,343.29**. So these figures show that our rummage sale income, until this most recent sale, has steadily increased. We have to acknowledge, reluctantly, that we can't expect every sale to be better than the previous sale. We have to work hard to maintain great results that enable us to sustain at least our commitments to the several local charities that we support with monthly contributions. So now we turn our attention to the October sale. Collections of donations have already begun.

We can't leave the recent sale without acknowledging the many people who contributed to our success. Some of these have been on site not only on the days of the sale but many, many times, sometimes working in a cold building, to clean, launder, iron, organize, and price. Our volunteer wives have mastered the art of presentation. The regulars are **Sue**

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At our May 9 meeting we will elect offers, vote on the council by-laws, and vote on a revision of bylaws for Hot Springs Knights, Inc. Please be present for these votes. One of the events that will fulfill our obligations for the Year of Faith Council Action Plan is regular Corporate Communion. We designate a Sunday each month for knights (including families) to sit together at Mass, wearing their K of C lapel pins or name badges. We are designating the second Sunday of each month, alternating between the 10 a.m. Mass at St. John's and the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. This tradition will begin with Mass at St. Mary of the Springs Church on May 12.

We congratulate the Knights of the Month. February belonged to **David Myers** in recognition of his very successful Baby Bottle Campaign. March was dedicated to **George Schwass**. George is always diligent in his support of vocations and ALWAYS helping in the kitchen. We also recognize a Family of the Month. February's award went to the home of **Zack and Stephanie Nehus**, while **Joe and Janet Kanopsic** received the award in March. Just another way of thanking those who go above and beyond the call of duty.

One area in which we want to become more active involves our young men, those still too young to become knights. We are strongly considering a Columbian Squires Circle composed of Catholic males between the ages of 10 and 18. We need 10 young men to start up this circle. So if you knights have a son, a grandson, a

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nephew or know any other Catholic male youth who might be interested in joining this organization, please contact **David Myers** at 620-9006, **Vicki Stanley**, 321-5558, or **Newton White**, 622-0191. **Father West and Father Innocent** have approved this endeavor. This will provide young men to help out with various functions and provide a pool from which we can recruit knights when they become 18. Each squire will receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate suitable for framing./**Grand Knight, Newton White**



Knights of Columbus Golf Cup 2013 Getting Ready

You're running out of time to secure your spot in the upcoming golf competition between teams from neighboring councils. Chaired by **Hans Purkott**, this tourney will play out at Belvedere Resort on May 11, Tee Time, 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$60 per person, the fee including lunch. The tournament format is a 4-knights scramble. Hans reports that at this time **Newton White's** team needs one player. Of course additional teams are welcomed and encouraged.

This marks the third year for this golf challenge, with a beautiful trophy going to the winning team. It is with considerable pride that our Hot Springs Council holds the trophy, and it is our intention to keep it in our council hall. Come join us for this fun-filled, competitive event.

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Thanks to the Honor Guard participants in the March 28 Holy Thursday Mass. The Guard included **Zack Nehus, Joe Giompoletti, Louis Kosarek, Jim Reiter, Mike Tucker, Mark Chunn, Bob Koch, and me** and special thanks to those who remained until Midnight. Thanks also to those who served in the Guard at the funeral Mass of **Tony Pultz, Bob Kness, Bob Koch, Mike Tucker, Dennis Bosch, Larry Stamps, and I** served at that.

Our Fourth Degree social was at Don Juan Mexican Restaurant on April 18. Thanks to **Larry Nieman**, who made arrangements for the evening. We will have a business meeting on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at **Giompoletti Hall**. I hope to see you there.

On Tuesday, May 28 we will install Fourth Degree officers at Sacred Heart Church in the Village. The activities begin with a social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 5:30. The installation ceremony will follow the dinner. Anyone interested in holding one of the offices should contact **Don Sass** at 767-2780 or **Newton White** at 662-0191. Thank you./**Don Sass, FN**

Editor's Note:

As soon as I can find the necessary time, hopefully this month, I plan to reformat ***Knight Shift*** under a new name: ***Knight Watch***. While "***knight***" is a nice play on the word "***night***," the word "***shift***" has nothing to do with a newspaper. "***Watch***," on the other hand, is appropriate for a newspaper or newsletter.

