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Grand Knight's Article



It's hard to believe that the first month of the New Year is almost spent. Hopefully, our council's earning the Star Council

Award to begin the year has set the tone for a great 2015 for Council 6419. Our council with its families should hold their heads high. The Star Council Award requires that we all pull together to accomplish the required goals. Together with previous Grand Knight **Newton White** together with **David Myers** as our Program Director, **Joe Kanopsic** as Membership Director, and **Randy Schnoebelen** as our Knights of Columbus Insurance agent, we earned this. I am happy to report that our council is well on the way to receive the Award for this year as well. At last count five new candidates are to become

First Degree council members at an Exemplification scheduled for Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m. in *Giompoletti Hall*. Then on Sunday, March 1 a Second and Third Degree Exemplification is set for *Giompoletti Hall*. Time schedule will be clarified at the February 12 council meeting. Our Squires program, under the leadership of **Dayton Myers**, is setting a good example for us with their three recent membership additions. Watch for news about our Squires in Knightline and in the Sentinel Record. Thank you, **Charlie Cook**, for keeping our council and our Squires in the news with details of our good work.

Progress is clearly happening in our council. We still need more members with Knights of Columbus insurance, another factor determining Star Council Awards. This insurance program is unsurpassed in quality and reputation. Consider an appointment with Agent **Randy Schnoebelen** for a review of your own coverage. [See also **Randy's article on Long-Term Care Insurance, p. 5**]

I must also acknowledge the work that our council ladies do, not only with the Rummage Sales for which their contributions are indispensable but also for food preparation, decorations for festive parties, and for basically whatever they're called upon to do. They are far too many to name all of them at this time. But, ladies, we thank you. Our gratitude is boundless.

While expressing appreciation, let's not overlook our gratitude to our priests, nuns, and deacons for the wonderful service they provide us. **Father George Sanders**, for example, in addition to carrying out his varied responsibilities at St. Mary's and CHI St. Vincent, he serves our council in a very personal way as our chaplain and as a monthly contributor of articles for this newsletter, articles that are always interesting, always relevant. **Father James West**, of course, does the same for the parishioners **continued, p. 2**

Spring Charity Rummage Sale Just Two Months Off!

These cold winter days are rapidly using up their season, and before we know it daffodils and forsythia, then dogwoods and redbuds, then tulips and new tree growth will burst forth as harbingers of spring, also signaling the approach of our **April 10-11, 17-18 Charity Rummage Sale**. In the midst of those spring signals will also be Lent and Easter. This year they will have come and gone when the Sale arrives.

Throughout the winter, calls for donation offerings have steadily come in and the donations have

been collected. Our faithful ladies, even on uncomfortably cold days, have occasionally gone to *Spirit Hall* to unload the receiving tables and put items in place. Men have placed furniture and other *Reiter Hall* items either in *Reiter Hall* or temporarily into the two storage units graciously provided us by CHI St. Vincent Hospital.

So is our new donation inventory adequate for the April Sale? No! The next two months are crucial to our being ready with a healthy inventory. We need kitchenware,

bedding and other linens, toys dolls, and games (with all parts and pieces), tools and other garage items, decorator items, lamps, framed art work, crafts (especially fabrics and sewing-related items), flower arrangements, sports equipment, especially fishing-related items, etc. for *Spirit Hall*. For *Reiter Hall*, we really need sofas and occasional chairs, bedroom furniture (including clean mattress/box spring sets, kitchen/dining room furniture. If you are ready to depart with some good **concluded, p. 4**



At our January 8 Assembly meeting those present were treated to a fine beef stew dinner prepared by Faithful Comptroller **Joe Kanopsic** and State Master **Newton White**. It was delicious. Good job, men. Thank you. The business meeting in-

cluded details regarding the Right to Life March on January 18 in Little Rock. Our only two members participating in regalia were **Newton White and Dennis Bosch**.

Our February meeting will be a social with our wives at **El Pa-**

drino Mexican Restaurant 1609 Albert Pike (in Rector Heights Shopping Center by Wal-Mart). A private room is reserved for what is hoped to be a large group. Encourage your First and Third Degree Knights to join us with their wives/dates. A number count will be submitted to the restaurant at

Good News!



