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Grand Knight’s Article

Council 6419 September activities began on Labor Day weekend with our participation in Oktoberfest in downtown Hot Springs (No, I don’t know why the city labeled a September event as Oktoberfest.) Knights of Columbus was invited to participate in this fund-raising activity by selling bratwurst and drinks. Almost 500 brats were cooked. With the help of council member **Dick Antoine**, who helped organize the city event, and **Wally Frazee**, who let us use his family’s trailer, the work began. We had the help of **Jack Keck**, **Don Sass**, **Vincente Gonzalez**, **Chuck Pavlovich**, **Don Sluyter**, and **Chairman Joe Kanopsic**, who made it all come together. **Chef Joe Giompoletti** was present to cook with his crew of **Tom Pitts**, **Don Sluyter**, **Doug Bolwerk**, and **Mark Chun**. All in all, we made some money and opened a new door for our charity work.

While this activity was in progress downtown, other knights were

putting furniture into place in *Giompoletti Hall* for the upcoming Charity Rummage Sale. The present inventory of furniture—with a whole month to go—appears to be the biggest the council has ever amassed. And also at the same time preparations for a September 13 pancake breakfast was in progress. This event was chaired by **Randy Schnoebelen**, and once again **Chef Joey G.** came forward with his crew to serve up pancakes, sausages, and eggs. Success with this venture came from two directions: one with the delicious breakfast itself served to a roomful of people following both morning Masses, people who enjoyed visiting with each other, in some cases even meeting new friends. The second success was the collection of eight applications from men seeking membership in our council. Thanks to **David Myers**, who did a splendid job of presenting our organization to eligible men in our parish following each of the weekend Masses. And a special note of appreciation for the support from **Father West**, who allowed the

council advertising before the dismissal.

September activities did not end with the events just described. Our Drive for People with Disabilities, also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, was a major event for the month. **Charlie Cook** with his team of volunteer collectors set up shop outside Sam’s Club. Our campaign this year has been in stages. The week after the collections at Sam’s, **Danny Morrison**, with more than able help from his wife **Mary**, was captain of another group who collected at Wal-Mart on Albert Pike. This has always been the biggest collection site because it involves collections at two different doors over two days. But....but....the collections are not finished! **Danny and Mary** are leading another crew of collectors at the other Wal-Mart (on Central Avenue) on October 16-17.) **concluded, p. 2**

Rummage Sale: Now Let It Happen!

There’s a lot of wisdom behind the old maxim, “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.” There are too many variables determining the final outcome. Having said what I’ve said, I’m going out on a limb (to mix my metaphors) and pronounce that our October 30-31, November 6-7 Charity Rummage Sale will be one of our best sales. Why the optimism? First, it’s a fall sale, and, for what-

ever reason(s), our fall sales consistently outperform our spring sales. Secondly, superior sales are dependent on a good inventory of goods. I’m happy to report that, with the entire month of October ahead of us before the first sale day on October 30, we have a powerhouse of good merchandise spread throughout three council buildings and two storage units off Higdon Ferry Road. We are past the

point of wondering where still-to-come donations will be housed.

With past sales we have had to do some fancy maneuvering to scrounge up additional donations for the second weekend. Some of the ladies have reported that their stations are now full and that they are now stashing away boxes of

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Grand Knight, continued

Unlike recent years past, these collections will also involve two days. So in size it now equals Wal-Mart on Albert Pike. Thanks to all who have given their time to this event for the benefit of handicapped youngsters at First Step School. It has come to my attention that we have a super Tootsie Roll lad in **Danny's wife Mary**. Apparently, in her enthusiasm to collect, she stops just short of tackling those reluctant givers as they leave the store. A real go-getter! At this point, with more to come, collections are approximately \$4,000.

So what else did our council knights do? On September 13—the same day as the St. John's pancake breakfast—a team of knights was grilling and serving up 200 hamburgers and just as many hotdogs at the annual picnic of St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church. **Wally Marroy, Don, Heck, Joe Kanopsic, Dick Antoine, and Chuck Pavlovich** did the honors. I'm sure oth-

ers were involved, and I apologize for omitting names from any of the above activities. As you can see, September was a busy month. I add that our resident electrician **Don Sass Joe Giompoletti**, and **Wally Marroy, Jim Elders**, and others worked on improving the septic system at the Hall. In addition, **Lenny Didier** and **Phil Genauldi** were working on the grounds. It takes a team to make the total program work, and we are blessed to have such a team. I was proud to be half of the team, who along with **Joe Kanopsic** presented **Violet Kosarek** with the traditional Bible following the death of her husband and our Council and Assembly brother **Louis** following the September 20 10 a.m. Mass on September 20.

