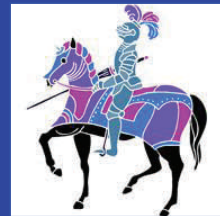




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Grand Knight's Article

Wow! What a whirlwind of activity February brought to our council. On February 8 council member **Zack Nehus** conducted our local Free Throw championship at St. John's Gym. The next day we had our Pancake Breakfast with the Disciples of the Springs Squires helping sell tickets, serve, and cleanup. On February 14 we had a delightful turnout for our Annual Rib Tickler. Joe's barbecued ribs and funny jokes were the agenda for the evening.

On February 16 we hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification. What a turnout we had! Despite begging for RSVP's from other councils, we had only four councils respond with their intention of joining us. We prepared for 45-60 people. To our surprise and delight we had 90! The bad problem was we ran out of food, but what a problem to have! The good news is that we had a total of 45 candidates, 20 of those being OURS! Two of our Colum-

bian Squires—**Peter Rick and Richard Pellegrino**, along with two more 18-year-olds from Hot Springs—began their involvement with Council 6419. Also present were 45 observers, including **State Deputy Michael Kiefer, District Deputy Roy Anderle, and District Deputy I John Lett. Team Leader Ben Frizzell** complimented us on always having a great turnout.

Hoping to have a large turnout for our upcoming Vocations Celebration, we are in the mid-planning stage for the annual event set for March 15. We have several marketing and advertising campaigns going on. We are focusing on “My Catholic Future—The Holy Spirit Is My Guidance Counselor.” Our goal is to help our youth discern what God wants them to pursue as Catholic adults. Whether it is a religious vocation as a priest, nun, or brother or a secular vocation, we want our youth to follow God's calling. We have several priests (including **Fr. Erik Pohlmeier** former St. John's pastor), a monk from Subiaco, sisters from

Jonesboro, and **Bishop Anthony Taylor** present to tell their discernment stories. Also, we will have our own council member **Larry Womack** telling parents their family story of his and wife **Madelyn's** support of their son Luke's discernment process leading to his becoming a seminarian to prepare for the priesthood. The event will begin at noon with our council preparing hamburgers and hot dogs. It will close with 5 p.m. Mass with Bishop Taylor the celebrant.

At the close of Mass we will drive to the K. C. Hall for the annual St. Patrick's Day Party! Keep your calendar open for March 15. It will be a full day of Knights of Columbus activity.

Speaking of March, our activities continue. The St. Mary's youth Confirmation is set for March 4. Many of our Squires are St. Mary's parishioners, and we need to support all the Catholic youth in our area. On

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Charity Rummage Sale Looms

When the March *Knights Watch* is published, the Charity Rummage and Furniture Sale will be in countdown mode. To be ready for the **April 4 opening day**, we must get started NOW! Knights and Ladies are needed every possible week day, **begin-**

ning 9 a.m. Monday morning, March 1.

The sense is that present collections are significantly behind those for our previous fall sale that brought us—and our beneficiaries—a record sale. With that in mind, we are hoping that the

month of March will bring abundant donations. **We have faith that it will happen!**

In addition to all kinds of good-condition furniture and large appliances, we hope for jewelry, small kitchen appliances and other kitchen—**continued, p. 2**

Rummage Sale, concluded

ware, good condition dishes, flat-ware, linens and bedding, decorator items, tools, crafts, fabrics and sewing items, complete games and toys, novels and biog-

raphies, lawn equipment, bikes and sports equipment, especially fishing-related. We discourage old luggage, all clothes, phones, and window blinds, VCR's and older, large televi-

sets. (DVD players, yes!) **To have donations collected, please call Jim (525-7022), Stan (520-5974), or Tom (767-1631).**

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Catholic Morality: An Editorial

While witnessing the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification last week, I had thoughts of how sometimes we fail to apply the precepts of the Church. As Catholics, we all have been taught those concepts early in life, but do we apply them regularly when we become older?

I occasionally hear a racial epitaph, which reflects badly on both the Order and the individual who speaks it. How can we recruit new minority members if we act badly toward them merely because of their skin color? Let's be more loving to other who are different. I love the differences in people and other cultures and seek them out.

On another subject of concern, we have this year a number of elections for various offices both across the state and coun-

try. While Knights of Columbus discourages political commentary, the following relates to use of the precepts of our Faith as well as proper Christian behavior.

