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## Grand Knight's Article



March started out with our council having a Second and Third Degree Exemplification at *Giompoletti Hall*. Fifty-four candidates were present from various Arkansas councils, eight of them from Hot Springs. The biggest honor for me personally was to have five of the forty-plus Arkansas seminarians among the candidates. We were honored to have present our State Deputy **Adrian Dominguez** and our past State Deputy as well participating in the advancement ceremonies.

I take a moment to honor our Squires, who always step up when help is needed. The Squires were part of the conversation at the above advancement ceremonies. **Adrian** discussed with me Chief Squire **Dayton Meyers** who was

honored a month ago as Arkansas Squire of the Year. Dayton will next be honored at the upcoming Arkansas State Convention in Little Rock as Squire of the Year. Dayton will attend the Convention banquet on April 25 at the Embassy Suites to receive this notable honor. We too are honored to have a future Knight from our group to receive this well-deserved award.

Our council month has been filled with fantastic food. We have conducted three fish frys—two at St. Mary's and the most recent at St. John's. **Joey G., Larry Stamps, and a lengthy list of helpers** served up the always delicious catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, and slaw. The food at the first St. Mary's outing was so outstanding that the cooks were asked for an encore performance. "Ask and you will receive." At the St. John's fish fry, in addition to a fine dinner, we also enjoyed jazz music by council member **Larry Linteau** and a couple of his friends.

Still on the subject of food, the St. Patrick's Day celebration at *Giompoletti Hall* was still another occasion for good dining. Party chairman **Joe Kanopsic**, along with **Wally Frazee, Chuck Pavlovich and Stanley Kowalkowski** served up palate-pleasing corned beef, cabbage potatoes, and carrots. The evening entertainment featured a return of the Hot Springs *Fun City Chorus* of which council member **Rick Sands** is a long-time member and also by the group of dancers from the Hot Springs School District who appropriately chose a few Irish dance numbers. It was an evening of good food and fun. Thanks to **Joe, Wally, Chuck, Stan, and others** who contributed to this council social.

Once a month I sit down with the iPad to put together notes for *Knight Watch* editor **Jim Lockwood** to use in the monthly newsletter, and at least once a month, sometimes more, he reminds me **concluded, p.2**

## Rummage Sale: Almost Ready....But Not

Here, in the last week prior to the big spring Sale, we still have much to do. Help is needed, especially to clean glass, polish wood, etc. The cleaning supplies are available; the man power is limited. To this point, only two men have been available for cleaning in *Giompoletti Hall*. Limited cleaning has been done in *Reiter Hall*. We need help! So make your presence felt. Much work has been done in *Spirit Hall*, thanks to three or so men and the usual faithful ladies. We need our members, not just to go to pick up donations but to get our sale

buildings in shape! Council member **John Steinhaus**, of *Service Master Cleaning*, has been out this week to shampoo a couple of rugs and two or three sofas. Let's have some more men to polish some woodwork, shine some glass, and sweep/vacuum some floors.

**Joe Giompoletti, Don Sass, George Purifoy, Jim Elder, Danny Morrison**, and other occasional helpers are in the midst of the add-on structure to *Spirit Hall*, creating much-needed additional space, especially for storing out-of-season mer-

chandise (like Christmas decorations) but possibly for sales space as well. To date, the weather has permitted few good work days, so the progress is limited. We see now that completion can not happen in time for the upcoming sale.

As for our inventory of merchandise, we appear to be in good shape with regard to furniture, but our supply of other household items is less than ordinary, especially sets of dishes, glasses, flatware, bed linens, and decorator **continued, p. 4**



At our March 19 Assembly business meeting those present were treated to **Joe Giampoletti's** spaghetti with venison (and beef) meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert. Joe has never served anything but good food, and certainly the fare on that evening measured up to his high culinary standard.

Our next meeting will be a social

at Olive Garden, arrangements to be made by Joe. So come join us around 6 o'clock on April 16 for a 6:30 dinner.

