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“As I complete my two-year tenure as your Grand Knight, I reflect on our council progress over the past 10 years.”

Andy Anderson to serve council as Grand Knight



Grand Knight's Article

Our hearts are heavy as we have learned of **Father Linus'** passing. He was truly a spiritual and Godly man. Fr. Linus' first assignment in the States was at the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist here in Hot Springs. He came to us from Nigeria, earned his PhD from UALR, and elected to stay in Arkansas. I questioned him as to why he did not return to Nigeria to teach at a seminary, and he said he had thought about it and decided he was happy with his work here. Fr. Linus was a Fourth Degree Knight, who supported our efforts. His untimely death at age 55 resulted from a massive stroke. At the time of his death he was pastor of the churches in Cherokee Village and Horseshoe Bend.

As I write this, May is almost behind us. We have a new group of knights taking the reins of leadership for the new fraternal year. Deputy Grand Knight **Andy**

Anderson will serve as our Grand Knight. In my absence he has officiated several times over council meetings. He is more than capable of carrying the torch and ensuring the growth of our council. **Vincente Gonzales** will become our new Deputy Grand Knight..

We will be celebrating these new positions with an Officer Installation at our next meeting. Bring your family and friends for the fellowship. First off, we will have a presentation by the Director of First Step School, Inc. Then will come the installation of officers. [See Installation article below.] At the conclusion, we will cap off the evening with a potluck dinner. The council will provide the meat, and we ask each family to bring a favorite side dish, salad, or dessert.

We also have new leadership in our Squires Circle. The Chief Squire is **Landon Stidman**, the Deputy Chief Squire is **Dayton Myers**, the Notary is **Grant Webber**, and Bursar is **Connor French**. Former Chief

Squire **Richard Pellegrino**, now a member of our council, has graduated from high school and is bound for the University of Arkansas. The council congratulates him on his 10 years' service as an altar server at St. John's and for his sterling academic high school record. We wish him well as he pursues higher education.

As I complete my two-year tenure as your Grand Knight, I reflect on our council progress over the past 10 years. We have created a rock-bordered rose garden whose focal point is a statue of our Blessed Mother. Thanks to **Dick Smith** and others, our extensive grounds are maintained in pristine condition. Essentially with council labor, we constructed *Reiter Hall* and *Spirit Hall*, both of which house donations for our twice-a-year rummage sales and from which we conduct our sales. And how about the extensive remodeling work in *Giompoletti Hall*, including our updated kitchen, the fine restrooms, new lightning, roof

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Officer Installation at June 12 Council Meeting



New council officers to serve for the 2014-15 council year are **Andy Anderson**, Grand Knight; **Vincente Gon-**

zalez, Deputy Grand Knight; **Bob Koch**, Chancellor; **Zack Nehus**, Treasurer; **Joe Dierks**, Financial Secretary (appointed by Supreme Council), **Hans Purkott**, Warden; **Charlie Cook**, Recorder; **Ed King**, Advocate; **Jim Reiter**, Lecturer (appointed by Grand Knight); **Don Sluyter**, Inside

Guard; and **Doug Bolwerk**, Outside Guard. Trustees will be **Newton White** (3-years); **Dennis Bosch** (2-years); and **Mike Tucker**, 1 year.

District Deputy and State Treasurer **Roy Anderle** will be present to conduct the installation.



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Then Joe made the announcement. “Mother, Jayne and I are going to be married.” Margaret, totally stunned, took a gulp of her Scotch, then said, “Oh, REE-ally!?” Then: “Tell me about yourself, Jayne.”

Eighteen members attended our May 15 Assembly meeting. Following a pizza dinner, the order of business was to elect officers for the 2014-15 year.

Once again, **Zack Nehus** will serve as Commander of the Honor Guard. Assembly officers will be **Don Sass**, Faithful Navigator; **Joe Kanopsic**, Faithful Comptroller; **Fr. Alan Rosenau**, Faithful Friar; **Dennis**

Wood, Faithful Captain; **Newton White**, Faithful Admiral; **Larry Nieman**, Faithful Purser; **Rick Sands**, Faithful Pilot; **Bob Koch**, Faithful Scribe; **Larry Stamps**, Inside Sentinel; **Mark Chunn**, Outside Sentinel. Trustees will be **Joe Giompoletti**, One Year; **Mike Tucker**, Two Year; **Lou Kosarek**, Three Year.

