



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

August 2001



Officers

Congratulations to the following brothers who will serve the Council as Officers for the coming year:

Grand Knight	Rick Noe	468-3194
Deputy Grand Knight	Grant Turner	469-3407
Financial Secretary (Appointed)	Jim Barnett	468-1245
Chancellor	Mike Worzala	465-1365
Recorder	Dave Whitton	468-6867
Treasurer	Sean Wright	391-0402
Advocate	Al Collins	468-0705
Warden	Aaron Naze	468-1029
Trustee III	Scott Rebman	469-7432
Trustee II	Bill Bartelme	465-6900
Trustee I	Mike Vanden Busch	<u>468-8625 This is a correction!</u>
Inside Guard	Gerry Piontek	468-1596
Outside Guard	Tom Caldie	469-7861
Chaplain (Appointed)	Father Al Lis, O.F.M.	437-1979

Grand Knight's Column

The human person is driven toward excellence. The desire to be the best that you can be, in whatever it is that you are doing, is a strong motivating force. It shows up in every sport where both individual and team efforts are tracked by statisticians. It shows up in the work place with performance certificates, plaques and awards. Where does it show up in your life? As an active Knight of Columbus living out your faith, how are you striving for excellence?

I came across a quote I would like to share with you. "Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act but a habit." Aristotle said this rather wordy explanation of excellence, many hundreds of years ago. It is interesting to note that human nature is basically the same today as it was back then. But perhaps even more importantly, the ideals taught back then are the same as the ones taught today.

It is through repetition that we learn the techniques and develop the skills we need to rise to the top. Any music student, or any athlete, will tell you that

it is practicing the basics until you can do them automatically, that makes you good. So when it comes to the daily exercise of living out your Christian beliefs, what training do you do to develop good habits? Does it start with prayer? Do you go out of your way to be kind and compassionate? Do you practice the lesson taught to you in the Order's First Degree? Wherever your values lie, and whatever you feel is important in life, remember that it is through repetition and good habits that true excellence is achieved

Enjoy the long summer days that are upon us, but don't forget to exercise your good habits while you are doing so.

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: Monday, August 20

7:15 PM Rosary

**7:30 PM Meeting and Installation
of Officers**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for the usual Third Monday of the month, August 20. At this meeting, District Deputy **Gene Rameker** intends to be present for the installation of new and continuing Council Officers. The evening will begin with the recitation of the rosary at around 7:15 PM with the meeting to begin at 7:30. All brothers of the Council are urged to attend in support of our Officers. Officers are asked to make whatever adjustments are necessary in their own calendars in order to be present for the installation. A social will follow the meeting.

Chaplain's Column

I have been getting a little more interested in the Squires lately, especially since I had the pleasure of being among the little group which met in Marinette recently to talk about the possibility of getting something moving at the Catholic High School there. While I am no sort of expert at all (frankly I'm not sure I have ever even seen a Squire) the theory behind it is intriguing. Not only do we have the opportunity to preserve our own future by preparing young men to assume positions of leadership in Councils, we are providing 'something to do' for boys who have a good deal of energy and might be looking for some focus. We can help them to look at something good and noble rather than something that merely seems to be popular. No reward in the world is as wonderful as seeing something we've worked for bear good fruit. Even within the Council we can look at men who were not exactly comfortable in front of a crowd when they joined us. In time and through some of the many things the Council is involved in, they seem to become 'people persons.' For some reason they sort of blossom. If it can happen with men who have already had decades of life experience, how much more can it happen with impressionable boys? The benefits of the Squires seem almost limitless, not only for the Squires themselves but also for Councils associated with them--everything from a possible source of vocations to partners in fund raising activities to passing on the gift of experienced and confident leadership. So, if there's so much benefit to this, why in the world are there only about forty Squires in the whole State? I think it has to do with a bit of fear of responsibility. Most of the men in our Council have been called by God to be Christian Fathers and no matter how hard they work at it, I'm sure

