



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Grand Knight's Column

It is time to turn the calendar page and notice that indeed it is November already, and that once again summer has gone by too fast. If you are like me there are still plenty of summer activities on the "to do" list that are still waiting to happen. Since old Mother Nature waits for no one, those things will have to wait until the weather warms and summer comes along again.

With November actually here our thoughts turn toward Thanksgiving, which is definitely an All-American holiday. Where else other than America would you have a paid day off from work where tradition dictates that you join with family and friends in eating too much and watch parades and football on TV, and not feel guilty doing it? Even though that is what many of us do, thankfully that is not all that we do or think about on that day. Because of the events of September 11th, this year's Thanksgiving remembrance is bound to be special for many Americans, and it is up to you to make sure that it is special for you, too.

There are many things to be thankful for and each of us will have to decide which of them we should verbalize in a prayer. For me there are three: faith, family, and friends. As I think about the many blessings I have and all the things to be thankful for, they all seem to fit into one of these three groupings. My faith is very important to me. It gives me an inner strength, which guides and comforts me on this journey of life. My family is most precious to me. They give my life meaning and purpose. It is for them and because of them that I do many of the things that I do. Lastly I pray for my friends. Friendship is a special thing. You can't buy it, and you can't fake it. Oh, you can try to fake it but then that is not real friendship. Friendship is a sharing. It means caring about the other person in both good times and in hard times. Good friends are priceless and I am grateful for all of mine.

As you make your preparations for this upcoming Thanksgiving celebration, take time to prepare your heart and your soul as well. Reflect on what

is really important to you, and then let your actions and passion reflect that in your daily lives.

*Rick Noe  
Grand Knight*

## Landing Day

Our District Landing Day banquet is scheduled for Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11. The evening will be held at Woodside and will begin with cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner to follow at 7:00. Details about any program are not available. RSVP as soon as possible to **Rick Noe** (468-3194). Dinner cost is \$11.00 per person. Our Council's participation in these sort of events could always use a boost, so plan on attending and celebrating our heritage with other local Knights and their families. It should be easy to remember--Landing Day on 11/11 at \$11.

## Next Meeting: First Degree

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for the usual Third Monday, November 19. The meeting will be preceded by the exemplification of the First Degree, beginning at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40 PM. As usual, out of respect to the Degree Team and the candidates, no one will be admitted while the exemplification is taking place. Since the fundamental lesson of charity is discussed at the First Degree, consider coming in time for the exemplification and celebrating Thanksgiving week by again thanking God for the call to Charity that the Knights have embraced and for all the good we have accomplished in Christ's name.

## Honorees

Congratulations to the October Council Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: Cliff Gigot**

**Family of the Month: Pete & Ann Birdsall**

## Special Days

November 15 - December 15

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

### November

15 B Clayton Langenberg  
17 B Betty (Joseph) Hoffman  
17 B Debra (Joseph) Sule  
20 B Jerry Ahrens  
20 B Kathleen (Paul) Tilot  
21 A Roger & Lynda Shaha  
21 B Gene Gunderson  
23 A Terry & Kristine Misfeldt  
25 B Mark Keuler  
26 B Weldon Kiernan  
29 B Ken Greetan

### December

04 B Cheryl (William) Brown  
05 B Sean Wright  
06 B Kim (David) Burbach  
06 B Paul VandenPlas  
06 B Mike Worzala  
07 B Nancy (Fred) Grochmal  
11 B Marilyn (Lawrence) Waskosky  
13 B Donald Hoff  
13 B David Reimer  
14 B Ann (Peter) Birdsall  
15 B Lynn (Brian) Katers

## Chaplain's Column

Each time the month of November rolls around our attention is once again drawn to those who have preceded us in death and have been joined to the Communion of Saints in heaven. While we customarily remember our families and friends, fellow parishioners and Council members and their families, our thoughts cannot help but be drawn to those who died as a result of the tragedy of September 11. The sudden loss of so many innocent lives is still a deep wound for us, and even though we probably have few if any connections as a Council to anyone who was killed that day, we would somehow like to think of them as a part of our own families. We still struggle with death and attempts to understand it--we have probably come to accept the fact that dying is simply a part of living. No matter who we are or what we accomplish in our lives, we will not be able to escape what Francis of Assisi called the

