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Grand Knight's Column

Has this ever happened to you? You meet a friend or an acquaintance you haven't seen for a while, so you stop what you are doing and take time for a brief visit. As your visit concludes and each of you are about to go your separate ways, the other person inevitably says to you, "Take it easy. Don't work too hard". Now if you think about this I'm sure that the sentiment is good, but the actual message is a little confusing.

No doubt this expression has been subconsciously handed down from generation to generation for hundreds of years with the intent of wishing each other well. I haven't really researched this but I imagine it started a long time ago, when a man's existence and that of his family directly depended upon the amount of sweat and hard work that he put into his everyday labors. Whether that was farming, ranching, mining, or something else, there just were not very many "easy jobs" back in the old days. So when someone wished you well by encouraging you not to overdo it, it was a genuine wish for your good health that should be taken to heart.

I'm not sure that modern society views it the same way. It seems that many people creatively find ways to get out of doing work or to get someone else to do it for them. However, I have noticed that this is not so with the members of the Knights of Columbus. One of the most often overlooked "fringe benefits" of being a Knight is that you and your family can work and socialize with other quality people like yourself. Being around other people who share your same work ethic and values is very important in today's society. It helps reinforce your beliefs and the values that you try to pass on to others. I am both proud and pleased to tell others that I am an active member of this organization. All of the efforts that are put forth in our Council in the name of charity also bring with them a strong sense of fraternity, and the satisfaction of a job well done.

So the next time someone tells you "take it easy" and "don't work too hard", look them straight in the

eye, smile, and say, "I don't intend to do either. I have been working very hard and hope you will do the same." Who knows, maybe if we practice this and get enough people thinking about it, in time that old expression of "Take it easy; don't work too hard" will fade away. Perhaps we can train a new generation to say, "Do your best; work your butt off".

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: First Degree

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual Third Monday of the month, September 17. We will be starting with the exemplification of the First Degree at about 7:00 PM. With luck we will have several candidates ready to take part in the Degree-- Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** said at the last meeting that we might have three. The usual Council Meeting will follow the exemplification at around 7:40 PM. As usual, no one will be admitted during the exemplification. For most brother Knights, it has been quite some time since experiencing the lessons of the First Degree and we could probably stand the refresher. Please plan on being there in time for the Degree in support of our candidates and for our own personal growth.

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** (468-3194) as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Column

I took part in the Deacon Congress for the Diocese of Green Bay recently. The featured speaker for the day was Bishop Gerald Kacanis, an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Few of the participants had ever heard of him, but he was a very captivating speaker. Among the many topics he covered in his far-reaching presentations was 'gathering.' That will, I suspect, be something we're going to hear a lot about in the next several months because the Diocese is focusing on gathering as a theme this year. It is also something that gave me a lot to think about over the days that followed. 'Gathering,' the Bishop noted, is not only the large comings together of hundreds or thousands of people. Gathering can also be two people waiting outside a hospital emergency room. Gathering is also more than just being in the same place at the same time. There is something more of a connection, something which renews and energizes us and often leads to a commitment that we will live our lives a little differently because of what happened in the act of gathering. Naturally I think of the thousands at Toronto for the Convention recently--a lot was accomplished, especially in terms of building fraternity in the smaller groups that gathered. Worship was grand and awe-inspiring, but in many ways that gathering was of no more significance than a local Council meeting which draws twenty people. After all, our point in coming together for meetings is to celebrate the fact that we are like-minded in Christ's service, and we (should) leave with a commitment to strengthen our resolve to serve the Lord with all our hearts. Also, on the very practical level, it gives us the chance to be a part of shaping the direction of the Council. People sometimes say, "I'm Catholic but I don't go to Church." My response would be "Then you're not Catholic because you're not fulfilling one of the obligations of membership in our group." Such a person may be a shining example of moral fortitude, but to be Catholic means to be faithful to the obligations that belonging to that group places upon us. One of the obligations of being Knights is meetings. We are more than just dues-paying ghosts. We can only grow in our commitment to the ideals of the order if we take the challenge to gather very seriously. Very few of the absences at Council meetings are unavoidable. In a large number of such cases, the apathy that seems to be a cancer in the Church is reaching into our Council chamber. But, apathy is curable. Gathering will probably solve the problem. It will

also mold us into what Christ had in mind for the Knights when he inspired McGivney to gather with some dozen men so long ago. The vision can be easily renewed, but not without gathering.