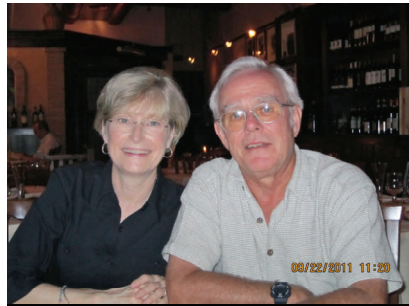
Plans for officer installation are pending. For the past several years

we have had a Mass, a joint installation with the Hot Springs Village Assembly, and a dinner at Sacred Heart in the Village. However, the Village council has already had their installation for this year. Details of our inauguration ceremony are forthcoming.

Our June 19 meeting will be a social at K. J.’s Grill. Come at 6 for social and dinner at 6:30. Hope to see you there. Bring your wife and other guests./**Don Sass, F.N.**



Spotlight on Joe and Jayne Dierks



Joe and Jayne dine with the Bosches and Lockwoods in Florence, Italy, 2011

Council Financial Secretary Joe Dierks was born to Francis McDonald Dierks and Margaret Muser Dierks in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 7, 1946. Joe, the fourth of five children, moved with his family to Hot Springs when he was 10 years old. Except for those first years and for the time that he would spend in the Navy and college, Hot Springs has been his home. With the move from Kansas City, he entered St. John’s School in the fourth grade and remained there until St. John’s had no more years to offer and then entered Hot Springs Public School, where he graduated in 1964.

From high school Joe entered Regis University, a Catholic school in Denver, graduating in 1968 with a major in Economics. Returning to Hot Springs for a

year, he then joined the Navy and spent two years in active duty at Pearl Harbor (Someone had to do it.)

Then back to Hot Springs where his professional life would begin. Following eight years with First National Bank, having risen to a position in charge of all bank operations, he left banking to go into investments. In 1980 he began employment with Dean Witter.

It was about this time that Jayne entered Joe’s life. Jayne was born in Indiana to Jim and Betty (Fletch) Fletcher, a military family who would live in many locations, including abroad. But in 1972 or 1973, after Jim’s retirement from military service as a pilot [He had been an Air Force Bomber pilot during World War II.], the family moved to Hot

Springs. Their travels had brought them here and, liking what Hot Springs had to offer, they chose it for their retirement home. Several years passed and at a party Joe and Jayne met. It wasn’t a “love-at-first-sight” meeting. They dated casually at first. But after a few months each was ready to make a life-long commitment to the other. But here’s the funny part of the story, as told by Jayne. Joe’s mother Margaret had no idea about the relationship at that time. So Joe took Jayne to meet his mother. [Joe’s father Don had died years earlier at age 60 of a massive heart attack.] Joe prepared Margaret a drink—a late afternoon Scotch and water was her regular treat—before dropping the news. Then Joe made the announcement. “Mother, Jayne and I are going to be married.” Margaret, totally stunned apparently, took a gulp of her Scotch, then said, “Oh, REE-ally!?” Then: “Tell me about yourself, Jayne.” When asked how he and Jayne had dated for a year without his mother knowing about the

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From Father George Sanders



The following is a portion of a paper about the Episcopal Church written by Fr. George when he was a seminarian:

The emergence of the Anglican communion (i.e. the Episcopal Church) and why Anglican orders are not considered valid in general in the Church today.

England was unique both in its impetus for reformation and in the eventual Church formed from it. The force behind the movement was almost entirely motivated by political concerns and did not begin as a religious movement as it had on the mainland. In fact, the protagonist, Henry VIII, had defended the Catholic faith against many of his peers in Europe and resisted many of the resulting changes necessitated by a break with Rome. The match that set the blaze of reform was Henry's need of a legitimate successor

to the throne. The king had become convinced that his queen, Catherine of Aragon, would not be able to present him with a son to follow him in the royal line. The situation was complicated. Henry had gotten a special dispensation from Pope Adrian VI to marry Catherine, who was betrothed to Henry's older brother. Since Catherine had not been able to produce an heir, Henry became convinced that his marriage was contrary to the will of God and was therefore null. To rectify the situation, he sought a declaration of nullity from Adrian's successor, Pope Clement VII. Though a man not unfamiliar to compromise, Pope Clement knew that his reversal of his predecessor would ultimately lead to the weakening of his power and refused to grant the request. Henry felt that the good of England was hanging in the balance and broke with Rome through a succession of political moves and established Thomas Cranmer as the Archbishop of Canterbury and himself as the effective head of the Church of England....and the Anglican Church was born.