Our Columbian Squires Circle enjoyed a day at Lake Ouachita during

the month. This was put together by council members **Robert Drakes and Hans Purkott** as a way to thank the young gentlemen for all their hard work during the golf tournament for St John's School. **Father West** joined them. I understand that all had a wonderful time. As stated earlier, everything about the Knights is how they work as a team. Our goal is always to be Catholic first, Catholic second, and Catholic third.

Even with all the activity described, we have knights who find time to get together for weekly poker and to drive about the county to collect truckloads of rummage donations. And some of us had the chance to hear **Father George** singing and playing a guitar at the parish picnic. May all have a blessed October./
Andy Anderson/Grand Knight

Fourth Degree—Footnotes

Our 4th Degree business meeting was held on September 17 at *Giompoletti Hall*. Dinner was prepared by our Arkadelphia members, Sir Knights **Joe Palmere, Harley Martinelli, John Dixon, David Evans and Steve Dunne**. We enjoyed a menu of pasta with Italian sausage, salad, garlic toast and dessert. Thank you very much to all who helped prepare our meal.

Mellissa Ziegenhorn of "Somebody Loves Me Creations" and Christ the King Parish in Little Rock presented their ministry of blankets, bibs and loviess for babies of single moms in need. They are currently providing items to 19 organizations which were supporting those needing assistance. We will be meeting with Mrs. Ziegen-

horn and introducing her to the staff at **Change Point Crisis Pregnancy Center**. The Assembly also voted to donate \$100 to "Somebody Loves Me Creations" to assist in the continuance of their ministry.

Sir Knight **Harley Martinelli** volunteered and was elected to serve as an Assembly Trustee, replacing **Louis Kosarek**, who died in August. We welcome Harley as a 4th Degree officer and thank him for accepting the position.

Our special friend, **Vicki Stanley** needs our help. She requested some financial assistance for the Suicide Prevention Foundation "Out of the Darkness" walk. The Assembly donated \$100 to the suicide prevention foundation.

But more importantly, **we need walkers!!** We need walkers to participate in the first walk to bring

awareness to suicide prevention. The walk will be held at Entergy Park on 10/17 with registration beginning at 10 a.m. and the walk beginning at noon. We have a Knights team that will participate, so come and join the team. The walk is about 1/2 mile long. So almost anyone can make it.

Fourth Degree Calendar

OCTOBER 4: Pancake Breakfast: St Mary's of the Springs. All members be sure to come and help. Also on October 4 the Conway council will host a Second and Third Degree Exemplification.

OCTOBER 8: Council Meeting

OCTOBER 15 SOCIAL MEETING: Our October social will be held at the Wok Buffet on Central. Manager Johnny promises that we

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From Father George Sanders: Thanksgiving and Simplify as a Life-Style



Where have all the manners gone? It is rare and remarkable today when Southern politesse is heard in public. In my home we were taught always to say “thank you” when someone did something kind for us. The art of politesse is fading from the color of our society, but perhaps as mournful is our apparent loss of a sincere feeling of gratitude in life. I suppose that part of the reason is that in the not-too-distant past life was not as easy as it is today. Many of us had to work hard to provide for our families; luxuries were few. A Coke and a few moments in the shade were considered special. Eating out was a treat rarely enjoyed and was normally reserved for a birthday or vacation. A piece of candy or an apple was a reward.

To be sure, affluence is a good thing. But I am afraid that our response to affluence has been consumerism, whose price tag has gone relatively unnoticed. We have forgotten how to be thankful for what we have. We have lost the ability to appreciate the little blessings that we receive each day,

seeing them as one more good purchased in our quest to own everything. No longer do we feel that a Coke in the shade is special; we expect to have three to four a day. A Snicker bar is not enjoyed as a reward for a hard afternoon at work. On occasion, we expect a desert at every meal or as the whole meal (sorry IHOP and Crispy Cream). And when it comes to technology (arguably the god of the age) we have more than we can use; everyone in the family has a car, a cell phone, a personal computer. We have Xboxes, Hulus and routers, large screen TVs with entertainment systems, iPhone controlled security systems and streaming sports on our handhelds.

The result is that we unfortunately don't have time to sit under a tree, taking a break from the heat of the day and enjoying, ever so slowly, a Coke and a candy bar as a personal reward for our hard work. We are way too busy for that! Spending and accumulating is such a time-intensive endeavor and the problem is that consumerism is never really finished. There is always something else that needs to be added to our repertoire of must-haves as we point and click in the comfort of the climate-controlled world of our office or home, discrimi-

natingly making informed selections to be delivered to our door (we don't even have to go and pick them up anymore) from our personal Amazon account. We have been so busy, so occupied, that we have forgotten how to stop and be thankful for what we have because we are so engaged in focusing our energies on getting. Consumerism brings with it a price higher than the monetary value (which can itself be phenomenal) needed to fuel and keep it going.

