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Grand Knight's Article

The month of May was full of firsts for me. As many are aware, Hot Springs Council 6419 along with the entire District 10 will host the 2016 State Convention (April 29, 30, and May 1). The Arlington Hotel will be the Convention site. Thanks to the work from **Carol and Charlie Cook** as well of that from **David Myers**, plans are coming together. The first evening will feature a dance in the Crystal Ballroom. It will include a cash bar and, of course, food. The three-day meet will include a Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary of the Springs Church followed by the banquet at the Arlington, to be attended by **Bishop Anthony Taylor**.

Convention events and the menu are in the early planning stage, but already determined is a golf outing for the men and activities for the women and any children that might be present. After touring the Arlington, the ladies might be interested in a facial or massage in the hotel spa. Whatever their activities, the ladies will be entertained while the men are in business meetings. The Con-

vention will be our opportunity to show off Hot Springs, including our two Catholic churches. Plans are in the works to have banners announcing the presence of Bishop Taylor and a procession of Fourth Degree knights from St. Mary's to the Arlington. There will be a meeting this week with the hotel chef and catering service to plan the banquet menu. You will be informed as planning and organizing come together.

We have had election of officers, and the council is blessed to keep the same officers as this past year. We have had a year to learn. (Each day I say a prayer that I will not screw up too badly. The other officers are top notch, handling all their jobs with knowledge and experience. They have no problem telling me the correct way to do things.

The Squires and Fourth Degree Assembly also have elected officers. **Dayton Myers** and **Connor French** will be leading the Squires this year. With these two young gentleman and their new adult leader **Robert Drakes**, the Squires will

continue to grow and become an even bigger part of Council 6419. Presently, the Squires have begun a project of re-seeding the ball field at St. John's. Their upcoming activities include working at the St. John's golf tournament to raise money for suicide prevention. These are our future knights. These are our future Catholic gentlemen. Let's give them our encouragement in developing their awareness of responsibility to serve others. Already they are well on their way. Among other things, we see many of them serving at the altar in either St. John's or St. Mary's Church.

When I was in the office at St. Mary's last week, the talk was about the Sunday morning Coffee Cat between morning Masses. It's similar to what we once called "Sunday School." **Father George** takes the lead, often with a controversial topic for discussion. It has become a popular 30-minute discussion that includes food and concluded, p. 2

An Unpleasant Echo: Can't You Hear It?

Upon walking into *Spirit Hall*, the principal sale building for Charity Rummage Sales, you will surely hear the echo of your voice when you speak. Since our April sale, the empty or near-empty shelves and tables seem to magnify sounds. We

must get busy, even early in the summer, to ensure that our sale space will be filled before our October sale comes around. Donations at this point are slow. Who among the knights is ready to replace one or more items in his house? Let the

knights become the temporary home for your good-condition discard items. And go out of your way to suggest your neighbors do the same. We need all of the traditional sale items—and a lot of them.

Grand Knight's article, concluded

drink. Various knights and wives are involved, including **Tony and Diane Pollock** and **Vincente and Gladys Gonzalez** preparing breakfast. Activities such as this take place at both churches regularly. **Father West** devotes much time working with the Squires both at the altar and in the classroom, training these youngsters how to be much involved Catholics.

Plans are underway to include Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Glenwood into the scope of Council 6419. We will then seek council membership from the men of that church.

I take a moment to express gratitude to council member **Jack Keck**, a local plumber, who responded to a significant

water problem on our council property. We were notified by the water department that our water usage had jumped from 1900 gallons per month to 9000 gallons. Jack came forth, found the problem—a malfunctioning toilet—and corrected it. I hope I don't need a plumber in the future; but if I do, I know now whom to call. Thank you, Jack, for sharing your talent with the council. Jack will also be helping Hans with the charity golf tournament this summer.

Speaking of the golf tournament, it's not far off. Sponsors are still needed and also restaurants with gift certificates to offer. Taco Pronto has joined this list of donors with

their gift of free meal vouchers. All golfers should become a part of Hans' team. Give him a call to offer your talents. If you can't golf, then call **Joe Giompoletti** and become part of his food service team. Whatever your role, it will serve well St. John's School, the recipient of monies raised.

