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Grand Knight's Article

This July 2016 report as Grand Knight is my last (relief, sighs, etc.). You will now receive these reports from new Grand Knight **Vincente Gonzalez**. I have been blessed since day one of my two-year stint, especially blessed since our council has won the Arkansas Council of the Year both years. That itself is a feat hard to beat, but Council 6419 has comfortably achieved that distinction, having won Council of the Year four of the last five years! You as council members have an achievement that truly will be hard to beat. But with Vincente as Grand Knight, I believe our council can even embellish the present achievement by adding on to the string of Council of the Year awards. The reason for great success, however, is all you who make good things happen. I have been blessed my entire tenure with great advice from council members

and their wives as well. The wives have played important support roles in our council success. I was given the opportunity to learn on the job by trying new things or, put another way, to learn by listening to others. The good Lord can be seen and heard in each of you and your families.

My involvement with Council 6419 has heavily included both **Father James West**, **Father George Sanders**, the **Sisters** and **Deacons**. The Church has opened doors for me that I hope and pray never close. I grew up in a Catholic family that included Aunt Jenny, who happened to be a nun known as **Sister Mary Florence**. Back when Sister Mary Florence was smacking my hand with her ruler, I never expected one day to see another Sister driving a golf cart at a golf tournament. But, lo, I did in the

form of **Sr. Nolene** of St. John's School. We in Hot Springs have the best of the best helping us to become better Catholics.

Over the past two years I have learned much from the Hot Springs Council. I remember one of the members instructing me—actually, giving me heck—about a decision I had made, but he added that the only way NOT to catch heck is to do Nothing. I guess with all the heck I've caught, I must have done a little. We of Council 6419 have shone, earning many awards. That has happened because we have worked as a team. Those who came before most of us created a fine council hall, and we since have maintained the finest council
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Hot Springs Assembly 1892 to Host Fund-Raising Dinner for Seminarians

Hot Springs Assembly 1892 will sponsor a major dinner event Friday, October 28, 2016, with the goal of raising money in support of our diocesan seminarians. We are grateful to St. Mary's pastor **Father George Sanders** who is donating use of St. Mary's Parish Hall for this event. The evening will include a cocktail party, music by **John Jordan** and **Larry Linteau**, door prizes, seminarian talks, a message from **Monsignor Scott Friend**, **Diocesan Vocations Director**, as well as

comments from **Bishop Anthony Taylor**. The dinner promises to be a culinary masterpiece directed by **Chuck Pavlovich**.

With Arkansas having only six percent Catholic, the Diocese of Little Rock currently leads the nation with the number of seminarians per capita. In a world with a shortage of priests it is nice to know that Monsignor Friend has such a strong formation program and that so few of his seminarians leave the program before ordination. Currently there are 33

seminarians with six of those to be ordained next spring.

Of course, the cost of educating these men who have answered the call of the Lord is staggering. For years now, a similar "invitation only" dinner called **A Taste of Faith** has been held in Little Rock. As the number of seminarians increases, it is important that Catholics branch out their fund-raising efforts to support our seminarians.

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hall in the state. Our publicity man, **Charlie Cook**, has done so much familiarizing Hot Springs with the extensive charity work done by Council 6419. After having seen my picture with a council article, someone often will ask, "When is your next Rummage Sale?" Or I get a call from someone saying, "I'm sorry I missed the Charity Golf Tournament. I was out of town, but be sure to put me down for next year. The scholarships for St. John's pupils is a great cause."

I look back through the years, recalling my father's active membership in our home council in Iowa. At that stage of my life, I saw and enjoyed the K. C. dinners, enjoyed watching cartoons at the Hall, picnics, and of course Santa Claus at Christmas (Playing Santa was Dad's job). It would be years later

before I realized that many lives were helped by the charitable work of the knights. For example, it remains clear in my mind a day not so long ago when I met with **Angela Isaac**, Principal of St. John's School, and her secretary **Patty Owens** for the presentation of a sizable check for student scholarships. To see their smiling faces was special. The monetary gift of course came from the proceeds of a recent golf tournament chaired by **Hans Purkott**, an incredible organizer, who knows how to get the right people together for a successful event. Results like this clearly come from the hearts of many members. What a wonderful feeling to witness it!

