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HOT SPRINGS COUNCIL 6419

# Knight Watch



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## Grand Knight's Article

Sometimes when I start writing notes on the month just ended and the month ahead, I can start with the first of the month and just list the events coming up that month and my work is done. This month, however, I need to start later in the month as we lost a special friend, **Brother Knight Lou Kosarek**. [See article, p. 2] I wish to say, Lou, we will miss you and your guidance. There will always be a special place for you in our hearts and prayers. And, **Vi**, we hope to have your active presence with our Knights activities.

The month of August you might think would be slow with so many wrapping up vacations and such, but we seem to be going faster than normal. I received a text earlier today from Jim asking if it is O.K. to set up *Giampoletti Hall* for the Rummage Sale, even though we have two meetings before the Sale begins the last weekend of October. I agreed after Jim texted a second time, reminding me that we could meet in

the bar area as we have on occasion in the past. Jim will be needing help of course with moving furniture, including the use of a couple of trailers. The plan is to do this work this Thursday morning (September 3), beginning at 9 a.m.

August also introduced us to a new adventure coming up immediately. We have been invited to sell bratwurst at the downtown Oktoberfest scheduled over the Labor Day weekend beginning this week. [See important details in **Faithful Navigator Joe Kanopsic's Fourth Degree article, p. 5**] I would like to thank council member **Wally Frazee** for use of his trailer for this event. Our own **Dick Antoine** is one of the chief organizers of Oktoberfest. Please let **Joe Kanopsic** or **me** know if you can help us at the event on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th in downtown Hot Springs from 5 pm. to 10 p.m.

Oktoberfest seemed an opportu-

nity for fundraising too important to refuse. But unfortunately, its timing conflicts with our long-standing Drive for People with Disabilities, which also begins this weekend—September 4, 5, and 6. As last year, this fundraiser for the disabled will be split between this weekend and the following weekend. **Charlie Cook** will captain a group of volunteers at Sam's Club from 9 to 4 on Friday and Saturday and then noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Central Wal-Mart also planned for this weekend has necessarily been postponed to an unspecified date due to a shortage of volunteers. The following weekend. **Danny Morrison** will be the captain of the Albert-Pike Wal-Mart. Charlie has his volunteers in order. Please give a couple hours of your time to Danny (615-4943)

Another August event drew Fourth Degree Navigator **Joe continued, p. 2**

## Fall Charity Rummage and Furniture Sale Set

Preparations for the Fall Charity and Rummage Sale, with two months to go, are in progress. The Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, October 30-31 and November 6-7. Most of the better furniture was moved last week from *Reiter Hall* to *Giampoletti Hall*, from where it will be sold. A crew is being organized for this Thursday to do the set-up of the furniture in the Council Hall with more furniture

being added from *Reiter* or from the two storage units off Higdon Ferry Road. This will allow plenty of time to do whatever cleaning is necessary of furniture, rugs, etc. It will also open up much-needed space in *Reiter Hall* and enable better organization in that building, which presently is chaotic. Meanwhile the regular team of ladies has been cleaning, organizing, and pricing the wares in *Spirit Hall*.

Their work has been ongoing one or two days a week through much of the summer, with only small regard for the heat. The plan is for several ladies to report this Thursday to do additional work. The time is drawing near for daily work to

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## Grand Knight, continued

**Kanopsic and me** as Grand Knight of the council to Pine Bluff to attend a Knights of Columbus training meeting. There, to fulfill the desires of the State and Supreme, we received information on how to plan events for the upcoming year. The specific goal was to ensure that our Council and Assembly are leaders, not followers. As we were assimilating this information, it was good to realize that under our past leaders, like **Newton White** and his team, we are a leader.

This new month has Deputy Grand Knight **Vincente Gonzalez and other council members** going outside our usual church group to attend Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Glenwood.

