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Grand Knight's Article

For Council 6419 February was a fairly exciting month. It was especially so for me personally as I took [endured] a forced vacation resulting from a knee replacement. Deputy Grand Knight **Vincente Gonzalez** grabbed the reins to do what needed to be done. And I must say all reports coming back to me indicated he did a wonderful job

District Deputy Jimmie Rogers visited our recent council meeting and discussed the criteria for a being a “practical Catholic” and how it relates to the Church and Knights of Columbus. To be eligible for membership in our Order, every candidate must be a practical Catholic, that is, in good standing with the Church and the Sacraments. I have listened to a number of people on this subject. The consensus seems to be that if someone says he is a practical Catholic, he is taken at his word. If a matter is brought to attention indicating otherwise, we are to talk with our Council Chaplain. From that point we go forward under his advisement. The priest has the final word in this matter, as he should.

An important January item omitted from the February **Knight Watch** regards a new on-going

charity item prompted by a powerful presentation given by council member **Dr. Daron Praetzel**, a local oral and maxillofacial surgeon, who with a colleague spoke on the organization named **FACES**. **FACES**, as its name suggests, is committed to surgically reshaping disfigured faces without regard for financial status. Dr. Praetzel presented a video showing the remarkable results of his facial surgeries here in Hot Springs. He spoke to our council with the hope of securing monetary contributions to be applied toward the heavy expense of facial surgeries that patients are unable to provide. Following the January council meeting, the Charity Committee met briefly and decided to contribute \$400 monthly from our Rummage Sale proceeds to **FACES**.

With a desperate need of more space to store donated Rummage Sale items, the Charity Committee allocated \$7500 toward construction of a 20' x 35' building for this purpose, with council members, led by **Joe Giompoletti**, doing the construction. At this writing, the building is finished. It sits at the southwest end of *Spirit Hall*. [See picture.] The committee has carefully guarded our fund for its intended purpose: donating to important local charities. But occasionally

funds must be set aside for other related needs. This was such an occasion. But first the Committee carefully determined how much would be needed to meet our monthly commitments until the spring Rummage Sale. Those payments are assured.

Each time a Sale comes around, talk centers around whether a new record can be set. The bar continues to get higher, the last sale bringing in more than \$31,000. Well, guys and ladies, it looks as if the Rummage Sale crew plans to break records one more time. **DO YOU THINK THEY CAN? I DO! WHEN YOU DO GOD'S WORK, THE DOORS OPEN AND GOOD THINGS HAPPEN. If WE HAVE FAITH IN GOD, OURSELVES AND OUR TEAM, WE ALL WIN.** And 11 local charities win, and hundreds of Garland County residents get help they need. The growing volunteer crew—men and women—always does what needs to be done. We thank you and bless you.

Time to change directions without getting away from council charity. Let's talk about

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St. Pat's Day Party Coming Up!

March 12!
Saturday!
Get your
tickets for
an evening

of fun and the traditional dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and

potatoes topped off with pistachio pudding. Your chefs extraordinaire are chief chef Chuck Pavlovich, Wally Frazee, Phil Genauldi, and Joe Kanopsic whipping up the dessert.

\$15 a ticket for a great dinner, the Barber Shop singers doing traditional Irish melodies, and the brown-bag drawing. Take a chance on a bag with unknown content.
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lives—**babies’ lives**. (Council 6419 has never been bashful on the subject of saving the lives of the unborn. Through our work with and support of **Change Point**, the local crisis pregnancy center, we know of 52 lives saved during the past year. The lives of babes in the womb MATTER.

The subject above reminds me that it is time to vote! I sometimes wonder how many of us consider our faith-based issues, such as the pro-life issue, **w h e n w e v o t e .**

Council 6419 served a couple of Lenten fish-frys in February: February 12 following Friday Stations of the Cross at St. John’s Church and the following Friday following Stations at St. Mary’s Church. This year, because of my recent

knee replacement, I was excused from kitchen duty. So I had my plate of fish, fries, and hushpuppies and then left. I do know how to listen!

Last month I left out a very important note regarding our Deputy Grand Knight, his wife, and the Christmas/New Years holidays. **Vicente and Gladys Gonzalez** put 120 Christmas bags together for the children at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Glenwood. This was part of their Christmas celebration.

Let’s keep alert, men, for potential new council members as we go about our daily business, especially when we meet new men at Mass or at other church functions. Many prospective members are just waiting to

be asked. Some others are there but need a bit of urging encouragement.