Nothing of course occurs in a vacuum, and the English Reformation took much of its character from the movements in Europe although surprisingly retaining more of its Catholic patrimony than any of its contemporaries. The question as to what extent the church in England changed the constitutive elements and praxis of the Church, the sine qua non, is the epicenter of the issue of validity of orders.

From a Catholic perspective, the proof of the invalidity of the English orders falls into two general areas, extrinsic proofs and intrinsic proofs. The extrinsic proofs show that the popes have implicitly approved ordinations of Anglican priests in the Catholic Church in a non-conditional, absolute form
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Grand Knight's article, concluded

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“Add to that a growing list of incredibly talented and industrious women who are dedicated to our causes, especially the rummage sales, and without whose assistance we would be badly crippled.

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From the proceeds generated by our generous rummage sale donations, our annual golf tournament, our Drives for people with disabilities, our pancake breakfasts, and other fund raising activities, we have continued regular donations to several local charities on a monthly basis, to First-Step School and Special Olympics, to St. John's School, to the Diocesan Seminarian Fund, for our annual scholarship to a Catholic high school graduating senior, most recently to the area tornado victims, and other charitable causes as the need arises. In cooperation with the Supreme Council in New Haven, we donated a \$30,000 sonogram machine to ChangePoint Pregnancy Crisis Center.

Apart from our charitable donations, we re-established our First Degree Exemplification team. Furthermore, on all patriotic holidays, council members fly 23 flags over Calvary Cemetery. We regularly participate in the Corpus Christi march from St. John's Church to St. Mary's Church, passing through downtown Hot Springs. Our council periodically conducts Living Ro-

saries and also march in Right to Life Processions once each year in Hot Springs and Little Rock. The council and assembly also organize several big parties each year, the regular socials being the Christmas Dinner/Dance (Assembly), the St. Patrick's Day Party, the Rib-Tickler Dinner, and Vocations Celebration and Fund Raiser.

Late last year we organized our first Columbian Squires Circle for young men ages 12 to 18. Called “The Disciples of the Springs,” the organization is now functioning well and promises to be a source of new council members when members reach their 18th birthday. At the Christmas and Easter Masses, three times total to date, our council has distributed several hundred books (apologetics) to parishioners at our two Catholic churches, our hope (and prayer) being to energize casual Catholics and to be instrumental in leading Christmas and Easter Catholics back to active involvement in the Church. Finally, Council 6419 was recognized at the 2013 Arkansas State Convention as the Council of the Year. Of all our activities, this is an attempt to name the highlights.

As a council we are blessed with members of special talent—carpenters, a plumber, an electrician, for examples—and a host of members who are willing and ready to “get down and dirty” to get the jobs done. Add to that a growing list of incredibly talented and industrious women who are dedicated to our various causes, especially the rummage sales, and without whose assistance we would be badly crippled. (Thank you, ladies!)

Knights—and our special ladies—change lives. We save lives, and we become better Catholics. I am proud of our council and what we do as a team of knights. I am proud of it, and I am proud to have been entrusted with being your Grand Knight for the past two years./**Newton White**

Golf Tourney Generates \$1300 for Seminarian Fund



Five councils brought a total of 11 teams to complete in the annual Inter-

Council Golf Tournament played May 24 at Maumelle. The tournament not only provided camaraderie between players and councils but also resulted in a \$1300 donation toward support of seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock.

Participating councils were Hot Springs Village Council 10208 with four teams, Hot Springs Council 6419 with three

teams, Fort Smith Council 996 with one team, St. Vincent Council 10208 with two teams, and Morrilton Council 5209 with one team.