The goal was to reach out to the Hispanic community and to attract all the eligible men of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish to our council as members and also their teen males to our Columbian Squires organization. The church was celebrating its 10-year anniversary. The Guadalupe Administrator, **Father George Sanders**, who happens to be our council chaplain and also a Fourth Degree member himself, invited us to listen to and enjoy the celebratory event. I was unable to attend, but we had fair representation from 6419 to show Knights in Action. I have in the past

attended Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. At first I was uncomfortable because small children were everywhere—in every pew, every corner and location in the church. I did not see a cry room, nor did I see many of the children sitting down. What I did see was families worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ through music, through listening to the Gospel and through family. It was absolutely wonderful. Our plans are to attend their upcoming Fiesta and to recruit their men and youngsters to join our K.C. Council and our Columbian Squires. Watch our future grow!

Coming up on September 13 is a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall of St. John the Baptist Church following all  
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## Council Member Louis Kosarek Dies

**Louis Kosarek**, long an active member of Council 6419 and Fourth Degree Assembly 1892, died unexpectedly at his Hot Springs home on August 19.



Louis was born on New Year's Day of 1928 in Ennis, Texas but spent most of his professional life in and near Berwyn, Illinois, outside

Chicago, where he was a successful builder, focusing on brick masonry. He was a member of Masonry Contractor Association, as well as the North Riverside (Illinois) Sportsman Club. In Berwyn he met **Violet Kmoch** and married her on July 1, 1950 at St. Odilla Catholic Church. They became parents of one son and three daughters.

As they began to think of eventual retirement, they became familiar with Hot Springs as they traveled each year from Berwyn to Ennis, Texas, to visit

Lou's family. Several years before Lou retired, they chose Hot Springs as their eventual retirement home, bought a lake property in 1972, and Lou himself began constructing their new home in 1981. They made the permanent move here in 1990. Their new church home became the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist. For several years Lou helped count the weekend collections on Monday mornings.

On March 6, 1996, Lou became a member of Knights of Columbus Council 6419, and soon after joined the Fourth Degree Assembly. He has been an active member of both organizations, including the Assembly's Honor Guard that serves at ceremonial occasions such as the Christmas Midnight Mass and funerals. At the time of his death, Lou was serving as a Trustee of the Assembly. Through the years he has served in various capacities. For several years he frequently did K.C. kitchen work, preparing meat for special dinners. And for a long period both he and Vi took a major role with the annual Christmas

Dinner and Dance. They conducted the popular raffle and door prize event. But the biggest job was spread over several weeks as they solicited and collected prize donations from local merchants. In addition, several years ago Lou organized a senior social group called "The Wiser Bunch," that meets on schedule at St. John's Parish Hall. This group meets for recreation—cards and other games—and refreshments. At the time of his death Lou served as president of the group.

Just two months ago Lou and Vi celebrated 65 years of marriage

Lou was predeceased by his parents, his daughter Rosemary and his grandson Duncan. In addition to Violet, he is survived by his son Louis, Jr., daughters Shirley and Caroline, and seven grandchildren.

A rosary service, led by **Father James West**, was conducted Monday evening, August 24 at Caruth-Hale Funeral Home, and the Rite of Christian Burial, celebrated by Father West was the following morning at the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist. The Honor Guard of Assembly 1892 served at both services.

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## From Father George Sanders: "The Mission"



**This month Father George gives us a change of pace with one of his poems. "The Mission" focuses on those men and women of Alcoholics Anonymous and others like them who take up the mission to rescue struggling souls.**

"Some people want to live

'neath the sound of chapel bells

But I want to run a mission

a yard from the gates of

hell."

("Run to the Battle" by Steve Camp)

Arising from the twisted and tangled maze

Gasping for a breath, struggling for a foothold

Some place away from the smothering darkness

From slavery freed, redeemed from shackles cold.

From addictions, proclivities, and dark desires

we come

Those who have escaped, rescued from

our own evil.

Helpless except for the power of our certain hope

And faith in the strength of His divine and sure will.

Though rescued from the ravages of hell

From tortured rack and conscience searing fire

As hardened soldiers our return we prepare

Others to save from similar plights dark and dire

Courage comes easy when love is great

As darkness flees before the coming of light

Determined to free those bound through shackles  
forged

By their own hand, in the hopelessness of a broken  
life.

