



Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight's Column

Every person from school age child to adult who was alive on *September 11th, 2001* will remember that date forever. The devastation, the loss of life, and the injustice will continue to gnaw at our minds and our hearts through the years to come. The many questions we have about the sanity and rationality of this event will never be answered to our full satisfaction.

What do we do now? How do we protect ourselves? What changes do we have to make to our individual lifestyles since these events took place? These and many more are the questions on our minds. It truly is a time for reflection and prayer. The faith filled person always gets through any tragedy because of his love and belief in God. By our daily prayer we develop a bond or friendship with our God that is unique to each of us, and acts as a safe harbor when the stormy seas of life get to be too much to handle. I encourage each of us to **make** time each day for prayer. There is much to pray for at this time in our lives. Hopefully, through prayer and divine guidance, the next chapters of our history that are about to unfold will be about mankind's compassion, understanding and caring for one another, and not about our injustice and destruction of each other.

Prayer is not the only action we as Knights of Columbus are taking to mend the terrorist tragedies. A special mailing recently went out to all our members detailing our council's support of the Supreme Council's pledge of financial support. Individual contributions are being collected by our Financial Secretary Jim Barnett, and then our Council will match that pledge (up to \$1000) and send the money on to Supreme where they will allocate it to the families of the police, fire, and other emergency personnel who died in the rescue effort. Our organization is planning on donating \$3000 to each of the families that incurred a loss, regardless of membership in the Knights or religious affiliation.

Your help is needed in this task. I would like to thank all of our members who have already responded to this request and encourage those who have not to do so.

Along with our cash donation, I would again encourage each of us to pray. A special prayer card was sent to you along with the charity request. Make it a part of your normal routine to remember all of those hurting from this tragedy in prayer on a daily basis. Our money and acts of charity will certainly help those suffering out east. But the true healing process will not come from our money, but rather through the graces of God, and that requires our prayers.

Rick Noe
Grand Knight

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for the third Monday of the month, October 15. At the September meeting the Council discussed everything from booyah plans to the Heroes Fund to Knight and Family of the Month to storage cabinets. Such divergent topics deserve input from a wide representation of the Council. Mark the date on the calendar now. While you're at it, mark the next couple of third Mondays for the same reason. Be a part of the life of the Council!

Landing Day

A Landing Day banquet for District 13 has been scheduled for Sunday, November 11. While details are not yet available, we can assume that it will be in the evening with cocktails around 6:00 PM and dinner to follow at about 6:30. The banquet will be held at Woodside. Details will be included in the next *NEWSLETTER* or in a separate mailing. In the meanwhile, reserve the date on your calendars so that our Council can make a good showing for this celebration of our heritage as Knights of Columbus.

Special Days

October 15 - November 15

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

October

16 A Pat & Kay Ellis
16 B Tom Gauthier
17 B Don Barrett
19 A Mike & Karen Barry
20 B Mike Borlee
21 + David Berger (1998)
22 A Larry & Bonnie LaPlant
24 + Mike Paoletti (1997)
25 A Terry & Kathy Timmerman
27 B Father Doug LeCaptain
28 B Dawn (John) Walczyk
30 B Cami (Sean) Wright
31 B Rick Noe

November

01 A Peter & Ann Birdsall
02 A Joseph & Debra Sule
02 B Damien Massart
02 B Richard Rosin
03 A Rick & Nanci Tlachac
03 B Bridget (Larry) Ziarnik
04 B Bob Wozniak
08 B Debra (Jerry) Ahrens
11 A Jerry & Katherine Collins
11 B John Hale
11 B Christine (+Mike) Paoletti
12 A Stan & Bonnie Waslowski
13 B Robert Massart
15 B Clayton Langenberg

Fourth Degree

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in Eau Claire on Saturday, October 20. All Third Degree members who have been initiated into the First Degree for at least a year are eligible to take part. This exemplification, sponsored by the Western District of the Fourth Degree, is open to any candidates from the Eastern District. The exemplification begins with registration of candidates beginning at 11:00 AM. The ceremony begins at 12:30 with Mass and Knighting ceremony following at 4:00 PM. A banquet and dance follow. Costs are \$65.00

(\$35 for clergy) which includes one dinner ticket. Additional tickets are \$20.00. Rooms can be reserved by calling the Ramada Inn Conference Center at 715-834-3181. Anyone thinking about advancing to the Fourth Degree, or current Fourth Degree men who would like to attend, should contact Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** (468-1979) or Faithful Friar Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) immediately. Father Al is planning to attend. Dress for men is black tuxedo, dresses for the ladies. The Honoree for this exemplification is Past State Chaplain Rev. **Peter Szleszinski** of St. Patrick Church in Hudson, WI.