In addition, I plan to format the paper on standard-size paper (8" x 11 1/2"), enabling those who choose to do so to print a copy from their computers. The reason that the present format cannot be printed is that it's printed in a two-page spread on 11" x 17" paper.

Finally, the June issue will likely be a few days late because I will be in Virginia the last 10 days of May for my granddaughter's high school graduation.

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**A Message from Deacon George Sanders:
*Life Begins at Conception***

One of the basic premises for anyone finding the practice of abortion acceptable is his belief that life does not begin at conception. Let's look a bit closer at this belief to see whether the denial of this premise is reasonably sustainable.

We will not venture into philosophical definition of the ontological state of life or expand on a biological concept of what constitutes life itself but will only define "being alive" in simplistic terms as "the state of a living organism." Plants possess life. Animals possess life. Without privation of basic necessities, they will grow and develop on their own. We can also stipulate that parts of organisms also have life. A leaf on a tree can be alive or dead, as can a hand, a foot or an eye of a human. But these are not "organisms" in the proper sense, since they do not possess a unique existence of their own. With this basic definition, let's now take a look at an amazing and all too often vanishing life-form, the human embryo.

Is a human embryo alive based on our definition? Of course, no one can honestly deny that an embryo is a living organism; it has all the characteristics of a living thing. It is important to note one critical difference here: the embryo was formed from two living things—a male sperm and a female egg. In one of the most fascinating feats of nature, these two living cells join into a single new creation. The male and female gametes have so melded together that the "two have become one flesh" so to speak. The original genetic contributions are no longer distinguishable in the zygote or embryo, which has in fact become something quite entirely new.

So based on this premise, when did life specifically begin for this embryo? Life began at conception, at the very time when the joining of the two living cells resulted in the creation of a new human being, genetically different from its parents, a completely unique individual (organism). I believe some will try to discount this fact by saying that the embryo cannot sustain itself outside the womb, which somehow makes it less human. Is a seedling a tree? Is it any less a tree because it is one inch tall, doesn't really resemble a tree yet and is totally dependent on outside forces for the basic elements of sun, soil and water to grow? Like the embryo, it can perish from privation of its basic needs. And like the tree, it is not starved or thoughtlessly ripped up. The embryo has in itself that same will to live that all organisms have. May I ask? If as you are reading this, you find yourself in times of trouble, remember these simple words of wisdom.....Let it be!

Rummage Sale, continued

Wood, Liz Sass, Dawn Thompson, Mildred Giompoletti, Carol Koch, Carol Andrews, Karen Gibbons, and Martha Lockwood. Multiple appearances and valuable input also came from **Sandy Kortenber, Carol Cook, Chris Bosch, Sue Stevens, Rosemary Myer, Barbara Reiter, Judy Kirton, Miriam Didier, Phyllis Baltz, and Alecia Stecks. Rosie Myer, Dawn Thompson** One very important member of this crew, contributing much even in a her absence, was **Gwen DeGruccio**, who was caring for her incapacitated mother. Even in absence she was able to launder and press linens and to create an impressive display of ladies' handkerchiefs. (see pictures, p. 4) And recognition to **Evelyn Enderlin, who offered suggestions for arranging furniture into** Attractive vignettes: sofas, side chairs, tables, lamps, rugs, etc.

The men also have a collection of regulars who spent untold hours collecting, cleaning, polishing, shampooing, repairing, and pricing, beginning long before the sale. These men are **Gil Gibbons, Stan DeGruccio, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, Bob Koch, Don Sass, Dick Smith, and Leonard Buchholz.** Others

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- Tom & Barbara Gilleran
- Scott & Sessie Hrdlicka
- Bob & Mary Ann Fiedler
- Zack & Stephanie Nehus
- Randy&Marty Schnoebelen
- Bob & Sandy Kortenber
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- Kenn Heithaus
- Tony & Mary Shields
- Mike & Kathy Tucker
- Bob & Carol Koch
- Peter Gallaher
- Julian & Kay Post
- William Spielvogel

May Birthdays

- 1 Zack Nehus
- 7 Peter Gallaher
- 7 Cooper White
- 11 Steve Gallimore
- 11 Tony Shields
- 14 Blake Lockwood
- 14 Don Sluyter
- 16 Joe Volpert
- 16 Jim Williams
- 18 Kim Peterson
- 19 Merlin Retzlaff
- 23 José Decideris
- 25 George Meggers
- 26 Steven Stoddard
- 31 Leonard O'Donovan, Jr.

