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Grand Knight's Article

The first week of April brought us the Easter Triduum, or Passiontide, beginning with the somber Holy Thursday Mass commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and culminating with the Holy Saturday services, thus bringing to an end the penitential season of Lent and setting the stage for the glorious Easter celebration, the most holy day of the liturgical year. What a great beginning of the month! It was gratifying for me personally to see the number of knights and their families involved in the Holy Week services as well as those of Easter. Their children were assisting at the altar, and knights and/or their wives were serving as lectors, and Eucharistic ministers. Some were handing out bulletins; others were carrying up the Offertory gifts. Still others sang in the choir. How gratifying to have such involvement. I would like to give special recogni-

tion to **Ed King**, the recently new Commander of the Assembly Honor Guard. With both St. John's and St. Mary's requesting an Honor Guard for the Holy Thursday Mass, it was Ed's task to enlist enough knights in regalia to serve. These men, divided into two groups, served the respective churches and remained until Midnight guarding the Eucharist in its new temporary Altar of Repose, where it remained through Good Friday. Third Degree member **Chase King**, son of Ed and Cheryl and now a graduating senior at Subiaco Academy also remained at the Altar of Repose until Midnight. He is a great example of our fine young men who have become recent knights.

Of course one big annual April event is the Charity Rummage Sale, an event that couples with the October Sale to provide much-needed funding for several local charities. [see Rum-

mage Sale article below for details]. In connection with this, I mention that **Joey G's** kitchen was open through the Sale and on most of the work days. I'll make your mouth water by mentioning the pork chops, pulled pork, and hamburgers as a portion of his culinary art. Thanks to all of the many people who played roles in the recent success, whether it was the Sale itself or the tantalizing food. Well-staffed crews in both locations were in action.

Also of great importance in April was the beginning of a 16' x 42' addition on the southwest end of *Spirit Hall*, an addition that will be of major importance for future sales. This new space with shelving will be a fine place to store out-of-season merchandise **continued, p. 4**

Spring Charity Rummage Sale Surpasses Expectations

Except for the usual hyper-busy first day of the April 10-11, 17-18 Charity Rummage Sale, most of the workers felt the crowds and sales were smaller and slower than ordinary. The final result, while certainly not a record, was greater than our guess. With \$418 in post sales including one monetary donation, our net sales edged by the \$25,000 mark for a total of **\$25,148.40**. This was roughly **\$1400** more than the same sale one year ago but around **\$1150** less than our previous sale in October. As pointed out in the past, our fall sales inexplicably have bet-

ter results than our spring sales. It's seems unlikely that the fall holiday decorations would account for the consistent difference.

All in all, the weather was our friend throughout the sale. Except for one brief downpour, we were spared from the rain that had been promised. There was an ominous forecast for two days of heavy rains. Fortunately, those rain events did not materialize.

The Charity Committee met Monday, April 27 at Hester's Restaurant

to assess available funds for charitable purposes and to consider a possible new recipient of our charity as well as to consider increasing current monthly allocations. **Tom Gilleran, Dick Smith, Treasurer Larry Stidman, and Joe Giompoletti** were absent. Present were **Chairman Stan DeGruccio, Dennis Bosch, Jim Lockwood, Jim Reiter, and Grand Knight Andy Anderson.**

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Council 6419 Wins Large Council of the Year Award!

The Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Convention, held this past weekend at Embassy Suites in Little Rock, culminated with the Saturday evening banquet and the announcement of Hot Springs Council 6419 as the recipient of the coveted Large Knight of the Year Award. Representing the local council were delegates **Andy Anderson**

as Grand Knight and **Vincente Gonzalez** as Deputy Grand Knight, **David Myers**, and **Charlie Cook**. Also present were Vincente's wife **Gladys**, Charlie's wife **Carol**, and David's son **Dayton**, chief Squire, who was presented the Arkansas Squire of the Year Award.

