



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

June marks the end of the fraternal year. As I look back on all of the activities, fund raisers, and events that we held, a sense of pride wells up inside me. We have just finished a record year in both our charity raffle (1701 tickets) and our M.R. or "Tootsie Roll" drive where we raised \$3777. We have earned money in other ways, and perhaps even more profoundly, given it all away. We truly are a busy Council and we really do accomplish a lot.

Our Council activities for this summer are light, but important. Coming up very soon in June is our next food stand at Festival Foods. Jim Janssen and Dave Whitton are co-chairing this event on June 9th and 10th; please help them out if you can. The proceeds from this food stand are being directed into our "Installation" fund. Our previous food stand in May was very successful. We were able to donate \$654 to St. Bernard's Building fund, which they appreciated very much. We have one more food stand at Festival in July on the 14th and 15th. The proceeds from this one will go directly into our depleted charity account to reestablish it. Also in June we are hosting the soccer PS&D (Pass Shoot & Dribble) event on June 23rd, and throughout June we will be building new storage closets in the new school basement. And let's not forget about the big event of the summer, St. Bernard's second annual Summer Blast on July 28th and 29th. Our Council will once again be sponsoring the brats and hamburger tent. This is a great family event, and it is a good time to start teaching your older children the value of volunteering. Plan now to spend part of your day helping the K.C.'s run this event.

There is one other thing that I would like you to think about this summer, and that is recruiting. Supporting our Council through increased membership is everyone's responsibility. This past year we had only a couple of Knights propose new candidates. Be sure to take advantage of any opportunity you have this summer to talk about the Knights and how active your Council is. Boast about our accomplishments and then invite the

gentleman you are talking with to join the Knights. I think that you will find that this subtle recruiting style is very effective. Remember, you have to "Ask" if they would like to join our Council in order to give them the opportunity to say "YES."

Enjoy your summer. After all this is Wisconsin; the nice weather and the summer fun goes by all too fast.

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: Election

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for Monday, June 18 at 7:30 PM. The rosary will be recited at around 7:15 PM. This is the annual election meeting, though it is the 'off' year for elections; the only election envisioned at this time is replacement of Trustee **Tom Gauthier** whose term expires. It is anticipated that all other Officers will remain in office. One man has stepped forward as a candidate for Trustee. The role of Trustee includes participation in an audit of Council books twice a year. Thanks to Tom for the dedicated service to the fraternity. Anyone else interested in serving as a Trustee for a three-year term should contact GK **Rick Noe** (468-3194).

First Degree

About twenty Council members braved the uncharted maze of St. Bernard's addition and found their way to the Council meeting on May 21. The meeting was preceded by an exemplification of the First Degree for one candidate: **Gary Van Gheem** from Council 4505. Gary was accompanied by Green Bay Diocese Membership Chairman **Jim Destiche**. Congratulations--and welcome aboard. The next First Degree will be in September. Following the meeting a social was held with some of the leftovers from the Festival Food brat sale on May 19-20.

Special Days

June 15-July 15

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

June

15 A Brad & Michelle Gauger
16 A John & Julie Schmitz
16 B Alyce (Luke) Siudzinski
16 B Robert Jacqmin
17 B Father Al Lis
17 B Elizabeth (+Dan) McLaughlin
18 A Fred & Nancy Grochmal
18 A Lawrence & Marilyn Waskosky
18 B Curt Gilson
19 A Stephen & Denise Kotlar
20 B Rosella (Al) Collins
20 B Joan (Grant) Turner
21 A Ken & Carrie Greetan
21 B Norbert Kalinosky
21 B Jill (Paul) VandenPlas
22 A Luke & Alyce Siudzinski
23 A Aaron & Carol Naze
23 B Brian Katers
23 B Julie (John) Schmitz
23 B Wayve Weber
24 A Jerry & Debra Ahrens
24 A Harris & Frances Charles
24 A Joseph & Betty Hoffman
24 A Wayve & Marie Weber
24 B Alice (Wayne) Wassenberg
27 A Mike & Renee Vanden Busch
27 B Helen (Ron) Rentmeester
27 B Mary (Arnie) Wolff
28 A Roy C. & Mary Johnson
29 A Leonard & Donna Schaub
29 B Joseph Hoffman

July

03 B Theresa (Tom) Caldie
03 B Ian Forbes
04 B Arnold Rank
04 B Joan (George) Raymaker
05 B Frances (Harris) Charles
06 B Marilyn (Jim) Barnett
06 B Dan Maine
06 B Robert Warpinski
07 A Ed & Irene Rovinski
07 B Larry LaPlant
08 A Weldon & Edith Kiernan
09 B Karen (Mike) Barry
09 B Marily (Harold) Christensen

11 B Jim Janssen
12 A Jim & Mary Ann VanAllen
12 B Carol (Robert) Ledvina
12 B Roxanne (Gary) Nimmer
13 A Tom & Ann Gauthier
13 B William Brown
13 B Audrey (George) Capelle
13 B Jerry Collins
14 A Robert & Pat Thut
14 B Maria (Ian) Forbes
14 B Arnie Wolff
15 A Mark & Laura Keuler
15 A Don & Mary Schneider

Financial Review

The following information has been received from KC Insurance General Agent **Dave Tlachac** with the request that it be published:

The recent plunge in the stock market has caused a lot of activity. Investors are searching for shares that will meet expectations. Others are looking for a safe harbor concentrating more on preservation than on growth. Still others are paying off debt, waiting for the market to show direction. With all this turmoil shouldn't one start with a complete financial review? Call for one today. Your Knights of Columbus agent is trained to provide this valuable service to you and best of all it's free. So is the phone call: 1-800-261-1492.

