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Grand Knight's Article

The dog days of summer are upon us! Blistering heat coupled with oppressive humidity settled in on us as we hosted the St. John's Altar Servers' Picnic at ARC Isle on July 22. Forty-nine kids plus 20 adults, including 12 knights participated. Special thanks to chief cook **Joe Giompoletti, Bill Thompson, David Myers, Charlie Cook, Cooper White, Simon Jordan, Julian Post, Don Sluyter, Larry BARNER, Trance Palazzi, and Andy Anderson** for setting up, preparing the food, and serving the much-deserving altar servers.

The State Organization meeting held on July 13 and 14 was very successful. Our council hosted a great meeting, and the hall and grounds looked terrific. **Andy Anderson, David Myers, Bob Koch, Lennie Didier, and Bill Thompson** stepped up to make sure everything was set up

for the meeting, including two break-
fast meals, lunch, and dinner.

On August 3 our own brother knight **George Sanders** will become Father George Sanders. His ordination is scheduled for 10 a.m. at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. All of us are invited to be present for this joyous occasion. Be advised to be early to secure seating. Father George will celebrate his first Mass at St. John's Church at 10 a.m.

Our next meeting will be August 8. Chuckwagon **Joe Giompoletti**, assisted by **Leonard Didier**, will serve a crappie dinner, complete with hushpuppies, pickled tomatoes, French fries, and coleslaw. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and continue to 6:15. Although there is no charge for this great meal, donations will be appreciated to offset the cost of the side items. Any money remaining after expenses will be directed toward the cost of kitchen and bar improvements. Come early and bring a donation.

Our next hosting event will be for the District 10 meeting, scheduled for August 10. We will begin at 9 a.m. and end around noon with lunch served by our council. Persons who should attend, including those from other councils, are Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors, and Membership Directors. Other interested members are welcome to attend.

Our next Corporate Communion is scheduled for 10 a.m. at St. John's Church on August 11. Be sure to wear your name tag. If you missed the first name tag order, just send an e-mail to Vicki at vstanley@isiequip.com or call her at 501-321-5558. She will place a new order very soon. The council badges are \$12.75, including shipping. Assembly badges sell for \$14.75. And if you would like a name tag for your wife, it's

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Charity Golf for St. John's School Just Ahead

Hello, Golfers. The St. John's School Golf Tournament is coming Saturday, August 24 at De-Gray State Park.

So far I have 8 teams from the Village confirmed. I hope that we get a lot of our council golfers out to play in this third annual tournament for our St. John's School. If you cannot organize a

team, know that single golfers are also welcome. I will pair the singles with other knights.

We have some really nice prizes for the participants. By tournament time, I hope that every participant will get something beside the golf club of his choice from Hole in One International. (Driver to Sand wedge)

Entry fee is \$85.00. This fee will entitle you to donuts and coffee for breakfast and then **Chuck Wagon Joe's** famous barbecue lunch. Please let me know if you want to play. This event is both for fun and for the benefit of St. John's School./**Hans Purkott, Tournament Chairman**

Council Scholarship Split Between Two Graduates

Sawyer Burgener and Simon Jordan share council scholarship.

The council scholarship committee chose two local deserving students to share the annual \$1000 Gus Massanelli-Father Ralph Bauer Scholarship. These students are recent graduates of an area high school and will be heading for college study this fall.

Sawyer Burgener and **Simon Jordan**, new council member, are the recipients. Sawyer graduated from Cutter Morning Star School with a G.P.A. of 4.2. He is a parishioner at St. Mary's Church. He was an all-A scholar through four grades, received the AP Government Award, the AP Literature Award, Algebra Award, and Chemistry Award. He also received the Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence,

served as Student Council president, and National Beta Club treasurer. He will soon enter the University of Arkansas to pursue courses preparing him for a dental school.

Simon graduated from Lakeside High School with a G.P.A. of 3.16. He, like Sawyer, is a member of St. Mary's Church. Among his activities were Student Council, Green Club reporter, French Club vice president, the Chess Club, soccer team captain and assistant athletic trainer for the football team. He will enter Henderson University this fall and study to become an athletic trainer with a minor in psychology.

Congratulations to these men

for their selection as our scholarship recipients.