Regarding the annual Charity

Golf Tournament, Hans has recently made clear to us that he is ready to give up the responsibility for putting the tournament together and carrying it to the end. This year just possibly will be the end of Hans' chairmanship. It is unlikely that one or even two people can accomplish what Hans has accomplished with the tournament. If he can receive the assistance he has requested, he perhaps will change his mind. Let's just say there are a few fine points to attend, but I believe Hans, as chairman, will be happy with next year's results.

This report has jumped around quite a bit, but there is very good reason for it to do so. I have tried to mention a large variety of council accomplishments **concluded, p. 8**

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

MEETINGS: Every once in awhile it is good to restate how we schedule our Assembly meetings so everyone can keep track of them. Our Fourth Degree Assembly meets on the third Thursday of each month except December. We alternate business meetings with social meetings. The easy way to remember which is happening for each month is the odd months are business meetings. January is therefore a business meeting. Business meetings are held in January (1), March (3), May (5), July (7), September (9) and November (11). Months one, three, five, seven, nine and eleven respectively. The even months, February (2), April (4), June (6), August (8), and October (10) are our social meetings. And December (12) is our Christmas Party, which is always on a Saturday night as scheduled. There is no other Fourth Degree meeting in December other than the Christmas Party. The third Thursday during December is always too close to Christmas.

All of our Socials are open to

any Knight regardless of degree and all are welcome. All the meetings are on the website calendar and published

invited us to meet at St Mary's Catholic Church in Arkadelphia. They are preparing a good meal for us to enjoy.

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monthly in or newsletters. I also created a calendar in January which shows meeting dates and locations.

Our July business meeting follows all the guidelines set down above. We will meet on the third Thursday, July 21. The only thing different about this meeting is that our Sister Council members have

We will set up car pools at the July Council meeting on the 14, and I will have maps available for those who need them. This is a very important business meeting. We will be discussing the Christmas Party, the Oktoberfest, "Our Living Supper" and other events we have coming up. I hope all

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From Father George Sanders: “Brittany Maynard’s Choice”

In Father George’s absence, The following article is reprinted from February, 2015.

Circling in our cultural consciousness today are much thought and debate about Brittany Maynard’s choice to end her life at 29. Inspired by her death, some legislators in California are now proposing new laws that will make assisted suicide legal in California, as it is in Oregon where Brittany chose to live so that she could die.

In 2014 Brittany had been recently married and had hopes of starting a family with her new husband, but when she learned that she had inoperable terminal brain cancer, she decided to short-circuit the process and end her own life. On November 1 she took the secobarbital prescribed by her doctor, when she “just knew it was time.” At her death “she was surrounded by the those who loved her, and her passing was peaceful,” said her husband Dan Diaz in an interview with *People* magazine.

In socially polite circles we have a penchant for being vague and somewhat detached when speaking of unpleasant things. “Death” or “passing” are much preferable euphemisms

to “suicide,” which, though more honest and accurate in this case, has the unpleasant baggage of being an emotionally charged word. Reference to “killing oneself” is too uncomfortably and scandalously close to the idea of “murder.” the willful taking of a life, which it was (albeit in this case her own).

Perhaps in our thoughtful deliberations, we should ask a clarifying question: at what point does life become unlivable? Should the perception of impending death or suffering make taking one’s own life a noble act? If so, life would have no heroes. Heroes are the few, the noblesse among us, who know the reality of the impending dangers just ahead of them and choose to face them head-on anyway. Fully aware that the odds say they will not survive, they call on their internal fortitude and willfully plunge headlong into the imposing danger, to dare death heroically, motivated by a greater cause than themselves.