"embrace of Sister Death." We have many images to help us come to terms with this final act of living; some call it a tapestry from which one strand is pulled each time someone dies. While our earthly tapestry gets weaker with each little tug, the heavenly one becomes the stronger. Our Christian faith brings us the promise that life as we know it is not all that God has in mind for us. Something more is in store for those who are faithful. All of this, and all the images that we will hear at every memorial service this month, does not answer the fundamental human question, "Why must people die?" Nor does it answer the questions that still plague us about September 11. Though we take comfort in the hope and in the belief that those who die are enfolded into the loving arms of God, we still would rather we had the power to reach out and touch them once again. It is not to be. We can take some consolation from the fact that no one is really entirely gone until every life they have touched is extinguished. From that point of view, maybe those who were sacrificed on September 11 will live for ages to come. We don't need to know their names. All we need to know is that suddenly, abruptly, tragedy struck, and joined their lives to eternity. We believe that one day we too will cease to exist and life as we know it will come to an end. Yet our Christian faith is grounded in the solid belief that more is in store for us; that our earthly existence is only a part of the whole picture. Let us rejoice, then, in knowing that the innocents who died in September, and all those who we remember this time of year, have joined in Christ's victory over death. We shall be united again with them. It is the promise made to us by God himself.

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

## Respect for Life Appeal

Every year in October the Wisconsin State Council sends out the respect life appeal letter to all of the membership. This is a once a year request and they ask that every Knight donate to this most worthwhile cause. The monies collected go toward saving lives, teaching chastity, and providing counseling. Last year the State Council was able to donate over \$85,000 to Pro-life agencies and shelters for unwed mothers. Please be generous when acknowledging this request, and remember to mark your donation as coming from a member of Council #10243.

## Fourth Degree

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held in Eau Claire for the Western District of Wisconsin on Saturday, October 20. A total of eighty candidates took part in the Degree and were added to the ranks of Sir Knights of Wisconsin, two of them being from our own Eastern District (Waupaca.) Among the candidates were two priests from the Eau Claire area. A special guest was **Dennis Backer**, a seminarian from St. John Vianney Seminary in the Archdiocese of St. Paul in Minnesota who likewise joined the Fourth Degree. Another participant in the exemplification was **Mike Murphy** from Wausau, brother of Council 10243 member **John Murphy**. John was not aware that his brother was taking part, otherwise he may have participated as well. Given the number of men that took part in previous exemplifications this year it seems as if the Fourth Degree is alive and well in our State. We had 108 for the Eastern District at Appleton in April and 44 for the Western District at Tomah in June: a total of 232 men this calendar year. Father **Al Lis** attended the weekend and, as Eastern District Friar, was seated at the head table. **Richard** and **Janet Rebman** also were present for the weekend as observers as were the other State Officers and a few Past State Deputies including former Masters **Robert Bodden** and **Harold Stohlmeyer** and current Eastern Master **Erv Jankowiak** and Western Master **Tony Felber**. PSD **Larry Lanners'** Country Store did a pretty good business. An exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Eastern District is scheduled for April and another joint exemplification for both Districts is set for June.

Locally, our Marquette Assembly #1197 held a meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at the Lilac Plantation near Oconto Falls. Speaker for the evening was Council 10243 member **Joe Mastalir**, a retired member of the Green Bay Police Department. Joe spoke about some of his experiences, especially working with the canine unit of the Department. About sixty attended the evening, a somewhat larger number than what was anticipated. A memorial Mass honoring the deceased members of the Assembly will be held at St. Mary of the Angels on November 13. Members of St. Jude Assembly #1724 in Oconto will join us for the commemoration. The Assembly does not meet in December and will gather in January for a Christmas celebration.