Alas, our council did not bring home the championship trophy as intended. Neither did Morrilton, last year's winner.

Congratulations to a Hot Springs Village team who proudly returned home with the coveted trophy. They will receive an engraved plate for the traveling trophy inscribed with “2014 Champion, Council 10208, Hot Springs Village. Congratulations to team members **Scott Krantz, Bill Patterson, and Ed Miller.**

The Fort Smith team of **Art Rideout, Wayland Horn, and**

Jack Danciu placed second. The Hot Springs Council team of **Larry Stidman (newly elected chief of Columbian Squires), Joe Dierks, and Cooper White** placed third. Congratulations to these top three teams.

A special thanks to all the men who joined in this fun event. How nice it is to have a great time while at the same time creating funds for a very worthy cause./**Hans Purkott, Chairman**

Early Donations Bode Well for Fall Rummage Sale

If donations continue at the rate and quality of those received since our April sale, we should find ourselves in a good position when October rolls around. Of course the situation can change radically before October, but, so far, so good. We were concerned that the new Jackson House Thrift Shop on Albert Pike would potentially make significant cuts into our donations—and it may yet. But thus far, we have not noticed the competition.

Both *Reiter* and *Spirit Halls* have had nice additions. The receiving tables in *Spirit Hall* have been filled and cleared multiple times.

Sue Wood, Liz Sass, and Carol Koch have been busy staying ahead of the early rush. They have noted in particular nice quality additions to the glassware, kitchenware, bedding, and linens.

Reiter Hall has several new good furniture pieces. At the moment, that building is in upheaval as **Don Sass** and others moved a lot of merchandise to the center of the building in order to do needed caulking around the building perimeter in an attempt to keep out critters. Both *Spirit* and *Reiter*

need attention to a few roof leaks. Much appreciation to the **Sasses** and to **Sue Wood** for putting a new vinyl fabric material on almost of all of the tables in *Spirit Hall*. Moreover, they did a great job of cleaning the dirty floor in the same building. A big thank-you to **Stan De-Gruccio**, who in my absence engineered three donation pick-ups. And to his helpers—**Dennis Wood, Luis Rivera, Jim De George, and Joe Kanopsic**.

Tentative plans are to organize *Reiter Hall* this Tuesday. **Jim Lockwood, Rummage Sale Chairman**

From Our Insurance Agent: Six Great Reasons to Insure Your Children

- 1. Protecting Insurability:** With a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO) rider attached, Knights of Columbus plans guarantee the child the opportunity to purchase more protection at various date in their future without having to prove insurability. Our GPO rider allows children to increase their insurance up to seven times between the ages of 17 and 40, regardless of health. The GPO rider also enables them to get coverage with one of the top-rated insurance companies in the world. They don't have to join the Knights or (in the case of a female) marry a Knight. They do it through their membership.
- 2. Financial Protection:** When we lose a loved one, especially a child, the financial loss is often not just the cost of a funeral. It's not uncommon for parents to lose time from work to care for a dying child and to lose even more

time after the child's death because of a bereavement period. Many companies limit bereavement periods to three days. Also, medical expenses incurred during an illness oftentimes cause financial stress. Beyond paying funeral costs, a policy on a child can help to supplement income while loved ones deal with this devastating loss.

- 3. Lower Cost:** The rates will never be any better than they are right now. Plus, if you consider the amount of coverage that your children will likely need given inflation, a juvenile policy could literally save them thousands of dollars.
- 4. Encourages Saving:** Knights of Columbus plans offer terrific cash and dividend values to help supplement cost of future likely expenses, such as the purchase of a home or a wedding. Plus, with

more and more companies no longer offering pension programs, the cash values can help supplement the child's retirement.

- 5. Qualifies for Orphan Benefit:** If the father is in good standing with his local council and at least one of the parents is insured with the Knights by a policy of at least \$5,000 permanent coverage (minimum coverage required may be higher for new plans) or \$150 annual

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The annual meeting of Hot Springs Knights, Inc. will immediately follow the May 8 Council meeting with Dennis Bosch directing the order of business.