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

119th Supreme Convention

About forty represented Wisconsin at the gathering of the 119th Supreme Convention at Toronto on August 7-9, 2001. The bustling nature of Canada's largest city was the ideal host for about 2000 people from all the Order's jurisdictions and provided countless outlets for entertainment and enjoyment. Record high temperatures did not deter the delegates and friends from making the most of the time. Hardly a trip to the 'frozen North,' Toronto actually lies south of Green Bay along the 44th Parallel, about the same latitude as Manitowoc. About a hundred members of the hierarchy including several Cardinals took part in the liturgies. The States Dinner on Tuesday evening brought together hundreds and began with bagpipes followed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police carrying the major flags and a procession of the head table guests, about two hundred. Much was accomplished in building fraternity in small groups; one morning some of 'the boys' decided to go out for breakfast including PSD **Erv Jankowiak**, Father **Al Lis**, Father **Herbert Schubert**, IPSD **Wenzel Felber** and State Membership chairman **Steve Maryarski**. The hospitality rooms lived up to their reputation, as did the pin-trading going on throughout the Convention. The only sad element was that **Pat Cipollone** announced his resignation as Supreme Advocate. Pat made a very positive impression upon many of us at our last State Convention as the Supreme Delegate and he and his style will be sadly missed.

Attending from Council 10243 was Father **Al Lis**. Also taking part were Green Bay Bishop **Robert Banks**, and PSD **Erv & Helen Jankowiak** of Milwaukee. Several State Officers took part including State Deputy **Carl Templin**, State Advocate **Wayne & Gina Wood** and State Chaplain Father **John Simon**. Our area of the State was represented by **Vern & Pat Van Lannen** of Pulaski. Next year's gathering is set for Anaheim.

Prayer

Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe

*At his installation as Supreme Knight in Mexico in February, Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson** again commended the Order to Mary and announced special attention to membership in Mexico. Let us join with him in committing ourselves to the Patroness of the Americas.*

Grant that I may praise you,
Most Blessed Virgin!
Mother of the Redeemer, we call you blessed.
The Father chose you
before the creation of the world.
The Son of God desired you for his mother
when he became man to save the human race.
You received him with obedience
and an undivided heart.
The Holy Spirit loved you
as his mystical spouse
and filled you with singular gifts.
You allowed yourself to be led
by his powerful actions.
You appeared to Blessed Juan Diego
and left your image imprinted as a sign
of your special love.
Your visage showed your love
for the peoples of America,
whose blood derives from many parts
of the world.
You urged us to be part
of the evangelizing work of the Church.
O Mother of the human family,
Mother of America
and Mother of the Knights of Columbus,
we confidently entrust ourselves
and our families,
with all our hopes and burdens, to you.
As Knights we pledge our fealty
to our Lord Jesus Christ, and to you, Our Lady.
We pray for a deepening
of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism,
that we may be faithful
to the founding inspiration of our Founder,
the Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney.
We pledge new zeal in following your call,
echoed by our Holy Father,
for the new evangelizing
of ourselves and our world.
Obtain for us strong faith
and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.
Pray that we might be dedicated entirely
to your Blessed Son.
We pray that by your motherly care,

our Order and our hearts, newly consecrated,
and belonging totally to God,
may be a special portion for him,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special Days

September 15 - October 15

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

September

15 A Grant & Joan Turner
15 B Beverly (Jed) Schacht
16 A Roger & Sandra Heesacker
17 A Brian & Lynn Katers
18 B LaVerne (James) Barrett
18 B Tom Marquardt
19 B Katherine (Jerry) Collins
20 B Robert Agard
21 A Rick & Mary Noe
21 B Roger Shaha
22 A Ian & Maria Forbes
22 A Paul & Jill VandenPlas
22 B Father Mike Seis
22 B Grant Turner
22 + Stan Johnson (1994)
23 B Bill Bartelme
24 A Gary & Roxanne Nimmer
24 B Joe Mastalir
26 A Scott & LouAnn Rebman
26 B Fay (Jim) Janssen
26 B Rosalyn (+Al Cisler) Simonar
28 A Wencil & Luella Froelich
28 B Fred Grochmal
30 B Jed Schacht