## Booyah

Sincerest thanks to all those who helped out at the booyah sale on October 20-21. A net profit of \$659.00 was realized to support the various activities of the Council. Thanks also to **Bill Bartelme** for coordinating this one. The next booyah is scheduled for the busy weekend of November 10-11. Anyone interested in helping out may contact **Jim Janssen** (406-8685). The 'Booyah Boys of October' are:

**Randy Barrett**  
**Bill Bartelme**  
**Ray Demerath**  
**Tom Gauthier**  
**Joe Hoffman**  
**Jim Janssen**  
**Roy C. Johnson**  
**Norbert Kalinosky**  
**Clayton Langenberg**  
**Robert Ledvina**  
**Terry Misfeldt**  
**Rick Noe**  
**Gerry Piontek**  
**Richard Rosin**  
**Eugene Schmitz**  
**John Schmitz**  
**Grant Turner**  
**Mike Vanden Busch**  
**John Walczyk**  
**Dave Whitton**  
**Mike Worzala**  
**Robert Wozniak**

## Charity

Considerable charitable disbursements were approved at the September & October meetings of Council 10243:

Heroes Fund:	1000.00
Preble Quarterback Club:	500.00
St. Bernard Social Concerns:	300.00
Widows' Christmas gifts:	200.00
Green Bay Police:	300.00
Salvation Army:	200.00
Paul's Pantry (now):	200.00
Paul's Pantry (Feb.):	300.00

This represents a total of \$3000.00 approved for charity in the past few weeks. The contribution to the Green Bay Police was in memory of Brother **Mike Paoletti** and that to the Salvation Army was in memory of Brother **Dan McLaughlin**.

## Holy Father's Audience

The following is the text of the Holy Father's weekly general audience of September 12, the day after the terrorist attacks on the U.S.

*I cannot begin this audience without expressing my profound sorrow at the terrorist attacks which yesterday brought death and destruction to America, causing thousands of victims and injuring countless people. To the President of the United States and to all American citizens I express my heartfelt sorrow. In the face of such unspeakable horror we cannot but be deeply disturbed. I add my voice to all the voices raised in these hours to express indignant condemnation, and I strongly reiterate that the ways of violence will never lead to genuine solutions to humanity's problems.*

*Yesterday was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity. After receiving the news, I followed with intense concern the developing situation, with heartfelt prayers to the Lord. How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people. But faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ's word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which trouble our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it.*

*With deeply felt sympathy I address myself to the beloved people of the United States in this moment of distress and consternation, when the courage of so many men and women of good will is being sorely tested. In a special way I reach out to the families of the dead and the injured, and assure them of my spiritual closeness. I entrust to the mercy of the Most High the helpless victims of this tragedy, for whom I offered Mass this morning, invoking upon them eternal rest. May God give courage to the survivors; may he sustain the rescue-*

*workers and the many volunteers who are presently making an enormous effort to cope with such an immense emergency. I ask you, dear brothers and sisters, to join me in prayer for them. Let us beg the Lord that the spiral of hatred and violence will not prevail. May the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Mercy, fill the hearts of all with wise thoughts and peaceful intentions.*

*Today, my heartfelt sympathy is with the American people, subjected yesterday to inhuman terrorist attacks which have taken the lives of thousands of innocent human beings and caused unspeakable sorrow in the hearts of all men and women of good will. Yesterday was indeed a dark day in our history, an appalling offense against peace, a terrible assault against human dignity.*

*I invite you all to join me in commending the victims of this shocking tragedy to Almighty God's eternal love. Let us implore his comfort upon the injured, the families involved, all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected.*

*I ask God to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial.*

## Charity Fund Hits Home

**Paul Tilot**, a disabled member of Council 10243 was the recipient of funds from the State Charity Raffle recently. Paul and his wife **Kathy** recently moved into a new house that was more accessible for him and his wheelchair and they are hoping to purchase an accessible van. **Richard Rebman**, **Rick Noe** and Father **Al Lis** made the presentation on October 10 and also had the opportunity to visit with Paul and Kathy for a while. It is always gratifying to see the effort we put into selling those Charity Raffle tickets bear such fruit.

## Recruitment

A great opportunity for recruitment will be November 10-11 at St. Bernard Parish during the recruitment weekend. **Randy Barrett** indicated that all is ready and there are sufficient volunteers, but certainly candidates are needed. All Council brothers who will be at St. Bernard that weekend are urged to 'bring a friend' a to learn a little more about the Knights.

## Heroes Fund

The Knights of Columbus has established a \$1 million Heroes Fund for families of all full-time professional law enforcement, firefighter and emergency medical personnel who have lost their lives or may yet lose their lives from rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The initial \$500,000 was contributed by the Supreme Council and the remainder is to be raised from throughout the Order. At the September meeting Council 10243 decided to solicit contributions from individual members and match those contributions up to \$1000.00. The Order intends to send \$3000 to the families of all the heroes, regardless of religious affiliation or membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The response from the Council to the Fund appeal was something of which we can be very proud. The following is a letter to the Supreme Office enclosed with our contribution from Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett**, dated October 24.