Long have we sung of their exploits; they are the stuff of legends, our heroes. But heroes do not always survive. I have stood on Omaha Beach in Normandy France, where many brave Americans fell on D-Day. Every white cross on that beach testifies of a hero who fought with all that he had, giving his last ounce of blood in the noble struggle

for our freedom. Sometimes heroes die and that is what makes their sacred struggle so remarkable, so noble. They knew the odds; they knew the fierceness of enemy fire. Yet they plunged headlong into the cold water, determined to make the beach, to win our freedom, motivated by a cause greater than themselves. In their losing, they won.

At what point does life become unlivable? I believe it is when our reason for living is not greater than ourselves. I hurt for those who find themselves today in a life and death struggle, either physically or psychologically (acute mental illness is no less debilitating nor frightening than terminal illnesses and also often lead the sufferer to seek an escape in suicide). I also believe that the true greatness of humanity is not found by giving up or “checking out” but is found in those rare individuals who, though knowing the inevitabilities, choose to face their greatest fears, no matter the personal cost. True greatness is achieved only when the odds are so great that only the brave will enter. Notable victories are never won when the fight is fair or winning is foreseeable.

One last thought: their struggle is our struggle. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters facing these life-altering situations, we

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Annual Charity Golf Tournament Generates \$7000

On June 11 Hot Springs Council 6419 and Hot Springs Village Council 10208 hosted their 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year’s net proceeds will be donated to St. John’s Catholic School Scholarship Fund (\$6,940), and Columbian Squires Circle 5700 (\$523).

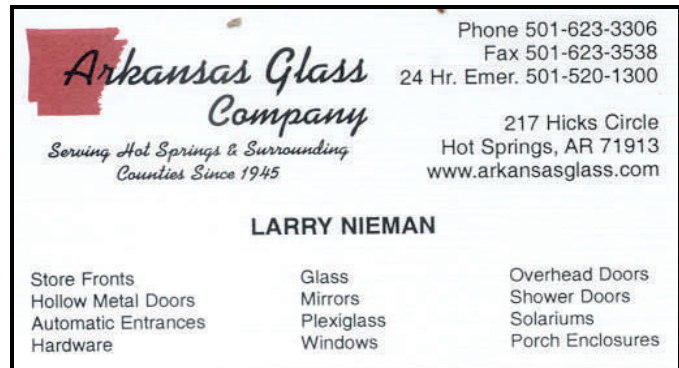
Eighty-eight golfers competed at the beautiful Balboa Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. All the players contributed to the K of C youth scholarship fund while having a wonderful golfing outing, the usual excellent meal, and priceless fellowship.

A highlight of this year’s tournament (other than the delicious food) was the 80-foot-long, slow practice green putting contest. Players cheerfully bought tree golf balls to putt. The closest to the hole putt winner’s putt was in the hole.

The Squires (ages 10 – 17) again provided their youthful muscled volunteers. They conducted a raffle for a \$400 driver; operated the casino hole; “sold” a drive-spot on a long par 5 hole; and manned the beverage carts. All in all, the Squires were tremendous volunteer assets for the tournament.

Chuck Wagon **Joe Giampoletti** and his Garland County traveling culinary crew always serve the best BBQ lunch, with all the trimmings. Lunch was provided to over 100 golfers, their families and the volunteers.

Thank You to all of the participating, generous



golfers. Knights of Columbus hopes everyone returns next year with a friend to again help support this local Youth Scholarship Fundraising Event.

Without the support and participation of the Hot Springs Village Knights and Ralph Melenson, this charitable golf tournament would not have happened.

The Garland County Knights of Columbus are very grateful and appreciate the generous support of the volunteers, parishioners, and the participating golfers. HOWEVER, the greatest accolades again go to our loyal sponsors

Annual Dinner Fund-Raiser for Diocesan Seminarians

We have long prayed for Vocations, and now that our prayers are being answered, we must follow through with our obligation to support them. So, Hot Springs will be a location for yet another dinner patterned after the *Taste of Faith* in Little Rock.