Insurance participation helps us in achieving 'Star Council' status.

Spotlight

The *Spotlight* article in this issue is #100 in the series that began with **Darrell Johnson** back in August of 1992. (Darrell has since withdrawn.) "Spotlight" articles have appeared in most issues of this *NEWSLETTER* since 1992. Thanks to Father **Al Lis** for working on the interviews. A few statistics on the 100 subjects of the *Spotlight*:

83 are still on the roster of Council 10243
5 have withdrawn or been suspended
5 have died
4 have transferred in good standing to another Council
3 were members of other Councils when interviewed

Chaplain's Column

It was some months ago that I read an interesting article in the *National Bulletin on Liturgy*, a publication of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. I enjoy that magazine especially because of their tendency not to 'sugar-coat' the point they are trying to get across. One article was dealing with the Eucharist, and in particular communion from the cup. In so many places, the relatively new practice in the Church is slow in taking off. Numerous people questioned about it were perfectly satisfied with bread alone for the Eucharist, as they had been for centuries. Bringing in something "new" was essentially rocking the boat, and no one likes to boat rocked. The article posed an interesting question--why is it that so many people will fall down in worship whenever they see a tabernacle but will run almost embarrassed past a minister holding the cup on Sunday as if they don't even see the minister? Is it not, after all, the same Jesus? And, is it not important to obey his command to "Eat my flesh and drink my blood?" (Jn 6:53) The Eucharist has seemingly become less important than who is giving it or the manner in which it is given. Recently, too, there have been articles in the news about the opposition to renovations in the Milwaukee Cathedral proposed by the Archbishop. I am surprised that people took the time, effort and money to take their case all the way to the Holy See. I am even more surprised that the Holy See responded. What word does not belong in this series: *Justice, Compassion, Architecture, Peace*. Where are Christian values based, after all? I can't help thinking that if the energy devoted to complaining about architectural renovations were devoted to alleviating the 'problem' of the homeless sleeping right in Cathedral Square, Christ and the Church would have been better served. Again we must ask ourselves: what is really important in our faith? In this time of summer we all have a tendency to see ourselves on something of a vacation, since whether we have children in schools or not, we tend to operate on an academic calendar. I suggest that this 'down time' of the summer is a good time to think about such issues. Things happen and things change in the Church, just as in any other living organism, and most people tend to resist change. A question we can wrestle with over the next couple of months might be, "How has Christ tried to rock my boat?" How has my faith been challenged by the things happening in the Church or in the world? Am I responding as a Christian, trying to determine prayerfully if God is speaking

through this invitation to some new growth? Or am I resistant to change simply because it is change?

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Prayer

Prayer for Graduates

Many families of the Council have been touched by the celebration of a graduation recently. Let us pray for all those who complete their course of study, that the Lord may be with them always.

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for your glory
and thank you for your goodness to us.
You are the source of all wisdom
and through the power of your Spirit
human minds have unlocked
many of the secrets of the universe.
We ask your special blessing
upon who graduate from their course of study.
Origin of Wisdom and grace,
continue to walk with these men and women
that they may use their gifts and abilities
contribute to the building up
of your Church and of our world
Look on all graduates with love
and pour the gifts of your Spirit upon them
as they move forward in life.
May your Spirit enable them to further develop
the knowledge you have given to them
and help them to use all that they possess
for your glory and for the good of all your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

NEWSLETTER Help

For some time now **Wayne & Alice Wassenberg** have handled some of the practical matters of collating, folding and mailing out copies of this *NEWSLETTER*. We extend our gratitude as they 'retire' from this task. At the meeting **Gerry Piontek** graciously volunteered to give it a try. Several people are involved in the production and distribution of each *NEWSLETTER* and we salute them all for their hard work and dedication in keeping the news of the Council flowing to every member of our family and beyond.

Brat Fry, May 19-20

Coordinator **Mike Worzala** sent along the following report on brat fry held at Festival Foods on the weekend of May 19-20:

A Couple of Good Days for the Knights

Thanks to great weather, the enticing aroma of brats and burgers and the outstanding efforts of 16 fellow Knights, our weekend brat fry at Festival Foods netted \$726.15. I really want to thank those Knights that gave of their time, especially those who worked one or more shifts. A special thanks to '**Stan the man Waslowski**' who just stopped by to see if we needed help and ended up staying 3 1/2 hours. Also thanks to the **Randy Barrett** family for the use of their Nescos.

