



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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+ Curt Gilson (1918 - 2003)

We were saddened to hear of the death of our brother **Curtis ("Curt") Gilson** this past March 20th at the age of 84. Curt was a Third Degree Knight who was the subject of a *Spotlight* article in March of 1998. He was a former fireman who retired with the rank of Deputy Chief. Curt's wife **Blossom** passed away this past November; her name came up frequently at Council meetings when prayer intentions were requested. Because of the abbreviated wake service before the funeral, a Knights of Columbus service was not done. Thanks to all from the Council who showed their respects. Several members of the Fire Department including an Honor Guard attended the funeral on March 22nd.

Council 10243 member and Pastor Father **Dave Pleier** presided at the funeral; Council Chaplain Father **Al Lis** concelebrated. Also present for the funeral were **Jim & Marilyn Barnett, Gerry Piontek, Cliff Gigot** and **Harold Watermolen**. Thanks to all who showed their respects.

Grand Knight's Column

We were all saddened to hear of the death of our brother Curt Gilson. Curt was a very active member of our Council. We always saw Curt at meetings, banquets and working fund-raisers. Curt will be missed.

March 30th was our annual Appreciation and awards presentation. There were forty-six members and guests in attendance at the Woods Supper Club. It was great to have Father Jerry Pastors join us at our dinner. Congratulations to the award winners. The Council voted Rick and Mary Noe as *Family of the Year* and Gerry Piontek as *Knight of the Year*. Leon Janowski and Bill Bartelme were the *Distinguished Service Award* winners.

As we head into spring and summer there will be several events that will require many volunteers. The Tootsie Roll weekend will be May 2-4th. Mike Worzala will have your schedule to you shortly. The Brat Fry dates are set. We will be at Festival Foods on June 6th and July 11th and at Cub Foods on June 22nd and July 6th. Remember to keep in mind St. Bernard's Summer Blast on July 26th and 27th. I'm sure we will get a fantastic volunteer response to all of these activities.

If you know of anyone in our Council who is seriously ill or in the hospital, please inform any of the officers or Father Al.

I hope your Lent is proceeding in a prayerful manner and that in your prayers you will remember at the service personnel who are serving in Iraq.

See you all on April 21st at 7:15 PM for the rosary with the meeting to follow.

Grant Turner
Grand Knight

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **March 2003** Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Paul Krohn
Family of the Month: Al & Rosella Collins

Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual **THIRD MONDAY** of the month, April 21st (Easter Monday) at 7:30 PM with the rosary preceding at around 7:15 PM.

Chaplain's Column

One of the struggles that Christians have had to deal with throughout our history was that of war and peace. While we usually think of Christ as the "Prince of Peace" and attribute feelings of pacifism to our faith in him, we are also bothered by the reminder that he came, not for peace, but for the sword (*Mt. 10:34*). Throughout the history of our Church we have had occasion to turn away from thoughts of peace, even in the name of our faith. Though we are not proud of some of the atrocities committed in the name of Christ during the Inquisition, it remains a part of who we are. Those who proposed and perpetuated it believed with all their hearts that this is what God wanted them to do. No less a figure than St. Augustine spoke of a "just war" suggesting that there were times when it seemed that conflict was undesirable but necessary nonetheless. In recent weeks as war in Iraq neared, Christian principles were cited by those who desired a full-scale battle as well as by those who would sacrifice anything for peace. It is much easier to justify armed intervention when we are defending our own people and our own territory from the hatred or the greed of others. It becomes a bit more uncertain when it is values and interests that seem to be at stake. No generation in the last several hundred years has known only peace, and if our history is any hint toward the future, we will not be able to eradicate armed violence to standing atop a book of gospels.

