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## Grand Knight's Article

Happy September! Where did this year go? Summer is over for the kiddos, school is back in session, vacations have slowed down and the holidays are just around the corner. A time of harvests, festivals, pumpkins, and.....dinner dances! We are quickly approaching some of the busiest times of our year.

A First Degree Exemplification was held on August 23. We need to make a point go get acquainted with these guys and put them to work!

Our next scheduled Council meeting will be September 12. We are going to start at 6:00 with a guest speaker, **Angela Isaacs**, Principal of St. John's School. After our speaker, we will begin our closed business session. **Deputy Grand Knight Andy Anderson** will conduct the meeting. Please come to support Andy in his second meeting to preside.

Our next Corporate Communion is scheduled for the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Sep-

tember 15. Bring your family and sit with us, showing our solidarity as an organization focusing on family and Church commitment. **Vicki** still has some of the name tags that have been ordered. Give her a call so that she can arrange to get your tag to you if you have not yet received it. Her office number is 321-5558 and her cell number is 538-4502.

On September 21 we will once again host the Altar Servers' Party at ARC-Isle. This time it will be for the servers of St. Mary of the Springs. We will need volunteers to meet us at ARC-Isle to help with the lunch and clean up. **Joe Giompoletti** will be tossing hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins'. Come out and support these young people! They are our future knights and ladies.

Our own **Tom Gilleran** is presently at what we hope is the tail-end of a serious health issue resulting from recurring blood clots and limited blood circulation in his legs. For several days it was a touch-and-go situation at National Park Medical Center. He was released from the hospital Thursday, August 22 with instructions to seriously curtail strenuous activity. On August

20, as Tom lay in his hospital bed, Council **Grand Knight Newton White** presented to Tom, courtesy of **Senator Mark Pryor**, a U.S. flag that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington. This tribute was in recognition of Tom's long-time chairmanship of the flag-raising over Calvary Cemetery on patriotic holidays.

It is with pride to announce that our council once again has received the coveted Star Council Award, given to councils that attain the national quota



of new council members and new insurance members.

And, finally, welcome to our newest First Degree members, **Bayo Nguyen** and **Barry Steiden**, who completed their First Degree Exemplification Thursday night./**Newton White, Grand Knight**

## Annual Council Golf Outing Raises \$6000 for St. John's School

Hot Springs Council 6419 and Hot Springs Village Council worked together to raise approximately \$6100 for the benefit of St. John's School. For the fifth consecutive year Chairman **Hans Purkott** worked long and

hard to put this event together, securing teams and drumming up sponsors for this event, played on Saturday, August 24 on the golf course of DeGray State Park outside Arkadelphia. Of course, Hans gives much credit to the many

others who worked tirelessly to make this event successful. A very special thanks to Han's fund-raising committee: **George Callahan, Doug Hall, Bob Koch, David Myers, Dick** ,

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## Charity Rummage Sale on the Way!

“We especially need jewelry, toys, and craft items, especially sewing related, and kitchen equipment and bedding are always of high priority.”

The fall version of the council Charity Rummage and Furniture Sale is just six weeks off. **October 11-12 and 18-19.** It's good to report that, once again, we're in overflow mode with regard to **Reiter Hall**, the furniture building. Mercy Hospital continues to allow us to use a couple of its storage units off Higdon Ferry Road, and we've filled one of those and have a good start on the second. Hopefully, by the middle of this month we will be able to begin setting up furniture arrangements in **Giampoletti Hall**, where they will stay till the sale ends on October 19.

Through the heat of the summer, several ladies and a few men have had several morning sessions of organizing, pricing, etc. in **Spirit Hall**.

Thanks to **Liz Sass, Mildred Giampoletti, Carol Andrews, Dawn Sass, Sue Wood, Carol Koch, Carol Cook, Martha Lockwood, Marylou Peterson, Judy Kirton, Sue Stephens, Dennis Wood, Gil Gibbons, and Bob Koch** for their dedicated service. And thanks to **Stan DeGruccio, Dick Smith, Bill Thompson, Dennis Wood, Don Sass, and Leonard Bucholz**, who usually accompany me to collect donated merchandise.