Traditionally, our Assembly has prepared an Honor Guard for the Holy Thursday service at St. John's Church, as it has done at the St. John's Christmas Midnight Mass. This year St. Mary's Church also

requested an Honor Guard, so our available members with regalia were divided into two small groups. At least two knights were unable to participate due to health issues. Those serving at St. Mary's were **Commander Ed King, Dennis Bosch, Joe Kagnopsic, Andy Anderson, and Charlie Cook.** At St. John's were **Mike Tucker, Mark Chunn, Bob Kortenber, Bob Kness, Don Sass, George Purifoy and David Myers./Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

### **Grand Knight's article, continued**

that I am late. **[and Jim points out that, thanks to the daily routine of the present Rummage Sale preparations, he too is quite late getting out the April issue!]** I tell Jim now that I like to think that the May notes will be in his hands before the clock strikes midnight on the

last day of April; but, alas, the chances of that happening are slim.

With regard to upcoming council activities, we are planning a First Degree Exemplification for the first week of May, and we will have a Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Mary's on July 11.

While writing these notes in *Giampoletti Hall*, several people are working around me in preparation for the spring Charity Rummage Sale. It amazes me to see everyone with a smile. They are all working so hard, but they maintain a smile. Could this be due to the fact that they have the Good Lord in their hearts. Something to think about./  
**Andy Anderson, Grand Knight**

### **OP-ED: Are You a "KIDO"?**

I suppose that, as you read this, you are wondering what in the world a KIDO is. Am I correct?

Let's start by defining what a KIDO is NOT. Since this article is in ***Knight Watch***, I think you can assume it refers to the members of our council, or at least some of them. While partially correct, other facts must exist before you can obtain the title of KIDO. Do you attend meetings with some regularity; if you do, you are NOT a KIDO. If you do not attend meetings but are involved in other activities which represent the Order, such as being on the Haiti committee, you are NOT a KIDO. If you help at council activities on

the weekend, such as a pancake breakfast or fish fry, you are Not A KIDO. If you do maintenance to the Hall, clean up the property or help do improvements, you are NOT a KIDO. If you willingly donate money for council activities or projects, you are NOT a KIDO. If you are a member of the clergy or a deacon, you are NOT a KIDO. If you are elderly and too frail to participate, you are NOT a KIDO.

Therefore, that leaves those who do not do any of the above! So what is the common thread in all of the above items? To stay on our roster, they must be at least First Degree and pay dues. However, these Knights are invisible

except perhaps at church), and are not known by those who are active in any of the above. In addition, we have a special subset of the KIDO called a double KIDO. So what is a KIDO? It is someone who is a "Knight in Dues Only"! Double KIDO members are those who pay dues but only after considerable nagging.

Fortunately, we have fewer and fewer KIDOS and more members of our council who refuse to be a KIDO and who participate enthusiastically when they can.

So if you qualify as a KIDO, don't you think it is time that you became a real knight?/**Dennis Bosch.**

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## From Father George Sanders: “Well, That’s Not Fair!”



Recently reading the story of the woman caught “in the very act of adultery” (*St. John 8*), I began to wonder what must have been going through the minds of some of her accusers and other bystanders. I surmise that one of the more religious and super-scrupulous law-abiders among them looked on the scene with total disbelief. The facts of the situation, of course, seem to be beyond dispute. The woman who was thrust into their midst, harangued, pointed at and degraded was surely enough guilty. Perhaps she was setup, but she had done as she was accused: she was caught in a compromising, adulterous situation.

I can imagine the surprise and shock when Our Lord not only did not condemn her, but offered her straight up forgiveness. One of the accusers could have been heard fuming: “Come on!