St. Mary’s Church will host a Passover Seder Supper on Thursday evening, March 10, 6:30 p.m. This will likely be a new experience for most of those participating. **Rabbi Richard Chapin** of the local House of Israel will be present to direct the activity. The evening will begin with a liturgical service, proceed with the dinner, and conclude with another ritual service. **OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE: Participants MUST respond with their intention to be present in advance. St. Mary’s must know how many will be eating.**

Since March 10 is the night of the regular monthly council meeting, we will reschedule that meeting, **concluded, p. 8**

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Regarding our February 18 scheduled Assembly social at Steinhaus Keller restaurant, few members were present. You name it—jury duty, illness, other obligations, and training seminars—kept many of us from attending. The 17 who were present did enjoyed fellowship and German food. Many thanks to **Hans Purkott** for arranging the evening.

Sunday, April 3 Tulip Social: An informal picnic social is planned for **Garvan Woodland Gardens**. There is a \$15 per person entrance fee, unless you are a supporting member of Garvan Gardens. Then it is free. Bring your own lunch and we can walk through the tulips together. This date coincides with the showiest time of the Garden’s year. Expect to see over a million flowers in bloom. If you are unable to do the walk through the garden, golf cart tours are available for \$15 a person. This outing, of course, is heavily weather dependent, so if the weather turns rainy or cold, we will cancel. Let’s meet at 12:30, eat at 1 o’clock, and then walk

or ride through the tulips and azaleas at our own pace. There is a nice picnic area we can use, either on the visitor center deck or the other side of the train garden.

Our Living Supper: Our Assembly’s contribution to our diocesan seminarians has been rescheduled at the request of the Diocese of Little Rock to **Saturday, October 29**. This is to take shape as a major event, whose success will depend upon the cooperative efforts of many people. We will schedule our first general planning meeting after the Assembly meeting in March. There are a number of folks who are excited about the dinner

and are ready to help.

Fourth Degree Calendar

March 10: Passover Seder Supper at St. Mary’s, 6:30-8:30. Council meeting moved to March 17 for a joint meeting with Assembly.

March 12: St. Patrick’s Party, 5:30 Social, 7:00 Dinner

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From Father George Sanders: "I've Been Sheltered"

I've lived a sheltered life, thank God! Back in the day this phrase was used to denote someone who has been protected from life experiences by his parents. The connotation to this phrase was one of wrong-headedly keeping the young person from

getting his trousers dirty, so to speak. Remembering the setting in the 60's when this phrase was popular helps to recall some of the color of the thought during the time of the great social experiment of drugs, sex, and rock 'n' roll. But after a few decades and children of my own, I think I have a more informed notion of this idea.

Few parents would be so libertine as to suggest that whatever a child wanted to experience would ultimately be beneficial to him, though honestly I do know some that might be pushing that envelope a bit. A primary duty of parents is to prepare their children to take their place in society in a meaningful and positive way. As Catholics, we believe we humans are given the right to self-determination, to be what we want to be, but we also acknowledge that our inalienable, God-given rights also come with corresponding duties to use that freedom for the common good and in honor of God who has loaned us this life and to whom we must give an account one day of what we have

done with the talents that he has entrusted to us.

This idea of duty is not always congruent with our American culture. For us Americans the ultimate birthright is freedom. And we hold this to be an absolute right. But unfettered freedom without the corresponding duty is anarchy. We hold "freedom of speech" to be inalienable. Yet a thinking man knows that thoughtless and unmeasured words can be very dangerous (although in presidential campaigns it sometimes seems to help). Wisdom would say that even the truth is not always expedient or good when its use is intended for harm. Thank God, in America we are free, but that freedom is not absolute. The human right to freedom must contain within its concept the duty to do good: freedom to do evil is a non sequitur. Freedom must have as its goal a legitimate good or that which we hold as a virtue becomes an immoral license.

Perhaps an example or two might make my point better. In the name of freedom of speech we protect the pornography industry here in our city and in our nation. This is freedom for freedom's sake. There is no good given to civil society from this application of constitutional right. The industry spawns sexual addictions, human trafficking and prostitution, not to mention

the harm to the psyche and soul of those "in the business" where erotic dancing is with a wink called "exotic." To cite another example, in the name of freedom of personal choice, we allow countless unborn children to be murdered because their life is not deemed convenient to those that have the power to choose. There is no greater sin or more heinous act than willfully to take the life of an innocent human being, yet we do it thousands of times a day because we are "free." Freedom to do evil is never a virtue.

Well, most of the world would probably respond that I have no right to say such things, to judge anyone else in her exercise of personal freedom. They might see me as naïve or too religious to address such issues in the real world with objectivity and with sophistication. I will admit that I do not know a lot about some of the things that others might call personal freedom. Its because my parents sheltered me from many of the evils that were available to me and my friends in our growing up. They taught me there was a "right" and a "wrong" way to live my life, one I should do and one I should avoid. They taught me that freedom to do good was a duty and that freedom to do evil was sin. And I've passed that on to my kids. I pray that one day my grandkids will also find the same peace Brenda and I feel, sheltered from the storms and darkness that many, lacking protection, will surely experience in this life.