Council 6419 led in most of the criteria used in judging the top council, but **Grand Knight Anderson** points out that the category separating us from the rest was our dominance in charitable endeavors. Congratulations to Council 6419 for its good work

Rummage Sale, concluded

\$4720.74 to buttress the proceeds from the recent sale, committee members not only agreed to serve our present Hot Springs charities but decided to increase the monthly allocation to three of those as well as adding a new monthly recipient. Local charities continuing to receive our monthly aid are Jackson House, increased from **\$500 to \$600** monthly, Project Hope (Hot Springs Food Bank) raised from **\$400 to \$500** monthly, Change Point Crisis Center, raised from **\$200 to \$300** monthly, Christian Charitable Medical Clinic, remaining at **\$400** monthly, The Caring Place (Alzheimer's Day Care), remaining at **\$400** monthly, Samaritan Ministries (Men's homeless shelter), remaining at **\$400** monthly, Safe Haven (Women's homeless shelter), remaining at **\$400** monthly, The Branch (Residential living and rehabilitation for those dependent on alcohol and/or drugs), remaining at **\$400** monthly. Our twice-a-year recipient of financial assistance is St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Catholic Charity serving those in need within Garland County, **\$2000. annually**. Newly added for monthly support is the organization for **Disabled American Veterans, \$200. monthly**. For a twelve-month period the total donated through Council 6419 to these organizations comes to **\$45,200**. An additional **\$3000** goes toward the upkeep of

Council 6419.

The success of a Sale is dependent upon the cooperative effort of many, many people, those falling into three categories: the donors of our merchandise, our patrons who come regularly to make purchases, and of course our many members, wives, and other council friends who spend collectively thousands of hours putting it all together. The ongoing tasks are innumerable: collecting, assessing, cleaning/laundrying, mending, packaging, arranging (and re-arranging) attractively, pricing, accommodating, and finally selling! Folks, those are monumental jobs, which I'm happy to report are consistently done well. I assess that PRIDE is one of the most important factors in our Sales consistently of the highest caliber. Thanks to all of you who make it happen. Those include **Stan DeGruccio, Dennis and Sue Wood, Don and Liz Sass, Joe and Mildred Giompoletti, Gil and Karen Gibbons, Bob and Carol Koch, Martha Lockwood, Carol Cook, Paul and Evelyn Enderlin, Carol and Jack Andrews, Luis Rivera, Dennis and Chris Bosch, Ed and Cheryl King, Danny Morrison, Sue Stephens, Susan Harper, Phil and Barbara Genauldi, Bob and Sandy Kortember, Marty Schnoebelen, Judy Kirton, Jim Elder, Don Sluyter, George Purifoy, Harold Hager,**

Tom Gilleran, Dawn Thompson, Rosie Myers, Joe Dierks, Alecia and Blake Lockwood, Gail Flagg, and Jody Tooke.

A special thank-you to council member **John Steinhaus** of Service Master Cleaning Services, who once again brought out his heavy-duty equipment to spend time shampooing rugs and heavily soiled furniture items. Special acknowledgement and thanks to council member **Larry Nieman**, president of Arkansas Glass, who time after time has supplied us with glass to replace broken table tops, etc. Thanks also to the best cooks around who kept our volunteer workers well fed, not only on sales days but most pre-sale work days as well. Those cooks, of course, would be top dog **Joe Giompoletti, Chuck Pavlovich, Phil Genauldi, Don Sluyter, and Larry Stamps**. And, finally, a note of appreciation goes to the ladies of Sacred Heart of Jesus Circle from St. John's Church. In lieu of the lunch they have served for several years to our volunteers, they opted for a gift of \$50, which was turned over to **Joe Giompoletti** to help offset the cost of his food purchases. And, finally, gratitude goes to those several ladies of *Spirit Hall*, who once again baked cookies and pastries to sell to the patrons of *Spirit Hall*.

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From Father George Sanders: "Sheep Eyes"



I once heard a story about a lamb named Sammy. He was an energetic and curious sort of sheep. Once he set his mind on something, try as you might, it was nearly impossible to get his attention or to have him change directions. His parents liked to call him "focused," but most called him just plain stubborn.