Council Receives Handsome Monetary Gift Once Again

For the sixth consecutive year Council 6419 has received a most generous cash donation from a council member who chooses to remain anonymous. The \$14,000 gift, as always, has come at a time when the need of special property improvements have come front and center. Both the much-needed kitchen tile floor and the add-on to *Spirit Hall* (both described at end of **Grand Knight's** article, p. 4) can now be done. We all are so grateful for our benefactor's kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. To any expression of gratitude, his response is consistently, "God has been good to me."

To recap what his annual donations have enabled the council to do, we began with taking on the pathetic restroom situation, enlarging and equipping them much better. (No longer do the ladies complain about their knees colliding with a closed stall door.) We now have a leak-free roof for *Giompoletti Hall*, much improved lighting in the meeting room and the kitchen, a fine commercial dishwasher and laundry equipment, a pair of gas ranges, new kitchen cabinets, a tile floor in the bar, and lawn equipment, including a riding mower. And remember the old red leaky overhead fabric struggling to cover the entrance to the meeting hall? That was replaced with the present attractive, sturdy portico. Little of this could have been done without the benevolence of our more than generous friend. Yes, we are blessed!

Grand Knight's article, continued

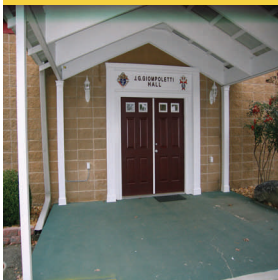
of St. John's, as does **Fr. Josh Stengel** of All Saints Church in Mt. Ida. Our local nuns serving sick at CHI St. Vincent Hospital, and the Hispanic community, especially in Glenwood, all are important to us. Thank you to all.

We express appreciation also of the youth both of St. John's School and those of the St. John's Youth Organization, led by **Tammy Buttrum**. St. John School's pupils, boys and girls, just this week participated in the annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest under the direction of council member **David Myers**, who received cooperation of St. John's Principal **Angela Isaac** and with the assistance of council members

Larry Stidman and **Robert Drakes**. On January 26 60 pupils participated in six age categories—Ages 9 to 14. Winners in each category will advance to the February 21 District Contest, either here in Hot Springs or in Benton, place still to be determined. The local winners are **Jill Tankersley and Brody Townley**, 9-year-old; **Ariana Mortensen and Ian Findley**, 10-year-old; **Alexis Holetsky and Joshua Emmert**, 11-year-old; **Jessica Jennings and Mason Vondenstein**, 12-year-old; **Jasmin Gonzales and Cole Echols**, 13-year-old; **Elliot Santos**, 14-year-old. Congratulations to all.

is about to include construction of a 15' x 42' addition to the back portion of the south side of *Spirit Hall* (just behind the K.C. trailer location). From the outside it will be entered through a roll-up door like that for the storage room behind the kitchen of *Giompoletti Hall*. This add-on will be used primarily for storage, especially overflow and seasonal items like Christmas. In addition new keypad locks are soon to be installed on all the buildings. Finally, the kitchen floor of **Giompoletti Hall**, long in need of replacement, will have new tile flooring, the job beginning Monday morning, February 2. The *Spirit Hall* construction work is under **continued, p. 8**

New Year council activity also



Giompoletti Hall Portico

"...the kitchen floor of *Giompoletti Hall*, long in need of replacement, will have new tile flooring, the job beginning Monday morning, February 2."

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From Father George Sanders: “Brittany Maynard’s Choice”

Circling in our cultural consciousness today are much thought and debate about Brittany Maynard’s choice to end her life at 29. Inspired by her death,

some legislators in California are now proposing new laws that would make assisted suicide legal in California, as it is in Oregon where Brittany chose to live so that she could die.

In 2014 Brittany had been recently married and had hopes of starting a family with her new husband, but when she learned that she had inoperable terminal brain cancer, she decided to short-circuit the process and end her own life. (Ironically) On November 1 she took the secobarbital prescribed by her doctor, when she “just knew it was time.” At her death “she was surrounded by the those who loved her, and her passing was peaceful,” said her husband Dan Diaz in an interview with

People magazine.