October

02 B Dan Barrington
03 A Don & LaVerne Barrett
03 A Terry & Mary Famaree
03 B Roy C. Johnson
03 B Lawrence Waskosky
06 B Luke Siudzinski
07 A Bill & Sandy Bartelme
07 B Kay (Pat) Ellis
08 A Jim & Fay Janssen
08 A Richard & Janet Rebman
09 B Robert DeGrave
09 O John Laurant
10 B Randy Schmitz
13 B Norma (+David) Berger

Supreme Knight's Report

The following are excerpts from the Annual Report presented by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 119th Annual Convention in Toronto in August 2001:

Theme: "'Put Out Into the Deep,' the theme of the 119th Supreme Convention, is taken from Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the new millennium, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*. The words are Christ's to the first Apostles as he summoned them to lives lived in service to God and one's neighbor. 'Put Out Into the Deep' is the challenge we Knights and families are asked to undertake as we spread the good works of Columbianism to more eligible Catholic men, to every Catholic parish and school, and to more communities in the spirit of our founder."

Membership: "Only 2 percent of the 74 million Catholics in Canada and the United States are members of the Order. I am sure you will agree potential for growth exceeds that 2 percent. In some jurisdictions, in fact, the number is already nearly 9 percent. With more than 11,800 Councils, we now reach almost 40 percent of the parishes in Canada and the United States. That is a good record. But in some jurisdictions the figure is twice the average Orderwide."

"As I have made clear since becoming Supreme Knight, the time is at hand to place a special emphasis upon the Order's growth in Mexico, where it has been present since 1905. To that end, last February the Order's Board of Directors approved the split of the Mexico State Council into two new State Councils--North Mexico and Central-South Mexico. At this same meeting the Board approved the request of Guam to be recognized as a State Council. The three new Councils bring to 70 the number of jurisdictions in the Order throughout North America, the Caribbean and the Philippines. Our two new Mexican State Councils have nearly 170 local Council and close to 7000 Knights. But consider this: If only 2 percent of the Catholic population of Mexico belonged to the Knights of Columbus, Mexico would be the largest jurisdiction in the Order--larger than all the other jurisdictions combined."

Canonization: "There have been several reported miracles attributed to Father McGivney's intercession. One of these has been chosen for study and investigation in order to fulfill the

requirement that one miracle be proven for the beatification of any candidate for sainthood."

Service: "In 2000, Knight raised and distributed \$116,187,996--a new record for the Order. All too often we hear people say they don't have enough time to do the things they should for their families--let alone for other people. It is encouraging to learn from the fraternal survey that in 2000 Knights volunteered 56,730,040 hours of time."

Fourth Degree: "We are actively recruiting more Knights for the Fourth Degree. As of June 30, membership stood at 268,058, representing 16.4 percent of the entire Order. Last year 230 exemplifications were reported, bringing in a total of 13,337 new Fourth Degree Knights, compared to 17,218 in the prior year. Restorations and other additions brought total intake to 14,690, compared to 18,553 in the year earlier. Losses amounted to 10,962, comprised of 6,747 deaths, 2,350 suspensions, 162 withdrawals and 95 miscellaneous deductions, leaving us with a gain of 3,728 compared to 8,255 in the prior year."

Insurance: "Having been called 'our greatest fraternal benefit,' our insurance program continues to grow and prosper. This past April 25, we surpassed the \$41 billion mark in insurance in force, another milestone. We will surpass \$42 billion by year end."

Pro-Life: "Knights of Columbus are called to be active witnesses to the Gospel of life in a world that more and more embraces the Culture of Death. With one voice we say: Defend life. Let the children live. *Roe v. Wade* must be overturned. The right to life must not be compromised. Unswerving dedication to the right to life is a hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. In the days ahead some things may change, but this shall remain constant: In our great Crusade for Life we have drawn the sword and thrown away the scabbard until that day when the Lord of history in his justice grants us victory."

Vocations: "Next year we shall celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Father McGivney. In observance of this event we are now promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life in his honor. The theme of this program is 'One Good Priest Can Make a Difference.' In a letter to more than 25,000 Grand Knights, Council Chaplains and Council Vocations Chairmen explaining this new emphasis, I said, 'As we pray and encourage young people to consider religious vocations, Father McGivney can be a model of the effect that

a priest can have in one person's life, a parish or the world."

Charge: It has been said that the Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Church. I say to you delegates assembled in this 119th Supreme Council, you are the edge of the sword that this strong right arm wields. Be strong and unbending in defense of the Church. Be sharp and decisive to advance her mission. Vivat Jesus!

*Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight*

District Marian Hour

There will be a Marian Hour of Prayer at 7:00 PM on the evening of Wednesday, September 19 at Holy Martyrs Church in Green Bay. Similar in structure to the Holy Hour that our own Council and others have recently celebrated, this prayer service is intended to be for the entire District, joining with Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson** and Knights throughout the Order in venerating Mary under her title 'Our Lady of Guadalupe.' District Deputy **Gene Rameker** invites all brother Knights and families to join together for this special time of prayer. Bring the family and make it a special family evening of devotion to Mary.

Directors Needed

GK **Rick Noe** reminded the Council at the August meeting that we are in still need of two Directors to fill leadership positions in the Council, namely Community and Family. 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." 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). **Jim & Fay Janssen** expressed an interest in the other vacancy, Pro-Life Director.

Summer Blast

While official figures are not available, all indications are that the Summer Blast at St. Bernard and the Knights' Grill were great

successes. **Larry Ziarnik**, who coordinated our involvement along with **Roger Shaha**, reports that there was plenty of help and all seemed to have a great time. Thanks to all who took part.

Council Officers Installed

Council Officers were installed at the August 20 meeting of Council 10243. The meeting began with the recitation of the rosary according to the Marian Hour of Prayer. The traveling picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe was also at the meeting. District Deputy **Gene Rameker** installed the Officers who were present in a simple ceremony and Chaplain Father **Al Lis** concluded with some other elements of the Marian Hour of Prayer as well as a blessing of the new Officers. Those installed included Grand Knight **Rick Noe**, Deputy Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Chancellor **Mike Worzala**, Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett**, Recorder **Dave Whitton**, Treasurer **Sean Wright**, Trustees **Scott Rebman**, **Bill Bartelme & Mike Vanden Busch**, Advocate **Al Collins** and Guard **Tom Caldie** (Warden **Aaron Naze** and Guard **Gerry Piontek** were not able to be present.)

Brothers

Welcome to Council 10243 to **Karl Schroeder**, a Third Degree Knight who transferred in at the suggestion of **Mike Vanden Busch**. Karl is a member of St. Agnes Parish and comes to us from Council 617. A returned *NEWSLETTER* prompted a 'check-up' call to **Mason Powers**. Mason is working in Minneapolis and living in Mound, Minnesota. Since his departure from the area he has retained membership in Council 10243. All is well and he sends his greetings to the Council. Father **John Schuetze**, formerly a member of Council 10243 has recently been ministering at St. John in Little Chute. He has requested a leave of absence from his priestly commitments. We pray that the Lord may guide him in this time of decision.

Corrections

A couple of errors appeared in the last (August) issue of this *NEWSLETTER*. Two telephone numbers were misprinted--once that of Grand Knight **Rick Noe** and, on the listing of Officers, Trustee I **Mike Vanden Busch**. The typo in the Chaplain's Column was noticed and purposely left in place.

Fourth Degree

Marquette Assembly 1197 will hold their semi-annual business meeting on Monday, September 10. Officers of the Assembly met recently at St. Mary of the Angels to talk about the coming year. Some of the things discussed were a possible pig roast in the Spring as a combination social gathering as well as a recruitment opportunity before the Eastern District Exemplification in April. Also discussed were the places meetings are held and whether other places ought to be explored. Assembly Officers were installed at a ceremony that included Officers of Marquette Assembly 1197 of Green Bay as well as St. Jude Assembly (Oneida) and Rev. Henry Pfeifer Assembly (Sturgeon Bay). The Installation was held at St. Joseph Church in Oneida on Sunday, August 26 and was followed by a dinner at Rock Garden Supper Club. Information has been received regarding an exemplification for the Fourth Degree for the Western District, to be held in Eau Claire on Saturday, October 20. Third Degree men in good standing who feel a commitment to the Knights can and should consider advancement to the Fourth Degree. The cost, excluding accommodations, is \$65.00, which includes one dinner ticket. Additional tickets are available at \$20.00. A letter from the Masters reads in part,

We encourage all Third Degree members to join the Fourth Degree to promote patriotism through their Catholic faith. The Fourth Degree supports religious, civic and charitable causes....