The Catholic Church is strongly opposed to abortion. Those we elect to office will affect—and have affected—the quality and ethics of this country. In the case of abortion this influence is clearly for the worse. Many politicians strongly support the very thing we abhor. The Church in Arkansas spoke out two years ago, and I think we need to hear those words again. As members of Knights of Columbus, we need to practice the precepts of the Church and fulfill the promise we made when we joined the Order. We need to make known to candidates that we will not vote for them if they

support abortion. Knights should not vote for any candidate who in the past has supported abortion either by public pronouncement or legislative action. If you truly are Catholic and believe in your Church, think of what you will say to Jesus when he asks at judgment day why you supported the murder of so many innocent souls.

Lastly, on still a third point of concern, I hear (sometimes from my own mouth) profanity, which is unbecoming to the individual and sometimes includes the name of God. Failure to follow the Third Commandment is surely disappointing to Jesus. With a bit of effort we can express our thoughts better with good vocabulary rather than with profanity. Let us try to be better Catholics and Knights/
Dennis Bosch, Past Grand Knight

Dues Collections: The Struggle Goes On

Entering the third month of the New Year, Financial Secretary **Joe Dierks** reports the following: Since January I total council collections have been \$5125 of which \$4225 has been dues, \$480 for RSVP (seminarian support), \$150 for newsletter ads, and \$270 for newsletter sponsors. Joe further reports that of 180

members 78 have not paid their 2014 council dues. He will be sending out a second dues notice in the week ahead, a mailing that with prompt dues payments would be totally unnecessary, eliminating additional and significant council expense and Joe's personal time.

Regarding *Knights Watch* spon-

sorships, a good number of present sponsorships have not been renewed. A few new sponsorships have come in, and others are available (**top of page 3**) at \$10 for the year. **Names of those who have renewed their sponsorships are followed by an asterisk.**

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From Father George Sanders: Suffering Can Be Redemptive



Mother Teresa lived and ministered among the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. Everyone she encountered—the leper, the dying, the homeless—

she would lovingly embrace, treating them with the greatest possible dignity and respect. Her passion to love the unloved was motivated by an unbending belief that her care for these whom some called the “least among us” was nothing less than an encounter with Christ. When recounting her ministry with the truly lost in the oppressive poverty of Calcutta, she recounted how that she knew that those that she touched were indeed Jesus. Note that she did not feel that Jesus was there symbolically but that He was truly in front of her, bodily present in those she encountered in the sultry and sullied streets of the city storied for its slums and shanties. As we visualize this moving scene,

drawing in all the richness and irony, let us pause for just a moment and look at the theology behind her actions with the hope of understanding how this same desire to encounter Jesus in his distressing disguises is a key for each of us to responding to the tragedy in our own life.

As a parent I find it very easy to feel the hurts and struggles of my children. Truly, whatever injures them also injures me, just as whatever helps them touches me personally. I appreciate anything you do for me, but if you really want to do something unforgettable, touch my kids. This feeling is not particularly laudable in itself as it is normative for all parents concerning their children. We want them to go farther, fly higher and live better than we have. And to protect them we would be willing to step in the gap between them and any danger that might befall them. This same fierce, visceral instinct to protect those that are dear to you is typified in the animal kingdom by the mother bear. Every

woodsman worth the leather in his boots knows never to approach a bear cub in the wilds. One bleat or semi-distressed cry will bring 400 pounds of focused and fearless feminine ferocity your way, and you do not want to be found between momma and her cub. We instinctively love our kids and without a moment’s notice will join them side-by-side in their struggles. Jesus loves us no less.

Mother Teresa knew this. When she saw a soul struggling to bear the weight of life, she saw Jesus there also bearing the cross with the poor soul, whether the burden was poverty, sickness, loneliness, racism or any other physical or social malady that sucks the life right out of a man. And motivated

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes



Our Fourth Degree dinner social for the first time ever was at Vina Marita, offering a different kind of Mexican cuisine and located on Central Avenue in downtown Hot Springs. It is owned and operated by new council member **Antonio Gonzalez** and his wife **Brenda**. The food and service were quite good. Near the end of the evening two knights from the Hot Springs Village Assembly presented information on St. Francis