not one man will claim to be the perfect father. We see our own prejudices coming out in dealing with our children, our own inadequacies popping up every so often. Putting ourselves in the position of guiding a whole group of ten or twelve teenagers should scare the living daylights out of us. But, therein lies the solution. The Squires don't need perfect role models. They need human ones. They need men who can make mistakes and learn from them because they believe in what they're doing. Just as our Christian faith calls us to embrace not just some restrictive commandments but a whole lifestyle, so too being Knights gives the added responsibility of giving witness to the values we hold. Not one of us does that without fail. Meeting people like Jeff Gardner, Principal at Marinette Catholic Central High School, renews my belief there is a way. He believes Squires may help to quench a thirst he sees among young men in the Marinette area for direction based on a solid faith. More importantly, he wants to be a part of making that come about. Certainly, mistakes will be made along the way, but I have always believed that God will be more merciful to those who tried and failed and tried again than he will with those who are afraid to do anything. As the Squires may very well be poised for some resurgence, let's think long and hard about our future relationship with them, and about all those who observe us living out our Christian lives. We are essentially putting on a show for the world. We can either impress them with our dedication and tenacity, or we can disappear from their memory the moment we walk off the stage.

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

Diocesan Meeting

The annual Diocesan meeting for the Green Bay Diocese will be held on Saturday, September 15 at St. Joseph School in Green Bay. The format will differ slightly from the past in that immediately after registration Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries will go into an intensive training program for the remainder of the morning. Meanwhile, all others will take part in a general session to be followed by 'break-out' sessions on topics of interest. All Council members are welcome to attend. Those who wish to go and experience a little more of what the Knights are all about should contact **Rick Noe** (468-3190) as soon as possible so he may RSVP.

Squires Chairman Visits

State Squires Chairman **Fred Johannes** attended the July meeting of Council 10243 to speak about the Squires in the State. He had been at a meeting in Marinette and accepted Father Al's invitation to stop in sometime. At one time the Squires, usually boys aged 12-18, had about fifty Circles active in the State of Wisconsin but at present there are just three. Fred spoke about some of the responsibilities that Third Degree Councils have toward the Squires and some of the programs in which the Squires are involved, also pointing out the leadership qualities which the Squires instill. He also noted that Squires Circles could push their supporting Councils to greater effort. Citing a resolution passed at the 100th State Convention (#21) calling on Councils for a voluntary contribution to the Squires, **Father Al Lis** proposed a contribution of \$25.00. **Jason Vandermause** seconded and the motion passed. **Aaron Naze** mentioned that at one time he had worked with the Squires in another Council.

District Meeting

Some twenty representatives from all five Councils in District 13 (#4505 Green Bay, #4735 Denmark, #5844 Luxemburg, #10243 Green Bay & #10552 Green Bay) gathered in Luxemburg on July 10 for the District Meeting. The meeting was called to order by District Deputy **Gene Rameker** and included presentations on membership by Diocesan Membership Coordinator **Jim Destiche** and on Insurance by **Don Le Brun**. Jim noted that the membership efforts in the Diocese of Green Bay were second in the state in total number and in percentage of our goal. The new goal for the Diocese is 425 new members in the new fraternal year. He also spoke about a new program from Supreme, *Celebrate: Faith, Family, Fraternity*. He also took note of the fact that of the estimated 100,000 Catholic men in the Diocese, only about 8900 are Knights. Don spoke about the Insurance program and its being a conservative product, and also noted there is still no Field Agent for our District. Jim also spoke about programs for the upcoming year, and State Secretary **Richard Rebman** had a few comments. The meeting lasted about 90 minutes. From Council 10243, **Richard Rebman** attended, as did Eastern District Friar Father **Al Lis**, Grand Knight **Rick Noe**, Deputy Grand Knight **Grant Turner** and Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** took part.