*Dear Brother Knight,*

*Enclosed is a check for \$2,506.00 for the Heroes Fund from Council 10243.*

*At our September 17th meeting action was taken for the Council to match the donations that our members make to the Heroes Fund up to \$1000.00. A letter was sent out by our Grand Knight, Richard E. Noe, to members and widows to donate to the Heroes Fund with a self-addressed envelope return to the Financial Secretary. We received 46 donations, including two from our five widows, totaling to \$1506.00.*

*We wish this could have been more, but every little bit helps with a short notice.*

*Fraternally,*

*James A. Barnett  
Financial Secretary*

## Installation Meeting

With an eye focused on **Richard Rebman's** anticipated election as State Deputy at the next State Convention, several members of the Council 10243 family got together on October 24 to talk about arrangements for his Installation. **Rick Noe, Grant Turner, Jim Barnett, Randy Barrett** and

Father **Al Lis** joined **Richard & Janet Rebman** for the first discussion of various things connected with the ceremony and the meal. The Installation is scheduled for Sunday, July 7, 2002 in Green Bay.

## Prayer

### *Prayer for Veterans*

God of love and grace,  
your Son Jesus told his followers  
that the greatest love a person can have  
is to lay down their life for their friends.  
We ask your special blessing upon those  
who were willing to place their lives  
in jeopardy for the sake of others.  
We thank you for the example  
of their virtue, honor and patriotism.  
May we honor them by striving  
to enable our country to take its place  
among the nations of the world  
as a land of freedom and compassion  
and a beacon of hope  
for those who thirst for justice.  
May the sacrifices made  
by all those who served  
in the defense of our country  
teach us to appreciate the graces  
you have showered upon our nation.  
Look with special love and regard  
upon all who serve this day  
in the Armed Forces of the United States.  
Keep them safe from harm  
and sustain them in the knowledge  
that they are remembered and loved  
by all who treasure freedom.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## Bell Ringing

Once again this year we are taking part in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Those who have taken part in this activity in the past have enjoyed the opportunity to help another organization raise funds for their work. We will be ringing in the season at Cub Foods East on Friday and Saturday, December 7 & 8. Double up with a friend in the Council or make it a family activity. Two-hour time slots are available by calling **Jim Janssen** (406-8685) or by signing up at the November Council meeting. A contribution of \$200 was made to the Salvation Army in memory of **Dan McLaughlin** who coordinated our involvement in this project for several years.

## Green Bay Police

For the last several years our Council has covered some of the costs encountered by the Green Bay Police in their visits to hospitalized children at Christmas. The Police bring gifts to children who will not be home for the holiday, and deceased Council member **Mike Paoletti** was a part of this program. We have also contributed at the same time toward the *Shop With a Cop* program during the holiday season. A request was made at the October meeting for continued support and the Council contributed \$300 to this cause, again in memory of Mike. We hope to present the check in December at the time of the hospital visits. The following letter, dated October 16, was received by Father Al:

*Dear Father Al,*

*The committee members for the **Shop with a Cop** will meet in two weeks to start planning for this year's event. This will be our 6th year for **Shop with a Cop** program. Last year over 160 kids throughout the county shared this special day with Law Enforcement personnel.*

*I will be contacting Mrs., Paoletti and asking her permission to again dedicate this event in Officer Mike Paoletti's name. We will continue to keep his name connected with this wonderful kids program for many years to come.*

*Last year's donation from the Knights of Columbus was used for the same programs as in the past:*

- ◆◆◆ **Shop with a Cop**
- ◆◆◆ *Christmas hospital visits*

*As a member of the Green Bay Police Department and committee member of the **Shop with a Cop**, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 10243 for their continuous support of our youth programs.*

*Sincerely,*

*/s/ David R. Byrnes  
Director of Crime Prevention  
Green Bay Police Department*

## Welcome, Pat Danforth

We are delighted to welcome **Pat Danforth** to Council 10243. Pat is Third Degree Brother Knight and a recent transfer from Council 11668 in Jacksonville, Florida. Perhaps he'll bring a bit of the Sunshine State to a Green Bay Winter. Welcome to the family, Pat!