House in Little Rock, a shelter for military veterans—men and women—who have lost their way in society. Emotional issues, often resulting in alcohol and drug abuse, have resulted in homelessness and joblessness. At St. Francis House they are housed, fed, and redirected toward rehabilitation in society. The Village Fourth Degree Assembly has chosen as a project to provide support to St. Francis House and encourages our Assembly to do the same. Of course individuals are encouraged to offer

support. If interested, please call **Mike Kerwin** of the Village Assembly at 501-922-1531. Our next meeting will be a March 20 business meeting at 6:30 p.m. in *Giampoletti Hall*. Our dinner treat will be duck gumbo prepared by **Bob Koch** with ducks donated by **Bob Kortenber**. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP your intentions of attending. Bob needs to know how much to prepare./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**



Spotlight on Charlie and Carole Cook

“He [Charlie] says he has a hearing problem, but judging from his meticulously detailed monthly minutes, we all assess that his handicap has not diminished his ability to keep thorough, accurate notes. He misses nothing!”



Following a long, diversified professional career, **Charlie Cook** and his wife **Carole** relocated from Little Rock to Hot Springs in 2010, brought to our popular retirement community in large part by the lure of beautiful Lake Hamilton. He and Carole live in a lake home off Highway 290 on Farr Shores Drive.

For Charlie retirement certainly did not translate to a sedentary life on the sofa watching television. Just as he did with his own children and grandchildren, he loves to foster in children a love for nature and the outdoors. His involvement with Hot Springs Knights of Columbus Council 6419 began almost immediately

after getting settled in his new home. And before the first council year had ended, he became council recorder, a job which he has filled admirably even to the present and, we hope, through the coming year and beyond. Through the years recorders have come and gone, some quite good; but the consensus is that no one has put as much into the job as Charlie. He says he has a hearing problem, but judging from his meticulously detailed monthly minutes, we all assess that his handicap has not diminished his ability to keep thorough, accurate notes. He misses nothing! Charlie and Carole are active members of St. Mary of the Springs Church, where Charlie and Carole both serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Charlie also serves as usher and money-counter.

Furthermore, Charlie has clearly become the council's best publicity man. Few council activities go unreported to our local newspaper *the Sentinel-Record*. His press releases, usually with accompanying pictures, are as regular and as certain as the seasons. If a council activity is of importance to Knights of Columbus beyond the local level, Arkansas Knights of Columbus and/or the Su-

preme Council hear about it. In his relatively short association with our council, Charlie has endeared himself to membership. We know that in him we have a jewel of great value.

Charlie and Carole both grew up in Little Rock, both going to Catholic



schools, but they had known each other only casually as children. They came to know each other in a more meaningful way on a fateful day in August of 1966, Charlie puts it this way: “I took leave from flight school to attend a friend's wedding in Little Rock. After the wedding I had a libation or two with Carole's mother, who was a childhood friend of my mother. Both had attended Mount St. Mary's Academy **continued, p. 8**

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Baby Bottle Campaign for the Unborn a Huge Success

Chairman David Meyers reports that the just-ended Baby Bottle Campaign has resulted in a 12 percent increase over last year's collections for Change Point, our local crisis pregnancy center. David has announced that the preliminary collection total is \$6200, with some late donations expected. In addition to our collections from St. John's and St. Mary's, **Andy Anderson** brought almost \$500 from All Saints Church in Mt Ida, where Andy is a parishioner. Similarly, **Larry Linteau**, a parishioner at St. John's Church in Malvern, presented a check from St. John's for \$327. Thanks, men for good work!

resulted from the generosity and concern of only half the number of people taking bottles at the time of distribution. To parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's six hundred bottles were distributed. Three hundred have been returned. The council has requested that all bottles be returned—with or without donations. The cost of the bottles is a significant expense—about 60 cents for each bottle. This means that the amount donated to Change Point will be reduced by the total cost of the bottles. If bottles are not returned, they will have to be replaced for next year's campaign.

It has been well-publicized that our council has given on-going financial support to the work of Change Point, including the donation of a \$27,000 ultrasound machine to be used for imaging of developing fetuses for the benefit of those pregnant women who choose to see them. We have learned from Change Point that during the last 12 months 40 babies have been saved as a result of the ultrasound. Those leaning toward abortion changed their minds after seeing the ultrasound image of their babies. That is indeed great news!

It is noteworthy that this good news

From Our Insurance Agent: Plan for Tax Day & into the Future!