One day Sammy learned an important lesson. It was early in the morning when the Good Shepherd came to the fold and opened the gate to take the flock out to pasture. Sammy was filled with energy, as always, and was nudging and pressing to be the first one through the gate. It was a picturesque morning, the field flowers were in full bloom and the summer breeze was playing in the tall grass as it waved back and forth with each gentle bellow under the cloudless sky. Then, all of a sudden, Sammy saw the greenest grass

he thought he had ever seen. It was a dark, rich hue like a northern pine and looked sweet to the taste. "Eureka," he thought. He probably had found something no one else had ever seen "Gotta get me some of that," he said to himself. And off he turned at full throttle. Fortunately, Momma always with a quick eye when it comes to her youngest son, let out a "Baaaaa" that caught the Shepherd's ear. The Good Shepherd shouted, "Sammy, stop!" but Sammy's selective hearing had tuned him out as he focused on his goal. But before Sammy could scramble too far, he felt the Shepherd's crosier hook his back quarter and, as quickly as that, he was scooped up in the Shepherd's strong and sure arms where he was appropriately scolded for his impulsiveness. Sammy wiggled just a bit, still sure that he wanted to get to that forbidden field with the rich green grass, if only he could somehow slip the Shepherd's grip.

Knowingly, the Shepherd raised him up on his shoulders and showed Sammy

the deep crag that lay between him and he object of his desires. Sammy shuddered a bit. He had never seen anything so steep and slippery, and he couldn't even see the bottom from there. Even the sun did not seem to shine down there, as the earth seemed to disappear in the darkness of the foreboding abyss. Sammy gulped, "I, I, I didn't see that. How could I have known it was there? Even the sun did not seem to shine down there, as he earth seemed to disappear in the darkness of the foreboding a b y s s .

Sammy gulped. "I didn't see that! How could I have known it was there?" Smiling, the Good Shepherd looked deeply into his eyes and gently said, "You wouldn't it was there because...you have sheep eyes."

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Grand Knight, continued

and also serve as the receiving site for newly donated merchandise. The rainy weather coupled with Joe's arm problem requiring a sling slowed down the building progress. But now that the spring Sale is behind us, the completion of the addition is in sight. He has a good work crew consisting of **Jim Elder, Don Sass, George Purifoy, Danny Morrison, Don Sluyer, and Chuck Pavlovich.** It will be good to have the addition through the summer

and in the future.

We all should be aware of who our Squires are and of the good work they are doing. It is the rare Mass—at St. John's and St. Mary's—that at least one Squire is not a server. A couple of months ago we were proud to name the Chief Squire **Dayton Myers** as Squire of the Year from Council 6419. Dayton's recognition did not stop here. State Knights of Columbus was also learning of this young man as they read our council

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Publicity Director **Charlie Cook's** write-ups of his activities. The result was that Dayton was named Arkansas Squire of the Year and was recognized last Saturday night at the State Convention in Little Rock with this fine honor. **State Deputy Adrian Dominguez** presented the award as Dayton received a standing ovation. Congratulations to Dayton and to his parents, council member David **concluded, p. 5**

From Our Insurance Agent:



Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever undertake. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible.

Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor, and many more...and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) run counter to the values of our instant gratification-driven society. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life

insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or for whatever else you might be sacrificing in order to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn **concluded, p. 6**



Grand Knight's article, concluded

Myers and his wife **Darla**. The Squires are our future knights. We must support and encourage them. Now about two years old, our Squires Circle has grown to 25-plus members. **Father James West** and **Father Alan Rosenau** con-

tinue to provide spiritual guidance for these young men. Council member **Robert Drakes**, father of one of the Squires, is now one of the youth counselors and serves as our council connection to the Squires Circle. Let me con-

clude by announcing that plans are underway for having our council to host the Arkansas State Knights Convention in April of 2016. Along with the good news regarding Dayton Myers comes one other item with major bearing on Council 6419. **Please see special article, top of page 2 for this good news./Andy Anderson, Grand Knight**



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly, with wives and other guests present, enjoyed a fine dinner and social outing at Olive Garden on April 16. Thirty-one were present.

