



Knights of Columbus

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NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

If you ever want to start a lively discussion, all you have to do is ask someone about his or her favorite Christmas memories. Within no time at all you will be hearing wonderful detailed stories of the many Christmas's of the past. And in hearing these fun-filled colorful stories, you will also join in the storytelling as the conversation triggers some fond memories of your own that just need to be told one more time. As you listen to all of these stories, they all center on one of only a few themes: family, travel, anticipation, church, giving and receiving. Almost all of the time the stories told are of happy times, fond memories, and of Christmas traditions. And it doesn't seem to matter if you are talking to a 24-year-old or an 84-year-old-- the stories that they enjoy telling are the ones that occurred in their youth. These are the ones that they cherish most and that have made a lasting impression upon them.

The challenge that faces each of us this year is to not let this Christmas go by without having any lasting memories or any special meaning for us. I would be willing to bet that most of us would find it easier to share a meaningful Christmas memory from our youth than we would from a Christmas that happened just two years ago. Many Christmas gatherings and family events have been the same for years and, just like the church, they have their own traditions. I'm not suggesting that you break the tradition if you are happy with it and it works for your family. However I am suggesting that you put a new "spin" on that tradition to make it memorable and fun again.

Commit to yourself that you will find a way to make this Christmas both special and memorable for you and your family. Do something out of the ordinary. Invite people over you haven't seen for a while. Help out at church or at a community function. Pick up an unattended bell at a Salvation Army kettle and start ringing it because no one else is. Make time to be with your family and the ones you love, and remember to tell them just how special that they are to you. Those simple words of praise mean very much to those who receive them.

To all of our members and their families I would like to say "Thank You" for the many ways that you have helped our Council over this past year. Your efforts and dedication really are appreciated. It is my hope and prayer that this Christmas season be both special and memorable for you and your family.

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Honorees

Sincerest congratulations to the Council's November Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Jim VanAllen
Family of the Month: Larry & Bridget Ziarnik

Next Meeting: Spouses Welcome

The next meeting of Council 10243 will be Monday, December 17. Spouses and significant others are welcome to the gathering which will begin at 7:00 PM. We are planning for a brief meeting to handle any pressing business and then a lengthier social to enjoy one another's company. Do not bring anything except your smiles and Christmas Spirit.

State Deputy Visits Bishop

State Deputy **Carl Templin** was in Green Bay on Tuesday, November 20 to pay a courtesy call on Bishop **Robert Banks**. One of the responsibilities each State Deputy has customarily taken upon himself is to request the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on each of the five Bishops in the State. State Secretary **Richard Rebman** had hoped to accompany Carl but was ill and unable to attend.

Special Days

December 15 - January 15

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

December

15 B Lynn (Brian) Katers
18 B Rick Pigeon
19 B Donald Schneider
19 B Lucille (Robert) Warpinski
21 B Kristine (Terry) Misfeldt
25 B Terry Timmerman
26 A Norbert & Thelma Kalinosky
26 B Lee Ann (John) Laurant
27 B Marianthe (John) Hale
28 B Connie (Richard) Rosin
29 B Dorothy (Cliff) Gigot
30 A Donald & Colleen Hoff
30 A Robert & Pat Massart

January

04 B LouAnn (Scott) Rebman
06 B Timothy Conroy
06 B John Hyland
08 B Scott McKenzie
08 B Dave Whitton
09 B Mary (Jason) Vandermause
10 B Tom Janowski
11 B Cathy (Bob) Wozniak
14 B Patricia (John) Hyland
15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan

Chaplain's Column

It is at this rather hectic time of the year that the Church sends its children a message of hope for the future, a message that we probably need to hear more than ever after living through the tragic events of a few months ago. The symbolism of a little child lying in a manger in a Bethlehem cave so very long ago is meant to be a reminder of the fact that our own lowly human nature was not too abase to be touched by the finger of God. By taking upon himself our human nature, it became possible for us to rise above ourselves and reach out for divinity. Salvation, redemption, grace, whatever we like to call it--all of this and so much more is captured by the event of a simple birth some two thousand years ago that not only changed all of human history, but also gave us the ability to transcend the limitations of human achievement. It is not enough to acknowledge the

fact that we count time in terms of his birth. It is not enough to recognize the fact that everything else that ever happened in the course of human history has not had the effect of the one birth of Bethlehem. Something more is demanded, and we might very well miss the message if we get swept away by the frenzy of the season. There's always something more to do; another errand to run and one last gift to run out and purchase. We have a tendency to live our lives with such intensity and expeditiousness today that we miss what is going on around us and we run the risk of thinking that we are indispensable to the world. The message of the season is to take a break from all of that. We are called to step back, to remember the fact that the world existed long before we came on the scene and it will somehow manage to go on after we have ceased even to be a memory. But, at this moment in time we are asked to consider what happened to long ago in the desert of Judea and what effect that has and on our lives and on our world. Take the time, then, to think. The last gift to buy, the last batch of cookies to bake, the last party to attend--all these are really irrelevant in comparison to the meaning of Christmas. Christ came among us and by his birth sanctified our nature, in effect telling us that we are now consecrated because we are not too far removed from him that he could not share in our humanity. In turn, he has invited us to reach above who we are and the limits we believe are placed upon us. We are called to strive for his divinity. We can't take the time to reach for him if we are too distracted by everything else happening around us. It takes concentration and it takes effort and it takes a singular dedication. Let's not be caught too busy to recognize the real gift of Christmas.