April 15—tax day—is right around the corner. It's becoming popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity....**but for a different reason.**

Certainly contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these

reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive—guaranteed—sound to you?**

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I recommend that all Catholics become very well acquainted with the website **DynamicCatholic.com**. Led by Matthew Kelly who wrote **Rediscover Catholicism** and **Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**, is de-

veloping an impressive program designed to reclaim the millions of Catholics who have drifted from the Catholic Church to other churches and also to invigorate **concluded, p. 10**

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Grand Knight's article, concluded

March 7, the first Friday of Lent, we will have our only Lenten fish fry, under the chairmanship of **Joe Giompoletti**. It will be served from St. John's Gym at \$7 a plate. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. but will be suspended during the Stations of the Cross and resume immediately following.

Deputy Grand Knight **Andy Anderson** and I as Grand Knight will be delegates to the Arkansas State Convention at Russellville on April 25-27. Alternates will be **Dennis Bosch** and **Rick Sands**.

Now a word from Vicki.....Once again, in times of trouble or sorrow, MY knights and ladies came through for me. I want to thank you all for your prayers, sweet cards, and thoughts when my mom passed away on February 9. Mother was 95 years young and fought the good fight and is now resting in the arms of God. Mother was a faithful Christian. She lost two sons and her husband but never her faith. A special thanks to my sweet friends **Don and Liz Sass** who traveled all the way down to Crossett to be with me during the visitation. It is very comforting to know that friends like you are only a call away. **Newton White, Grand Knight**



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March Calendar

- 4 Confirmation of Candidates of St. Mary of the Spring Church
- 7 Lenten Fish Fry, St. John's Gym, 4:30 to 5:50 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (halting for Stations of the Cross devotion)
- 13 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Vocations Celebration, St. John's Gym, Noon till close of 5 p.m. Mass [See Grand Knight's article, p. 1]
- 15 St. Patrick's Celebration, Giompoletti Hall, 5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 dinner
- 20 Fourth Degree Assembly, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m. with dinner preceding meeting

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/ relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Father Alan, Bishop Andrew McDonald, Karen Gibbons, George Reindle, Elizabeth Sass, Dick Smith, Larry Heisserer, George Schwass, Tom and Barbara Gilleran, Ilse Purkott, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Shirley Dvorak (mother of Jody Dvorak), Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, and Fr. Raymond Rossi

January Knight of the Month:
Chuck Pavlovich

February Knight of the Month:
Vincente Gonzales

February Family of the Month:
Mark and Stephanie Layton

March Birthdays

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| 2 Charles Kessler | 15 Marc Hayes |
| 2 Hans Purkott | 16 Harold Hager |
| 3 John Andrews | 18 Tom Giusti |
| 3 Itruba Percefull | 19 Mike Tucker |
| 3 John Steinhaus | 22 Victor Volk |
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happy to have had Carole join our on-going preparatory work in advance of and during our Charity Rummage Sales. For the last two years she has been a regular with the other faithful ladies who clean, polish, mend, arrange, price, and decorate *Spirit Hall*—in other words, create the most aesthetically pleasing presentation of donated merchandise—the very things that a bunch of men would not and could not do.

Charlie, as a young man, took the lead of his father, Charles Allen Cook, as a pilot in military service—the difference being that his father served in the Air Force, while Charlie chose the Navy. When Charlie graduated from Catholic High School for Boys in June of 1960, his wish was to enter the Air Force Academy, but since a commission was not forthcoming, he, as his father had done, he entered New Mexico Military Institute, a two-year school in Roswell. [As a point of interest, playing on the football team, he became a close friend of Roger Staubach, who in addition to a destiny of football fame, was also a devout Catholic working alongside Charlie in the Newman Club.]

Charlie says that upon graduation from the Military Institute and his involvement in the Advanced Army ROTC at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, “my guardian angel told me to visit the recruiter for the U. S. Navy on the Fayetteville campus.” That kind gentleman negotiated my release from my ROTC contract under the condition that I sign up for the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School. I jumped at this opportunity, having learned very well of the short life-expectancy of an Army Infantry Officer in Viet Nam. My orders were to “return to Fayetteville, graduate not later than June 15, 1965, then proceed to Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, and enroll in AOCS Class 29-65.”

A military career was born. One hundred twenty days later Charlie was commissioned Ensign Cook USNR with orders to Primary Flight Training at Naval Air Station Saufley Field, Florida in November 1965. Next would be basic jet training in Meridian, Mississippi, and then completion of advanced Naval Jet Flight Training at NAS in Kingsville, Texas in March, 1967.