In socially polite circles we have a penchant for being vague and somewhat detached when speaking of unpleasant things. “Death” or “passing” are much preferable euphemisms to “suicide,” which, though more honest and accurate in this case, has the unpleasant baggage of being an emotionally charged word. Reference to “killing oneself” is too uncomfortably and scandalously close to the idea of “murder.” the willful taking of a life, which it was (albeit in this case her own).

Perhaps in our thoughtful deliberations, we should ask a clarifying question: at what point does life become unlivable? Should the perception of impending death or suffering make taking one’s own life a noble act? If so, life would have no heroes. Heroes are the few, the noble among us, who know the reality of the impending dangers just ahead of them and choose to face them head-on anyway. Fully aware that the odds say they will not survive, they call on their internal

fortitude and willfully plunge headlong into the imposing danger, to dare death heroically, motivated by a greater cause than themselves.

Long have we sung of their exploits; they are the stuff of legends, our heroes. But heroes do not always survive. I have stood on Omaha Beach in Normandy France, where many brave Americans fell on D-Day. Every white cross on that beach testifies of a hero who fought with all that he had, giving his last ounce of blood in the noble struggle for our freedom. Sometimes heroes die and that is what makes their sacred struggle so remarkable, so noble. They knew the odds; they knew the fierceness of enemy fire. Yet they plunged headlong into the cold water, **continued, p. 6**

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Spotlight on Joe and Janet Kanopsic

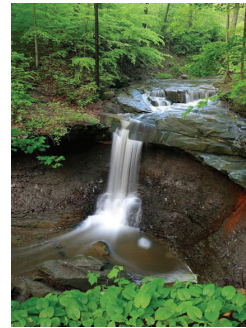
It's surprising to note that **Joe Kanopsic** has been a member of Council 6419 only since 2010, surprising because it seems that his presence has been with us for many years. His full immersion in council activities began immediately when he joined us. Actually, Joe first became a member of Knights of Council on May 1, 1985, in Gatlinberg, Tennessee, when he was employed by the National Forest Service as a ranger in the Great Smokies. But his inactive status began when he was transferred to be a ranger in Hot Springs National Park in 1991 and continued for the next 19 years as he was preoccupied

with job concerns and family matters, focusing on the upbringing of three children.

For Joe it all began April 26, 1956, when he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, then raised in nearby Maple Heights. He graduated in 1974 from Maple Heights High School, then attended Cuyahoga Community College, leaving in 1977 with an Associate in Arts and Biology. From there he enrolled in Ohio State University, where he graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources.

Right out of school he plunged into his career as a ranger with the National Parks Service, his first job being

in Cuyahoga Valley National Park along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron in northeast Ohio, then relocating a year later for a seasonal assignment in New River Gorge National River. **continued, p. 5**



Cuyahoga National Park

Financial Secretary Appraises Dues Collections



Financial Secretary Joe Dierks reports

With the first month of the year now gone, **Finan-**

cial Secretary Joe Dierks reports

that approximately half of council dues have been paid. This, he says, is actually better than ordinary. **But why should it take longer than a month to pay dues?** Please remit dues this month so

that our financial secretary can get onto other council matters.. Only three ads have been renewed and only those whose names are listed on page 3 have renewed their \$10 sponsorships.



Spring Rummage Sale, concluded

condition sale items, please give us a call: **Jim 282-7027, Stan 520-5974, Dennis 617-2557 or Tom 767-1631.** The farthest trip we've made to date for donations is to Pine Bluff. Of special interest is that we currently have an offer of furniture and

household items from a home in Memphis, now being sold by St. John's parishioners. Will we take our trailer all the way to Memphis to collect these potential gifts? That answer is on hold. It all depends on what these items turn out to be and how many there are. We await the answer to that uncertainty.



Hotspingsknights.org: Web Master Commetary

Brother Knights:

Over the past year I have received a steady stream of requests to change an e-mail address. These come from various members but mainly from the officers. The advantage of the new package we use is the existence of an "E-mail Center," which is the repository of all council member e-mails. This allows anyone with administrative access to use a common e-mail file rather than maintaining individual and often incomplete e-mail lists. If you have a pri-

vate e-mail list for mass mailing to council members, TRASH IT! Instead, use the E-mail Center, which has all council members as well as an address list with council friends who are not members. This is also available on the E-mail Center, but is maintained by the council. If you don't have current administrative access, contact me and I will set you up. Please do not use the E-mail Center for matters not related to the Knights.