We have been blessed with a lot of high quality merchandise. In the six weeks that lie ahead, I hope to receive a lot more. Please tell your friends and neighbors that our big fall event is close at hand. Encourage them not only to come to our sale but

to help us out with donations. **We especially need jewelry, toys, and craft items, especially sewing related, and kitchen equipment and bedding/linens are always of high priority.** A possible point of interest to some is that we have a few specialty items (items that we don't ordinarily have): a really nice slate-top pool table with all the accessories, a like-new motorized wheel chair, and a fine hospital bed, also like new. Also of interest is a brand-new full-size girl's bike, still in the box. I'm told that the on-line price is \$180. What a great Christmas gift this could be, especially at the best price in town./**Jim Lockwood, Rummage Sale Chairman**

Volunteer for a couple of hours collecting donations for First Step School, October 4-5

## Fundraiser for People with Disabilities Coming Up

The first weekend of October traditionally is our council's time to collect donations at selected Hot Springs Stores for the benefit of People with Disabilities, more commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. This year those dates are **October 4-5.** This year's collection sites are the Wal-Marts on Albert Pike and Central Avenue, the Kroger and Hobby

Lobby locations on Central Avenue, Sam's Club, and, hopefully, the new Harps (Price-Cutter) near the intersection of 270-West and Thornton-Ferry Road, scheduled to open September 4.

Lots of volunteer help will be needed from knights, their wives, and other council friends. The various captains will be call-

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

Ing collectors to get all time slots covered in two-hour periods.

Once again, our collections, after Tootsie Roll expenses, will go to First Step School in Hot Springs.

## Long-time Council Member, Jim McGuire Dies

**Jim Maguire**, a member of Council 6419 and Fourth Degree Assembly 1892, died at the home of his caregiver here in Hot Springs on August 9. On October 1 he would have been 90 years old.

friend, visited Hot Springs around 1966. they liked it very much, especially Lake Hamilton, and eventually bought a home on the lake. They continued living in Dallas for a lot of years before Jim retired from Inland Container for whom he was a top salesman.

and Anita became members of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist. Having been a member of Knights of Columbus since 1960, he quickly joined our local council and became an active member. For several years during his years of good health, Jim and Anita together chaired the Mexican Fiesta **continued, p. 8**

Jim and his wife Anita, on the recommendation of a

Upon moving to Hot Springs, Jim

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## From Father George Sanders: Vocation Story



"I am looking for someone to share in an adventure that I am arranging, and it's very difficult to find anyone."

"I should think so—in these parts! We

are plain quiet folk and have no use of adventures. Nasty disturbing uncomfortable things! Make you late for dinner!" (*The Hobbit*, J. R. R. Tolkien)



For those who want to embrace it, life can be an adventure. An adventure is "a risky undertaking of unknown outcome." Sadly, most of us plain folk are not looking for those troublesome

and uncomfortable things, things that make us get out of our comfort zone, make us take risks and venture beyond our own abilities and familiar surroundings.

Simon the fisherman one day, through none of his choosing or planning, was thrown into an amazing adventure on the shores of the sea of Galilee. The adventure appeared in the person of Jesus, a local quasi-celebrity who many thought was a prophet. It had been rumored that he had even performed miracles, like Moses and Elijah. It was on a seemingly normal day, like all other days there in the small town of Galilee, that Simon's life would change forever. Jesus came to him, told him that he would no longer be known as Simon, but would be called Peter, extended his hand and said, "Come, follow me and I will make you a fisher of men." Simon was not looking for adventure. His life was good, he was successful, a business owner who provided well for

his family, though the work was often long and backbreaking. He was respected in his community and life seemed good. But adventure has a way of letting us see that there is more to life than we think. Peter's life from that point forward would be one for the history books. His adventure would take him to far off lands, danger at sea, inexpressible joys. He would lead the Church out of obscurity and onto the world scene, he would experience the spectacle of the Eternal City, he would be loved, hated, and feared. What an adventure....and it all started when he said "yes" to Christ's invitation.

Like Bilbo Baggins or Simon who became Peter, an adventure lies before

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"The Church of the Lord is built upon the rock of the apostles among so many dangers in the world; it therefore remains unmoved. The Church's foundation is unshakable and firm against assaults of the raging sea. Waves lash at the Church but do not shatter it. St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 339-397 A.D.