If you haven't done this recently, when you enter the council property off Spring Street, notice the beautiful setting with its manicured grass and the various attractive plantings, including at this time a collection of wildflowers near the entrance. We are proud of and grateful for **Dick Smith, Lennie Didier, Don Sass, and Joe Giompoletti**, all who play a significant part in keeping the grounds looking great. Thank you, men! **Andy Anderson, Grand Knight**

Wanted: New Knight Watch Editor

Back in 1996 I was in a committee meeting regarding the Knights of Columbus Monument to the Unborn that was at that time just completed and now is prominently placed in Calvary Cemetery. Gathered in the St. John's Parish Hall, committee members were looking with admiration at an image of the monument, bearing on one side a quotation by Pope John Paul II, on the reverse side a quote from Mother Teresa. Pope John Paul's words, set in granite, were these: **"Human life is sacred....from IT'S very inception it reveals the creating hand of God."** No one but me noticed the horrendous error set in stone. As everyone was admiring the finished product, "I broke in, "Gentlemen, I hate being the bearer of bad news, but that apostrophe in "it's" should not be there." But there it was, presumably for all future generations to see. The

other committee members were in disbelief. If you look at the monument today, you will see that the apostrophe has been brushed out, but forever there will be the extra space between the "t" and the "s."

But the result of this moment was that I would replace the now deceased **Cass Bukauskas** as the editor of the council newsletter. He was ready to give up the job and was quick to infer that I, a former English teacher, could do the job. He asked and I agreed. Instead of pointing out the writing error, I might have served myself better by keeping my mouth shut.

So that was 19 years ago this month. Nineteen years of editing, first, *Knight Shift* and, more recently, *Knight Watch*, translates to a lot of paper, a lot of ink, a lot of phone calls,

and a lot of hours at the computer. Now in my 79th year of living, I'm ready for someone else to take on this responsibility. It has been a rewarding on-going experience. For the most part, I've enjoyed being the editor. But now I'm tired. It's time for someone else.

In the days ahead I'm expecting a barrage of phone calls from members who are eager to take on the editorship of the council monthly newsletter. So get ahead of the rush. And remember that the pay is exceptionally good. Bring your own individuality to the newsletter. It will be yours to do with as you see fit, as long as you're aware when a month is ending and another about to begin, signaling that it's time to start hounding the Grand Knight for his monthly article. **Jim Lockwood**

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From Father George Sanders: “Life Begins at Conception”



Father George, now in the midst of the priests’ annual retreat is unable to submit his article this month. He submitted the following article for

the May 2013 *Knight Watch*: One of the basic principles for anyone finding the practice of abortion acceptable is his belief that life does not begin at conception. Let’s look a bit closer at this belief to see whether the denial of this premise is reasonably sustainable.

We will not venture into a philosophical definition of the ontological state of life or expand on a biological concept of what constitutes life itself but will only define “being alive” in simplistic terms as “the state of a living organism.” Plants possess life. Animals possess life. Without privation of basic necessities, they will grow and develop on their own. We can also stipulate that parts of organisms also have life.

A leaf on a tree can be alive or dead, as can a hand, a foot or an eye of a human. But these are not “organisms” in the proper sense, since they do not possess a unique existence of their own. With this basic definition, let’s now take a look at an amazing and all too often vanishing life-form, the human embryo.

Is a human embryo alive based on our definition? Of course, no one can honestly deny that an embryo is a living organism; it has all the characteristics of a living thing. It is important to note one critical difference here: the embryo was formed from two living things—a male sperm and a female egg. In one of the most fascinating feats of nature, these two living cells join into a single new creation. The male and female gametes have so melded together that the “two have become one flesh” so to speak. The original genetic contributions are no longer distinguishable in the zygote or embryo, which has in fact become something quite entirely new.

