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News Flash: Our own Newton White has just been appointed State Master of the Arkansas Fourth Degree Assemblies. Congratulations, Newton!

Knight Watch



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Grand Knight's Article



In Council 6419 we have few slow months. August is not one of those months. Neither will September and October be among them. A series of major council endeavors lies just ahead.

But, first, I draw attention to the incredible success of the August 23 annual Charity Golf Outing on the Magellan Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. The \$9500 profit eclipses the profits of previous years and are truly amazing. This accomplishment could not

have happened without Super Knight **Hans Purkott**, who has the tenacity of a bulldog and a ferret-like ability to dig up everything he needs for a great event. It was through his ever-watchful eyes that it all came together. You add Joey G.'s fabulous barbecue to the mix and you have "the Dynamic Duo." [Please see article below for details.] But I cannot leave this topic without giving accolades to our Columbian Squires, our future Knights.

This young organization for Catholic boys aged 10-18, is hardly a year old but is already making us proud! Under the present leadership of **Dayton Meyers (son of David)**, these young gentlemen worked the annual Charity Golf Tournament. They were all over the place—filling water/soda/beer cool-

ers but, most importantly, managing the activity at the Casino Hole and the Charity Hole. Their collections at the Casino Hole were for the **Garland County Society for Prevention of Suicide**. Their efforts raised a cool \$850 for the cause. The Charity Hole brought in another \$400, these funds for St. John's School. Gentlemen, we are so proud of you! Our dependence on you is growing.

At the August 10 St. John's Corporate Communion we had more than 25 knights present. Our September Corporate Communion will be at St. Mary's.

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Annual Charity Golf Tournery Surges Through Previous Record

"Annual Council Golf Outing Raises \$6100 for St. John's School." That was the headline on the golf article exactly one year ago in **Knight Watch**. Previous years had reported comparable figures. A joint effort by the Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village Councils, this charity event of August 23 was played at the Lake Magellan Course in the Village. After all the smoke had cleared, the charity venture profits had **soared all the way to \$9500 AFTER expenses**. Amazing! Fantastic! Incredible! This profit will be scholarship money for St. John's School.

Not long ago **Chairman Hans Purkott** aimed for 25 teams of four players each. How many signed up this year? Thirty-five teams, 140 players! Furthermore, five teams had to be turned down. So why this gargantuan growth in a single year? Hans gives much of the credit to the Hot Springs Village Council that not only provided many of the players but also did much of the work entailed in the successful tourney. Hans is generous with praise for the Village Council and all those who participated in the success of the tournament, including several of the young members of Columbian Squires.

And certainly not to be overlooked for a more than significant role in this screaming success story is the ever-reliable, ever-talented chef **Joe Giompoletti**, who with his great helpers served up approximately 220 dinners at \$20 a head. At least 35 of those dinners were pre-orders from people who had no involvement with the tourney other than to be present for Joe's fine dinner of smoked pork steak or smoked ribs with potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, and dinner rolls. Obviously Joe did not do this mammoth job by himself. He gives credit and thanks to **Joe Kanopsic, Chuck Pavlovich, Wally Frazee, Bob, Kortner, Don Sass, Larry Nieman, Tony Hoenig, Andy** continued, p. 5

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On August 24 the Fourth Degree Assembly with wives and other guests met for a dinner meeting at the Wok, the Oriental restaurant on Central Avenue. Fourteen knights What a feast that was! We were treated to a four-course dinner and bottles of wine on each table—all of this for a very reasonable set charge. The food was delicious! **Andy Anderson and I** will host the September 18 meeting at *Giompoletti Hall*.

A Fourth Degree Exemplifica-

tion is scheduled for the new Parish Hall of St. Mary of the Springs Church on Saturday, October 4. Registration will begin at 11 a.m., the Exemplification following at noon. There will be a group photo at 3 o’clock, Mass at 4, and a catered dinner at 6 o’clock. Of course spouses are invited to the Mass and dinner. The ladies’ dinner cost will be less, but the charge at this time is uncertain. That information is forthcoming.