The Gus Massanelli-Father Ralph Bauer Scholarship is awarded each year to a Catholic graduating student from a local high school. In selecting the recipient(s), the council committee considers grades, activities in school, the community and church, recommendations, and financial need.

The judging committee members were Chairman **Paul Ruckstuhl**, **Zack Nehus**, **Grand Knight**, **Newton White**, and **Bob Koch**.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you.

July 4 Flag Raising

Several knights were present at Calvary Cemetery on Independence Day to raise 18 flags. Present were **Dick Smith**, **Ray Kukuk**, **John Steinhaus**, **Julian Post**, **Jim Reiter**, **Harold Hager**, **Dennis Bosch (with grandsons)**, **Joe**

Giampoletti, **Larry Barner**, **Larry Stamps**, **Bill Thompson**, **Dennis Woods**, **Leonard Buchholz**, **Lou Kosarek**, **Bob Koch**, **Ed King**, **Joe Kanopsis**, and **Tom Gilleran**. Dick and Harold brought donuts for us to

enjoy with our coffee. Late afternoon, when the flags were taken down, **Don Sass** brought beer for our holiday enjoyment.

The next flag raising will be Labor Day on September 2.

How About This?

The kitchen in Giampoletti Hall is taking on a very different appearance. Following a citation from the city inspector for the inadequate hood above the ranges, council vote approved a new up-to-date stainless steel hood. If hoods had "bells and whistles," this one definitely would have them. During the renovations the kitchen has become like a second home for **Joe Giampoletti** and **Don Sass**. In addition to the new hood, Joe has built attractive shelving—

and lots of it—in the back portion of the kitchen, immediately behind the hood and ranges. They provide great storage for pots and pans, flatware, etc. New and much improved tiles are going in place in the ceiling, interspersed with new recessed lighting. Really impressive! The once leaky kitchen is now leak free. Finally, new shelving has also gone in place in the far end of the bar, providing plenty



Shiny new kitchen hood

of space for bar glassware.

[More pictures on page 8]



These improvements were made possible by an anonymous council member's generous monetary gift. We are grateful.

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From Deacon George Sanders: Two Mites and a Maybe



Jesus enters the temple with his disciples, moving unobtrusively and quite unnoticed through the crowd and into the torch-lit chamber with its majestic,

broad-weave curtains and golden appointments which signaled the place where monetary offerings are given to the temple. On this day there was a steady throng of worshipers making their way to the place of offering, usually with much fanfare; the more the offering the more the approval of the notables in the crowd, which only increased the din of the heavy clanging of coins in the brass horn as the offerings slid into the coffers. Yet in the shadows, invisible to the patriarchs and the commotion-filled huddles, was an elderly lady who was biding her time, waiting her turn. Of course, there would be no fanfare this time, no swells of approval. She would hardly be noticed as she timed her approach

so as not to be seen and to silently to slip away like a shadow from the public spectacle. She could not have known it at the time, but God himself attended her offering, and he applauded.

I've heard this story many times. I often have come away a bit sad for her and her poverty. Poverty can be a cruel master that can sap the human dignity right out of those caught in its web. This story is read on the same Sunday that we read the story of the widow who gave Elijah the last measure of her meal and oil. These two stories have a lot in common. But this year, I saw something that I had never seen before. The widow did not give her two mites because she felt a compulsion to bring an offering to God and because that was all that she could muster. She gave all she had because that was the most she could give.

Love is like that, you know. Nothing less than

everything will do. I have heard it said that until you find something that is so important to you that you would give your last ounce of life for it, you have never really lived. The widow in our Gospel reading had found just that: her life, her all, her *raison d'être*. Her resources were limited, her heart was not. She had learned to worship God in her giving. Not from drudgery or obligation, she gave with joy and gratitude. And the good news is that we all can experience this same deep sense of purpose. And now, here's the challenge. When the offering basket glides past you next Sunday, become an "intentional giver." The amount is less important than the attitude. And maybe, you too will be surprised at the profound difference in the heartfelt gift of your two mites can make (in you).

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes



Assembly tentatively restores former practice of preceding business meetings with dinners.

“Was it just a coincidence that Council 6419 began to jump forward when Bill joined our Order in 2009?”

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at *Giampoletti Hall* on July 18. With **Faithful Navigator Don Sass** in Chicago, the meeting was conducted by **Faithful Captain Bill Thompson**.