Our next meeting is a business meeting, scheduled for **6:30 p.m., May 21** in *Giampoletti Hall*, social hour beginning at 5:30. **Hans Purkott** and **Joe Kanopsis** will team up to prepare and serve German cuisine.

To correct an omission from the April *Knights Watch*, the names of **Bob Koch** and **Larry Stamps** were omitted from the list of those serving with the Honor Guard at the Holy Thursday Mass at St.

John's Church. Thanks also to **Mike Tucker** and **Mark Chunn**, who stood watch over the Eucharist during the final hour of Adoration following the Mass.

I am happy to report that the new addition onto *Spirit Hall* is nearing completion, and except for ongoing rainy weather would be completed. The remaining work fortunately is in the dry. Head man **Joe Giampoletti** is grateful for the help of **Danny Morrison, George Purifoy, Chuck Pavlovich, Jim Elder, Don Sluyter, John Steinhous, and me** for our assistance. Also assisting was Joe's friend **Dave Ferguson**.

On Saturday, April 18 in a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Jonesboro, 21 men, including **Father Jack Vu**, formerly of Hot Springs and soon to be new rector at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock, were brought into Fourth Degree. While the Hot Springs Assembly had no candidates for this Exemplification, six of our Assembly were on the Degree team: **Joe Kanopsis**, Narrator; **Larry Nieman**, Friar; **David Myers**, Expositor of the Constitution; **Simon Jordan**, Visual Power Point Operator; and **Ben Van Wagner**, audio operator; and **Newton White**, Arkansas District Master./**Don Sass, Faithful Navigator**

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May Calendar

- 14 Council Meeting, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Fourth Degree Meeting, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30
- 28 Living Rosary and Potluck Dinner, Giampoletti Hall, 6:00 p.m.



State Deputy **A d r i a n Dominguez** presents Arkansas Squire of the Year Award to **Dayton Myers** at Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Convention. [see Grand Knight's article, p. 4]

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/ relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Deacon Lee Lechner, Jackie Smith, Tom Gilleran, , Bob Kortember, Jim Reiter, Barbara Reiter, Dennis Wood, Patrick Thompson (Dawn and Bill's son), Oscar (Buddy) Gloor, Tony Shields, Doug Bolwerk, Joe Palmere, Dick Smith, Gil Gibbons, Carole Ecklund, Greg Meggers (son of George and Barbara), Mary Morrison, Father Alan, Larry Heisserer, Ilse Purkott, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Frankie DeGeorge, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, and Fr. Raymond Rossi

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| 7 Cooper White | 18 Kim Peterson |
| 8 Jeremy Tedder | 19 Merlin Retzlaff |
| 10 Ron Zlotnik | 23 José Desiderio |
| 11 Steve Gallamore | 24 George Meggers |
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Father George, concluded

“Sheep eyes?” he asked, puzzled.

Without pausing, the Shepherd continued, “Sheep stand about two feet tall when they are grown. Because of their height, sheep can’t see very far ahead of them, especially in this tall grass. But I have “shepherd eyes,” and I’ve lived here a long time. I know where the pastures are and where the dangers are. Off to the right, not far from the direction you were heading, is a wolf’s den, and I am sure they would

be happy to see you for dinner tonight if you still want to go.” The Shepherd chuckled and Sammy cringed. He was not wiggling now but resting and feeling very safe in the Shepherd’s burly arms.

As they rejoined the flock, The Shepherd let Sammy down next to his mother and his brothers and sisters, who all jumped him, taking turns saying “baaaaaaad Sammy” as they all went on their way together. Sammy learned an important lesson that day: some-

times he does not know what is best for him. Sheep eyes are not always enough. The Good Shepherd sees beyond our sheep abilities and knows how to protect and provide for us. Like Sammy, I hope I can learn to hear his voice and to know, even if he says no to what I think is good for me, that I can trust that his plans will lead me past what seems “good” only to finally arrive at what is “best” for me.