So based on this premise, when did

life specifically begin for this embryo? Life began at conception, at the very time when the joining of the two living cells resulted in the creation of a new human being, genetically different from its parents, a completely unique individual (organism). I believe some will try to discount this fact by saying that the embryo cannot sustain itself outside the womb, which somehow makes it less human. Is a seedling a tree? Is it any less a tree because it is one inch tall, doesn’t really resemble a tree yet and is totally dependent on outside forces for the basic elements of sun, soil, and water to grow? Like the embryo, it can perish from privation of its basic needs. And like the tree, it is not starved or thoughtlessly ripped up. The embryo has in itself that same will to live that all **concluded, p. 6**



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Disabled Veterans New Beneficiary of Charity Committee

Knights of Columbus Council 6419 has expanded its monthly charitable giving to include Hot Springs' James L. Whitby Chapter 5 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Chapter Commander, **Jim Eppler**, and DAV staff member, **Don Newton**, accepted the first monthly contributions [**\$200**] from Council 6419 Charity Committee Chairman **Stan DeGruccio**.

This DAV contribution brings the number of local charities and schools supported by K of C Council

6419 to twenty (20) needy and worthwhile Garland County charitable organizations.

A special twice a year *thank you* must go to all the loyal shoppers and volunteer workers who faithfully support the Knights of Columbus semiannual Rummage Sale. This sale raises two thirds (2/3) of the total monies donated by Council 6419 each year. Without the support of St. John's, St. Mary's and All Saints parishioners, families, relatives and friends, K of C Council 6419 and

Squire Circle 5700 could not have raised and donated over \$79,000 in 2014 to the needy families in Garland County Arkansas. Knights, Squires and their families invested 12,874 total Volunteer Hours in their 2014 work, a 20% increase over 2013.

This news release was submitted to Hot Springs Sentinel Record by Publicity Chairman Charlie Cook on May 29. See related picture on p. 6.

From Our Insurance Agent:



The “lazy days of summer are at hand. While the hot weather may encourage a slower-paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children And when one is busy, it’s easy to forget about such things as reviewing his life insurance program.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether you have life insurance with the Order or not, I’ll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I’ll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you’ll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let’s get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it’s also coming to an end.

**Fraternally,
Randy Schnoebelen, FICF**

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Patriot's Watch

New Officers: At the May 21, 2015 Assembly business meeting, a new slate of officers was elected for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. Those elected are the following: Faithful Navigator, **Joe Kanopsic**; Faithful Comptroller, **Chuck Pavlovich**; Faithful Friar, **Father Alan Rosenau**; Faithful Captain, **Jerry Hawley**; Faithful Admiral, **Don Sass**; Faithful Purser, **Larry Nieman**; Faithful Pilot, **George Purifoy**; Faithful Scribe, **Bob Koch**; Faithful Commander, **Ed King**; Inner Sentinel, Outer Sentinel, **Mark Chunn**; and Trustees **Lou Kosarek**, **Joe Giompoletti**, and **Mike Tucker**. The officers were elected by unanimous vote. Let’s join our new officers and make this the best year ever.

Christmas Party Committee: **Jerry Hawley** accepted the position as Faithful Captain and will chair the Christmas Party Committee. In the past one man—the Faithful Captain—had the sole responsibility of planning and preparing for the Christmas Party. At the May As-

sembly meeting we adopted a plan to create a permanent Christmas Party Planning Committee made up of all of the Assembly Officers. Each officer has a small part in planning and executing our largest social event. The Captain is over the committee. Hopefully, this will alleviate some of the burden of the Captain’s position and make our Big Event enjoyable for everyone. We will begin planning for the Christmas Party at the July business meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Assembly Events Calendar: Our annual Corpus Christi Procession will be Sunday, June 7 After the 3:00 mass at St. John’s, the Assembly will lead the Procession to St. Mary’s. **Ed King** will be organizing members to process in Regalia and Polo shirts, while some members will drive pickup vehicles behind the procession. **Wally Marroy** is the event organizer.

June 11, Thursday is the date for Installation of Officers at *Giompoletti Hall*. A Social will be at 5:30, potluck dinner at 6:30, and the installation

of Officers for the Squires Circle, the Council and the Assembly to follow. The June social ordinarily on the fourth Thursday has been combined with the Installation of Officers Dinner. There will be no other June Social meeting.