Most members will remember that until a year or so ago the Assembly had a custom of having a meal served at each business meeting, the dinner prepared by a volunteer member. Following a discussion on the feasibility of restoring this practice, two members volunteered to provide meals for the September 19 and November 21 meetings at a charge of \$6 for each dinner, an amount that should cover the cost of the food. For this tentative plan to become routine, two factors

are of paramount importance. First, there must be a sufficient number of members willing to prepare an occasional meal (surely not more than once a year). Second, **members absolutely must give advance notice that they will be present for the meal so that the dinner provider will know how much food to prepare. To do so is only common courtesy. For the September meeting, please contact Don Sass, Bill Thompson, or Bob Koch with your intentions no later than September 13.** The Assembly will continue to have its social dinner meetings on alternate months at a local restaurant. With **Newton White** the host, **the August meeting will be at Olive Garden, with all attendees encouraged to be present by 6:30 p.m. As always, wives and non-member guests are invited.**

It's time to corral those Third De

Members who would like to become Fourth Degree members. It's not too late to round up others who thus far have given no indication of interest. They need to be asked and encouraged. An Exemplification is coming up soon **[See Grand Knight's article]**. Contact **Newton White** for further information.

Joe Kanopsic has agreed to co-chair the Christmas Dinner and Dance and is awaiting the other co-chair to step forward. Who is willing to take this on with Joe. Preliminary preparations will begin soon. An Assembly vote decided to end the long-standing practice of conducting a raffle during the dance intermission./**Bill Thompson, Faithful Captain for Faithful Navigator Don Sass**

Bill and Dawn: At Our Service!

Playing on John Lennon's song "Imagine," I put forth my own speculation: Just imagine what our council would be if we all were as ready to serve as **Bill and Dawn Thompson**.

Is it just a coincidence that Council 6419 began to jump forward when Bill joined our Order in 2009? Almost certainly it was no coincidence. Of course a good many members, old and new, have been instrumental in our council's growth. But certainly Bill has been a major impetus in our coming out of semi-hibernation.

Except for illness and doctors' appointments, there is essentially nothing that keeps him from involvement in an array of council activities.

He is among the most dependable in assisting with large collections of Rummage and Furniture Sale donations, including pulling the council trailer behind his truck. He rarely misses a day of the tedious preparatory work leading up to our charity sales and of course is on hand to work the sales when they roll around. He never shirks a dirty job, such as taking filthy, greasy charcoal grills home to clean them up, bringing them back looking like new.

He knows how to repair broken furniture and frequently does just that. {The one thing he refuses to do is put prices on his handiwork.}

Bill's involvement extends through almost all council activities. He is regularly in attendance at both council and Fourth Degree Assembly meetings. He volunteers to work pancake breakfasts, he frequently serves food in the council hall, he consistently works the Knights of Columbus-sponsored dinner at the annual St. John's School Bazaar, and he assists with cooking at the parish picnics. Furthermore, when improvements are taking place in

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Grand Knight, continued

available for \$5.75.

Just a reminder that August 15—the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother—is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Fourth Degree exemplification will be conducted on August 17 in Allen Center at Our Lady of Holy Souls Parish, 1003 North Tyler Street, Little Rock, located between University and Kavanaugh. The cost for each candidate is \$70, which includes lunch and dinner, a social baldric and a Fourth Degree lapel pin. Guest banquet tickets are \$20 each. Dress is black tuxedo for the

candidate and members with lay down collar (no wing tip collars) and black dress shoes. Military Dress uniforms are also appropriate. Registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. with the exemplifications beginning at 1 p.m. and followed by group pictures at 3 p.m. Mass will follow at 4 p.m., then a 5:30 social and 6:30 dinner. The “honoree” will be **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**. All money and Form 4’s must be mailed to the District Master and received no later than Monday, August 13. Please make checks to **Russell J. Anzaloe**, District Master.