Special Days

August 15 - September 15

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

August

16 B Sandy (Bill) Bartelme
16 B Wayne Wassenberg
17 A Gerry & Janet Piontek
17 A Arnie & Mary Wolff
17 B Mark Janus
18 B Suzi (Mike) Borlee
19 B Eugene Schmitz
20 A Kevin & Denise Beck
23 A Jim & Marilyn Barnett
23 A William & Marilyn Kaczmarek
23 B Virginia (Kelly) Gigot
24 B Gerry Piontek
24 B Richard Rebman
24 B Betsy (Dave) Whitton
25 B Al Collins
26 A Richard & Judy Bligiske
26 A Robert & Lucille Warpinski
27 A Sean & Cami Wright
28 B Bonnie (Larry) LaPlant
29 A Tom & Marilyn Janowski
29 A Robert & Carol Ledvina
30 B Roy D. Johnson

September

02 A Gene & Rana Gunderson
03 A Harold & Ruth Watermolen
04 A Paul & Kathleen Tilot
04 B Mike Vanden Busch
05 B Randy Barrett
05 B Mike Delvaux
06 A Stephen & Lori Froelich
06 B Father Jerome Pastors
08 A Dave & Betsy Whitton
08 B John Walczyk
12 B Blossom (Curt) Gilson
13 B Laura (Mark) Keuler
13 B Marie (Wayve) Weber
15 A Grant & Joan Turner
15 B Beverly (Jed) Schacht

Squires Show Growth

Until very recently there were only two Squire Circles in the State (Wautoma and New Richmond). The lack of visibility probably contributed to the low number. A new Circle in Altoona (near Eau Claire) just got started. There is a strong possibility that another circle will be reactivated in Marinette and some hope for one in Kewaunee. Along with a current Circle in Wautoma, that would make three in the Diocese of Green Bay. On July 16, State Secretary **Richard Rebman**, Council 10243 Chaplain Father **Al Lis**, Squires Chairman **Fred Johannes**, District Deputy (2) **David Hallada** and Council 719 (Marinette) Grand Knight Deacon **Jerry Thetreau** met in Marinette with Catholic Central High School Principal **Jeff Gardner** to talk about the possibility of setting up a Squires Circle based at the School. Mr. Gardner is a very energetic man who sees a need for some faith-centered program for young men at the school and in the community. A new Knight himself, his enthusiasm will prove to be a big asset to the further growth of the Squires and of the Knights. All those at the meeting offered to support the development of a Circle in any way they could.

Vocations

Council Vocation Director and Director of Vocations for the Green Bay Diocese Father **Doug LeCaptain** recently sent the following e-mail to Father **Al Lis**:

I was just reviewing the latest minutes from the K of C and notice the "State Deputy Goals" by **Carl Templin**. I was glad to see the push on new councils and membership and the other areas, BUT thought there should have been more of an emphasis on vocations. Is vocations no longer a goal of the K of C? Does it not merit a goal for K of C?

Now our council has been doing very well with it. I appreciate the assistance with the *Steppin' Right* program and other help they have provided. Many other councils have given money to seminarians and offer the loan program. This is all good help that I depend on in getting these men through seminary.

What do you know about these goals and Carl Templin? Would he be up to a

challenge on vocations? Some goals to consider for vocations are:

1. Check rolls to see if there are any young single men open to priesthood. Personally invite them to consider priesthood and put them in contact with the chaplain or vocations contact.
2. Encourage married men to talk about priesthood and religious life to children, grandchildren and other family members.
3. Each council should in some way, program and actively support vocations.

Father Al suggested contacting State Chaplain Father **John Simon** and talk about what direction might be appropriate in order to make vocations a clearer goal of the Knights in Wisconsin.