For the men the attire will be a black tuxedo with front-pleated

white shirt with lay-down collar, a black cummerbund, white gloves, and black bow tie. We need a minimum of 20 candidates.

Labor Day flags will rise over Calvary Cemetery, September 1 at 7 a.m./Don Sass, Faithful Navigator



Spotlight on Newton and Linda White



Newton, Linda, and son Cooper last Week in Little Cayman Island

Since **Newton White** joined Knights of Columbus Council 6419 on August 24, 2004, he has been a knight extraordinaire, active in both the council and the Fourth Degree Assembly. Early on he accepted offices, serving first as Recorder, then Deputy Grand Knight, then a two-year term as Grand Knight, ending his second term just this past June. In the Assembly he has served as Faithful Navigator and continues as an active participant in the Honor Guard, serving at celebratory occasions as well as funerals of brother knights. He has served multiple times as the council’s delegate to the

Arkansas State Knights of Columbus Convention. His name should have caught the attention of the national headquarters in New Haven because of the on-going recruitment to our Order. Newton at last count had brought 28 new members into the council. Newton’s generosity has been noteworthy, both with his time and with his money. He is sensitive to the needs of those who’ve encountered misfortune. Of special interest to council members is that as president of Instrument & Supply here in Hot Springs, he has provided his secretary **Vicki Stanley** to facilitate many time-consuming tasks for both the Council and the Assembly. She

might be found decorating *Giompoletti Hall* for a party, relaying information to members by phone or e-mail, or ordering needed items for the council. This of course is done on company time. She is so ever-present in our activities that we sometimes call her our Baptist Knight.

For most of Newton’s life, he was not a Catholic but a Methodist. One of the few Arkansas natives in the council, he was born in Sheridan on January 17, 1951, the youngest of six children, the other five being girls. He grew up in Sheridan and went to Sheridan Schools. Upon graduation from high school in 1969, Newton headed for the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he would earn a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering. It was during this U, of A. period—1973—that he met **Linda Vandenberg**, also a student at the University, where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Deaf Education and a Master’s in Counseling.

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From Father George Sanders: “Divine Diversions”



I am writing this note one week before the one-year anniversary of my priestly ordination [written for the July newsletter, which was not

done]. On the cusp of this personal mile marker and considering my long journey and relatively late arrival, I have often been asked by friends and parishioners if the priesthood was what I anticipated it would be and what part of my ministry is now the most meaningful to me. Reflecting on this, I thought that the answer to this question would be a good topic to share with my fellow knights and friends.

It would probably not be surprising to know that my greatest joy is at the altar. The highest privilege of a priest is presiding at the Eucharistic Table of our Lord. It is there in his own hands that Christ is made visible and physically imminent among us. I never tire of

offering the Mass. It is in the liturgy that I find the most strength and inspiration for my own life. I continually marvel at the depth of meaning penned into each strophe and its beauty and unity across the various prayers that we use. If you listen closely, you can hear many melodies of our faith in a masterful harmony intoned with a timeless euphony of sounds and rhythms that delight the heart and rejuvenate the soul. For almost a year now I have celebrated the Mass, and yet frequently a phrase or theological idea from the liturgical prayers that I have said a hundred times before surprises and illumines my heart in a unique way. That is the character of timeless or divine truth, the truth of which we can never completely grasp in a moment. Neither can we grasp its full richness, no matter how long we meditate on it or how deeply we try to plumb its depth. There is always a new shade of meaning that complements another completely different idea, and our mind is caught up in another delightful dance and diversion, daydreaming of the Divine.