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Psalm 122:6




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Knights Commemorate Memorial Day with Flags



Sixteen council members and one Columbian Squire were present early Monday morning to raise 23 flags over Calvary Cemetery. Those on hand were **Dick Smith, Ray Kukul, Julian Post, Joe Dierks, Newton White, Jim Reiter, Dennis Bosch, Joe Giompoletti, Stan DeGruccio, Bob Koch, Ed King, Dennis Wood, Joe Kanopsic, George Schwass, Andy Anderson,**

Tom Gilleran. and Columbian Squire Chase King.

Also present was **Ross Rumore**, a retired US Marine Corps Bugler and a member of the local VFW Chapter. He played the Army, Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Service Songs for the group. Ross closed with "Taps."

A special thanks to **Dick Smith**, who provided coffee and donuts before the flags were raised. At 4 o'clock several knights returned to lower the flags.

The next raising of the flags will be Flag Day, June 14.



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June Calendar

- 12 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Flag Raising on Flag Day, 7:00 a.m.
- 19 Fourth Degree Social, K. J.'s Grill, 6 o'clock social, 6:30 dinner
- 22 Corpus Christi Procession through Hot Springs, following 3 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John's

Looking Ahead: Corpus Christi Sunday and March from St. John's Church to St. Mary's Church, June 22 following the 3 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John's.

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/ relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Fr. James West, Sandra Cenac, Lennie Didier, Carole Ecklund, Greg Meggers (son of George and Barbara), Betty Godbehere, Danny and Mary Morrison, Father Alan, Larry Heisserer, George Schwass, Ilse Purkott, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, and Fr. Raymond Rossi

June Birthdays

- 3 Jerry Jennings
- 3 Mark Weber
- 6 Jeffrey Seikel
- 16 Bob Koch
- 20 John Baltz
- 20 Kevin Touey
- 21 Ron Martineau
- 23 Fr. Alan Rosenau
- 24 Bob Kness
- 27 Edwin Medley
- 28 Hayden Dwyer
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Father George, continued

consistently since the break until the twentieth century. The official response to the question was given in 1896 by Pope Leo XIII in the bull *Apostolicae curae* where the Anglican ordinations were declared to be “absolutely null and utterly void.”

In the intrinsic forum, from the publishing of the 1552 Eucharistic Liturgy, the Catholic Church contended that the Church of England no longer held to the sacrificial nature of the Mass, invalidated the priestly ordination (and the consecration of a bishop by a logical extension) since the Anglican priest was ordered to something that could no longer be called a Christian Eucharist in the proper theological sense. In 1662 a subsequent revision of the liturgy partly addressed these deficiencies, but with the passing of a generation, Apostolic Succession had literally died out in England.

In the twentieth century new developments have occurred that have reposed the question of Anglican validity. In the past century some ordinations have been concelebrated with Old Catholic co-celebrants, resulting in some ordinations being done *sub conditione*. By 1969 all Anglican orders had received the Old Catholic line, which Rome has determined to be valid, and the case has been made that *Apostolicae curae* is no longer binding in the new circumstances. If this were the state of the affairs today, we would have a much different situation. But to complicate the matter, the Anglican Communion has begun to ordain women to the Priesthood and the Episcopate as well as recognizing homosexual marriages and ordaining practicing homosexuals to the clerical order. These latter developments seem to support the contention of the invalidity of orders and in any case prevent those in the ordinal lines of these clerics from being considered validly ordained. And, alas, the saga continues.

Insurance Agent, concluded

premium, each insured child would receive a monthly benefit of \$80 to age 19 (age 23 if they attend college) if both parents were to die.

- 6. Creating a Legacy:** The plan is also in place to protect your child’s future family—your grandkids!

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Sponsorships and Ads

As we begin the sixth month of this year, realizing that the year is unbelievably half gone, you will see at the top of page 3 of this newsletter, that a number of year-to-year ***Knight Watch*** sponsors have not renewed their \$10 sponsorship for the current year. **[Those who have renewed are indicated with an asterisk following their names.]** Mistakes are sometimes made, so if you have indeed renewed your sponsorship but do not have the [*] following your name, please notify me so that I can make the correction. Following this issue, those that remain not renewed necessarily will be dropped. Probably many of these have just not remembered to renew.

