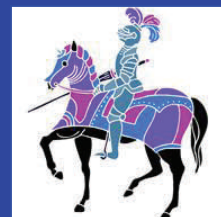




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Grand Knight's Message

I just want to thank all the knights for the opportunity given to me to serve as your Grand Knight during the year ahead. I have mixed feelings about the task. I am extremely excited as well as scared. I am also grateful.

I know I can count on everyone's help to overcome all obstacles along

the way and to achieve all council goals. I will make mistakes, but it is through mistakes that I will learn. I ask everyone to share with me all your ideas on how to become a better knight and also how to makes things easier for everybody in the council.

My goal is the same as that of every council member: to make this

council the best council ever by working hard and promoting our values. Please feel free to contact me any time. 501-545-5942. Email: PRESIDENCIA-BLE@AOL.COM.

Thank you./Vicente Gonzalez/
Grand Knight

Faith in the Springs—Supporting Seminarians

For more years than I can remember, we have been saying a prayer [St. John's] at the end of Mass week asking God to "bless our Diocese and our world with many priests, deacons and religious..." And, so He has! We now have more seminarians in our diocese than we might have imagined! God has done his part and now **it is time for us to unite and do**

ours!

The Diocese of Little Rock reports that the cost of educating a seminarian is \$36,000 a year. Currently the Diocese has 44 seminarians, a phenomenal number for a diocese of this size. Arkansas is roughly 6 percent Catholic. And yet remarkably this diocese surpasses others in which the Catholic population is considerably

greater. Something is definitely going right here in Arkansas, and much of this success goes to **Msgr. Scott Friend**, Vocations Director for the Diocese.

So back to doing our part to help with this essential program. As reported in July *Knight Watch*, plans are underway for our first-
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Beloved Council Member Tom Gilleran Dies



It is with heavy hearts that members of Council 6419 learned of the death of **Tom Gilleran** Monday afternoon at National Park Medical Center. Tom was 75. For several years Tom had had serious health issues, mainly related to poor blood circulation in his legs but also multiple surgeries, including open-heart and vascular stents. His many friends feared that he would lose one of his legs. In-

stead, his death resulted from a fall last Saturday that caused a brain bleed doctors could not bring under control.

Tom leaves behind his wife Barbara, his sons Tommy and Shawn, their wives, six grandchildren, and many friends, who will remember his devotion to his family, St. Mary's Church, and to his many works of charity that included the community, the church, and Knights of Columbus Council 6419. Tom was predeceased by his oldest son Paul, who died in a car accident in 1988.

For several years he did volunteer work for Jackson House, The Caring Place, and Habitat for Humanity. St.

Mary of the Springs Church depended on Tom for a variety of jobs, including ushering at the Saturday Vigil Mass and helping set up for special events like the annual St. Mary's picnic. Whatever he was called upon to do, Tom was ready. For our K.C. Council he was equally ready to serve in different capacities. He rarely missed a council meeting, but he was far more than a dues-paying member.

Joining Knights of Columbus in 1960 while still in his native Rhode Island, he became inactive for many years before reactivating-
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Faith in the Springs, continued

ever fundraising dinner right here in Hot Springs. At the last committee meeting an official name was chosen for our dinner. The vote was unanimous and the name is **Faith in the Springs: Supporting Seminarians**. To recap, this major invitation-only dinner event will be hosted by Hot Springs Assembly 1892 at St. Mary's reception hall on October 29 and will begin with cocktails on the portico at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. We will be able to seat between 175 and 200 people. This will allow for 150 to 175 donating guests at 25 tables. Some tables will have 7 and some will have 8. That accounts for the variance between 175 and 200. A priest, seminarian, or **Bishop Taylor** will be seated at every table. The

evening will include entertainment from our seminarians and words from the Bishop. The importance of this event and call me at **501-282-2871**.

At this time, we need additional men to donate time to help **Chuck Pavlovich** in the kitchen. Their assistance is needed for food preparation the day before the event as well as the day of the event. Helpers need not be skilled cooks as Chuck can show them what needs to be done. Manpower is particularly necessary, because the preparation for this event overlaps that of the spaghetti supper that Council 6419 is serving the night before for the St. John's School Bazaar. If you have some time to give, please consider

Guests will not pay for their meal and drinks. Instead we hope that they will donate generously to the cause. The program is modeled after *A Taste of Faith*, an annual Little Rock event that generates funds for seminarian support. This is our first attempt in Hot Springs. We want it to serve as a foundation for an annual event. Contributors will have the option of pledging an amount to be paid over a period of months.