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

Corporate Communion

The date of the "Corporate Communion" for our Council has been changed to January 27, 2002. On that Sunday we will be gathering as a group at the 8:00 AM mass at St. Bernard to show our unity as brothers and our devotion to God. Please make every effort to attend this mass that weekend. Spouses, children, and extended family are encouraged to come and take part in this event as well. After all, "Family" is one of the main principles of our Order, and it will be good to have the Knights and their families together to pray as one. A small social will follow mass in the new multipurpose room.

From the Financial Secretary

Dues: As 2001 comes to a close, we will be sending out the bills for dues for the calendar year of 2002, which are due January 1st. As part of the First Degree, "...keeping your dues current." is a part of that degree exemplification. However, if you are having financial difficulties and cannot pay your dues, the Knights of Columbus understands, but you need to notify the Grand Knight, **Richard Noe** to make other arrangements. Please, make your check out to: Knights of Columbus Council 10243 (or K. of C. Council 10243). A "Late Fee" of \$10.00 will be assessed to those who have not paid by February 28, 2002 unless other arrangements have been made (voted at the meeting 11-15-1999). If a "Late Fee" was assessed to the 2001 dues and not paid it will be added to the 2002 dues.

Fraternal Survey: The 2001 Survey of Fraternal Activity individual member worksheet will also be sent which is due back to me by 1-10-2002 in order for me to tally the totals. Remember that you need to take credit for all of your activities: serving as an usher and/or distributing Holy Communion at Mass; Youth activities such as coaching; Helping a neighbor or fellow Knight to paint their house etc. If you help anyone, those hours can be counted. This is important for the Knights of Columbus to maintain their charitable status for tax purposes. If you have questions ask me.

E-Mail: E-Mail addresses are being requested again as some may have changed and some may have been added during the past year.

We will include an envelope addressed to the Financial Secretary for your convenience to return your dues and your survey. If you mail it be sure to put a stamp on the envelope, or give it to me at the December meeting Thank you for your cooperation.

Flags in Church

From time to time, especially at this time of increased patriotism in our country, people wonder about why the flag is not displayed more prominently in churches. The following policy reminder was sent by the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Green Bay to all parishes recently:

"Just a reminder that the diocesan policy concerning display of our country's flag remains the same. The flag should not be

stationed in the sanctuary nor should it generally be carried in procession. It should never take the place of the cross and lead a procession. The flag is best displayed in the vestibule or gathering place.

"During this special time in the life of our country, it would be appropriate to mount the flag in the gathering space or outside the church with a book of petitions along with floral decorations." (#245, III)

Supreme Family of the Month

Congratulations go out to the **Peter & Ann Birdsall** family, our October "Family of the Month." Their nomination form was chosen at random from the many entries received as one of 100 monthly "Family of the Month" winners at the Supreme Council office. They will be receiving a congratulatory letter from Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson** and a statuette of the Holy Family for their home. We congratulate them and thank them for their involvement in the Church, Council and community.

Prayer

Prayer for Lectors

God of glory, your eternal Word
chose to come among us in the flesh
and sanctified our human nature.
Throughout our history
you have spoken your word to us
through the voice of the prophets of old
and the challenge of the prophets of our own time.
Look with love upon all those
who proclaim the sacred scriptures
in the Christian Assembly.
May they be effective in their ministry
so that your voice may be clearly heard
in the gathering of your people.
May they be the instruments through which
you continue to teach and sanctify your people.
Let your Spirit come in abundance
upon all those who announce your good news
and let their lives bear witness
to the saving power of your message.
May your people, formed by the Word,
themselves go forth in Christ's name
as Apostles of the Good News of salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Centennials

Numerous Councils in the State celebrate their Centennial this year, owing to the enormous and rapid growth of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin about a hundred years ago. Since the establishment of the Knights at Superior in June of 1900, considerable growth has taken place. The following are those celebrating their Centennials in Wisconsin:

Council:	Location:	Chartered:
499	Superior	Jun 17, 1900
524	Milwaukee	Jun 24, 1900
531	Madison	Aug 27, 1900
592	Janesville	Aug 4, 1901
605	Beloit	Sep 22, 1901
607	Appleton	Sep 29, 1901
617	Green Bay	Nov 10, 1901
614	Oshkosh	Nov 24, 1901

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664	Fond du Lac	Apr 27, 1902
669	Hurley	Jun 1, 1902
697	Racine	Aug 3, 1902
710	Manitowoc	Oct 12, 1902
719	Marinette	Nov 17, 1902

Some have recently held celebrations, notably #617 in Green Bay. On Wednesday, November 14 about 225 people gathered to celebrate the Centennial beginning with a Mass in the afternoon at St. Joseph Church in Green Bay celebrated by Pastor and Council Chaplain Fr. **Mike Ingold**. **Richard & Janet Rebman** were in attendance at the celebration, which continued with a dinner at Rock Garden. **Ray Dufano** served as Master of Ceremonies. On November 25, Richard & Janet also took part in a celebration in Oshkosh. The Centennial celebration began with a Mass by Bishop **Robert Morneau** at St. Peter Church in Oshkosh followed by a dinner at the KC Clubhouse. About 100 people were present.