On a final note, we are rapidly approaching the time we need to sign up young men as Squires. **David Myers** has taken the lead in this matter, and **Father West** brought it up at the Altar Servers Picnic. We have not only an obligation but also an opportunity to bring in the next generation of Knights into our council. We need volunteer counselors for these young men. Interested men should call David at 620-9006 or Vicki at 321-5558. You must fill out a form and have a background check. You can also help by enlisting members. If you have a Catholic son, grandson, or nephew 10-17 years old, he is eligiible./**Newton White, Grand Knight**

From Our Insurance Agent

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you want to received the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your beneficiary can be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary. That person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive

policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary—an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of their policy. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating—as they often do—I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

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Selected Passages

from *The One Thing*

by Michael Kelley

Matthew Kelly the author of *Rediscover Catholicism*, **has a very fine more recent book titled *The One Thing***. His first son was 10 months old at the time he wrote this book in which he ponders how he might present Catholicism to his son in a manner that will ensure he never abandons the faith. He writes, "...I know it is impossible to ignore the unprecedented exodus taking place at this time as men and women of all ages leave the Catholic Church. Where do they go?" he asks. "Some are drawn to the allure of non-denominational megachurches. Many just stop going to church altogether. Why do they leave? I suspect it is a combination of factors. Even the most casual observer would conclude that two of those factors seem to be that **they don't know what they are leaving** and that the Church failed to speak into their lives in a way compelling enough to engage them."

"...I thought to myself, if I could teach my son one thing that would ensure his appreciation of Catholicism, what would it be? What's the one thing? (pages 25, 27) I thought about people I know who have left the Catholic Church and others who have given up on religion altogether.

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August Calendar

- 3 Ordination of George Sanders to the Priesthood, Christ the King Church, Little Rock, 10 a.m.
- 8 Council Meeting preceded by fish dinner, 5 p.m., *Giampoletti Hall* (See Grand Knight's article)
- 10 District Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 9 a.m. See article, p. 1
- 11 Corporate Communion, St. John's Church, 10 a.m.
- 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- 15 Fourth Degree Social with wives and guests, Olive Garden Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Holy Souls Church, Little Rock, 11 a.m. registration (See Fourth Degree article, p. 4)
- 24 Charity Golf Tournament, Lake DeGray State Park (See article, p. 1)

Thank-you Note from the Stoddard Family

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Our family wants to thank you very much for the gift you sent to assist in the caretaking of my mother & Stephen while I am in Little Rock looking after Matthew. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

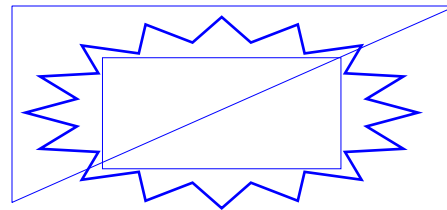
Matthew is doing better & is our second miracle. We are very lucky to have friends like you guys with your prayers and thoughts.

Thank you very much,

Mark, Kathleen, and Stephen Stoddard

[The Charity Committee voted to send \$500 to assist this St. John's family during their great difficulties resulting from their two sons' separate accidents, both tragic.]

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August Birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Donald Heck | 16 Larry Womack |
| 3 Guillermo Villejos | 22 Walter Frazee |
| 5 John Rima | 23 William Edgar |
| 13 Danny Morrison | 25 Scott Hrdlicka |
| 15 Simon Jordan | 25 Larry Nieman |

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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: Tom Gilleran, Ilse Purkott, George Callahan, Beverly Priest, Loraine McManus, John Andrews, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Jim Maguire, DeDe Robbins, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Shirley Dvorak (mother of Jody Dvorak), Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, Fr. Raymond Rossi, and Dorothy Rowley, Deacon John Connell, and Judy Kirton.

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New kitchen tiles and recessed lighting ↓



↑ New shelving in the bar room



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Bill and Dawn Thompson, continued

“What a red-letter day for the council when [Bill and Dawn] allied themselves with Council 6419.”

Bill and Dawn dress up for last year’s Taste of Faith Dinner at Giampoletti Hall

Upper right: Dawn finds a minute to clown, modeling “unmentionable” donations in Spirit Hall.

Giampoletti Hall, Bill is front and center, painting or doing carpentry work alongside chief builder **Joe Giampoletti**. His carpentry and mechanical skills perhaps were honed when he and Dawn came to Hot Springs in 1986, purchased 120 acres of land off Hwy. 7, North near the Village, and began construction of their new retirement home. Since Bill did most of the work himself, it would be a few years before the house would be completed since he still maintained his job as purchasing agent with United Airlines in Chicago until February of 1993, when he finally became a permanent Arkansan. Between 1986 and 1993 he could come to Hot Springs to work on the new home only on weekends and vacations. The finished product was truly a home to admire.