The August 4 scheduled meeting of the planning committee was postponed
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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

We have three major projects that the Assembly is heading up, along with many other Council projects scheduled for this fall.

HOT SPRINGS OKTOBERFEST:

Even though we made a number of first-time mistakes last year, we still made about \$200 last year for our Assembly. This year we have our experience guiding us and are ready to cook again on October 14 and 15. We will be serving from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 14th and from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 15th. We will be serving bratwurst, hot dogs, soft pretzels and soft drinks. We need volunteers to make our evening profitable and successful!

FAITH IN THE SPRINGS: Our Assembly's contribution to our diocesan seminarians, is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016. We are now heavily into the planning with Sir Knight **Blake Lockwood** as chairman. The kitchen committee, using the facilities of St. Mary's kitchen, has set a menu and

budget that will feed almost 250 people. The final choice for the main course is a choice of roasted pork loin stuffed with apples and onions and served with an apricot brandy sauce.

Knights who have pledged to support the dinner with a monetary contribution are asked to write their checks to the Assembly and get them to **Chuck Pavlovich** for deposit in our account.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Saturday, December 10. We will open the doors at 5:30 for a social hour, and dinner will be served at 6:30. Our dinner chair is Faithful Captain **Jerry Hawley**, who has been hard at work planning. Dinner entrée will be Sirloin Steak Diane. Once again dinner and dance music will be from **Larry Womack and the Salt and Pepper combo**. Tickets will be \$25 per person. The Assembly has voted to split any proceeds beyond expenses with St. Mary's Haiti project and for St. John's Vladivostok (Russia) project. The more tickets we sell, the more we can donate to

these projects. There will be 140 tickets available so let's sell them all.

4th Degree Calendar

AUGUST 18: Social meeting at Asian Cafe on Central. Arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. I talked to Johnny, the owner, and he said he will prepare five special entrées. We cut back a little so that cost is \$15 per person, tax and soft drinks included. Beer and wine can be purchased at an extra charge. We'll also collect for a tip at the end of dinner.

SEPTEMBER 15: Business Meeting at the Hall, **Joe Kanopsic** cook.

OCTOBER 20: Social Meeting TBD at our September meeting.

OCTOBER 28: St John's School Bazaar

OCTOBER 29, 2016: "Faith in the Springs," fundraiser dinner, the Assembly's contribution to our seminarians. [see p. 2]

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**From Father George Sanders: “Let’s Walk Together”**

On his recent return from Armenia, Pope Francis was asked about the possible guilt of the Catholic Church in the marginalization of the LGBT community and whether the Church should ask for forgiveness for how it may have assisted or aided

the current anti-gay sentiment that apparently led to the mass shooting in Orlando. I believe his response was coherent, clear and comprehensible. But its profundity could be overlooked if one does not look a bit deeper than the sound bites highlighted in the media.

First, I would recommend that those reading this column would benefit more if they took the time to actually read what he said (Google “The Pope Answers Questions from Journalists on the Return Flight from Armenia”; issued 6/27/2016 from the Holy See Press Office). My brief comments will assume the reader’s prior knowledge of his comments.

His first comment was a reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church where he reminds us that all persons, regardless of their orientation “must not be discriminated against, they must be respected and accompanied pastorally.” He continued that “if a person in this condition (i.e. gay) has good will and seeks God, who are we to judge?” So what was he saying? Doesn’t the CCC condemn homosexuality as disordered?

In order to give a fair listen to the Pope’s words we should always keep one thought in mind: he is intelligent, purposeful

and integral in his thoughts and comments. By listening carefully to his comments in context and as a whole thought and then holding them all in tension before snap-judging what he is saying based on a snippet or sound bite, we can actually determine his intent and appreciate what he is really saying instead of jumping to erroneous conclusions.