Please encourage all eligible members of your Council to avail themselves of this opportunity to advance to the highest Degree of our Order. As we begin the 2nd 100 years of the Fourth Degree, let each and every one of us go and encourage 3rd Degree members to become Sir Knights. We extend to you and your brother Knights in your Council our best wishes.

*Anthony Felber, Master
Western District*

*Erwin Jankowiak, Master
Eastern District*

Anyone considering the Fourth Degree at this exemplification should contact Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** (468-1979) or Friar Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) for more information. Also, feel free to

contact any Fourth Degree member of the Council for their impressions of the Fourth Degree.

District Meetings

As I attended the District meetings, two in the Superior Diocese, one in the LaCrosse Diocese and ten in our own Green Bay Diocese, I was very impressed with the way the District Deputies, Diocesan Membership and Program Coordinators were well-prepared for their part of the meeting. The only down side is that numerous Councils did not think that it was important to attend the meetings. It's their loss. A lot of great ideas and good advice came out of these meetings. We have so much talent in each Council that we should not have any trouble filling Council offices. Recruitment should not be any problem at all if we stop saying, "Let the other guy do it." Be a true, committed Knight and say, "I will recruit a new member this month." and then do it. It will make it easier next month when we try to say it again. God Bless!

*Richard Rebman
State Secretary*

Coming Events

September 2001

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

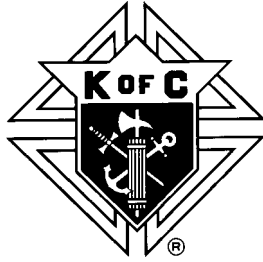
October 2001

- Respect Life Essay
- Meeting 10/15
- Landing Day Banquet
- 4th Degree, Eau Claire 10/20
- 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

Some events are tentative; booyah sales and other activities may also be scheduled.



Spotlight On...

Norbert Kalinosky

One of the newest members of Council 10243, Norbert is a transfer from Duck Creek Council 6269 who came to us several months ago. He brings with him a certain distinction--he is certainly the only member of our Council who has also been a member of numerous other Councils in the State. In the forty or so years that he has been a member of the Knights of Columbus he has spent some time as an inactive Knight but has also been a member of Councils in Lena, Hazel Green and Marshfield before coming to Duck Creek and his current family of 10243 in Green Bay.

A native of Green Bay, Norbert first considered membership in the Knights many years ago when his older brother was involved. At the time a new Council in Green Bay was getting started that took in some of the 'Preble folks.' Since his life's work has been dedicated to public education, that caused him to move around the State every so often. Rather than just letting membership in the Knights fall by the wayside, he chose to transfer membership to local Councils as a means of staying a part of things. At one time in his life he considered a vocation to the priesthood and got to know Bishop John Grellinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Green Bay who was a seminary professor. After graduating Cathedral School and the former Central Catholic High School in Green Bay, he attended Mt. Calvary Seminary. After a time he went to St. Francis Seminary in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. After eventually leaving the seminary about two years prior to ordination he got into the educational field and found himself all over the State.

He spent some time in the army from 1954-56, and tells an interesting story of his experiences: After completing Intelligence School in Baltimore, it seemed that he was going to be sent to Korea. Though the war was over, he didn't really fancy going over and he and some of his friends found out from their sergeant that 'They're not sending paratroopers over.' Norbert is quite happy to say that he was willing to learn how to jump out of airplanes in order to get around a trip to Korea. Though he lost active membership in the Knights for a while the next years found him associated with a Council in Lena in the 70's and then Hazel Green. After some time in Marshfield with one of the largest Councils in the State, he ended up in Duck Creek around 1994. There he knew few people but found a 'great bunch of guys' and was soon elected Chancellor and moved on to Deputy Grand Knight. Had he not moved again he might have ended up Grand Knight. His involvement in education encompassed not only teaching but also administration. He served as Assistant Principal at Preble and Principal at Shiocton before ending up Superintendent at Lena.

Norbert met his wife, Thelma, when they were both singing in the choir at Cathedral. She worked as an LPN, and since his retirement in 1990 she has worked for the Red Cross in the blood program. Norbert keeps busy around the house and also volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul and as delivering flowers for Schroeder's. He and Thelma were married in 1960, having recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They have eight children, most of whom live out of town but they come to visit often. Norbert says he plans to stay in his house until he's carried out feet first, so it seems his day's of transferring Councils are behind him. We are grateful for the wealth of experience in the Knights of Columbus that he brings to Council 10243.

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