Rosaries

Turn in your old, broken rosaries for new ones at no charge. The old ones will be repaired by an organization out east and sent off to the missions. Any rosaries can be used, not only KC rosaries, as well as those missing beads. Contact **Jim Barnett** (468-1245) for more information.

Fourth Degree

Members of our local Marquette Assembly 1197 gathered with members of St. Jude Assembly 1724 for a Memorial Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Green Bay on November 6. About 70 attended, mostly from Marquette Assembly. Eastern District Friar Father **Al Lis** presided and Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** served as a reader. State Secretary **Richard Rebman** led the intercessions remembering the ten departed Sir Knights of the two Assemblies. The evening continued with a social and dinner at Wally's Spot. The Assembly does not meet in December and will gather for a Christmas celebration in January.

On the District level, Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** has been trying to develop a set of by-laws for the District. Draft copies have been sent to members of the Executive Committee for their input. A 'Blue Ribbon' Committee will be appointed to form a final draft.

Booyah

The booyah sale of November 10-11 was again a success, bringing in \$664.00 for the Council. The next sale will probably be in January. Thanks to the helpers: **Donald Barrett, Randy Barrett, Dan Barrington, Mike Barry, Bill Bartelme, Kevin Beck, Ray Demerath, Bill Griesbach, Jim Janssen, Weldon Kiernan, Daniel Maine, Joe Mastalir, Rick Noe, Jerry Piontek, Dave Reimer, Dick Rosin, Don Schneider, Luke Siudzinski, Grant Turner, Mike Vanden Busch, Jason Vandermause, Stan Waslowski, Dave Whitton & Bob Wozinak.**

Landing Day

A Landing Day banquet for the Councils of District 13 was held on Sunday, November 11. The evening included a social and dinner with a speaker following from a Christian radio station. The evening was held at Woodside and was sponsored by Council 4505 in Green Bay. About eighty attended including the following fourteen from the Council 10243 family: Father **Al Lis, Bill & Sandy Bartelme, Richard & Janet Rebman, Jim & Marilyn Barnett, Grant & Joan Turner, Rick Noe, Paul & Kathy Tilot and Jim & Fay Janssen.**

Spotlight On... Tom Capelle



Tom's becoming a part of the Knights of Columbus was a rather interesting trek. His father George was a member of Council 10243 several years ago. George passed away in 1996, but left a few memories of the Knights with Tom. George had been quite involved in the life of the Council, taking part in most of the Council meetings and also participating in some of the usual activities such as booyah and Tootsie Roll sales. In fact, when asked what did he know about the Knights before coming on board, Tom said immediately, "booyah." Because of a rather hectic schedule he didn't get around to making the commitment to the knights, but then not too long ago someone suggested to Tom's mother, Audrey, that he might like to get involved in the Council. Audrey mentioned that to him, and one thing followed another. Tom now joins a short list of 'father/son' involvement in the Council. He completed the journey to full Knighthood through the Third Degree just recently.

Aware of the charitable activities of the Knights, Tom hopes to find the time to take part in some of the activities, though he often finds that other commitments keep him from being as involved as he would like. After graduating Edgewood College in Madison some years ago, he took a teaching job in Brillion for eight years, handling social studies and history. After that he spent time working at Hi-Fi Heaven and also did a good deal of substitute teaching at St. Bernard. He had been looking for a way of getting into the Green Bay Public School system, and meanwhile found out about a position at Bellin Psychiatric Hospital dealing with adolescents. That occupied him for another eight years until about a year ago when he got involved in the Student Success Program, working with 'at-risk' students in the Green Bay system. Last Fall found him dealing with aspects of the program at ten schools, but now he is usually at Franklin Middle School, near Notre Dame Academy. There are about 150 students in the program, and Tom's average day begins with a math program. After that there is the endless stream of paperwork, telephone calls, dealing with parents, and all the other aspects of teaching. He also enjoys the opportunity of spending some time getting to know the students better. Tom believes Franklin is the greatest school in the district, and appreciates the large minority population of students.

It seems as if anything involving water is a favorite leisure activity for Tom. He is frequently fishing; in fact it was on a return trip from Canada with his father that George answered the call to eternal life. Returning to the same fishing spot a year later, Tom had the eerie experience of being in the same room that George had spent his last night in the previous year. Tom recently bought a new boat and is looking forward to continued fishing experiences. He had been involved in Waterboard Warriors, a water skiing program associated with the Boy Scouts, which performs at Wrightstown. He was also involved in Green Bay Paddlers, a whitewater canoeing group. He enjoys wilderness canoe trips and hiking and also used to coach swimming and he usually officiates about 30 meets a year. We're glad to have Tom with us and look forward to getting to know him through the activities of the Council.

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