Arouse now soldier of light, put on your armor,  
stir your might

Known dangers to engage, old fears to face

With quickness of step and sureness of hand

To the sword of God grasp as courage

picks up her pace.

Moved by compassion from the prison of sin

From manacles of evil desires, rescue the soul  
from death

And return with haste, ever wary of your now  
defeated foe

Thanksgiving to give, a mission well done,  
completed the quest

Until the time again the battle cry is raised

And again our fears we must quell

Nearby the sound of struggle, pounding shield

And slashing sword. Another soul to evil just fell.

So, let us now rise and run to the battle.



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On behalf of Council 6419, Grand Knight Andy Anderson presents a check for \$8500 to St. John's principal, Angela Isaacs. Others, from left, are St. John's teachers Stephanie Gondolph and Lindsey Vondenstein, former principal, Sister Nolene Banks, and Father James West. Stephanie, Lindsey, and Sr. Nolene were volunteers at the July Knights of Columbus golf tournament that provided the funds for this donation to the St. John's School Scholarship Fund.

## From Our Insurance Agent: “Not Another Salesman. WAIT! He’s One of US!”



September is Life Insurance Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market

Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

**Fact 1:** Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

**Fact 2:** Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one-third of adults have no life

insurance protection.

**Fact 3:** Forty-four percent of all households don’t own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don’t have enough.

**Fact 4:** One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses, and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

**Fact 5:** People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified profes-

sional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

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**Randy Schnobelen, FICF**  
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## Fourth Degree—Footnotes



On August 23 we said goodbye to **Sir Knight Louis Kosarek**, who died unexpectedly on August 19. [See article, p. 2] Lou will be greatly missed by all of us. We pray for the repose of Lou’s soul and for consolation for his wife Vi, his children, and grandchildren.

### FOURTH DEGREE CALENDAR

**September 1 and 2:** Trailer fix up. We need all the help we can get to ready the Food Trailer for our Oktoberfest Bratwurst Sale. We will work outside *Giampoletti Hall* Tuesday night and Wednesday to prepare the trailer for the Health Department inspection.

**September 4 and 5:** Hot Springs Oktoberfest Bratwurst Sale. We need people to work each night. Friday we will serve from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 4 p.m. to

10 p.m. All profit—we hope to make \$2.50 per brat sold—will go to Council 6419 and Assembly 1892. It’s time to do our best to provide funds toward needs of our council building. Call me at 262-5829 to help.

**September Business Meeting:** Our September meeting will be on Thursday, September 17 at *Giampoletti Hall*. Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting immediately following. **Sir Knights Harley Martinelli and Joe Palmere** will be our cooks. The final planning for the Christmas Party will be the agenda for the night.

**October Social:** Our October social will be held at the Wok Buffet on Central. Johnny promises that we will again be treated to a delightful evening of good food. I look forward to seeing everyone there. If you went to last year’s social at the Wok, you know how good it was. I

am sure we will have a meal as good or better. If you didn’t make it last year, ask someone who did go about the food.

**2015 Christmas Party:** We have voted into place a plan for our annual Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday night, December 5. Cost of the tickets for the party will be \$30 each. We need to fill the Hall this year and share in a great evening of dinner and dancing. Tickets will go on sale in September so gather your friends and fill a table.

**Ilse Purkott** has planned our menu, and our cooking team will be working with her. The menu will be German dumplings, goulash, cucumber salad, red cabbage, and dessert. All knights, be sure to make plans to attend.

**Our Living Supper:** We are pleased to announce that the Fourth Degree Assembly of Hot Springs Knights of Columbus **concluded, p. 8**

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## Rummage Sale, concluded

begin.