I'll just share one of my diversions with you. Christ instituted the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial. Of course, he could have chosen whatever he wished for us to do to remember Him after his ascension. But he chose a meal of bread and wine. There is much I could share about communion in the context of a covental meal or how this act constitutes the Church (Eucharistic Ecclesiology) and our becoming the Body of Christ or even our entering through the liturgy into the one, timeless sacrifice of the Mass. But I would like to pause for just a moment and wonder with you, “Why did he want to transform mere bread and wine into his very body, soul and divinity?” It would be agreed by all that Christ is truly

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Charity Rummage Sale Just Around the Bend

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The Council’s Fall Charity Rummage Sale looms. With the Big Sale scheduled for October 10-11, 17-18, suddenly the pressure is building. So many things to do and less time than ordinary to get it done. The move of selected furniture to *Giampoletti Hall* from *Reiter Hall* usually is done two weeks before the sale, giving adequate time to organize, shampoo dirty upholstery, etc. This year, due to a Hall rental the week before the sale, we will begin this process on Monday before the sale begins on Friday. We have furniture not only in Reiter

Hall but also in two storage units off Higdon Ferry Road. **I am requesting help now not only with the furniture moving but also with the furniture/glass cleaning process. Some cleaning can be done late this month in Giampoletti Hall, where much of the furniture will remain.**

The faithful crew of *Spirit Hall* has worked once or twice a week—through most of the summer. This crew includes **Sue Wood, Bob and Carol Koch, Carol Cook, Liz Sass,** and more recently new regulars

Paul and Evelyn Enderlin, Sue Stephens, Judy Kirton, and Susan Harper A hearty welcome and a big thank-you to our newest helpers. **Gil Gibbons** was also a frequent contributor until he headed north for an extended vacation. Also thanks to my go-to guys for frequent collections of donations: **Stan DeGruccio, Luis Rivera, Bob Koch, Ed King, Dennis Wood, Dennis Bosch, Don Sluyter, and Dick Smith.**//**Jim Lockwood, Rummage Sale Chairman**

David Meyers Energizes Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus Drive for People with Disabilities, also known as “The Tootsie Roll Drive,” is about to unfold on a much larger scale than in the past. **Chairman David Meyers** has taken over this new responsibility like a man possessed. First

of all, for the first time the collections will be split—the first weekend of September (September 5,6,7) and the second weekend of October (October 10-11), **ONLY AT SAM’S CLUB. [Coincides with first weekend or Rummage Sale].** The reason for the early

start is to take advantage of the huge Biker’s Rally with headquarters at the Convention Center. Hundreds of bikers will descend on our fair city on Thursday evening, September 4. Hence a collection of Knights will be there to greet **concluded, p. 6**

Julian Post, Beloved Council Member, Dies



Alan, two daughters Margaret Ullmann and Linda Post, one grandson Daniel Ullmann, four sisters, and many, many friends.

Julian was a 39-year member of Knights of Columbus Council 6419. He was a long-time usher at St. John’s Church, and in his retirement years was a volunteer director of playground activity at St. John’s School. He will be greatly missed by the school and the many pupils he served. When Julian was free from playground responsibilities, he was on hand to help with the Knights of Columbus Charity Rummage Sales, including collecting donations for the sales. He would have been a great engineer, a judgment based on the fact that

Hot Springs native and life-long member of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, **Julian Post** died unexpectedly at his home on July 30. News of Julian’s death was received by members of Council 6419 and his many other friends with shock and great sadness.

Surviving Julian are his wife Kay, two sons Julian and

he always knew how to handle those oversized pieces of furniture that weren’t intended for narrow doorways. He was among the best at sizing up difficult space limitations. He was also a regular with food preparation and serving at K. C. involvement with the St. John’s Annual Bazaar, pancake breakfasts, etc.

Among Julian’s most endearing qualities was his joviality, manifesting itself in his wonderful belly laughs, especially when he was winning the money in those weekly poker games with a few fellow knights. Just the night before his death, he played poker with his brother knights. Full-

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Record Golf Tourney, continued

Anderson, Stan DeGruccio, Don Sluyter, Bob Koch, and Leonard Didier. The Hot Springs and Village Councils are grateful for the great support from so many volunteer helpers and of course from the participating golfers. The greatest accolades go to our many local sponsors, who provided the handsome prizes for the competing golfers. The Council continually encourages our support of the loyal sponsors of this important charity event. Without the support and participation of Hot Springs Village Knights (Council 10208) and their Special Events Chairman **Ralph Melensen**, this charitable golf tournament would not have happened. *Thank You* to all of the participating golfers. Knights of Columbus hopes we are all here next year to again help St. John's School.