So let’s begin with first looking at his premises:

1. His comments will be in agreement with the CCC. From this we can safely assume that he views the homosexual act as disordered and, therefore, not befitting the dignity of the human creature. The Catechism is clear that there is no sin in being gay; it’s the homosexual act that is sinful. This is a huge point and will return later in our discussion.
2. He is urging us to respect all persons in general but specifically those who self-identify as gay as “persons” who are made in the image of God and worthy of our respect, as they are, without any changes. This is the character of love for which we are called in Christ. Incidentally he is acknowledging that we, as Church, are perhaps guilty of marginalizing members of the LGBT community by our failure to accept them as persons or by our actions that confirm our prejudice that they are defective in some way and “persona non grata” who are to be avoided.
3. Following these remarks, he explicitly acknowledges that the Church should ask forgiveness from gays for the failure

to courageously take action on their behalf but adds that we must equally ask forgiveness from the poor, from exploited women and children and for blessing the proliferation of arms. If we are listening carefully he is challenging us to positive action, to do something.

4. Pope Francis tells us that “if a person has good will and seeks God, who are we to judge?” He also states that this person must be “accompanied pastorally.” This idea of *walking with* someone is quintessential Francis. Much more common in Latin America or Europe, where people actually routinely walk to where they are going, this image illustrates the idea of fraternity. Walking together presupposes agreement or friendship. Persons walking together talk and discuss ideas. They do not have to agree in every aspect (and usually don’t) but they find value in communication and mutually benefit from the shared journey.

Now let’s try to pull all these themes together. Pope Francis is challenging us to be prepared to *walk with anyone who will journey with us*. In this specific case we are speaking about walking with members of the LGBT community. This is where attitudes make all the difference. For us as Church to walk with a member of the gay community, we must BOTH be willing to honestly discuss where we are in our life and our own, unique personal outlook. As a base for these discussions, we must both be

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Two Local Catholic Graduates Receive Council Scholarships

At its August 4, 2016 Leadership Meeting Council 6419 selected two recipients of the 2016 **Gus Massanelli/Father Ralph Bauer Scholarship**. The recipients are **Alex Tucker** and **Andrew Guresky**. Each will receive \$500.

Andrew Guresky, son of **Dr. Peter Guresky and his wife Amy**, plans to attend John Brown University in Siloam Springs in the fall to study Construction Management. Andrew has been an altar server at St. Mary's of the Springs from August 2015 to the present. He was a charter member of Columbian Squires Circle 5700 until his eighteenth birthday at which time he became a member of Knight of Columbus Council 6419. Andrew graduated in May as a home school student with a 3.67 GPA. Growing up, he acquired a deep sense of responsibility to others. He served from 2005 to the present as an Altar Server at St. Mary of the Springs Church. He has participated in many church activities, including membership with the Children's Liturgy Team, participation in Calvary Cemetery clean-up, and distribution of Christmas food baskets. As a Squire he worked in several Knights of Columbus projects such as the Charity Golf Tournament. Contributing to the community, Andrew has worked at Jackson House and Habitat for Humanity. His out-of-school and non-church activities have included Shooting Sports, including the Trap Team 2013 and 2015 and the Archer Team last year. He also has become an Advanced SCUBA diver, having done more than 150 dives in the Caribbean.

See next column

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Michael "Alex" Tucker will attend the University of Arkansas this fall to study Engineering. Son of Council and Assembly member **Mike Tucker and his wife Kathy**, he recently graduated from Lake Hamilton High School with a 4.06 GPA. His memberships included Honor Society, Beta Club, and the Lake Hamilton Quiz Bowl, serving as co-president. He is an outstanding trombone player earning All-Regional Concert and Jazz Band as well as inclusion in the State Honor Band. Alex has also been heavily involved in Scouting with Troop 65 of Piney Grove Methodist Church, achieving the rank of Eagle and becoming Jr. Scout Master. A member of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, Alex has been an active member of the Catholic Youth Ministry for over six years. With the Youth Ministry he served at CYM pancake breakfasts and assisted with serving tables at the Knights of Columbus Christmas dinners. In addition, he volunteered with St. John's Vacation Bible School.

Both Andrew and Alex clearly are young men of outstanding character and achievement. Council 6419 congratulates them as they begin the next phase of their lives. We wish them well in their new pursuits. Congratulations also to Dr. and Mrs. Guresky and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

Tom Gilleran

ing his membership with Council 6419 in 1997. From that time Tom became a regular presence. When council work of any kind was needed, Tom was there. Construction jobs, storm relief, and major contributions to council Charity Rummage Sales and the related Charity Committee.

Tom has always been a contributor to the success of Rummage Sale organization days and for the Sale days as well. But his greatest effort, together with his silver Toyota Tacoma truck, was to drive untold miles about Hot Springs and Garland County collecting donations. Only in the last two or three years did his health force him to the sidelines. But to the end he participated in the flag-raising at Calvary Cemetery on every patriotic holiday. Until recently, he served as chairman for these events, bringing coffee and donuts for the men's social time before raising the flags.