The frequency of donations has accelerated somewhat, with three or so scheduled for this week. We've been fortunate to receive high-quality items as well as the ordinary. The merchandise most needed at this time continues to be kitchenware, tableware (especially sets of dishes, glassware), and flatware), and bedding—sheets, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, etc. as well as other linens. To offer donations, please call **Jim at 525-7022 or 282-7027, Bob at 545-6118, or Tom at 767-1631/**



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## September Calendar

- 4-5 Hot Springs Oktoberfest. Knights to sell bratwurst (See Fourth Degree Footnotes)
- 4-6, Drive for People with Disabilities (See Grand Knight's article, p. 1
- 12-14 Council meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 7 p.m.
- 13 Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Parish Hall, following all morning Masses, pp. 2, 9
- 13 St. Mary's Annual Picnic, Knights to cook and serve, noon (See Grand Knight's article, p. 9
- 18 Fourth Degree Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6:30 dinner, meeting to follow

## Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Deacon Lee Lechner, Tom Gilleran, Travis (son of Pat and Hugh Truesdale), Jim Reiter, Barbara Reiter, Oscar (Buddy) Gloor, Tony Shields, Doug Bolwerk, Carole Ecklund, Peter Lewis, 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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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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| 2 Ed Watson           | 13 Trance Palazzo     |
| 3 Martin Derbonne     | 14 Dcn. John Connell  |
| 3 Raymond Mace        | 15 Mike Schnauffer    |
| 5 Darby Rhodes        | 16 Wally Marroy       |
| 5 Louis Turala        | 17 Robert Drakes      |
| 8 Peter Rick          | 18 Zack Morton        |
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## Bailey Dwyer Recipient of Annual Council Scholarship



**Bailey Dwyer**, daughter of **Rick and Pam Dwyer**, recently received the \$1000 Gus Massanelli/Fr. Ralph Bauer Scholarship

awarded each year to a worthy Catholic student graduating from an area high school. **Grand Knight Andy Anderson** presented Bailey the award just prior to the August council meeting. Her father Rick is a long-standing council member.

Bailey, having just begun her freshman year at University of Kentucky in Lexington, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lakeside High School in May with a 3.98 G.P.A. While at Lakeside she was a three-year varsity soccer player, a member of the Color Guard,

and a flutist in the Concert Band. She was also a member of Beta Club, the National Honor Society and vice-president of the Art Club. In addition, Bailey was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference and as a sophomore was chosen as an Arkansas Heart Association Sweetheart.

When Bailey left for Lexington and school, she had completed more than 10 years as an Altar Server at St. John's Church, receiving just a couple of weeks ago a beautiful plaque from **Father James West**. Over the years she has been active in Sisters in Service, serving at Jackson House, Habitat for Humanity, and other volunteer efforts in the community. For several years she was a volunteer coach to four- and five-year-olds for Hot Springs Soccer Association. She also volunteered as an Upwards Cheer and basketball coach at First

Baptist Church and assisted with many Vacation Bible Schools as Arts/Crafts Director.

Bailey's artistic talent and skills enabled her to be included in the University of Kentucky College of Design in the Honors College. She successfully submitted a portfolio of her work, including photograph, paintings and drawings. As a high school junior her submitted artwork was one of five entries displayed at the Young Artists of Arkansas Exhibition in Little Rock. She was awarded the Grand Prize in the Arkansas Heart for Art contest.

Congratulations to Hayley for her splendid résumé and for earning this Knights of Columbus Scholarship. And congratulations to her parents, Rick and Pam. Bailey's scholarship application is surely among the most impressive in recent years.

## Fourth Degree—Footnotes, concluded

will join the support of our diocesan seminarians by sponsoring "Our Living Supper" dinner to be held in the spring of 2016 at the Parish Hall of St. Mary of the Springs Church. The dinner is still in the planning stage, including the date. We will meet with **Msgr. Scott Friend**, Diocesan Director of Vocations, to determine the date. Our dinner is already being supported by a number of knights. At this point six members have committed to \$1400 in support of dinner expenses. Our hope is that enough members will step up and help sponsor the dinner so that we can contribute all the funds donated by those attending the

"Our Living Supper." If you would like to help with the dinner, contact **Chairman Dennis Wood** (623-8655) or **Faithful Navigator Joe Kanopsic** (262-5829). And keep in touch for more details soon.