All 140 golfers went home with prizes or coupons. The minimum prizes for the

last place were gift certificates from local restaurants.

The **Top Scoring Golfers** were as follows: **MEN:** St. Vincent Hospital team, **1st Flight Winner** with a 55— Chris Smith, Jimmy Crain, Mike Long and Travis Morrissey **2nd Flight Winner** with a 62--Clyde Porterfield, Phil Stephenson, Dick Palinko and Bill Gray of Hot Springs Village **LADIES:** Flight Winner with a 65-- Susanne Lofgren, Paula Doyle, Renee Steinpreis and Marilyn Allen of Hot Springs Village.

Because of the increased interest in this event, the 2015 tournament will feature a double scramble. Both a morning and an afternoon tee-time should accommodate all who want to help St. John's School while having a

wonderful golfing outing, excellent meal and fellowship. Next year's tournament "save the date" is July 18, 2015 at the beautiful Magellan Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. The two cooperating councils hope that you all—plus others—will return to Magellan Golf Course next year once again to support St. John's School.

We are very proud of our young Columbian Squires who had their own fundraiser during the Golf Tourney last week. From the participating golfers these young men collected \$800 for a donation to the Arkansas Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), an organization whose goal is to increase awareness of suicide and to curb this ever-growing epidemic. On Saturday, November 22, First Baptist Church at 2350 Central Avenue will host a gathering of survivors of suicide loss **concluded, p. 7**



From Our Insurance Agent: "Don't Leave Your Family's Financial Security to Chance"

It's often the small things in our lives that make the biggest impact. When Tracy Basden reminisces about her dad, Eddie, she speaks about everyday things that made life with him fun. Like how he could transform a trip to the grocery store into a family adventure. Those simple pleasures a child enjoys with a parent disappeared for Tracy when her father died after a long illness. She was 18, and her brother Matthew, only 14.

But her story of loss begins much earlier. Her mother died just weeks after Matthew was born, thrusting Eddie into the role of single parent. Eddie rose to the challenge, creating a loving home, but the up-and-down nature of his work as a contractor sometimes made for tough financial circumstances.


It was during one of those times that Eddie cancelled a sizable life insurance policy he had purchased after his wife died, not realizing the far-reaching impact that decision would have. It meant that upon his untimely death. Tracy was instantly thrust into the world of adults. She became legal guardian—and surrogate parent—to her brother and at times found herself working 90-plus hours a week to make ends meet. There was little time or money to enjoy life's everyday, simple pleasures.

Financially, life continues to be a struggle, as Tracy balances both working and studying to become a nurse. While money wouldn't have brought back her parents, Tracy does think of how things might have been different if they had purchased more life insurance. "Dealing with death is hard enough," she says. "Dealing with death without any money is extremely hard. It's definitely important to have life insurance."

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Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." Psalm 122:6



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Tootsie Roll Drive, Concluded

these visitors who will have money to spend. Council member and biker **Raymond Mace** (who just happens to know a lot of these guys and ladies) and others will happily take a portion of that money for **First Step School**, the main beneficiary of our charitable efforts. **[First Step receives 85 percent of our collections after expenses; Special Olympics, the State Council's charity of choice, will receive the remaining 15 percent.]** They will return Friday and Saturday to complete their job. Other collection spots for this weekend are **Wal-Mart on Central** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday with **Charlie Cook** the chairman), **Wal-Mart on Albert Pike** (Friday and Saturday with **Jim Lockwood** the chairman), **Harps Grocery** on Hwy. 7 South near Amity Road (Friday and Saturday with **Joe Kanopsic** as chairman), and Harps Grocery on Thornton-Ferry Road off Hwy 270 West (Saturday and Sunday with **Don Sluyter** as chairman). The Drive will finish up a month later at Sam's Club (October 10, 11, 20 with **Vincente Gonzalez** as chairman).