Tom was an endearing friend to many people. Along with his generous giving of himself, those of us who knew him well

remember him for his love of corny jokes and colorful expressions. Taking leave of friends, he'd usually say, "I'm so glad you got to see me!" We heard his expressions with such regularity that we could join in to complete them. He would question the truthfulness of a statement with, "It's not cessanarily so." When asked how he was feeling, he'd answer, "Ultra-dynamic," even though he often wasn't feeling that way. If any of us commented that "we thought" this or that, his response almost without fail was, "And what did I tell you about thinking?" Or to feign hurt feelings, he'd say, "Now I resemble that."

Tom was definitely one of a kind. It would be hard to find someone who was more focused on service to others. His absence from our council and from his circle of friends will leave a gaping hole. We will miss him greatly.

The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated in a beautiful ceremony Thursday at St. Mary of the Springs Church with **Father George Sanders** the celebrant.

Local Stores Seriously Curtain Council's Tootsie Roll Efforts

Council 6419 has go-getter co-chairman for the 2016 Drive for People with Disabilities, otherwise known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. **Danny Morrison** and **George Purifoy** more than proved their mettle with the state-wide drive to raise funds for support of our diocesan seminarians. They were faithful soldiers in selling raffle tickets for the 2017 Chevy Colorado truck, netting from our council alone \$11,000. Already they are busy laying the groundwork for the Drive for People with Disabilities.

At this point Danny and George have secured Sam's Club for October 8, and Wal-Mart on Central Avenue for September 18. The Wal-Mart on Albert Pike, which has long been the biggest income producer, is still uncertain. The manager is on vocation until Wednesday, but at best we will get only one day instead of the

long-standing two-day collection. In addition, the new Wal-Mart Market on Airport Road is a good possibility for a collection site. A letter will be submitted next week to request that privilege from the store manager.

Just a few years ago we were netting around \$6000-6500 for the local First Step School and for Special Olympics. In fact, going back a good number of years we also brought in that much or even more from corporate donations brought in by two of our long-deceased members **Marvin Poe** and **Richard Knoth**. The corporate donations effort was abandoned years ago, mainly for lack of donation solicitors.

The current downturn in our collections comes directly from the local stores



On a clean-up of the K.C. property woods in 2012, Tom sweeps debris from Bill Thompson's trailer.

The Council expresses its deep sympathy to Barbara and to her family.

denying our request for a two-day collection. Moreover, the Kroger stores, a consistent collection site for many years, have totally shut down our collections. And the Wal-Mart Super Stores not only are now limiting us to one day but actually just one afternoon (or one morning! The result of course is that contributions to First Step and to Special Olympics have been cut to no more than half, if that much, of past collections.

Because of the cut in collection hours, fewer volunteer collectors are now needed. Danny and George of course still need a good number of volunteers, but they are signing up people only for one-hour time slots instead of the former two-hour slots. Please volunteer your help or respond positively if you are asked to be a volunteer. **Call George at 690-9891 or Danny at 615-4943.**

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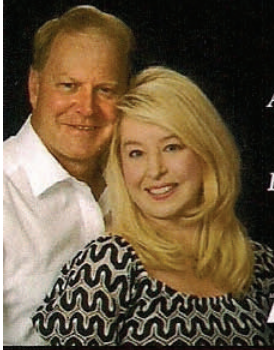


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Faith in the Springs, concluded

due to a conflict with **Tom Gilleran's** funeral Mass. The meeting date now is Wednesday, August 10, at 11:30 a.m. in *Giompoletti Hall*. Many thanks to all our volunteer committee members and especially to **Sue and Dennis Wood**, who for several years contributed to the Little Rock event by inviting and securing dinner guests from Hot Springs. Their past experience enables them to guide us on this journey. /**Blake Lockwood, Chairman**



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August Calendar

- 10 "Faith in the Springs" Dinner Planning Committee Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 11:30 a.m.
- 11 First Degree Exemplification, *Giampoletti Hall*, 5:45, before council meeting.
- 11 Council Meeting, *Giampoletti Hall*, 6:30
- 18 Fourth Degree Meeting/Dinner Social, *Asian Café on Central Avenue*, 6:00

Father George, concluded

open to honestly seek God alone as our Guide on our shared journey. Once this prerequisite is met, no matter where we are in our own search for God, we will start the discussion (our walk) with mutual respect and be willing to engage the other in meaningful conversation knowing that there is much we can both learn from each other.