**Exemplifications:** For anyone interested in becoming a Fourth Degree member, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Conway on October 24 and in Bentonville in January of 2016. Many of our members are on the Exemplification Team so you can ride up to any exemplification with us. If interested, contact

State Deputy **Newton White** or me.

**Color Guard:** Our Color Guard continues to be the "go to" group for K of C ceremonies across the state. Color Guard Commander **Ed King** has filled a number of dates at the request of a number of people. We need to support Ed and our Color Guard. In short, we want more members to accept the honor of Patriotic Service and join the Color Guard. Contact Color Corp Commander Ed King or me./ **Joe Kanopsic, Faithful Navigator**

## Grand Knight's article, concluded

Sunday Masses. Complementing the pancakes will be eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. This breakfast will differ in one respect. There will be no charge. **Donations will be collected instead.** This will be an experimental test to see how results of the collected donations compare with the traditional \$5.00 charge with children under 10 free. This event is under the chairmanship of **Randy Schnoebelen**, who needs a team of cooks and servers, a set-up crew and a clean-up crew. Offer your service to Randy (501-204-9486).

Here's another conflict of dates that will require a delicate juggling act. (But our knights are expert jugglers!) The council has been asked to cook and serve hamburgers and hot-dogs for the St. Mary's annual picnic, which just happens to be scheduled for noon of the same day as the pancake breakfast. It will be outside the Parish Hall at St. Mary's. The council is to provide a large grill as well as to grill the meat. Can you say "VOLUNTEER HELP"? Better still, can you BE a volunteer? Of course, you CAN. But WILL you? Pancakes

at St. John's....Hamburgers and Hot-dogs at St. Mary's. Come on, men! Show how you can make magic!

During August we presented St. John's with a check for \$8500 to be used toward scholarships for students in financial need. This money comes from the earnings of the July Charity Golf Tournament chaired by **Hans Purkott**. The Sunday *Sentinel-Record* [August 30] included a fine picture of the presentation. We also need to note that the heavy involvement of our Squires in the tournament generated \$3000 to be used for scholarships for one or more Squires and also a portion of the amount to the Squires' recreation fund.

One of a Grand Knight's more unpleasant responsibilities is to visit the hospitals when a council member is there sick or injured. **Newton White** is the most recent of our hospitalized members. He recently spent several uncomfortable days at CHI St. Vincent. Thankfully, he is essentially recovered and has already returned to his duties as State Master of Fourth Degree Assem-

blies. Even from the hospital he was making plans for a First Degree Exemplification and to continue to build Council 6419 with new members and to enlarge the base from which will come the men who wish to become Fourth Degree Knights.

As you can see, August had us going in varied directions. I've given you just a sampling of what all our knights do in the Church and in our community to build our Catholic Faith. Space is too short to list all names of those involved. But let me say "Thank you!" to all and then return to an earlier reference to the importance of listening to other knights. I presently hold the title of Grand Knight, but this council runs and prospers due to the contributions of many members and their families. All of us need to hold our heads high always as proud Catholics. Our State Director at a strategic moment of all meetings says, "We are Catholics first, Catholics second, and Catholics third" Think about this for a couple of minutes. That sentiment does sum up all of us. Have a

## Websites of Value: Know Your Faith

1. **Catholic365.com.** Here you will find from a great number of contributors an extensive list of articles on a variety of subjects from important to Catholics who want to understand the Faith better. Among the articles are "The Lost Sheep Bringing Our Young Adults Back to Church," "Forgotten Mass Etiquette," "Eight Questions Non-Catholics (and many cradle Catholics) Almost Always Ask When They Attend Mass," "The Church vs. Gay Marriage," and "Why Be Catholic? (Part I).



2. **Newmangelization.com.** This growing program in parishes across the country has the purpose of drawing men to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It recognizes that within the Church is a growing crisis of the absent or unin-

involved men in the Church. The site offers suggestions of parish activities focused on men (including socials), websites specifically for Catholic men, websites for all Catholics, names of Catholic speakers (such as Scott Hahn and Stephen Ray), and lots of articles of interest to men.



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September 13th**

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