For the next 15 years Charlie would be a Naval Aviator and Officer and Landing Signal Officer. That period would bring two Viet Nam tours and 200 combat missions over North Vietnam. His many roles during this period included training hundreds of pilots to land safely on aircraft carriers in both normal and dangerous conditions, creating and delivering simulator flight training and testing, and facilitating educational programs to enhance both pilot and management skills.

His remaining years in military service as Chief Executive Officer would find Charlie in various flight-related roles. His flying days were over at the old aviation age of 44. During his flying years he accumulated over 6,000 hours in single seat jet aircraft and 1,380 arrested carrier landing, 500 of which were at night.

During his last two years—1989-1991—Charlie managed the U. S. Navy’s world-wide \$129 million annual housing program budget.
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Charlie and Carole Cook, continued

In the 1930’s. Well, Selma Bowman, my soon-to-be mother-in-law asked me [how long it had been] since I had seen her daughter Carole. I replied, “About 10 years ago when Carole was a skuffed-knee, runny-nosed 10-year-old.” Selma insisted that I needed an update on Carole, now a 20-year-old Razorback beauty and varsity cheerleader. I took the bait and shall ever be grateful to Selma Bowman for getting me the best date with the best Catholic girl in Arkansas. Two years later—December 28, 1968, between his two Viet Nam deployments—he married “Sweet Carole Ann Bowman.” That, Charlie said, was 46-plus year ago.” They became parents of Charles Allen Cook III (1969, when Charlie was on his second deployment to Viet Nam) and Catherine Ann Cook (1972 in Jacksonville, Florida).

The Charity Committee and Rummage Sale work crew are

Father George Sanders, concluded

When [Mother Teresa] saw a soul struggling to bear the weight of life, she saw Jesus there also bearing the cross with the poor soul, whether the burden was poverty, sickness, loneliness, or any other physical malady that sucks the life right out of a man."

"But usually He [Jesus] comes to us in the poor, in the helpless, in the hurting; he comes to us in the dirty, the smelly, the broken and the weak. It is these and many other disguises that he walks among us."

"Have you ever wondered why some seem to suffer unnecessarily or unreasonably in this life?"

by love for Jesus, she asks Him if she can come alongside and share His burden. And this is the way Jesus comes to us, even in the 21st Century and in rural Arkansas. He doesn't normally come to us in the rich, the well educated or the socially and economically upwardly mobile among us, though he can. But usually he comes to us in the poor, in the helpless, in the hurting; he comes to us in the dirty, the smelly, the broken and the weak. It is in these and many other distressing disguises that he walks among us. It is in loving these that we love Him. By joining Christ in His cross of suffering, we are assured that we will also be with Him on the day of the resurrection. What you have done to "one of the least of these, my brothers," he says that in effect "you have done to me," not symbolically but in reality. By relieving the pain or easing the difficulty of life you have brought redemption in some degree to the poor soul, Christ's brother, and assured yourself that at the resurrection this good deed will not be forgotten. Through your willingness to join the poor soul in suffering, to help him bear his cross, you have found that suffering is redemptive, both for you and the one to whom you reached out to help. But there is something else we need to know about suffering: what if the one suffering is us?

Can my suffering also be redemptive? Have you ever wondered why some seem to suffer unnecessarily or unreasonably in this life? Our mind races to examples of severely autistic children,

those that live with punishing diseases or disabilities or the mentally ill. It sometimes seems so unfair and unbearable. And it would be, if we believed that this life is all there is. But it's not. If we forget "the rest of the story," a phrase made famous by the beloved news commentator Paul Harvey, we fail to see the real meaning in this story. Sacred Scripture is replete with parables and stories that tell us that these apparent contrarities, these unbridgeable gaps between the "blessed" and the "needy" will one day be righted. Take for example the story of Dives, the parable of this rich man and the poor man named Lazarus (*Luke 16*). The poor man sat at the gates of the mansion of Dives who passed by him every day but offered no aid. The poor man was covered with weeping sores, relieved only by the licking of his wounds by dogs. The rich man lived a lavish lifestyle, having to eat than his own table could hold. He dressed in the finest robes and wore only the best imported sandals. His parties were probably the envy of the city. But then when both men died, Dives was taken to hell while Lazarus went to the bosom of Abraham, a euphemism for paradise. Though he had suffered greatly, in the next life he experiences only joy. In the next life the first shall be last and the last shall be first. In another example, *the Beatitudes* teach us that "blessed (or happy) are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" and "blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." How

could the poor rejoice in their poverty or the grieving be happy about their loss? Here we see again the promise of Jesus that those who suffer in this world will rejoice in the next. We can't really understand the meaning of life if we only look at part of the story. And here's "the rest of the story."