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Tom Gilleran, Dick Smith, George Callahan, Beverly Priest, Lorraine McManus, John Andrews, Jerry Hawley (Arkadelphia), Bob Kortenber, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Glory, Stephen Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim and Anita Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, and Laura Mazzia.**

May Calendar

- 9 Council Meeting, followed by Hot Springs Knights, Inc. annual meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Golf Challenge (see article, p. 2)
- 12 Corporate Communion, St. Mary's Church, 11 a.m.
- 16 Fourth Degree, 6:30 p.m. at Giompoletti Hall
- 23 Living Rosary and Potluck, (see article, p. 5)
- 28 Fourth Degree: Installation of officers, HSV. (see article, p. 2)

From Our Insurance Agent: Retirement Balancing Act

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs....or there is a real possibility of crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages About the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to continues, next column

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the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either definite benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or definite contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the only aspect you can control completely. Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

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As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do and help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you can trust—YOU!

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Tony Pultz Dies

Council member **Tony Pultz** died April 21 here in Hot Springs. He was a long-time member of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist and, even at age 86, served regularly at the altar with his friend and council member **Bob Kness** on Saturday mornings. With his wife Rose Mary he was also a minister of the Eucharist, regularly taking the Eucharist to those in the hospital and nursing homes. Tony also served St. John's as an usher.

He was predeceased by his first wife Ruth as well as a granddaughter. He was survived by his wife Rose Mary, four sons—Tony, Pat, Jeff, and Brett of Hot Springs, daughter Pam Harvell of Hot Springs, a sister Pauline Urso of Sandusky, Ohio, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by **Father James West** at St. John's Church on Wednesday, April 24 and burial followed at Crestview Cemetery. Besides his devoted family, Tony leaves many friends.

The family has requested that memorial tributes be made to the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist.

Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner

With the month of May traditionally designated for special devotion to the Blessed Mother, Council 6419 will once again honor her with a living rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. Please come join us for this devotion. Fourth Degree members in regalia will introduce the decades of the rosary. Following the rosary, we will enjoy a potluck dinner. The council will furnish the meat but asks that each family offer a favorite dish—main dish, salad, or dessert—to the buffet.

More Great News!

Our council once again has become the beneficiary of an extremely generous monetary gift from one of council members. This is the fourth successive year that he has come to our financial aid with a check of \$13,000. Our council always has pressing needs—taxes, insurance, utilities, roof and kitchen repairs, etc. These demands over-extend our existing treasury from dues, two \$3000 donations from rummage sales, and limited fund raisers. Besides the expenses just named, the council also has significant charitable donations, aside from those funded by the rummage sales and the golf tournament. There's a \$1000 scholarship, support payments to seminarians, the cost of food for St. John's fall bazaar, and other miscellaneous donations for people/families confronting misfortune.

At the present we have much-needed repairs that must be corrected—ceiling leaks and a new hood over the ranges. An inspector has pointed out the deficiency and points out that, until corrected, our insurance bill will be higher by several hundred dollars a year. So at present **Joe Giompoletti** is searching for a good used hood., since new hoods are surprisingly expensive (several thousand dollars).

The donor of the \$13,000 has made it known that he does not wish any recognition for his gift, not even name identification. We do want him to know that council members would very much like to honor him in some way. But with our hands tied in that matter, we want him to understand that we truly appreciate what he has enabled us to do, things that ordinarily we would not be able to do. I know that we all now take much pride in our facilities, including the grounds. It's a very different place from what it was 10 years ago. With his financial assistance, coupled with the physical labor of a collection of talented members—carpenter, electrician, plumber, etc.—and the willing help from a bevy of strong, willing backs, we've been able to make a lot of big improvements.

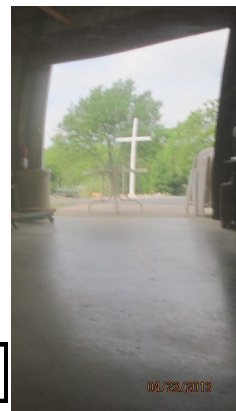
Scenes from the Rummage Sale



The line-up, waiting for the doors to



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