A committee and subcommittees have been formed. An official name for the Hot Springs dinner has yet to be chosen. Its tentative name is **Our Living Supper**. Other suggestions are encouraged for our next committee meeting. If you have a name suggestion, please make it known.

Subcommittee Chairs are as follows:

Public Relations—Dennis Berry;
Head Table Selection Process—Joe Kanopsic
Decorations—Carole Cook
Clean up—George Purifoy
Dinner Main Course—Chuck Pavlovich
Dessert—Alecia Lockwood, Carol Koch, and Amy Hafer
Donations—Sue Wood;
Raffle—Sue Wood and Alecia Lockwood
Name Tags—Amy Hafer, Alecia Lockwood, Sessi Hrdlicka

This event planning is off to a great start, but much work is to be done! Fel-

low Knights, please answer the call if **Joe Kanopsic** calls on you to head a table. I'm confident our committee will pull off a stellar event, but ultimately the lofty fund-raising goals we all hope for will be met only if the table heads produce donating participants! I have faith that you will all do your part and this event, the first of its kind in Hot Springs, will set a great standard for the annual dinners to follow.

To date there have already been two committee meetings and a "dress rehearsal" of the tables at Saint Mary's. The next committee meeting is at 11:30, July 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. If you wish to serve on this committee it is not too late.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament, concluded

who again made this year's Charity Golf Tournament a tremendous success. The Knights, their parishes, and families continually encourage everyone to support the loyal sponsors of this important annual charity event. A very special thank-you to **Hans Purkott**. Hans has chaired all eight charity golf tournaments. His impressive results over the years have been a net of over \$72,000, the lions share going for student scholarships at St. John's School. **THANK YOU, HANS PURKOTT! YOU'RE THE MAN!** Hans is driven to make each tournament better than the last. Some years the golfers are harder to find and prizes harder to generate. But Hans has that bulldog tenacity when he sets his goal. Somehow he turns what seems to be lemons to lemonade. Hans, before you turn this annual job over to someone else, please give your decision careful and prolonged deliberation./**Charlie Cook, Publicity**

Fourth Degree, continued

of our Sir Knights can attend.

Our Living Supper: Our Assembly's contribution to support of our Seminarians, is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016. We are now heavily into the planning. The kitchen committee has set a menu and budget that will be able to feed almost 250 people and be able to be produced with the facilities of St. Mary's kitchen. The current top choice of the cooks for the main course is a choice of Roasted Pork Loin stuffed with apples and onions and served with an apricot brandy sauce, or Sirloin Steak Diane. Our council ladies made beautiful decorations and table centerpieces that were also used at the Convention Banquet last month and will be used again at "Our Living Supper" in October. They look beautiful.

Our list of willing Table Knights currently exceeds the number of tables we have. A Table Knight assigned to each table will act as the head of each table. The Table Knight will need to find 5 to 7 other people to sit at their table with them. They will invite their guests to join them for dinner and encourage them to fill out the pledge cards at each table. They will collect the pledge cards and donations received so that we can turn them over to the Diocese of Little Rock to help with our seminarians' education costs. If a seminarian is able to join the table, the Table Knight will introduce him to the table. I will be signing up table Knights at the next meetings and calling to be sure we have one Knight for each of our 25 tables.