Whatever our views on Iraq specifically or on war and peace in general, more than simply national interests are involved. People are involved. People are suffering and people are dying. Numerous nations are finding their youth being violently and tragically killed and many people have a hard time justifying it. Some would see the current political situation as one in which we are going forth like crusaders of old to liberate and to proclaim the message of the gospel. That was justified centuries ago when Crusades thought that God wanted them to free the holy land from the control of non-Christians and a river of blood flowed all the way to the tomb of Christ. Others would see problems on the other side of the world to be no concern of ours, and would try to adopt an attitude of isolationism that is impossible to live by in the modern world. The call for us, at the very least, is to be aware of what is happening, and not to pretend that conflict does not exist. It is for us to remember that although political resolutions may be out of our reach, concern for others does fall within our realm. We can pray, and we can do more. We can support, in word and deed, the men

and women of our nation and of other countries who are placing themselves in harm's way. We can search for ways of establishing true justice upon the earth. We can't change the outlook in the Persian Gulf, but we can start with change in our own families and our own community. Some might criticize Knights of Columbus, with swords unsheathed, as opposing peace. The real sword we carry in the world is a commitment to search, not for peace, but for justice. We can become a people who understand that peace and justice are not the same thing, and that, as Paul VI reminded us, "If you want peace, work for justice." As we remember our men and women in the Armed Forces, let us commit ourselves anew to that search.

*Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain*

Prayer

Prayer for Freedom of Worship

Gracious and compassionate God,
your Son Jesus Christ willed that all people
might become one in him and find in him
the way to eternal life.

Throughout history your people
have sinned against you in the name of religion
and your sons and daughters have persecuted
those whose faith was different.

Forgive us for the times we have been intolerant
and grant us the grace of discovering
the richness of your presence
by coming to understand
those who see you differently.

Guide the minds and hearts of your people
so that we may come to a new understanding
of your presence and the gift of your revelation.

Look with special love upon those
who are persecuted for their faith,
especially Christians who still suffer
intolerance and prejudice.

May all your people come together as one family,
celebrating you as our one Father
and rejoicing to be known as brothers and sisters,
united in our love for one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Next Meeting:

Easter Monday, April 21

7:15 PM: Rosary

7:30 PM: Meeting

Appreciation Dinner: Major Awards Presented

At the annual Appreciation Dinner on March 30th, the Council's Major Annual Awards were presented. The *Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award* is given annually to a brother Knight who has shown outstanding dedication to the Knights and the Council. Former recipients of this award include Father **Al Lis**, **Wayne Wassenberg**, **Dave Whitton**, **Eugene Schmitz**, **Jim Barnett**, **Leon Janowski** & **Tom Gauthier**. Similarly the *Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award* is presented to a family who clearly identifies the importance of family in the Knights and who could serve as a model of Christian Faith in action. Former winners include **Robert & Vione Jacqmin**, **Larry & Bridget Ziarnik**, **Roger & Lynda Shaha**, **Scott & Lou Ann Rebman**, **Leon & Sheila Janowski**, **Harry & Marily Christensen**, **Randy & Becky Barrett**, **Rick & Mary Noe** & **Gerry & Janet Piontek**. Winners of these awards are selected by secret vote of the Council. The *Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award* is presented to those who, like its deceased namesake, are always willing to go the extra mile for the Knights. Former honorees are **Dan McLaughlin**, **Jim Barnett**, **Dave Whitton**, **Roy C. Johnson**, **Father Al Lis**, **Robert Jacqmin**, **Richard Rebman**, **Tom & Ann Gauthier** and **Wayne & Alice Wassenberg**, **Randy Barrett**, **Mike Worzala** & **Jim Janssen**. We are proud to acknowledge and congratulate this year's winners:

2002-2003

Knight of the Year
Gerry Piontek

Family of the Year
Rick & Mary Noe

Distinguished
Service Awards
Bill Bartelme
Leon Janowski

Attending the dinner were **Jim & Marilyn Barnett**, **Tom Capelle**, **Al & Rosella Collins**, **Ray Demerath**, **Wencil & Luella Froelich**, **Ron & Marilyn Frosch**, **Tom Gauthier**, **Jim & Kathleen Gibson**, **Joe & Betty Hoffman**, **Jim & Faye Janssen**, **Paul & Mary Krohn**, **Clayton & Rosemary Langenberg**, **Kevin Lardinois & Friend**, **Pat & Sandy Mongin**, **John Murphy**, **Rick & Mary Noe**, **Gerry & Janet Piontek**, **Grant & Joan Turner**, **Jason & Mary Vandermause**, **Dave & Betsy Whitton** and **Bob & Kathy Wozniak**. Attending as guests of the Council were Deacon **John & LeeAnn Laurant**, Father **Al Lis**, Deacon **Larry & Doris Mastalish**, Father **Jerry Pastors** and State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**. Entertainment was provided by *The Odd Couple*.

Special Days

April 15 - May 15

A = Marriage Anniversary **B** = Birthday
O = Ordination Anniversary **+** = Date of Death

April

15 B Gary Nimmer
16 A Eugene & Mae Schmitz
17 B Lois (Al) Greene
18 B Melanie (Dan) Maine
19 A Ken & Jane Delcore
19 B Stephen Froelich
20 B Jeff Shutter
20 B Jim VanAllen
21 A Jeff & Delores Shutter
23 B Marilyn (Tom) Janowski
24 B Denise (Kevin) Beck
26 B Kathy (Terry) Timmerman
30 A Jed & Beverly Schacht

May

04 B Carol (Aaron) Naze
05 B Sheila (Leon) Janowski
05 B Stan Waslowski
06 A William & Cheryl Brown
06 B Jane (Ken) Delcore
07 A Clay & Rosemary Langenberg
07 B John Hansen
08 B Lynda (Roger) Shaha
10 A John & Dawn Walczyk
10 O Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
11 A Dan & Melanie Maine
13 B Harold Watermolen

Degrees

An exemplification of the First Degree was held on Sunday, March 23rd at Ss. Peter & Paul Church for two candidates, including one for our Council, **Ken Sevcik**, proposed for membership by **Gerry Piontek**. Our own First Degree team did the exemplification. In addition to our team members, Father Al & Gerry were in attendance. If it's been a while since you've witnessed a First Degree, consider coming to one. Our team, which includes Council 10243 members **Randy Barrett**, **Leon Janowski**, **Rick Noe** and **Grant Turner**, along with **Bernie Watzka** from Council 10552, typically does the exemplification every other month at our Council meeting.

Father Al also attended a First Degree at Vincent Lombardi Council 10260 at St. Elizabeth Seton in Green Bay on March 13th. On March 25th, State Deputy **Richard Rebman**, Father **Al Lis** and **Leon Janowski** went to Pulaski for the Second Degree exemplification hosted by Council 4439 for 19 local candidates.

Parliamentarian

Congratulations to Council 10243 FS **Jim Barnett**, recently appointed State Parliamentarian by State Deputy **Richard Rebman**. For the last couple of years Jim has been advising the Resolutions Committee and the State Convention as Parliamentarian; now there is an official title to go with it. Congratulations, and thanks for bringing further recognition to Council 10243.

State Convention

Remember the gathering of Knights and friends from throughout the State for the 102nd Annual Convention. Delegates and friends will be in Appleton April 26-27th for a weekend that will include not only resolutions and the business of a convention, but also a great opportunity to meet other Knights and friends from throughout the State, to celebrate and to worship together. It's a lot more than just something for delegates. Members of Council 10243 who plan to attend are State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, State Parliamentarian **Jim Barnett**, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**, Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Deputy Grand Knight **John Murphy** and Past Grand Knight **Rick Noe**. For more information on the Convention contact the GK at 469-3407.