David has arranged for big-scale advertising, including a *Sentinel-Record* article shortly before the sale, radio, and a First-Step School Weekend proclamation by **Mayor Ruth Carney**.

Volunteers are still needed in some two-hour time slots at some locations. Please call site chairmen to volunteer.



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September Calendar

- 2 Labor Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m
- 5,6,7 Tootsie Roll Drive, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. [See article, p. 4 for locations and other details.
- 11 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Fourth Degree Dinner and Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 1st Degree Exemplification, Giompoletti Hall, 3 p.m.

Golf Tournament, concluded

sponsored by the Garland Avenue Chapter of International Survivors of Suicide Loss. Such a meeting occurs each year in different locations. All are invited to be present for this program dealing with a problem that



Local Columbian Squires

tragically has grown to epidemic proportions.

From left: Chief Squire **Dayton Meyers,**
Brandon Ben-

nett, Andrew Guersky, and Conner French

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/ relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Jackie Smith, Gil Gibbons, Martha Lockwood, Jim DeGeorge, 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, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Jeanette Mace, and Fr. Raymond Rossi

September Birthdays

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Charles Antonini | 15 Wally Marroy |
| 3 Martin Derbonne | 18 Zack Morton |
| 3 Raymond Mace | 20 Reid Hilton |
| 5 Louis Turala | 23 David Evans |
| 9 Jack Andrews | 27 Rick Dwyer |
| 12 Fr. George Sanders | 29 Jerry Hawley |
| 14 Dcn. John Connell | 30 Mark Palmer |
| 14 Michael Schnauffer, Jr. | |

With apologies to the following men whose birthdays were unacknowledged in August when there was no newsletter: Don Heck (3), Guillermo Vellejos (3), Simon Jordan (15), James Womack (16), Forest Wells (21), Wally Frazee (22), William Edgar (23), Tommy Tobin (23), Scott Hrdlicka (25), and Larry Nieman



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Father George, continued

present in and with each of us in the Holy Spirit whom we receive at baptism. Was that not good enough? Why was it so important to Him to take again upon himself, created matter, to be incarnated again in a physical manner in the Bread and Wine?

I believe that it is that human love and tender affection, like a mother caressing her baby, is communicated by touch. We touch and are touched by those dear to us. Though God, an uncreated spirit, does not need physical touch, we do. Words are never enough. We need to touch and be touched by the ones we love. And because of that, Christ *just being present in Communion* (as some Christians believe) would never be the perfect expression of love to us on a human level. I believe that it is for this reason that he becomes incarnated in the Bread and Wine. He wants to touch us and to be touched by us in a pure expression of our love and affection for each other. It might be hard to understand sometimes, but as we wait in the Communion line, in a real and physical sense, Christ affectionately wants to touch us just as a mother cannot resist tenderly touching her child to assure him/her that she is right there. It's in our human nature, our spiritual DNA. God of course knows that since He made us that way. He made us to want and to need His touch in our lives. And that is an awesome thought. He made us to desire what he so wanted to give: His personal and loving presence, His physical touch.

At this point I'll leave you with that thought as I prepare for Mass tomorrow. I hope you have enjoyed journeying with me for this short while. Tomorrow I will meet our Lord again at the altar, and again I'll be listening for His voice. Of course you are all invited to join in the discussion too. Just lift up your hearts and let us give thanks!

Julian Post Dies

throated laughter must have dominated the evening because one more time Julian won the money.

Visitation and Rosary devotion were Sunday evening, August 3 at St. John's Church, and Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the church the next day with **Fr. James West** the celebrant. Knights of Columbus Assembly provided an Honor Guard for both the Rosary and the Mass. The family suggests St. John the Baptist School for memorial tributes.