Saturday, July 11—A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled at St. Mary’s of the Springs, Hot Springs. We are contacting all of our Third Degree Knights and encouraging them to join the Assembly. Please consider completing your Knighthood and doing so right here at home. For more information, Call me at 501 262-5829.

Thursday, July 16—Assembly Business meeting at *Giompoletti Hall*. Dinner will be served by **Andy Anderson** and **David Myers**. **concluded, p. 7**

Flags for Flag Day



On June 14, a Sunday, council members will recognize Flag Day by putting up flags at Calvary Cemetery. Come at 7 a.m. for the coffee and donut social.

Officers & Directors 2013-14

Chaplain	Fr. George Sanders
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Three-Year	Mike Tucker

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Father George, concluded

organisms have. May I ask? If as you are reading this, you find yourself in times of trouble, remember these simple words of wisdom....Let it be!

Charity Committee Chairman Stan DeGruccio presents to DAV Chapter Commander Jim Eppler the first of on-going monthly \$200 donations from Council Rummage Sale proceeds.



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June Calendar

- 7 **Corpus Christi Procession, St. John's to St. Mary's, following 3 p.m. Mass (See 4th Degree article, p. 5)**
- 11 **Installation of Officers (Council, Assembly, and Squires), Giompoletti Hall. Potluck dinner included, 6:30 p.m. (See 4th Degree, p. 5)**
- 14 **Flag Raising on Flag Day (Sunday), Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.**

Fourth Degree, concluded

Assembly Budget: We have started work on building an Assembly Budget so we can meet the obligations we have to our Seminararians, the Military Chaplains' Fund and Scholarship and the State Master. We are looking for ideas to expand our treasury. All money making ideas welcome.

Faithful Navigator's Note: I'd like to thank all you, my friends, for having confidence in me to allow me to take this position. I look forward to serving you, but mostly I look forward to having FUN with everyone. I sometimes describe the Fourth Degree Assembly as the Fun part of the Knights of Columbus. And I believe that it is. I hope you all will join me as we raise a glass or two, share a prayer together, and find more ways to help others while making our group, our Church and our Community better for all of us. /**Joe Kanopsis, Faithful Navigator-to-be**

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, Travis (son of Pat and Hugh Truesdale), Jim Reiter, Barbara Reiter, Patrick Thompson (Dawn and Bill's son), Oscar (Buddy) Gloor, Tony Shields, Doug Bolwerk, Joe Palmere, 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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| 3 Mark Webber | 20 Kevin Tuohy |
| 4 Joe Murphy | 21 Ron Martineau |
| 4 Fr. John Riddell | 23 Fr. Alan Rosenau |
| 6 Jeff Seikel | 24 Bob Kness |
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Attention all Third Degree Members



4th Degree Exemplification
Honoring: Fr. William “Bill” Thomas
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Host: Hot Springs Centennial Assembly #1892
St. Mary's of the Springs Parish Hall
101 Whittington Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Registration & Light Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Ladies Included)

Candidates

Lineup & Preparation: 12:30 p.m. Exemplification: 1:00 p.m. ~ Group
Photo: 3:00 p.m.

Ladies Activity

1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

Mass: 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church – 100 Central Avenue – Hot Springs, AR

Social Hour: 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Parish Hall – 101 Whittington Place – Hot Springs,
AR

Banquet with Presentation of Certificates after dinner:

6:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Parish Hall

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDING DEACONS:

\$70.00 – Fee includes Social Baldrick (Sash), 4th Degree pin, certificate, group and individual photo, and 1 banquet ticket.

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS: \$20.00 each – Adults only (18 and older)
at all activities

UNIFORM: Candidates (including Deacons) Complete Black Tuxedo with lay-down collar (no wing-tip collar allowed); White, front pleated shirt; Black bow tie; black cummerbund; black circular studs and cuff-links; black socks, and black shoes. **White gloves are not required.**

Military – Dress Uniform (Optional) Police and Firemen-Formal Dress (Optional) Clergy – Regular Clerical Dress

Current 4th Degree Members - Complete Black Tuxedo with lay-down collar Honor Guard - Regalia for ceremony, Complete Black Tuxedo and white gloves.

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