- If your personal information changes, such as phone or e-mail,

you can change that data on the website and send the change to our Financial Secretary, **Joe Dierks.** Go to the website and to the "Members Only" tab on the left-hand column. Click it and enter your member number, which is on your membership card and birth date (which your wife will recall if you don't) and you will be able to access the Members List. Under your picture (if we have one) is an update button. Click on the update button and make your **concluded , p. 6**

From Our Insurance Agent: “Failure to Secure Long-Term Insurance Can Prove Costly”



Failure to talk about the consequences of not getting long-term care risks the emotional and physical well-being of your family, as well as your best

thought out retirement plan.

Not discussing what will pay for long-term care forces you either to pay for your care out of pocket and/or to rely on a federal/state insurance program. You buy long-term care insurance for the same reason you purchase life insurance. Another consideration is that the longer the purchase is delayed, the more costly it becomes.

You love your family. So that you can make an informed decision for you and your family.....let’s talk!

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Joe and Janet Kanopsic, continued



Joe and Janet celebrate following son Joe’s 2013 wedding

seasonal job at the Upper Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River on the Delaware River forming the Pennsylvania and New York border. In

since 2010 he is the sole owner and operator of Trustworthy Home Inspection Service.

At this point in Joe’s life entered **Janet Yambor**, a young and pretty first grade teacher from the local Oak Hill Catholic School. Janet, born to an American Military Service couple in Berlin, Germany, was raised in Willingboro, New Jersey, where she graduated from John F. Kennedy High School In 1973 and then from Glassboro [New Jersey] State University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Education degree.

It was in 1983, soon after Joe had taken the temporary job at New River Gorge that a mutual friend introduced Joe and Janet at the Park and that very evening at park celebration party they had an opportunity to get to know each other, beginning a relationship that, as Joe puts it, “was all uphill from there.” [translation: **fun**, not difficult] On May 19, 1984, they married in the Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Oak Hill.

Then it was time to move to another

a few months he and Janet dipped below the Mason Dixon line for the first time to a five-year stint in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, where he would soon join Knights of Columbus. There they remained until 1989 when his father’s health issues necessitated their moving back to his first Park job: Cuyahoga Valley, and there they would stay until his father’s death in 1990. His next job would take him to retirement: Hot Springs National Park, working the downtown area, from 1989 till retirement in 2008. He and Janet once imagined that upon retirement they would return to the Ohio/West Virginia region, but obviously that has not happened. Janet began teaching first grade at St. John’s School in 1991 and now, 24 years later, there she remains. Post-retirement, Joe worked for a while operating the sound system at the Garvan Woodland Gardens Wedding Chapel. But

It has been during the Hot Springs years that they have raised three children, all educated first in Lakeside Public School and then to different colleges. Joseph, now 26 and married, graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and is now a medical student at UAMS in Little Rock. Laura, 25, is a veterinary technician here in Hot Springs. And Beth, age 22, is graduating this year from University of Arkansas at Little Rock with majors in Political Science, Criminal Justice, and International Relations and a minor in Law. She has been accepted to the University of Arkansas School of Law.

In 2011, a year after reactivating his membership in Council 6419, Joe elevated his membership to the Fourth Degree Assembly and with his new regalia became a member of the ceremonial Honor Guard. Currently he is the Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly charged with collecting membership dues. He has been a member of the First Degree Exemplification team **concluded, p. 9**

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**Pray for the Peace of
Jerusalem: "May they
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Psalm 122:6**



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Father George, concluded

determined to make the beach, to win our freedom, motivated by a cause greater than themselves. In their losing, they won.

At what point does life become unlivable? I believe it is when our reason for living is not greater than ourselves. I hurt for those who find themselves today in a life and death struggle, either physically or psychologically (acute mental illness is no less debilitating nor frightening than terminal illnesses and also often lead the sufferer to seek an escape in suicide). I also believe that the true greatness of humanity is not found by giving up or "checking out" but is found in those rare individuals who, though knowing the inevitabilities, choose to face their greatest fears, no matter the personal cost. True greatness is achieved only when the odds are so great that only the brave will enter. Notable victories are never won when the fight is fair or winning is foreseeable.