Prayer

Prayer for Seasonable Weather

God of heaven and earth,
you have given your people the gift of the land
and have asked us to cherish and care for it
as you have nurtured it for unseen ages.
You lovingly send rain upon the dry ground
and you cause the sun to call forth life
from the darkness of the earth.
You bring about the change of seasons
and teach us to appreciate your presence
in every time and in every place.
In your mercy, give us seasonable weather
so that the rhythm of our lives
may not be disrupted
and that we may know once again
the covenant of love you have made with us.
Send the rain and send the sun;
send the rainbow of your grace upon us.
Give us warmth and coolness
and so continue to care
for what you have created.
Let the earth bring forth its fruit
for your greater glory
and for the nourishment of all your people.
Caress the earth once again
with your creating hand
that our land may burst forth in abundance.
May we learn to appreciate
all the gifts that surround us
and may we willingly serve as the stewards
of all the wonder of your creation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Directors Needed

GK **Rick Noe** announced at the July meeting that we are in need of three Directors to fill leadership positions in the Council, namely Community, Family and Pro-Life. According to the Council's by-laws the Community Director is "to make the Council aware of its life within the community and develop programs that will be of service to the community." The Family Director is "to promote activities and programs that will strengthen and support the family life of Council members." The pro-life Director, ideally a couple, is to guide and direct the pro-life activities of the Council. Directors should be prepared to report at each Council meeting on what, if anything, is happening at the time in their area of concern. Anyone interested in serving in one of these areas should contact Rick (468-3194).

New Members

We are happy to welcome to the Council 10243 family **John Hyland** and his wife **Patricia**. John comes to us from Council 2478 in Sturgeon Bay where he served as Grand Knight. He also had the honor of being the Charter Grand Knight at a Council in LaCrosse which has since become inactive. John also served Wisconsin as a District Deputy.

Kevin Lardinois was read in at the last meeting and is awaiting First Degree. He was proposed by **Jim Barnett**.

Supreme Council Theme

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has announced a theme for the new fraternal year: CELEBRATE: FAITH, FAMILY, FRATERNITY. A logo has been designed that will be appearing on much of the Order's literature as well as pins floating around the State. It will also be seen on a banner that State Deputy **Carl Templin** will be carrying around on many of his excursions. The logo can also be viewed at the Supreme Council's website: www.kofc.org. Check out that same website to find the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church online.

Degree Sites

The next exemplification of the Fourth Degree for our Eastern District will be in Appleton on April 6, 2002. Fourth Degree District Officers including

Father **Al Lis** had looked at Green Bay as a possible site, but the deal was much better from Appleton. At the meeting regarding Squires in Marinette in July, Richard Rebman investigated the facilities at Catholic Central High School and the nearby KC clubhouse and will recommend that they are adequate for the exemplification of a future Second and Third Degree.

Food Stand

The following is a report from coordinator **Mike Worzala** on the Festival Food stand July 14-15:

A 'Patty' on the Back for a Job Well Done

On a weekend more suitable for fishing and family outings that grocery shopping the Knights still did well in our final Brat Fry of the summer at Festival Foods. The weekend was spotty and the traffic sporadic, but we still earned \$491.00 for our Council funds. Our three brat fry's this summer netted just under \$1700.00.

Thanks again to all who gave of their time, especially those on the grill who cooked under some hot, sticky conditions, and those who stayed longer than assigned just to make sure we were not short. You are the reason this Council is so strong. It was a pleasure working with you and I look forward to next year. See you at the Bash! Thanks to all who worked (I will 'relish' the memories.)

Leon Janowski
Aaron Naze
Jim Janssen*
Larry Ziarnik*
Gerry Piontek
Tom Gauthier
Mike Worzala*
Mike Barry
Karl Schroeder (Council 617)
Bill Griesbach
Bob Wozniak*
Pete Birdsall*
Lenny Schaub
Jim Van Allen
Roger Shaha
Jason Vandermause*
Tom Caldie
Grant Turner
Scott McKenzie *

* Worked more than one two-hour shift

Tentative Planning Calendar

The following calendar of events for Council 10243 was discussed at the July meeting. Please note that many dates or events are **TENTATIVE**.