"One cannot share Christ if one has not first encountered Christ, or effectively share the gospel without experiencing its power in his own life." *Catholic Answers*, Sept.-Oct., "Why Catholics Don't Evangelize," p. 6

Taken from the Cover of the September-October, 2014 Issue of *Catholic Answers*:

Question: What do you get when you cross a Jehovah Witness with a Catholic?

Answer: Someone knocking on your door but saying nothing.

Ouch! Are we too complacent to turn this shameful circumstance around? Come to the Men of Faith gatherings at St. John's Parish Hall each Friday morning from 6:30 to 7:30 and learn to stand up for your Faith. Coffee and pastry to wake you up!

“As for Newton’s 2000 conversion from the Methodist Church to Catholicism, he explains that it was first Linda who made the leap of faith.”

“Since childhood, Newton has had a great love of nature, a love he attributes to his mother, who taught him to appreciate and identify most native trees, vines, and wildflowers.”

“In March, 2012 Newton oared the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and he repeated this same 18-day, 280-mile endurance trip in September, 2013.”

Out of school, Newton worked briefly for an engineering consulting firm in Denver, but all along the real dream was to return to home turf in Arkansas. So within a year he vacated that job and moved to Hot Springs to work for another engineering consulting firm, Affiliated Engineers, now defunct. But he really wanted to have his own business. So in January of 1980, with a few silent partners (whom he eventually bought out) and a single office in H & H Electric, the nucleus of the present company that manufactures and sells equipment for water treatment and waste water treatment was born, operating under the name Instrument & Supply. For about two years the business continued to operate—and grow—from this single office. Then the physical expansion began and now occupies a large tract of land and several buildings, housing a complex of offices and a large inventory of sophisticated equipment. Instrument & Supply presently employs 45 employees—35 in Hot Springs and the others working from offices in Oklahoma, Tennessee, Colorado, and Idaho.

Newton’s co-worker and partner is **Paul Selig**, also a member of Knights of Columbus. Paul’s son **Sam** is a professional engineer also working for Instrument and Supply. And Newton’s son **Cooper**, on schedule to graduate from the University of the Ozarks in May, will also join the firm. Sam and Cooper are member of the local K. C. Council.

The business consists of three different business models: (1) Manufacturers Representatives (2) Dis-

tributors and (3) Light Manufacturers. Instrument and Supply represents about 60 manufacturers of wastewater and water treatment equipment in a defined sales territory. This equipment is usually larger systems such as filters, clarifiers, bar screens, and disinfection equipment. They distribute valves and pumps in definite areas. As for manufacturing, the company designs and manufactures control systems, pre-fabricated pumping and chemical feed systems, and equipment vaults. Newton explains, “We sell primarily to general contractors. But we work with consulting engineers during the early conceptual phase of a water plant, waste water plant, booster station, etc.” These projects,” he continued,—“from conception to bid date—may take from two years to twenty years, depending on funding, regulatory influences, politics, etc.”

“We are proud of the fact that we sell all these products and services in 14 states,” Newton commented. “But all the income from these sales comes back to Hot Springs to run through the local economy.”

Apart from his business involvement and his Knights of Columbus activity, Newton has long continued his participation in activities of Boy Scouts of America. His love for Scouting began when he was a boy in Sheridan. He became increasingly involved when Cooper was first a Cub and then a Scout. Twice he has been to the sprawling Philmont Scout Ranch outside Cimarron, New

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Mexico. He and Cooper participated in the 2000 World Jamboree in northern Virginia and to Sea Base in Florida. Newton is currently on the Diamond Lakes Scout District Committee, serving Garland, Montgomery, and Pike Counties. He is also on the Quapaw Council Executive Committee in Little Rock, which serves the Diamond Lakes District. After his long history with Scouting, Newton reports that he will soon resign from those responsibilities to devote more time to Knights of Columbus and the Church.