On August 15 the Fourth Degree Assembly, with wives and other guests, gathered at Olive Garden for a social dinner. Twenty-five were present. Still remembering the previous social when management was unprepared for our group, resulting in a 3-hour evening as we waited for service, all must have agreed that we were well taken care of by the Olive Garden staff. The next social gathering will be October 17 at K. J.'s Restaurant on Airport Road. **Mike Tucker** will make arrangement.

Our next Assembly meeting will be in **Giampoletti Hall**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on September 19 with a dinner furnished by **Joe Kanopsic**. As in the past when we regularly had dinners preceding the

meetings, those eating will pay \$6 to offset the costs involved. The return of the dinners can continue only with cooperation of members. They definitely cannot continue unless members notify in advance their intentions, to **F.N. Don Sass, Bob Koch, or Bill Thompson**.

With the arrival of September comes awareness that plans for our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance will soon be underway. This event is the biggest social event of year for **Giampoletti Hall**, meaning that a lot of help will be needed. **Joe Kanopsic** has volunteered to chair the event. At this point, it is unclear whether the event will be catered or whether it will be an in-house preparation. **Don and Liz Sass** will take the lead in decorations, but they too will need help. As reported in August **Knight Watch**, the customary raffle will be omitted, one

reason being the fact that the assembly, along with the council, may be wearing out our welcome with local merchants called upon to donate prizes.

Labor Day, September 2, will be the next occasion for raising the flags at Calvary Cemetery. As most of you know, **Tom Gilleran**, who has long been the person to organize these outings, is recuperating from health issues [see **Grand Knight's article, p. 1**] and will be unable to be present with the usual donuts and coffee. In his absence I will bring the donuts and coffee. So come on out to participate in this activity./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

"He cannot have God for his father who has not the church for his mother." ....St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, c. 200-258 A.D.

"Probably no one disputes that our BMOC is Joe Giompoletti...."



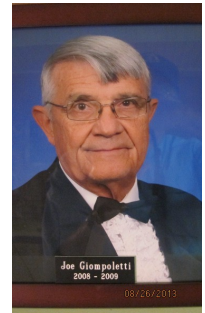
## Spotlight on Joe and Mildred Giampoletti

When I was in college a hundred years or so ago, BMOC stood for "Big Man on Campus." Well, our Knights of Columbus council also has a campus, and it also has a BMOC. Probably no one disputes that our BMOC is **Joe Giampoletti**, also known as Joey G., also known as council chef, also known as council designer, also known as master carpenter, also known as 'dozer operator, also known as able negotiator when price haggling are involved. Furthermore, in the past he has also been known as council Grand Knight—TWICE....36 years apart! **What a man!**

Mississippians. They moved from Yazoo City to Hot Springs in 1971. Joe began selling lots in Hot Springs Village but by 1973 he had begun building houses. Altogether he built well over 300 upscale homes in the Village and has built others in Hot Springs.

Joe is a charter member of Council 6419, serving as the council's first Grand Knight. At some point after serving his term as the council's leader, his professional life took him away from the council for a good many years. But when he came back, early in the new millennium, he came back strong. He had finished his homebuilding career and was ready to devote serious time to Knights

Home building, and it was time to return to Knights of Columbus. In



**1972-73**                      **2008-09**  
**Joey G., Weathering the Years**

2008 Joe became Grand Knight for another term. **continued, p. 9**

Joe and wife Mildred are native

## Golf Fund-Raiser, continued

**Antoine, and Joe Kanopsic.** Their efforts brought in more than \$4000 in prizes for the players, the smallest prize being a \$25 gift certificate to each member of the team coming in at the bottom. On the subject of prizes, **David Myers** once again contributed 16 sets of German steak knives with retail value of \$100 each. Hans expresses his gratitude also to council chef **Joe Giompoletti** and his culinary crew consisting of **Don Sass, Bob Kortenber, Andy Anderson** and **Lenny Didier**. Each deserves a huge "atta boy" and very special Thank You. Once again Joe provided his delicious barbecue ribs.

Joe's food is always a huge attraction of the golfers who show up to support our tournament. Also a big thanks to **David Myers Zack Nehus, Larry Nieman, and Charlie Cook** for covering all the chores during the tournament. Finally, Hans acknowledges the great work of the St. John's School staff, who coordinated both the Casino Hole and the Beer Cart, the two together bringing in \$739.55.