The problem is not affluence, of course; it's the wrong use of it. Most of us here in America are affluent, at least compared with much of the world. Affluence means that we have more than enough, an overflowing so to speak. In my life I have found that true happiness is never found in the constant search for what I don't have but in the thankfulness and simple enjoyment in what I do. I have learned that satisfaction and contentment begin when I pause to appreciate the richness I have in my life already rather than focusing on what I must buy or get in order to be happy. If we cannot be thankful and find



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Father George, concluded

pleasure in the things that we have, nothing we can ever gain will be able to bring us that taste of fleeting happiness we desire. If we have not learned how to enjoy and be thankful for the cold Coke under the tree, we will not be satisfied either with the best bottle of wine at a café in Paris in the spring.

The secret to happiness is contentment and the art of politesse, learning to be thankful for the daily kindnesses shown to us. When we pause to truly see and appreciate the goodness that God grants us each day and then give him our sincere “thank you,” our whole demeanor and outlook toward life change. By being

thankful, we learn to live in the moment, in the joy of a grateful heart for what we already have, not a restless search for what we think we need and don’t yet possess. Thankfulness, the appreciation of the good already in our lives, is the spring and source of real happiness and contentment. A life lived in thankfulness is a life lived in joy and a life lived in joy is a life well lived.

Notice: The Arkansas Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held on 10 October at the Granada Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. Most importantly, the proceeds will support the Seminarian House of Formation in Little Rock. Our Diocese has over 42 seminarians; therefore, we need as many teams as possible to participate in this worthy event. For details, contact Conrad De La Paz, Program Director, Arkansas Knights of Columbus, (H) 501.605.0247, (C)

From Our Insurance Agent:



If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features

on www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told—stories of people at

different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

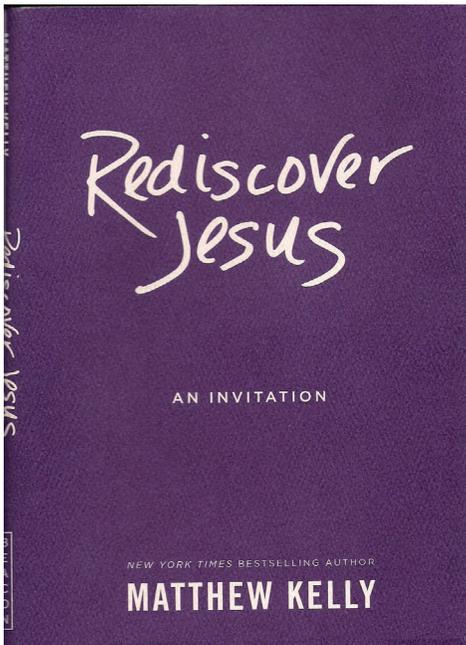
The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would

tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (**It's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!**). I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family.

A Brother Knight helping You Protect You and Your Loved Ones!!!

Fraternally,
Randy Schnoebelen
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Christmas Apologetics: Testing the Waters (Again!)



As Christmas is now a bit under three months away, it's time to decide whether council members will once again fund a gift of a book or a DVD to parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's Churches following each of the Christmas Masses. For the past three Christmases and past two Easters, we have done exactly this. Actually, relatively few council members have consistently made this happen—perhaps 15—with donations ranging from \$100 down to \$20.

One faithful donor pointed out to

me this week that Dynamic Catholic (dynamiccatholic.com) now has an incredibly good offer on Matthew Kelly's most recent book *Rediscover Jesus*. A hardback book with a cover price of \$25 and a current sale price of \$18.95, this book is now for a limited time made available to parishes and Catholic organizations for \$1.00 a copy plus 50 cents postage for each book in bulk orders of 500 copies or more. This donor made the first commitment of \$100. to the cause. I have a personal copy of this book as does the donor. It's a good book. This book is available

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Rummage Sale, Concluded

good merchandise to bring out as room for them develops. The biggest sale day, of course, is the first day. And we will have more furniture to fill in empty spots than we have ever had before.

In this month that lies ahead, there is so much work to do. Most of the work involves organizing furniture and cleaning as well as continuing the collection of donations still to come. If this sale is like those

that came before, these donations will increase as the first sale day draws near and will continue even into the sale. We wonder why people wait so long to offer us their donations, but we don't complain. We are grateful for quality donations in spite of when they come. Bring 'em on. We have truly been blessed during this collection cycle as we have in those of the past. God is good! (So are our patrons—those who donate and those who buy.

The beneficiaries are major Hot Springs charities.