One last thought: their struggle is our struggle. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters facing these life-altering situations, we must be there beside them to encourage them and to do whatever we can to lessen their pain. When people sense our solidarity with them in their struggles, they can often find strength and meaning for themselves and, therefore, hope at the moment of their greatest need. Our courage can be their courage as they heroically live life in the face of death. And through their noble struggle, we will also learn about ourselves and what it really means to be human, to live for something greater than ourselves.

Web Master Commentary, concluded

changes. Once you save the changes, an e-mail is sent to Joe informing him of the change.

I do not and cannot correct e-mail of any member data since that is the responsibility of Financial Secretary Joe Dierks. I download all council e-mail and phone data from Supremes' website and any temporary change I could make will be replaced the next time I download the council data. /**Dennis L. Bosch, Past Grand Knight, Trustee and Webmaster**



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February Calendar

- 8 First Degree Exemplification, Giompoletti Hall, 2 p.m.
- 12 Council meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Presidents Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 19 Fourth Degree Social, El Padrino's Mexican Restaurant, 6 p.m. (Fourth Degree article, p. 2)
- March 1 Second and Third Degree Exemplification, Giompoletti Hall, 11 a.m. registration (?)



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| 2 Harley Martinelli | 15 Conrad Stein |
| 3 John Davis | 16 Ronald King |
| 4 Juan Castro | 16 Rick Sands |
| 5 Kevin Coakley | 19 Bill Ables |
| 6 Robert Long | 19 Nicholas Drakes |
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Grand Knight, concluded

the direction of chief-carpenter **Joe Giampoletti**. Of course he will have ample assistance.

Speaking of Joe, I must state the obvious: He has formed the hub for planning and carrying out essentially every improvement on our council property during the several years passed. [See improvements described in page 2 article about cash gift to Council 6419]. Just recently Joe spent hours alone clearing brush along the property entrance. For his ongoing service to the council, we honored him a few years ago by naming our meeting hall **J.G. Giampoletti Hall**. Well deserved, Joe! But we must continue to remind you that **You're the Man!** Thank you, Joe!
Andy Anderson, Grand Knight

First Notice!

The annual meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. of which all council members are a member, will meet briefly following the April 9 council meeting. This will be the evening before the spring rummage sale begins.

Knights to Acknowledge Presidents Day with Flags



Council members will report to Calvary Cemetery at 7 a.m. to raise flags on Presidents Day and return at 4'clock to take them down. Coffee and donuts from Don Sass will precede putting up the flags.



**Christmas 2014
(Clockwise) Joe,
Janet, Beth,
Laura, and Joe,
Jr. In the center
Bear, the
Australian shep-
herd**

Joe and Janet Kanopsic, Concluded

since its formation and in the past year has become a member also of the Fourth Degree Exemplification team. For the council Joe heads up Membership and Retention as well as serving as Church Director for activities involving St. John's. In 2013, becoming very ambitious, he accepted chairmanship of the annual Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner/Dance, including leading the cooking team. Many will remember Joe's great voice for broadcast news, serving him well when he was master of ceremonies for the 2013 Christmas party but also for the last

two St. Patrick's Day parties, which he chaired, and will serve in that role again next month. Though Janet's primary out-of-home activity has been her 24 years with first graders of St. John's School, she has joined Joe in his varied chairmanships, especially kitchen work, in service to our council.

Joe's activities extend beyond his job, the Council and the Assembly. Dating back to his boyhood in Ohio and continuing to the present, Joe has been heavily involved in Scouting. As a teen he achieved the rank of Eagle, and in his adult years he has

served Boy Scouts in a variety of ways, including Scout Master, past Assistant Scout Master of Troop 2 here in Hot Springs, and presently involvement with the Diamond Lake District covering Garland, Pike, and Montgomery Counties.

The Kanopsics are active members of St. John's Church. Together they have served the community well. This article is an expression of appreciation of their contributions. Thanks to both of you.