Sympathy

In addition to our Council brother **Curt Gilson**, we have been touched by at least two other deaths recently. Please remember in your prayer the soul of **Isabel Templin**, mother of Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin**. State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and FS **Jim & Marilyn Barnett** attended the funeral in Shawano on March 18th. Also, **Pauline Browne**, mother of Past Diocesan Chaplain Father **Stan Browne**, passed away in late March. Father Browne was given permission to preside at the funeral Mass in Manitowoc on March 27th. Bishop **Robert Banks** and Bishop **Robert Morneau** were present, as were State Deputy **Richard Rebman** and **Larry & Bridget Ziarnik**. May they all find rest and peace in God's presence. Mass was celebrated for rest and peace each of them by the Chaplain with the sympathy of the Council.

Second & Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third degrees was held at DePere on Sunday, April 6th. Among the class of fifty-six candidates, two men from Council 10243 took part--**John Hansen** and **Ken Sevcik**, both recent First Degree members of our Council. Congratulations to them both, and welcome to the ranks of full Knighthood in our Order. Also attending the ceremony as observers were State Deputy **Richard Rebman**, who Knighted many of the candidates, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** who has proposed John for membership and **Gerry Piontek** who proposed Ken. The team that presented the Third Degree was from Milwaukee and Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin** served as the Conferring Officer. All current Third and Fourth Degree members are reminded of the exhortation we receive to attend major Degrees whenever possible so that their lessons may remain fresh. Another Third Degree in the area will probably not take place until the Fall.

Raffle Ticket Deadline: April 23rd

Transfer

Welcome to a new member of Council 10243, **Tim Nixon** who transferred from Council 6371. Tim is a Third Degree member. He and his wife **Susan** will become a part of the Council family when all the paperwork is processed. Tim signed a transfer form after the March meeting.

Fourth Degree

Without a doubt the major Fourth Degree activity this past month was the exemplification in Appleton on Saturday, April 5th. Despite the bad weather that brought about the first 'snow day' of the season, the Friday evening meeting of the Eastern District was well attended. Concerns about the effect of the weather on the weekend seemed unfounded--eighty-four candidates were signed up and eighty-six actually took part. Master **Erv Jankowiak** said there was one cancellation and three last minute additions for a net gain of two. Our local Marquette Assembly brought in about fifteen--there is some confusion at the moment.

Father **Al Lis** was the honoree for the ceremony and presided at the afternoon Mass. He was also honored at the banquet that followed by speakers that included Bishop **Robert Banks**, State Deputy **Richard Rebman**, Vice Supreme Master **Joe Kaltwasser** from Illinois and others. He received a U.S. flag from Fond du Lac Assembly #1211, a plaque from the Eastern District and a sketch of places he has served as a priest from Master **Erv & Helen Jankowiak**. Master of Ceremonies was **John Haugner** from Cardinal Meyer Assembly 1304 in Waukesha. Also taking part was Western District Master **Anthony Felber**. Another special guest for the exemplification was Master **Greg Van Der Hagen** and his wife from Minnesota. Former Masters present included **Cliff Janssen & Harold Stohlmeyer**. Several members of the Marquette Assembly took part in the weekend, and members of the Council 10243 family present were State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, Honoree and District Friar Father **Al Lis**, Faithful Admiral **Larry & Bridget Ziarnik** and **Jim & Marilyn Barnett**. Several candidates from the Western District took part including friends from Council 6568 in Madison, Candidate **Nate Gansen** & member **Dave Johannes**. Greetings were also received by Father Al from Wisconsin's most senior PSD **Robert Boddin** and Madison 6568 GK **Rob Staude** who could not be present. Congratulations to Father Al on the great honor, and to Erv & Helen for yet another superb job bringing together an exemplification.