When Bill became a knight with an immediate display of talent and willingness, Dawn was right behind him, quickly joining the women’s council activities and bringing with her a lot of creative ideas coupled with

equal talent.

For several years now, she has managed the extensive collection of florals at our Charity Rummage and Furniture Sales. In connection with that, she has washed and cleaned innumerable dirty plant containers and filled them with beautiful floral arrangements. Holiday wreaths are one of her specialties. In addition, she frequently notes improvements that might be made in our meeting hall. If council money is short, Dawn, together with **Liz Sass**, creates a money-making project to fund the proposed project, such as selling live plants and baked goods at our Rummage Sales. The earned money has enabled the two ladies to create large draperies to hide council pictures and plaques when the Hall is used for social occasions, especially when it has been rented for a wedding reception or other special occasions. One of their biggest undertakings was the purchase of fabric chair covers to enhance the aesthetics of the room for various celebrations.

Both Bill and Dawn have regularly been heavily involved with decorating the Hall for various holidays. And last year the two served as co-chairs of the Christmas Dinner/Dance, including creating the decorations. It was all beautiful, including the snow scene as one of Dawn’s master works.

What a red-letter day for the council when these two allied themselves with Council 6419! They have played major roles in transforming our facilities, including our grounds. Thank you, Bill and Dawn.



One of many times Bill brought his Kuboto to move and burn brush and downed trees from the wooded area of the council property. →



Then I thought about the...parents who have lamented to me about their children leaving the Church. It was then that I stumbled on a question that made me uneasy. What would it take for Matthew Kelly to leave the Church?

“For a long time I sat there combing through the lowest moments in Catholic history, testing each to see if one of them would have been the breaking point that made me leave. I couldn’t find sufficient reason in any of those moments to leave the Church. Instead what I found were examples of what happens when people don’t live the Catholic faith authentically. I found immorality and personal weaknesses, psychopathic selfishness and the abuse of power. I found Christ’s teachings misunderstood and misrepresented. But the scandals that stain our history do not exist because we lived our Catholicism, but rather because we failed to live it. And what I found most of all in the Church’s history was a reflection of my own fragile and broken humanity.

“So what would have to happen for me to leave the Catholic Church? I can’t imagine anything that would bring me to that point. Yes, I have been disappointed by some of the things people who claim to be Catholic do, I wish our leaders were bold and decisive, I think the Church needs over-

whelming renewal, but I don’t think I could ever leave the Church. **The reason is that I believe Jesus Christ is alive in the Eucharist.** And no protestant, evangelical, or nondenominational church can give me that,” (p.29)

Kelly goes on to write that parish music may leave much to be desired, that homilies are sometimes lacking, and that the vibrancy of the faith community within parishes may be much in need of improvement. “But,” he writes, “none of these compares with being able to receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. (p. 29)....And I cannot leave that. It wouldn’t matter how good the preaching or music was elsewhere, I cannot leave the Eucharist. I cannot leave Jesus.” (p. 33) He continues, “... **It is the belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist—not just symbolically so—that seems to be one of the key differences between highly engaged Catholics and those who walk away from the Church.** It may be *the* difference.”

About this Church doctrine, Kelly writes that for many it has been difficult to believe from the beginning of Christianity. “Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life....Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh

and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.’” (p. 39) (*John: 6:54-55*) The author then points out that many of Jesus’ own disciples said, “This is a hard teaching, who can accept it?” (*John 6: 60*) The last verses of John 6 tell us that many of the disciples then walked away and no longer followed him. “And so it has been in every place and every time since that day,” Kelly concludes. “Many people turn their back on Catholicism because they are unable to believe in the true presence.” Jesus questions his Apostles, “Do you want to leave too?” Peter answered, “Lord to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (*John 6:67-68*)

So it turns out that “the ONE thing” in the book’s title that Kelly would teach his child to ensure his appreciation and love for Catholicism is the literal presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine offered to us at each Catholic Mass. [Selected passages used with permission from [Dynamic Catholic.Com](http://DynamicCatholic.Com). You may go to this website to order any of several books for no charge other than the mailing cost.]

Editor’s Comment: The Orthodox and Lutheran Churches also believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The others seem unified in their belief that Jesus is present in the Eucharist only symbolically.