Thanks to the generosity of some of our knights, we aim to fund the dinner with donations so that all money collected can go to the seminarians

Our New Assembly Officers: Many thanks to the following Sir Knights who stepped up to fill our slate of officers for 2016 and 2017. The officers were installed at our June Assembly social at Vina Marita. Attendance was very low. Only eight members and three wives were present. The following officers were installed:

Faithful Navigator: Joe Kanopsic

Faithful Captain: Jerry Hawley

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Officers & Directors 2016-17

Chaplain	Fr. George Sanders
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Father George, concluded

must be there beside them to encourage them and to do whatever we can to lessen their pain. When people sense our solidarity with them in their struggles, they can often find strength and meaning for themselves and, therefore, hope at the moment of their greatest need. Our courage can be their courage as they heroically live life in the face of death. And through their noble struggle, we will also learn about ourselves and what it really means to be human, to live for something greater than ourselves.



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Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Sandy Kortener, Deacon Lee Lechner, Karen Gibbons, Danny French, Marge Knoth, Barbara Reiter, Ute Purkott (daughter of Hans Purkott), 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.**

July Birthdays

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

July Calendar

- 14 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30
- 21 Fourth Degree, St. Mary's Church, Arkadelphia, 6:30 (see article, p.5)



Chairman Hans Purkott Keeping Tight Reins Over Charity Golf Tournament, Balboa Golf Course, Hot Springs Village (see article, p. 4)

Grand Knight's article, concluded

ments. That in itself takes space. Then you add the people who worked to make it all work. The kitchen work, under the direction of **Joe Giompoletti**, includes **Chuck Pavlovich, Wally Frazee, Phil Genauldi, and Joe Kanopsic**. And I must not omit our multi-talented ladies whose varied contributions to Council 6419 included preparing delicious cuisine in their kitchens to share in our numerous pot-luck dinners.

I have mentioned more than once that a cause dear and near to me is the Right to Life movement and, more specifically, the work done by Change Point in promoting

that cause here in Hot Springs. We of Council 6419 continue to work with Executive Director **JoAnn Carter**. What a great day it would be if organizations like Change Point no longer would be needed. But, alas, there is no sign that could become reality in our present society.

Continuing the subject of our council's active membership, I've noted many times that on frequent occasions we can find knights and/or their wives preparing for the next Rummage Sale, though it may still be months away. Steaming hot

buildings, bone-aching cold buildings—it doesn't seem to matter to dedicated workers. The job has to be done. The pay-off will be monthly checks received by varied Hot Springs charitable operations, checks totaling roughly \$50,000 each year.

In closing, I thank everyone in Council 6419 and also the many wives who do so much to make our grand efforts successful. Thank you for helping me do my job and to enjoy doing it. Best wishes to our new slate of officers for another year of fine achievement, especially to my successor, **Vincente Gonzalez**. He knows he will have a top-of-the-line support team. / **Andy Anderson/Outgoing Grand Knight**

Fourth Degree, Concluded

- Color Corp Commander :** Ed King
- Faithful Comptroller:** Chuck Pavlovich
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- Faithful Purser:** Larry Nieman
- Faithful Friar:** Father George Sanders
- Asst: Deacon** Luke Womack
- Faithful Admiral:** George Purifoy
- Faithful Scribe:** Kevin Touhy
- Faithful Pilot:** Charles Pitts
- Inner Sentinel:** Walter Frazee
- Outer Sentinel:** Mark Chunn
- Trustees:** Joe Giompoletti
Mike Tucker
Harley Martinelli

6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, including soft drink and tip. Alcohol will be an additional charge. The Porterhouse is scheduled for our October social.

Fourth Degree Calendar

July 21: Assembly Business meeting at St. Mary's Church in Arkadelphia. [See Footnotes, p. 2

August 18: Social meeting at Asian Café on Central.

October 29: "Our Living Supper," Our contribution to Seminarian support. [See article, p. 1]

Color Guard: Remember that we always need Sir Knights to join the Color Guard and to be ready to serve. To those who have stepped forward, thank you. We all greatly appreciate your willingness to help. For those who have served on the Color Guard and no longer can, please, would you pass your regalia on to someone who is willing and able to serve. I would greatly appreciate your generosity. There are times we need Sir Knights to serve only in tux and social baldric. So every member should have a black tuxedo and be able to serve when he is called. If you have no tux, we can help you find one at minimal cost.