This is a "pastoral approach" and what Pope Francis is challenging us to undertake. Juxtapose this with "recitation of the law" approach, which we have all felt obliged to do in the past and the simple brilliance and Biblical coherence comes into view. How often have we seen Jesus do the same sort of thing: the woman at the well, the prodigal son, the woman caught in adultery. Perhaps what it really means is to "love your neighbor."

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Joe Palmere, Andrea Thompson, Sandy Kortenber, Deacon Lee Lechner, Karen Gibbons, Danny French, Marge Knoth, Barbara Reiter, Doug Bolwerk, Carole Ecklund, Mary Morrison, Father Alan Rosenau, Ilse Purkott, Frankie DeGeorge, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Laura Mazzia, and Fr. Raymond Rossi.

August Birthdays

- 3 Don Heck
- 7 Jack Keck
- 11 William Pequignot
- 13 Danny Morrison
- 15 Conrad Stein
- 15 Simon Jordan
- 16 Larry Womack
- 21 Nick Kowalkowski
- 22 Wally Frazee
- 23 William Edgar
- 24 Andrew Casey
- 24 Mark Larey
- 24 Paul Noel
- 25 Scott Hrdlicka
- 25 Larry Nieman

Asleep at the Wheel

Apologies to four council members omitted from the July Birthday List:

Lennie Didier, July 7
Joe Giampoletti, July 11
Joe Harrison, July 14
Stan DeGruccio, July 22



Dynamic Catholic

AMBASSADOR

July 15, 2016

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Dear Jim,

In 2008 we had a crazy idea: pass out books at Christmas Mass! Why? For 32 percent of people who attend Mass at Christmas, it is the only time each year they attend Mass.

Since then, we have partnered with thousands of parishes and distributed more than 15 million books and CDs. Everyday we receive emails, phones calls, and letters from people telling us how one of these books changed their life.

What began as a crazy idea has become the most successful large-scale evangelization effort in America today. And yet, driven by our commitment to continuous improvement, each year we strive to make this incredible initiative more effective in every way.

Late last year, as we were shipping more than three million copies of *Rediscover Jesus* to more than four thousand parishes across the country, the leadership team at Dynamic Catholic gave me a new challenge: "Why don't you write a book that is specifically designed to re-engage disengaged Catholics and increase engagement among those who are at Church each week but don't really get it."

It was a beautiful challenge.

Resisting Happiness is the result of that challenge. The book is written to be passed out at Christmas and Easter Mass to everyone who attends. It is an invitation to embrace the genius of Catholicism. This invitation is wrapped in my own deeply personal story, and I have shared things about myself and my own struggles more in this book than in any other.

Something wonderful is about to happen this Christmas as we distribute this book. We have passed out some great books in the past, but this is a book written with this specific purpose in mind. The look of the book is light and inviting—there is nothing deeply religious about the cover or the table of contents that would turn away a marginal Catholic at first sight. We spent months studying the common struggles of people today to arrive at the subtitle. The short chapters were designed for busy people. And resistance plays a powerful role in each of our lives every day, which is apparent in the opening pages.

Authors often share advance copies of their books with family and friends. You are very much my family and friends, and so I am honored to present you with this advance copy. As you read it, I ask you to pray, in a special way, for all the people who will receive it this Christmas. Pray that their hearts might be open to a new relationship with God and his Church.

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I know how busy we all are and how difficult it is to find time to read. I would just encourage you to read one chapter each day. They are short chapters, designed for busy people, but if nothing else, read Chapter One today.

As an Ambassador, you are more familiar with my work than most, so I would like to let you know that I have included three stories in this book that I have used elsewhere. They were necessary to the continuity of the story, and I felt it important to have my journey documented altogether in one place. I am not losing my mind; I have repeated myself with intention and thank you for indulging me. I am still learning from the repeated stories, and I hope you will find something new in them also.

May God bless and reward you for your generosity toward the Dynamic Catholic mission. We are in this together, and together we are doing great things.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Ambler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

P.S. If you pre-ordered a copy of *Resisting Happiness*, you will receive that copy when the book is released in the middle of August. We encourage you to pass that copy along to someone else. If you didn't pre-order a copy, we still encourage you to do so, not only for your chance to win some great prizes, but also so you can help share this important message with those you love.

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