Two or three of the present ads (\$25 for year) also have not been renewed. There is also space for additional ads. If you have a business to advertise, please consider this newsletter as one inexpensive possibility for your ad.

Joe and Jayne Dierks, continued

Joe: “I guess I’ve always liked to fly under the

relationship, he answered, “I guess I’ve always liked to fly under the radar.” [He also has a gift for understatement.] Following their engagement, Jayne converted to the Catholic Church and then she and Joe married in the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist on October 9, 1981. One year later they would welcome their first child, Kimberly. Two years after that their son Andrew Joseph (A. J.) followed.

But back to Joe’s professional life: Joe would remain with Dean Witter for 15 years. In 1995 he moved to Merrill-Lynch for four years. By 1999 he was a Registered Investment

Advisor, and it was time to manage money independent of brokerage firms. So, with Curt Hayes also from Merrill-Lynch, he formed Greenleaf Advisors and opened offices in the Regions Bank building downtown. When Curt Hayes, retired, Joe moved from the bank building,

formed Capital Financial Advisors and now does business from a nice office building constructed on the lake property, where he and Jayne have lived more than a year now. He seems to be winding down his professional life and allows himself the luxury of taking off from work whenever the urge strikes him. He especially enjoys time on the golf course.



Joe with Dennis Bosch, Jim Lockwood, and the beautiful signorina at the villa outside Florence. The signorina had vert nice shoes!

Joe is a relative newcomer to Knights of Columbus. It was not until 1995 that he joined our council and then another seven years before he became an active member. But when he became active in 2002, he became ACTIVE!

Almost immediately he became council Chancellor and almost as quickly he became Grand Knight, an office he held for two years. And in 2006, appointed by the Supreme Council in New Haven, he assumed the council position to end all council positions: Financial Secretary. Joe has very effectively performed that job for 8 years

miss endeavor. He regularly sends out multiple reminders (all at significant council expense of course) and in too many cases finds himself with the unpleasant task of sending out letters informing that steps are underway to reclassify these members to inactive status. Joe is a valuable member of Council 6419.

Both Joe and Jayne for many years have been much involved in the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist. For several years both have been Eucharistic ministers. Jayne was instrumental in the setting up, decorating, and maintaining our present Adoration Chapel, which began in 2007. And here’s a fact that few people probably know: Joe has served on the St. John’s Financial Committee for—are you ready for this?—30 years! He has served in that capacity under six pastors: **Father Ralph Bauer, Fr. Raymond Rossi, Father Bill Thomas, Father James West, Father Erik Pohlmeier, Father Michael Bass,** and once again, **Father James West**, who after a 10-year absence was reassigned as



Joe and Jayne at Council Vocations Celebration, August 2012



Joe takes a break from work in his fine new office.

now. He has mastered the requirements of the position, though he admits that getting some members to pay their dues is a hit and

pastor of St. John’s. Just recently he notified Fr. West that as of June 30, he will be vacating his position on the Committee. That is a record of **concluded, p. 10**

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service that will likely remain unequalled.

Thanks to Joe and Jayne for their invaluable contributions to St. John's and Council 6419. This editor can testify that both have a great sense of humor and are so much fun to spend time with. The Italy experience three years ago this September, involving three council couples, provided ample proof of that.

As a postscript, their children Kimberly and A. J., of course, are now grown and out on their own. Kimberly graduated from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, and A. J. graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Kimberly is now located in Dallas and works for Promotional Products, a company that markets its wares largely through big trade shows. Her work takes her each January to the largest of the trade shows in Las Vegas, and recently she returned from another big show in New Jersey.

Her brother A. J. is now stationed at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is an instructor in anti-submarine warfare. Of course, when they come home, especially when both come at the same time, it is an occasion for an on-going celebration.



Joe works in his comfortable new office and relaxes at the same time. As he would say, "How cool is that?"



Is There a Moral Here?

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to

do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, when the donkey realized what was happening, he cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down into the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel

dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped over the edge of the well and happily trotted off.

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

Free your heart from hatred—Forgive

Free your mind from worries—Most never happen.

Live simply and appreciate what you have.

Give more.

Expect less.