Charity Raffle

Raffle results as of the First of April (*no foolin!*) were a little more encouraging, but we still have a way to go and we are in need of one final push to make our goal. Ticket sales stood at 915,

compared to our goal of 1340. That puts us at about 68% of our goal. So far 61 members have participated in the raffle, just shy of half the Council and they have sold an average of 15 tickets apiece. Two men have broken the 100+ barrier: **Roger Heesacker** and Father **Al Lis**. Reminders are being sent to those who have not yet responded. Last year at this point we had received responses from 63 members with a total of 844 tickets. At this point sixteen men have sold ten or more tickets. As has been our custom these last several years, the names of those who sold twenty or more tickets, generating at least \$100.00 for charity, will be published in the next *Newsletter*. All raffle tickets and proceeds should be turned in by the next meeting, April 21st or at the very latest, Wednesday, April 23rd. The drawing will be held on Saturday April 26th at the State Convention in Appleton. Contact **Leon Janowski** (468-7544) for more tickets or information on the raffle.

Disbursements

The following contributions were approved at the Council 10243 meeting on March 17th:

\$50.00	To District Deputy Gene Remeker to help defray additional costs he incurs at State Convention.
\$100.00	To St. Bernard 8 th Grade graduation celebration.
\$100.00	To Abbot Pennings Council 3955 in DePere for the Annual Clergy Night celebration.
\$600.00	To Sr. Caroline for support of the food pantry at St. Bernard.
(Tabled)	Contribution to Father Doug LeCaptain for Alternative Spring Break, pending further information.

Clergy Night

Monday, April 28th is the date of the annual Clergy Appreciation Night hosted by Abbot Pennings Council 3955 in DePere. Numerous Councils from throughout the area contribute to the event including our own Council, which allocated \$100 at the last meeting. Guests of the Knights are Bishops, priests and religious of the area; others are welcome to attend the 6:00 PM cocktails and 7:00 dinner as well. The event will be held at the Swan Club in East DePere at a cost of \$8.50 per person (cash bar). Entertainment will follow. Any Council brothers and guests wishing to attend should contact Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) for information.



Spotlight On... Paul Krohn

Prior to becoming a part of Council 10243, Paul's time in the Knights of Columbus included membership in Councils in Red Wing, Minnesota and Aurora, Illinois. He was raised in the Lutheran faith and went through the R.C.I.A. program in New York several years ago, after meeting his wife, Mary. He first got involved in the Knights a number of years ago after three or four invitations from a fellow church member, and he made the decision to join because he was looking for fellowship as well as for some way of giving something back to the Church and the community. It was through the efforts of Tom Caldie that he transferred to Council 10243 recently (their daughters played softball together,) and he has taken part in several activities and meetings of the Council since then. He cites the Tootsie Roll Drive as one means by which the Knights give something back. However, his career as an engineer has given him a certain outlook on life--he doesn't consider himself the 'sales' sort of person, though there's certainly enough outlets in the Knights to satisfy any type.

He was born in Milwaukee back in 1962, but because his dad worked for Caterpillar and often found himself and his family out of the country, Paul had the opportunity to see various parts of the globe including Western Europe and Asia. His parents are currently living in the Marshall Islands and he has had the chance to travel out there for a visit. After living in Switzerland through his high school days, he returned to the United States to attend New York State University and the Merchant Marine Academy, and to be nearer to his future wife. He sailed with the Merchant Marine for a time before attending graduate school. Always having an interest in power and specifically nuclear power, he worked for General Electric for eleven years. He left G.E. for government work and currently Paul is employed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Senior Resident Inspector at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant in Kewaunee. A typical workday might involve anything from observing testing and maintenance of equipment to issuing citations if it seems appropriate. Certainly, safety and security is a greater concern now than ever, and he takes very seriously his responsibility to safeguard the health and safety of the country.

Mary and Paul have been married since 1988 and they came to the Green Bay area about two years ago. They have two children, Michael and Elizabeth, ages ten and eleven respectively, who attend St. Bernard School. In the free time that he has, he enjoys running and spending time with his family. As far as the running goes, he notes that he's trying to devote the energy to maintenance, and he tries to keep up a regular schedule of exercise. After getting a taste of the pace of New York City where Mary hails from, he has come to appreciate the little slower and relaxed pace of Green Bay. Another free time activity is coaching soccer for his son's team, the Green Bay Strikers.