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- March 24: Holy Thursday
- March 25: Good Friday
- March 27: Easter
- March 31: Fifth Thursday Living Rosary/Pot Luck Dinner
- April 3: Tulip Social

See Calendar on website: hot-springsknights.org

COLOR GUARD: Some of you have responded to my recent e-mails to join the Color Guard. To those who have stepped forward, thank you. I greatly appreciate your willingness to help. We have a big event for one of our council members coming up. **Luke Womack** will be

ordained as deacon on May 19 at St. Mary's Church. We want to have as many members as we can in Regalia attending to support Luke. If you can't attend in Regalia, please come in tux and wearing your social balderic. For those members who have served on the Color Guard and no longer are **concluded, p. 6**

About Those Easter Mass Give-Away Books (Enter Columbian Squires!)

On Monday, February 29, an order for 1100 books was placed with Dynamic Catholic. Nine hundred of those books are *Beautiful Mercy*, each chapter by a different Catholic writer. With no Spanish translation available for that book, the book order includes 200 copies of *Mega Church Pastor* by Allen Hunt, who left his position as senior pastor of Atlanta's largest Methodist Church to become Catholic.

The cost of these books, including postage is \$1650. Except for \$205 in outstanding commitments, a total of \$1665 is in place with another donation of unspecified amount promised. All donations in excess of the present cost will be reserved for a Christmas, 2016 order.

A huge thank-you to the 18 council members and one non-member who together contributed \$1350. Of those 19 donations, there are 10 \$100 contributions, 4 \$50 contributions, 1 \$30, 1 \$25, and 3 \$20.

So where does the remaining \$350 come from? At a Sunday afternoon meeting our Columbian Squires voted to contribute \$350 to this cause! Don't know about you, but I was blown away in surprise and gratitude. Thank you, Columbian Squires! Thank you! Since your

relatively short existence as an auxiliary to Council 6419, you have done many good things for our council, our Catholic Churches, and our community. We will be fortunate to have you join us as council members when you reach your 18th birthday.

Following is an e-mail from one of our parishioners regarding our Christmas gift book *Rediscover Jesus*, which is now being used by some parishioners in daily Lenten devotions provided on-line by **Dynamic Catholic**. We don't get much feedback regarding the books we select, but *Rediscover Jesus* has generated far more responses, all of them complimentary. We usually never know what positive effects the books may have. So it's nice to get this support./**Jim Lockwood**

Jim, I would like to thank you and the Knights for the great book you gave all of us at Christmas. For some reason I put it aside to read later not knowing that it was designed to be a book for Lent. It is GREAT.

Several years ago I thought I would

like the booklet, "A Minute in the Church". Was pleased when I heard that the Knights were buying it. But was disappointed in it. I like Gus Lloyd, but I DON'T LIKE how he pushes his "books" so frequently. But it's understandable.

You hit the jackpot with Matthew Kelly. It's a wonderful book and the videos and the comments are amazing. I read just about all the comments since I usually do not open that email until after supper. I sent a copy of the book to my brother in Atlanta - he's a fallen away Catholic. I also signed him up for the videos. Before I did that I copied a portion of one of the chapters and sent to him and he thought it was good.

Many thanks.

Emma Lou Hotho

St. Pat's Party

It may be something really good or.....just good.

Your host for the evening will be Dennis Berry, so expect the evening to move quickly.

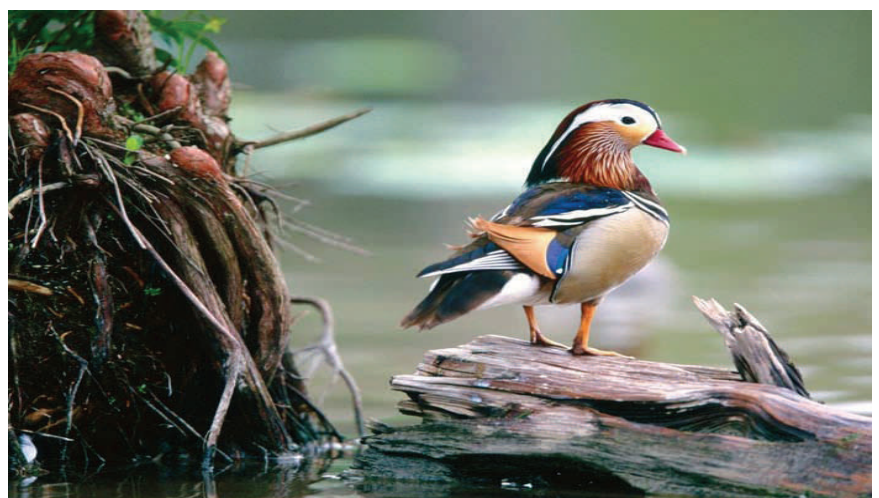
The doors open at 5:30 to begin the evening social, and dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

The guest of honor for the evening will be Bishop Anthony Taylor, who will

have come from a Vocations Celebration at St. John's Church. Come join us. It will be fun!

Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

~Mark Twain~



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able to do so, would you pass your regalia on to someone who is willing and able to serve. I would appreciate your generosity. Service in the Color Guard is voluntary. Please volunteer.

To help, contact Color Corp Commander **Ed King** or Faithful Navigator **Joe Kanopsic**. We will be holding a special training session at the regular business meeting. Everyone

who wants to be part of the color/honor guard is welcome to attend./ **Joe Kanopsic/Faithful Navigator**



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Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Deacon Lee Lechner, Marge Knoth, Jim Reiter, Barbara Reiter, Ute Purkott (daughter of Hans Purkott), Oscar (Buddy) Gloor, Doug Bolwerk, Carole Ecklund, Mary Morrison, Father Alan, Ilse Purkott, Beverly Priest, Frankie DeGeorge, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, and Fr. Raymond Rossi.



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March Calendar

- 10 Passover Seder Supper, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 6:30-8:30 (See Grand Knight's article, p. 2)
- 10 No Council Meeting. (See March 17)
- 12 St. Patrick's Party, Giampoletti Hall, 5:30 p.m. social; dinner at 7 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m.
- 17 Council and Assembly Joint Meeting, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Living Rosary/Potluck Dinner, Giampoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Pray for Our Sick

March Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Charles Kessler | 16 Rodney Myers |
| 2 Hans Purkott | 17 Barry Owens |
| 3 John Steinhaus | 18 Tom Giusti |
| 4 Paul Selig | 19 Mike Tucker |
| 10 Peter Guresky | 21 Anthony Valindi |
| 12 Jim Elder | 22 Ferdinand Blais |
| 12 Fr. Gregory Hart | 25 Gil Gibbons |
| 13 William MacSorley | 28 Emilio Avila |
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Grand Knight's article, concluded

ing, setting up a joint meeting with the Fourth Degree Assembly on Thursday, March 17.

I want to take a moment to thank the folks at St John's and St Mary's who spend many hours keeping the churches clean. At St Mary's its Ms. Mace and Leonard Hess. When you see these people, say thank you because without them the churches

would not be as clean and beautiful as they are.

URGENT URGENT URGENT!!!!!!!!!! We have many chances on a 2016 pickup truck. Someone is going to win it. I hope it's me, but, if not me, I hope it is you who will be spinning around town in that 2016 four-door Chevy Colorado. Chances cost \$10 each. See **George Purify or Danny Morrison** to get your chances.

There's no limit to the chances you can buy. Remember, too, that this state-wide K.C. undertaking is all for support of our diocesan seminarians./**Andy Anderson/Grand Knight**

Council Once Again Beneficiary of Large Monetary Gift



For several years now one of our council members, who chooses to be anonymous, has gifted Council 6419 with a more than generous donation to use as the council sees fit. The gift in late January totaled \$14,000.

As members well know, such a gift through recent years has been incredibly beneficial to our needs. The truth is well-established that our council has involved itself in several significant charitable undertakings, ranging from several thousand dollars a year for the handicapped at First Step School to another gift of several thousand dollars each year

for St. John's School and with income from our twice-a-year Rummage Sales approximately \$50,000 annually distributed among 10 local charities. In addition, several smaller gifts are given, including the annual \$1000 scholarship for a Catholic high school graduate and varying amounts toward support of our Diocesan seminarians. In November of this year we will be enlarging our efforts to support our seminarians.

With these varied donations to worthy causes, our council operating expenses often fall short. These handsome gifts from our benefactor have enabled us not only to keep up with our standing expenses—insurance, utilities, and emergency needs—but also to make several very significant improvements to our

buildings and grounds. With enlarged and more aesthetically pleasing restrooms, to kitchen renovation, including additional cabinet space, new paint, lighting, and flooring, new commercial ranges, commercial dishwasher, washing machine and dryer, a large warming oven, to brush clearing and many new yard plantings, our property has in recent years become a source of pride among our members.

The point, of course, is that these wonderful improvements could never have happened without these handsome gifts that seem to come just when we need them most. We are enormously grateful for these timely, generous gifts. To our donor goes our deep gratitude. Thank you!



Flags at Calvary Cemetery

Council members began Presidents Day, February 15, by raising flags over Calvary Cemetery. Those present were **Ed King, Bob Koch, Chuck Pavlovich, Kevin Tuohy, Wally Marroy and Tom Gilleran**. The next time flags will be put up will St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 7 a.m.

**Today I bent the truth to be kind,
and I have no regret,
for I am far surer of what is kind
than I am of what is true.**

~Robert Brault~