The tournament had 19 four-man teams, 21 men fewer than in last year's tournament. A competing golf tourney at Hot Springs Country Club drew sev-

eral players who otherwise would have played our event. That reduced number makes this year's results even more impressive. Our council members who are also members of the Country Club will help us avoid this unfortunate circumstance next year.

At our next council meeting, a check will be presented to St. John's principal **Angela Isaac** and to **Father James West**, pastor of St. John's Church.

Please see the impressive list of sponsors on page 10. In return for their support, we hope that all of us will give them our patronage.

## 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 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

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**Selected Quotes from *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission* by John R. Wood (Dynamic Catholic.Com)**

“This is my mission: I want my children’s future to be better than their past. I don’t want my children to worship pleasure; I want them to have pleasure in worship. I want to arm my children with the sword of truth so they have a fighting chance against an enemy that never sleeps. I want to be a better father and husband.

“I don’t want to go through the motions anymore. I want to help awaken the sleeping giant we call the Catholic Church. I don’t want to ask ‘What’s in it for me?’ or ‘What’s the least I can do?’

“I want to master the virtues of justice, courage, wisdom, temperance, faith, hope, and love. I want to learn to love as God loves. I want Jesus to be proof that I can be a saint, and not to use him as permission to be a sinner. I want to learn to suffer well and carry the crosses of this life. I don’t want to make excuses anymore. I don’t want to say I’m too old, or too young, or don’t have enough time, talent, or treasure—that is an insult to the one who gave me my time, talent, and treasure.

“I want to be free, in the truest sense of the word. I don’t want to be a slave to food, or drink or any other possession of this world. I don’t want my favorite sports team to determine what kind of mood I’m in anymore. I want to hear God’s voice. I want to befriend silence. I want my life to be an action, not a reaction. I want to make a difference.

“I want to fight the good fight. I want to finish the race with nothing left to give, because I don’t want to face death and discover I have not lived. I want to see my father again and shake his hand, and know that he is proud of the man that I became. I want to be a saint with all my heart and inspire millions of others to do the same.

“These are my dreams, but they are also my dreams for you. The details of our individual missions my vary, but the end goal is the same, to become the saints God created us to be. We must focus on this mission, understanding that anything not helping us accomplish it is, at the very best, a waste of tie. Saint Paul says, ‘Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.’” (Philippians 4:8)

**“I don’t want to be a slave to food, or drink or any other possession of this world. “**

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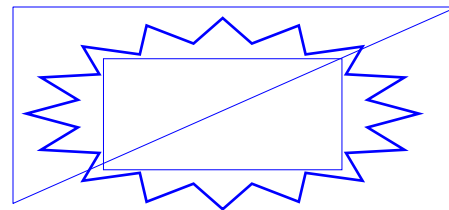
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## Message from Father George Sanders, concluded

each of us. We all have received a vocation from our Lord to join in communion with him and in his mission of love and care for the world. If you have heard his voice whisper to your heart, like Mr. Baggins or St. Peter, your response will be a defining moment in your life. God never calls where he doesn't lead. And he will never ask you to do anything that he will not give you the grace to fulfill. If you hear God speaking to you in the deeps of your heart, "I am looking for someone to share in an adventure that I am arranging, and it's very difficult to find anyone," listen to his voice and have the courage to follow him...but I warn you, if you do, you might be "late for dinner."



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## September Calendar

- 2 Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery,  
Labor Day, September 2, 7 a.m
- 12 Council Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Corporate Communion, St. Mary's Church,
- 19 Fourth Degree Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*,  
6:30 p.m. (with dinner for those who call in  
advance) See article, p. 4.
- 21 St. Mary's Altar Servers Picnic, ARC-Isle,  
11 a.m. (See Grand Knight's article)

### OCTOBER

- 4-5 Drive for People with Disabilities, 9  
a.m.-5 p.m. (See article, p. 2)
- 11-12, Charity Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 18-19

## September Birthdays

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Charles Antonini     | 14 Michael Schnauzer, Jr. |
| 3 Martin Derbonne      | 15 Wally Marroy           |
| 3 Raymond Mace         | 18 Zack Morton            |
| 5 Louis Turala         | 18 Deacon Robert Wanless  |
| 9 Jack Andrews         | 20 Reid Hilton            |
| 10 Luis Rivera         | 20 Julian Post            |
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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: Paul Enderlin, Tom Gilleran, Ilse Purkott, George Callahan, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Shirley Dvorak (mother of Jody Dvorak), Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, Fr. Raymond Rossi, Dorothy Rowley, Deacon John Connell, and Judy Kirton.