Assembly Socials: Our next Social is the third Thursday in August, August 18. It will be held at the Asian Cafe on Central. The Assembly voted to return so we will meet at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at

To help, contact Color Corp Commander **Ed King** (501-276-8975 or me at 501-262-5829/**Joe Kanopsic, FN**

Fund-Raising Dinner for Seminarians, concluded

Please call me at 501-282-2871.

Thanks to all present participants for the work you've already done and a

special thanks to my wife, **Alecia**, who has taken on the task of helping me chair this event. She has done a great deal of research and

has organized the committee's thoughts and decisions on paper./ **Blake Lockwood, Chairman**

Council Members Raise Flags on Two Patriotic Holidays



On June 14 twenty-one council members were present to raise flags at Calvary Cemetery to commemorate Flag

Day. Those knights were **Wally Marroy, Danny Morrison, Tom Gilleran, Andy Anderson, Bob Koch, Ed King, Stan DeGruccio, Dennis Wood, Leo-**

nard Buchholz, Mike Tucker, Mike Funk, Don Heck, Phil Genauldi, Glenn Worsham, Mark Chunn, Kevin Tuohy, Joe Dierks, Dennis Bosch, Harold Hager, Don Sass, and Joe Giompoletti.

Then on July 4 eleven knights were present to recognize the 240th birthday of our country's independ-

ence. Those knights were **Joe Dierks, Joe Kanopsic, Stan DeGruccio, Bob Koch, Harold Hager, Kevin Tuohy, Dennis Wood, Glenn Worsham, Don Heck, Ed King, and Don Sass.**

Before raising the flags, the men enjoyed a social with coffee and donuts.

State Knights of Columbus Generates Seminarian Funds with Truck Raffle

Arkansas Knights of Columbus on June 30 raffled a 2016 Chevrolet Colorado Pick-up Truck with total proceeds going toward support of our diocesan seminarians. The total brought in was \$300,000, collected with ticket sales by councils throughout the state. Hot Springs Council 6419, with ticket sales spearheaded by **George Purifoy** and **Danny Morrison**, collected \$12,000. That is the result of a mammoth effort by these two men as well as other council members who were active in the sale of raffle tickets. Special appreciation goes to George and Danny for super efforts with super results.

The \$300,000 gift to our seminarians is especially nice when we consider that the truck itself was a gift with all taxes paid. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle, whose name is not known to us but who we understand is a lady from the Wynne area.

October Charity Rummage Sale: \$1100 Head Start

A few days ago we received the first-ever offer of an automobile. Maybe a WOW!, maybe not. But Stan, Kevin, and I were eager to check out this offer of a 2000 Ford Expedition SUV with 139,000 miles. We learned up front that it had some kind of mechanical issue that the owner couldn't explain beyond her explanation that, as it accelerated, it would shimmy badly. She had invested \$300 in an effort to correct the problem but to no avail. Her mechanic told her the next step would be to remove the transmission to get to the problem,

which she couldn't explain further. She just didn't want to put any more money into the car; it was ours if we wanted it. On the way to look at the car, Stan and I began to talk ourselves out of the gift. Even though the registration was good through October, we certainly didn't plan to buy insurance, so it couldn't be driven off the K.C. grounds.

Then we saw it. Pleasant surprise! Black. Nice leather seats. Most of the bells and whistles. Suddenly we were in the car market again. Cos-

metically, very good. Stan drove it to the K. C. Hall to park it.. But...but...for Kevin the Expedition was love-at-first-sight. He wanted to buy it!

I had asked Kevin to go with us specifically because I knew he knew things mechanical. He offered us \$1100 and we accepted it. He with another mechanic friend would fix the mechanical issue. All's well that ends well. Kevin is happy. So are we! We hope this bodes well for our October sale/**Jim Lockwood, Rummage Sale Chairman**