Where’s the justice in that? And he forgave her even before she had even repented of her sins or asked for forgiveness; there was no confession to the priest, no sacrifice nor an atonement required before she was forgiven. He just freely pardoned her with nary a word from her in defense of the actions (a sure sign of guilt, one would think) nor was there even the slightest hint of contrition on her part. That’s just not right! Everyone knows you can’t allow everything; you can’t go easy on sin. You have to call a spade a spade. Adultery is a mortal sin; we all know it, always has been, always will be. Come on! Where’s the justice in that? Jesus isn’t fair!

Well, I have to say, there is some truth in his complaint. She was guilty. And there are penalties for our bad behaviors. If God truly is just, then He can’t wink at sin as if it really doesn’t matter. It does. But here he did something unthinkable, unprecedented...he led with grace. He forgave her straight up; no questions asked. Nothing she had done

merited it; he just forgave her, fully and freely.

So, what should we make of this? Well, it’s not fair, of course, but grace never is. In my life I am not praying for justice as much as I am asking for mercy. But I think there is a deeper meaning here that we may all need to grapple with. As I thought and prayed about this story, I could not help thinking of Pope Francis and his radical call for mercy and grace in the Church. Here are some of his words: “The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with door always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit comes there looking for God, he or she **continued, p. 5**



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**Rummage sale**

items. Fortunately, offerings of donations continue to come in, as they typically do when the sale dates are upon us. On schedule now is a trip to Hot Springs Village this Wednesday to collect a dresser.

Thanks to **Evelyn Enderlin, Cheryl King, and Carol Cook** for sharing their decorator skills in setting up attractive arrangements of furniture in *Giampoletti Hall*, adding some class to our Sale. Hank’s Furniture Store has nothing on us

(except more furniture).



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It is also a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what is important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a

new child or to send one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

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## State Convention: Still Time to Make Your Reservations

Brother Knights, the deadline for making reservation for the Saturday, April 25 State Convention banquet at Embassy Suites at 11301 Financial Center Parkway in Little Rock our Chief Squire, Dayton Myers, of Circle 5700, is April 10. Ticket cost is \$45 each. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM. Overnight lodging is available for \$115.00 plus tax. Be there to support young Dayton Meyer of our local Columbian Squires Circle as he is recognized as the Arkansas Squire of the Year.

### Father George, continued

will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community. Nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself "the door": baptism The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a toll-house; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all his problems. [The Joy of the Gospel

(Evangelii Gaudium): Apostolic Exhortation]

I see the same attitude in Jesus, who also seems to lead with grace. Let's look at His words again..."Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." Is it possible that when we experience God's grace, full, free and unmerited, that we are more likely to find inner conversion? Could it be that forgiveness would lead to repentance rather than only being forgiven its result? As Pope Francis alluded, are the doors of our Church always open to anyone who would desire to enter, or do we allow only those who are already worthy to enter?

Of course there are no simple an-

swers to complex questions, questions we need to face "with prudence and boldness." And I myself am struggling with how to open my arms to welcome all of God's children, the worthy and the unworthy, the faithful and the adulterers, as Jesus did without compromising the Gospel. Perhaps I need only to trust grace. God's unmerited and enabling touch, to do what we cannot do anyway: melt hardened hearts, illumine darkened minds and recreate our spirits, making us anew in His Image. I don't have the answer today, but I am doing one thing: I am listening to the heart of the Holy Father and I think I am beginning to really hear the Holy Spirit speaking to my heart and conscience. Can you hear what I hear?

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## April Calendar

- 9 Council Meeting, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30
- 10-11 Rummage Sale Begins, First Weekend
- 16 Fourth Degree Social with wives, Olive Garden, 6 p.m.
- 17-18 Rummage Sale Concludes
- 24-26 Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention, Embassy Suites, Little Rock



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| 2 Bart Newman       | 20 Charles Pitts     |
| 4 Jimmy Bolt        | 22 Paul Enderlin     |
| 4 Jason Cates       | 22 Vincente Gonzalez |
| 12 Don Sass         | 25 Noland Bramlett   |
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**David Meyers, Concluded**