Of course we need many volunteers now as the preparation work is in progress and will need more as the Sale days approach. Call me (525-7022, 282-7027)/ **Jim Lockwood/Chairman, Charity Rummage Sales**

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in both English and Spanish. An alternate possibility is to split the order between *Rediscover Jesus* and *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* (500 copies of each) at a cost of an additional 50 cents a book for **The Four Signs**. (\$2.00 a copy but no postage charge). This is an excellent book of which I have several copies now. So what do you say? Will you join this worthy cause? I wish I could give results of the past offerings, but I can't. I've had several people to express appreciation and comment about a family member that benefited from a book. I believe unknown people have benefited. If just a few fallen-away Catholics are brought back to the Church, the give-away program is worth it./**Jim Lockwood**

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October Calendar

- 4 Pancake Breakfast, St. Mary's Parish Hall, following morning Masses
- 8 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p..
- 10 Arkansas Knights of Columbus Golf Tourney, Hot Springs Village (see notice, p. 4)
- 15 Fourth Degree Social, The Wok Buffet, Central Avenue, 6 p.m. (see article, p. 2)
- 16-17 Tootsie Roll Drive, concluded. Wal-Mart on Central, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (see Grand Knight' article, p. 1)
- 23 St. John's Bazaar
- 30-31, Fall Charity Rummage Sale

October Birthdays

- 1 Steve Libby
- 1 Randy Schnoebelen
- 3 Mark Layton
- 3 Oscar "Buddy" Gloor
- 3 Robert Shamburger
- 5 Phil Genauldi
- 7 Dennis Wood
- 8 Charlie Cook
- 10 George Callahan
- 10 Curtis Casey
- 18 Tom Baroni
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will again be treated to a delightful evening of good food. I look forward to seeing everyone there. If you were present for last year's dinner, you know how good it was. I am sure we will have a meal as good or better. If you didn't make it last year, ask someone who did how good the food was and how much fun we had.

OCTOBER 23: St John's School Bazaar

October 24: The next opportunity for Third Degree council members to join our assembly as a Fourth Degree knight is set for Conway on this date. Those interested should contact State Master **Newton White or Vicki**, his secretary for details.

NOVEMBER 19: Last business meeting before the CHRISTMAS PARTY. Be sure to turn in all

ticket sales money. **Hans Purkott** will be cooking a wonderful meal for us.

DECEMBER 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY: **Ilse Purkott** will plan and prepare our dinner menu, and our cooking team will work with her. The menu will be German dumplings, goulash, cucumber salad, red cabbage and dessert. All Knights be sure to make plans to attend.

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

ton White or me.

COLOR GUARD : Our color guard is the "go-to" group for K of C ceremonies across the state. Color Guard Commander **Ed King** has filled a number of dates at the request of knights and parishes, and not all have come from our council, parishes or assembly.

We need to support our Color Guard. In short, we need more members to accept the honor of patriotic service and join the Color Guard. To help, Contact Color Corp Commander **Ed King or me**, the Faithful Navigator. We will be holding a special training session for the color/honor guard on November 19 after the regular business meeting. Everyone who wants to be a part of the color/honor guard is welcome to attend./ **Joe Kanopsic, Faithful Naigator**

Odds 'n' Ends from the Newton White, State Master of Fourth Degree Assemblies

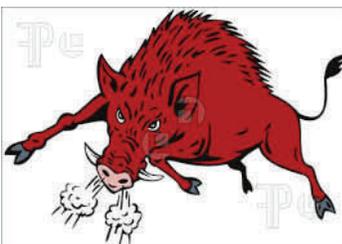
Council member and State Master **Newton White** reported a few days ago that he, with the help of his secretary **Vicki Stanley** and Vice Supreme Master **Russell Ruh** of Baton Rouge, was putting together details of the Bienville Province meeting to be in the parish hall of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock, a meeting in progress at this writing. The Bienville Province consists

Fourth Degree Assemblies from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. About 40 representatives and 30 wives are present, including our council Grand Knight, **Andy Anderson**, and our Fourth Degree Navigator **Joe Kanopsic**.

On September 20 Newton attended a Second and Third Degree

Exemplification of 33 new members in Charleston, Arkansas. On July 9 he conducted an officer installation for the Fourth Degree Assembly in Jacksonville.

He announces that the next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled at noon, on Saturday, October 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Conway.



You are invited!

“Hands of Mary” of St. Mary’s Church is hosting an Arkansas vs Alabama tailgate on Saturday, October 10th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The game will be shown on the big screen in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Kick-off is at 6:00 PM. BBQ sliders and nacho bar will be provided. Come join Hands of Mary and bring your favorite tailgating appetizer and beverage of choice.