God being justice itself, would never treat his kids differently. He doesn't love the intelligent, the handsome or the well-born sons any more than he loves the disadvantaged, the ugly or the mentally challenged ones. Right? No real father prefers one child over another. He loves them all exactly the same. So, what about those that really suffer in this life? What about the "severely autistic children, those that live with punishing diseases or disabilities or the mentally ill" that we mentioned earlier? That doesn't seem fair does it? Or maybe we have forgotten the rest of the story.

As we discussed earlier, suffering is redemptive. In a real sense those who have borne the heavier burdens in this life, those that have been given the heavier crosses, are God's special agents of salvation. In their need and weakness they have been Christ to me and they, by their lives, have brought me the invitation to join Christ in his sufferings and reminded me of what is really important in life. In the resurrection, when Christ will judge each of us, not as we appear but as we **concluded, p. 10**

Fr. George Sanders, concluded

we truly are, He will not forget their suffering for His sake: the physical abuse, the stares, the discrimination, the hurt, the frustrations. They shared in his sufferings on the cross by their participation in his rejection and treatment by this world. Just like Him, they came to their own family, but their own did not recognize them or want them (*St. John 1:10-11*). They will also fully share in his victory in his resurrection. On the last day, when God receives those who have borne his cross in this life, we will finally see that the first will be the last, and the last in this life will be first in the next. We'll see the poor become rich and the weak become strong. We'll see the child who was born with crippling deformities and who never ran or played baseball, receive one hundred fold the joy he missed in this life. We'll see the man who suffered early dementia, the young girl who was taken so early in a tragic automobile accident and the baby who died of a hole in his heart receive their reward from the very hands of Christ, and His gratitude knows no end.

Charlie and Carole Cook, concluded



Carol and Charlie,

His military career behind him, Charlie and Carole returned to Little Rock, where their lives had begun. Charlie, bent on making certain that no grass grew under his feet, plunged right into the next phase of his professional life. For the next four years, until January of 1995, he would serve in a variety of roles, including Director of Parts, Service, and Warranties of Cook Automobile Company [Jeep and Chrysler], founded by his grandfather in 1914. Then, ready go in another direction, he would be Director of Operations for the Aerospace Education Center at Adams Field. From 1995 until May 1997 he was the facility's construction foreman before transitioning to manage all aspects of day-to-day operations of this non-profit organization. Finally, the University of Arkansas Medical School would be the site for a 12-year span to close out his professional life. At UAMS he served as a member of the BioVentures staff. His work included economic development, marketing, start-up companies, and out-licensing Research Institution discoveries.

August 2010: It was time for the best course of all: life's dessert. True retirement! Welcome to Hot Springs and Lake Hamilton, Charlie and Carol!

As a postscript of sorts, Council 6419 won the coveted Arkansas Council of the Year Award. Even though our council had certainly carried out programs worthy of the award, there is a strong possibility that the award would not have come to us had it not been Charlie's meticulous reporting. Thank you, Charlie, for polishing our accomplishments to a military shine. Thanks to both of you for your contributions to our council's on-going success.

Dynamic Catholic, concluded

church involvement for those Catholics on the verge of leaving the Church. To do that, Dynamic Catholic recognizes that the Catholic Church itself must be re-energized. With that in mind, the first step was to interview more than 4,000 priests, catechists, teachers, and parents to learn what makes some Catholics engaged, while others fall away from the Church.

Dynamic Catholic has identified key moments of the Catholic experience,

including among others birth and baptism, first Communion and first Reconciliation, Confirmation, Sunday Mass, and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Dynamic Catholic has chosen Confirmation as its first program to develop and offer to Catholic parishes across the country. This first program is near completion. Why Confirmation as the first program? The company has determined that—are you ready for this?—85 percent of youth who are Confirmed have been leaving the Church within

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seven years. "It is," Dynamic Catholic says, "a tragedy and a call to action." So the overall plan set Confirmation as the place to begin in order to reverse the present trend toward lost Catholics.

You might begin your own involvement with Dynamic Catholic by examining its impressive book program. Please do get involved with this major mission./***Knight Watch*** editor