As for Newton’s 2000 conversion from the Methodist Church to Catholicism, he explains that it was first Linda who made the leap of faith. An Episcopalian, Linda had become unsettled by the Episcopal Church’s embracing new, much more liberal, guidelines. It was the Catholic Church that remained true to its traditional teachings, and that truth brought her to convert. Newton followed as did the children. A few years ago Linda took the lead in organizing a local unit of Catholic Daughters of America.

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Newton and Linda White, concluded

was the tragic death of their daughter Chase, who was killed in an automobile accident on March 4, 2005. She was a student at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock at the time of her death.

Since childhood, Newton has had a great love of nature, a love he attributes to his mother, who taught him to appreciate and identify most native trees, vines, and wildflowers. He has a great interest in all types of wildlife and geology.



Newton and his friend David Thrasher on the Colorado River in Grand Canyon, March, 2013

All who know him are well acquainted with his thirst for adventure, including whitewater rafting, canoeing, and SCUBA diving. In 1987 he engaged in whitewater paddling in a canoe. Later he used rafts in an oaring setup. In March, 2012 Newton oared the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and he repeated this same 18-day, 280-mile endurance trip in September, 2013. In June of this year he, for the tenth time, oared the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho, a 100-mile trip spanning seven days.

It was his Boy Scout involvement that introduced him—and Linda—as well—to SCUBA diving. On his many SCUBA trips he is often accompanied by Linda and sometimes by Cooper as well. The Whites have dived in **[Folks, get out your World Atlas]** Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean southeast of Africa, Zanzibar, French Polynesia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Hawaii, Indonesia, Philippines, St. Kitts, Turks and Caicos of the British West Indies, British Virgin Isles, Bonaire, Costa Rica, Cozumel, Cancun, Cayman, Belize, and Honduras. Future trips will take them to Maldives Islands, Galapagos,

and New Guinea. When friends learn that the Whites are vacationing in an island anywhere, the best guess is that SCUBA diving awaits them.

In addition to these islands, Newton's travels have taken him, either for business or travel (or both), to all 50 of the States and 10 Canadian Provinces, as well as to countries of Europe and East Europe, Guatemala, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ireland, England, and Wales. Trips to China, Nepal, Iceland, Russia, Norway, Finland, and Estonia are in the planning stage.

This 63-year-old man's adult life has been incredibly packed with activity—business, religious, charity, service to others, travel, and adventure. We can only imagine what his eventual retirement years will have in store for him and Linda.

needs volunteers. Under David's leadership the prevailing feeling is that this will be our best Drive ever. Thank you, David, for all that you do. **[See the separate article on page 4—“David Meyers Energizes Annual Tootsie Roll Drive”—for details concerning this major council project.]** Our monthly council meeting will be September 11, a First Degree Exemplification at *Giampoletti Hall* at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, and a Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 4. **[“See Fourth Degree—Footnotes” for details of this Exemplification.]/Andy Anderson, Grand Knight**

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Council 6419 hosted the annual Altar Servers' Picnic at ARC-Isle on August 24. This picnic and swim party was for altar servers of both St. Mary's and St. John's Churches. Council volunteers met early at ARC Isle to help with the set-up, lunch, and clean-up. **Joe Giampoletti** grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Volunteer helpers included **Don Sass, Joe Cenac, Joe Kanopsic, Larry Nieman, Wally Marroy, Dick Smith, Luis Rivera, and Don Sluyter**. Council member **Greg**

Speas presented to the honorees information about the Columbian Squires, handing out brochures and applications to the young men. The air was cool, but the water was warm, luring several of the young folks to the swimming hole. All had a great time.

Now September is with us, and a flurry of activity lies just ahead. The Tootsie Roll Drive is set for this week on September 5, 6, 7. **David Meyers** has sought much help and in all likelihood still

Remembering Julian



Please tie my shoes, Mr. Post.



“Good-bye, Mr. Post,” as Julian takes leave from his volunteer playground job at St. John’s School.



St. John’s pupils give Julian a farewell party.

He loved those kids!

Grins and Snickers

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward. looked into the cart, and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, she gave him back his credit card.