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### Jim Maguire Dies, Concluded

dinner, complete with festive decorations and a piñata for the kids. It became one of the council's most anticipated council social events. Of course Jim's having a native Puerto Rican as his wife made the two of them the perfect chair people. Jim became a Fourth Degree Assembly member in 1998. His community involvement also included Elks Club and volunteer work at Mid-America Museum. He was a veteran of World War II and for his service was awarded the Bronze Star.

In addition to Anita, Jim is survived by a brother, a son, three daughters, their spouses, and eight grandchildren.

His Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John's Church on August 12 with burial following at Crestview Cemetery.

### Insurance Agent's Message, concluded

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## Joe and Mildred, concluded

**“These much-needed improvements have not been cheap. Without the several monetary donations of one very generous anonymous council member, they could not have happened.”**

**“....last year she [Mildred] took a few pieces of jewelry to a local jewelry store and brought back a check totaling almost \$500,”**

Since Joe returned to the council, he has been a whirlwind of activity—planning, designing, buying, building, cooking, clearing timber and brush, ‘dozing grounds. He has given a good portion of his life to care for council business. He has taken the lead in enlarging and improving restrooms, construct a new entrance to the council building, built new shelving, improved the cooling and heating, eliminated roof leaks, and, most recently, purchased and installed a state-of-the arts vent-a-hood in the kitchen, and a new tiled ceiling with recessed lighting. At the August council meeting, he served a crappie dinner with fries and hushpuppies to all members present, the fish coming from his fishing outings with Mildred (who I understand sometimes catches more than Joe does). Even more recently, he moved his portable kitchen to DeGray State Park to prepare barbecue ribs for the golfers in the council Charity Golf Tourney to benefit St. John’s School. For all of Joe’s contributions, the council has bestowed upon him a big tribute: naming the council hall **J. G. Giompoletti Hall**. To be sure, Joe has an abundance of willing knights to help him

reach the varied goals. But that said, likely no one disputes that many of the building and grounds improvements



would not have happened without the leadership and talent that Joe brings to the table. When asked to reflect on the varied grounds and building improvements, Joe said he “feels a tremendous satisfaction.” He added, “These much-needed improvements have not been cheap. Without the several monetary donations of one very generous anonymous council member, they could not have happened.”

“What’s next?” he was asked. “Well,” he began. “You know that one thing does call for another. The recent kitchen changes have drawn attention to a very ugly blemished concrete floor. How nice it would be to have a nice tile floor. That will be the goal when we have the means to pay for it.” Again, what a man! It has definitely taken too long to bring Joe’s lovely wife Mildred into this picture.

As the saying goes, “Behind every successful man is a woman.” And in this case, that woman is Mildred Giompoletti.

Mildred regularly works alongside other council wives and friends who give many hours preparing for Charity Sales in **Spirit Hall**. Most of the ladies have their own specialties in their contributions. Mildred’s niche include both our big collection of donated books and the jewelry. She arranges the books neatly into categories, discarding those that have little chance of being bought. [These go to the Garland County Library.] She takes much of the jewelry home to clean. She also has a good eye for the more valuable pieces, looking carefully for gold and silver items. To illustrate how valuable she is to our work, last year she took a few pieces of jewelry to a local jewelry store and brought back a check totaling almost \$500. That sum dwarfs what those pieces of jewelry would have brought to the coffers had they been sold from our rummage sale.

Finally, Mildred and Joe together have hosted multiple fishfry dinners for the rummage sale workers. Joe and Mildred—what a couple!



**From left: Joe the woodsman, Joe, council chef, Joe and Mildred at 2010 “Taste of Faith” dinner,” and Joe putting into place one of the new risers he built to create extra display space in Spirit Hall**

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