## Convention Planning

A second meeting of the planning committee for the 2002 State Convention was held in Madison on October 22. **Richard & Janet Rebman** attended the meeting of about 25 people, which was intended to assure that the Convention would come off smoothly. The next State Convention will be held in Middleton (outside Madison) on April 27-28, 2002, and we hope to see Richard elected State Deputy at that gathering. It would be great to see a lot of support for Richard from the Council evident by attendance at the Convention. Mark your calendars now and plan on being present in Middleton on the last weekend of April.

## Second and Third Degree

Three men of Council 10243 took part in the Second and Third Degree exemplifications on Sunday, October 28. Congratulations, and welcome to full Knighthood:

**Tom Capelle**  
**Kevin Lardinois**  
**Randy Schmitz**

Council 10243 members State Secretary **Richard Rebman**, Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** and Chaplain Father **Al Lis** took part as observers of the class of 51 Second Degree and 59 Third Degree men at the ceremonies held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Green Bay. Also present were State Advocate **Wayne Wood** of Pulaski, PSD and Eastern Master **Erv Jankowiak** of Milwaukee who worked with the Degree Team and PSD **John Hanlon** of Tigerton. A completely surprised Richard Rebman was announced as the Honoree of this Degree and presented with a certificate by Coordinator **Ray Dufano** from the host Council 617 who noted that as far as the Knights are concerned, Richard is one who is always there to lend a hand. Congratulations to Richard on the honor.



# Spotlight On... Paul Tilot

Sometimes a single event alters our lives forever, and Paul is living proof of resiliency and determination in spite of such things. The date of February 20, 2000 will forever live in his mind because that is the day that he suffered a stroke and it certainly has changed how he and those close to him will deal with the future. It was quite a severe stroke and Paul's wife, Kathy, was told he probably wouldn't survive. "But," Paul relates with justified pride, "I proved them all wrong." Since the time of the stroke it has been a long road to adjustment to the complications. It left him paralyzed on his right side and confined to a wheelchair, and, like many assaults to the left side of the brain, it complicated his speech. He was unable to speak for quite some time, though through time and therapy he has recovered a good deal of that capacity.

Prior to that fateful day in 2000, Paul was an electrician who was a master in the trade and had a contractor license. He worked for his dad for twenty years, and although he is officially retired now, he still tinkers around a bit for himself as far as he is able as a part of his continuing recovery. It was through the suggestion of Gerry Delforge, a brother Knight from another Council and a cousin of his wife, that he considered becoming a part of the Knights of Columbus. Before that he knew very little about the Knights but apparently Gerry's recruiting abilities at least gave Paul a desire to check things out. Both of them were also members of the Eagles, and en route to conventions they had plenty of time to talk about the Knights and Gerry managed to win Paul over. That was five or six years ago, and since then Paul has also advanced through the Fourth Degree and is a member of our local Marquette Assembly 1197. Obviously the fact that Paul is disabled means that he cannot take part in many activities of the Council or the Assembly.

These days Paul spends a great deal of his time Monday through Friday at Curative Workshop in the "Older Americans Program." His days are filled with volunteer work, everything from playing cards to woodworking to cooking to a newer hobby--ceramics. Many people involved in the program cannot be by themselves and Paul certainly enjoys the time he spends with them. Though he seems to have completed any therapy that would bring him any great benefit, he is planning to begin some pool therapy soon, after an infection in his leg clears up and he can begin a program.

Paul is a Green Bay native who is one of a set of triplets--two identical twin boys and a girl. He and Kathy recently celebrated their Thirtieth wedding anniversary and they have four daughters, three of whom live in the area, and two grandchildren. They recently moved into a new home that Paul designed to be completely accessible. He spends most of his weekdays at Curative Workshop, but he still has his evenings and weekends. In this free time he enjoys being on the computer and cooking. His culinary specialties seem to be booyah and beef jerky. He is definitely proud of all that the Knights have done for him and is especially grateful for a recent check from the State Charity Fund that will help in their goal of purchasing an accessible van. We too are proud to have them as a part of the Council family and are grateful for all that they continue to teach us about rising above adversity.

*November 2001*