July 2001

- District Meeting 7/10
- Festival Food Stand 7/14-15
- Meeting 7/16
- St. Bernard Summer Blast 7/28-29
- Semiannual Audit

August 2001

- Build Storage Closets
- Meeting/Officer Installation 8/20

September 2001

- Diocesan Meeting 9/15
- Meeting/First Degree 9/17
- Booyah?

October 2001

- Respect Life Essay
- Meeting 10/15
- Landing Day Banquet
- Booyah?
- 2nd & 3rd Degree 10/28

November 2001

- Recruitment Weekend St. B.'s 11/10-11
- Meeting/First Degree 11/19
- All Souls Mass
- Christmas Poster Contest
- Booyah?

December 2001

- Charity Raffle Begins
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Christmas Fundraiser?
- Meeting 12/17
- Social Gathering with Wives?
- Widows Christmas Gifts.

January 2002

- Semiannual Audit
- Knowledge Contest
- Free Throw Contest
- Meeting/First Degree 1/21

February 2002

- Reserve Dates at Festival 2/1
- Meeting 2/18
- Pancake Breakfast/ Tuition Assistance
- Booyah?

March 2002

- Booyah?
- Apply Cub Food Lottery
- Meeting/First Degree 3/18
- 2nd & 3rd Degree 3/24
- Easter 3/31

April 2002

- Appreciation Dinner
- Fourth Degree, Appleton 4/6
- Tootsie Roll Campaign
- Meeting 4/15
- State Convention/Raffle Ticket Sales End

May 2002

- Food Stand
- Council Mass & Social
- Meeting/First Degree 5/20
- Nominations: New Officers.
- Family Picnic

June 2002

- Staff Food Stand
- Meeting/Election of Officers 6/17
- State Officers Installation Prep.

Spotlight On... Dennis Nies



In addition to the honor of being a Charter Member of Council 10243, Dennis holds the distinction of being the first Deputy Grand Knight of the Council. It was back around 1964 in North Dakota that he first got involved in the Knights of Columbus at the invitation of his brother. When the new Council 10243 was forming in 1990, he was asked to serve as Deputy to founding Grand Knight Richard Rebman, who was one of those responsible for getting him involved again. Dennis held to the post for about two years, but finding that he was able to make few meetings he decided to step aside.

His work schedule is still a factor in keeping him from many Council activities. Dennis works as a wood specialist for DeLeer's Millwork and because of things he needs to attend to, he often find himself leaving home at 7:00 in the morning and not returning until 7:00 in the evening. That leaves precious little time for family, let alone other involvements. An average day for him is being in the shop for most of the day, poring over plans that have been assigned to him.

Another large part of his life is his love of music. Dennis played in numerous bands including "The Sonics," "Royal King Trio," "Jubilation," "Royal Purple," "Koss Family" and "Buckwheat." He started in bands on drums and vocal back in North Dakota and kept it up once he came to Green Bay around 1977. Though he never thought much about musical talent, his brother had a band and needed someone on drums. Within two weeks, Dennis was good enough to open with the act. He's had the privilege of working with such personalities as Wayne Stewart, Freddie Weller and Rocky Rockwell. He's also taken up the accordion.

His wife, Ann, has a sister who lived in Howard and on a visit from North Dakota he fell in love with the Green Bay area and they decided to make it their home. After coming to the area Dennis worked for Wilco Cabinets for three years and for another company in Denmark before coming to DeLeer's where he has been for twenty years now. Retirement may come around in about four years.

In addition to music, Dennis is an avid golfer and recalls that his favorite course is a country club in Christchurch, New Zealand, but Black Wolf Run in Kohler runs a fairly close second. Dennis and Ann have been members of St. Bernard Parish for thirty-eight years now where Ann still works as secretary in the Religious Education Office. They have three children living as close as Appleton and as far as Vancouver.

August 2001