Similar to our Tootsie Roll weekend we were a bit shorthanded, so I hope you could take a second or two and check your schedule to see if you'd be able to donate two hours for one of our remaining cookouts (June 9-10 & July 14-15.) The fellowship is always great and it's a good way to get better acquainted with your fellow Knights. Thanks again to all who helped. If anyone would like to lock in a shift for the July cookout please feel free to call me at 465-1363 or e-mail me at mike@newsradio1360.com. Thanks for the help:

Al Collins
Stan Waslowski*
Roy C. Johnson
Gerry Piontek*
Tom Gauthier*
Aaron Naze
Grant Turner
Jim Allen*
Jason Vandermause*
Dave Whitton*
Larry Ziarnik*
Roger Shaha
Mike Vanden Busch
Scott McKenzie*
Pete Birdsall
Joe Hoffman*
Mike Worzala*

* worked beyond a two-hour shift.

Call Tree

We hope, within the next two months, to revise the Council's Emergency Call Tree--the system through which all Council members are informed of important news in the Council. It will be based on the current system where the Deputy Grand Knight and Chaplain contact all other officers who, in turn, contact the rest of the Council, each person making between 8-12 calls. Ideally this all happens in a short time, but still sometimes the word does not get adequately dispersed. As more brothers have access to e-mail, we will also look at the feasibility of using that medium, to cut down on telephone calls. This system is meant for use in emergencies only.

Fourth Degree

A good number of Sir Knights and Ladies were present for the meeting on May 8 at Eddie Whipp's, one of the enticements being the usual raffle of **Adrian Cherney's** tomato plants. Several now grow in local gardens. Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** announced plans for a cookout on June 26 for Officers, Sir Knights and Ladies, to be held at St. Mary of the Angels Parish. A part of the evening will be devoted to what we can do to stimulate growth and visibility of the Assembly and of the Fourth Degree. Among the options are pancake/porkie breakfasts, steak fry, Law Day recognition and flag or flag pin give-away. Knights were visible through Honor Guard participation in several events, most notably the Memorial Day Parade in DePere on May 28. **Richard Rebman** carried the flag and **Aaron Naze** also marched. Several other Council and Assembly members were among the estimated 30,000 lining the parade route. Father **Al Lis** met District Master **Erv Jankowiak** and other members of the Executive Committee for a tour of the KI Center and Regency Hotel. The district may hold the Exemplification in Green Bay in Spring of 2003 and would need space at the Regency and the neighboring Holiday Inn as well as facilities of the Convention Center. A final decision has not yet been made. Next year's Spring Exemplification will be held in Oconomowoc. The next meeting of Assembly 1197 will be held on June 12 and is a semi-annual business meeting, limited to Sir Knights only.

Spotlight on Scott McKenzie



Though he graduated with a Degree in engineering from UW-Madison a few years ago, it was not through any connection with the college Council there that Scott came to the Knights of Columbus. That Council gave us Jason Vandermause and John Murphy in the last couple of years. After coming to Green Bay and taking a job at Procter & Gamble, Scott ended up having Council member John Schmitz as an 'office-mate.' It was John who eventually got Scott to come to the Knights, although Scott points out there was also some persuasion from John Murphy. Scott's father was a Knight of Columbus and was quite active when he was younger, and the memories that remain are those of service projects. Interested in some sort of community involvement, Scott felt he was looking for some sort of volunteer service organization, especially one that was associated with the Church.

Originally from Plymouth, Scott's father owned a hardware store. Often getting his hands on broken toys, Scott tinkered with them enough to give him an interest in engineering. He pursued that interest and ended up graduating Madison two years ago with a Degree in Mechanical engineering. Prior to earning his Degree, he worked as an intern at 'P & G' in 1997. He also spent some time working at Kohler and as well as in Dearborn, Michigan working for Ford Motor Company. His family is still in Plymouth, and one of the reasons he came to P & G after graduation was to be fairly near the rest of the family. There was also the familiarity with P & G that developed in his intern days. He has one sister, who is also interested in Engineering. Scott also has a girlfriend in the area.

Working as a Process Engineer, Scott says there is no such thing as an average day at work. He spends time looking for process improvements and trouble shooting in addition to coaching his co-workers. He arrived for the interview adorned with little specks of paper resulting from some of his activities of the day. In his time away from the plant, he enjoys some of common pursuits of the area, namely camping, hunting and fishing. He's also into motorcycles, riding an old BMW R90/6. He likes long-distance riding, and like many other members of the Council he anxiously awaited a call from the State Charity Raffle which never came. He would have loved to win a new Harley. He is also active in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a professional organization in which he has held several positions including Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

Scott always has felt close to the Church, and is thinking about pursuing some parish ministry in the future. He was a part of the local parish in his time in Madison and that association led him to a faith-centered group such as the Knights of Columbus as an outlet for his desire to have some community involvement. In the brief time he has been with Council 10243 he has taken part in the Tootsie Roll drive, the Festival Food brat sale and has taken part in meetings of the Council.