Our local Marquette Assembly held a semi-annual business meeting on September 10. Recent activities include having a flagpole installed at Altrusa House and planning for a pig roast or other membership drive, probably in February. Membership Director **Jim Destiche** asked for helpers to pass out Fourth Degree information after the Second and Third Degree exemplification in October. Present for the meeting were Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** and District Friar Father **Al Lis**. A meeting of the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Oshkosh on September 29 brought together about fifty Sir Knights. Among the many items of discussion was the upcoming Fourth Degree raffle and some incentives to ticket selling, and putting together a guide book for the Fourth Degree similar to the "Wisconsin Book" used by Grand Knights in Third Degree Councils. Several members of our local Assembly 1197 attended including Father **Al** from Council 10243. **Larry Ziarnik** was not able to take part.

A Star In Our Midst?

Kelly Gigot participated as a model in a fashion show run by St. Vincent Hospital Auxiliary on September 11. The show, which benefitted children's charities, had luncheon and dinner performances. Kelly had the opportunity to model two outfits, one casual and another a little more formal. He also reports that he has not been besieged with calls from modeling agencies in New York and L.A.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Council brother **Jason Vandermause** who married the former **Mary Destiche** at St. Joseph Church in Champion on September 22. **John Murphy** was in attendance.

Pulaski Steak Fry

Pulaski area Knights have joined with other local residents in *Project Penny Pulaski* in support of a school in India for the blind and disabled that was damaged by an earthquake. As a part of the project, Council 4439 sponsored the first Annual Steak Fry on Saturday, September 22. The event drew over 200 people for a steak dinner and plenty of social time, not to mention several door prizes and raffles. Ticket cost was \$10/person. **Richard & Janet Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** took part in the evening. Council leaders indicated that the event would be another on-going annual event for the Knights. **Bob & Kathy Hieronimczak**, formerly a part of the Council 10243 family and now with the Pulaski Council, were also present for the evening.

Chaplain's Column

Throughout human history certain occurrences have had the power to define who we are as a people. They tend to be instances that we can remember clearly years later--like where we were when Pearl Harbor was attacked or when President Kennedy was assassinated. Without a doubt, the defining instance of this decade was not watching the dawn of the Third Millennium, but rather the tragedy that struck our country on September 11. Yet, it is not the event itself that defines us but rather our response to it. Still, some weeks after the tragic events in New York, Virginia (the Pentagon) and Pennsylvania, we still find ourselves dealing with the fall-out. We are not entirely sure yet what the ultimate response of our country's leaders will be, and we are not sure ourselves how we want to deal with it or even if we want to deal with it. Our emotions run from outrage to sympathy to wonder to frustration. We struggle as we try to explain to our children why anyone would want to do such a thing. We question how they could hit the Pentagon of all places,

and wonder just how safe we ought to feel personally. We never gave the World Trade Center a thought on Monday, September 10, but the following day it was as if each of those who died or was injured was a blood relative. We tried to figure out if things like canceling major league baseball for the first time since D-Day was giving the terrorists the disruption they wanted, or whether it was more important to provide an honor due to those who died. And, I assume that our Christian leaders who are supposed to preach a gospel of turning the other cheek and loving all people as brothers and sisters wish that they could lay aside the constraints of Christian faith just long enough to satisfy our anger.

I suggest it is good to contemplate these things. I can't offer a solution, though. I neither know nor can explain away the emotions that I am experiencing, let alone someone else's. I do know that the best of who we are tends to surface at these times. I know also that I am comforted by the thoughts of a friend in Australia who e-mailed me assurances of the prayers of his people and by thousands of floral bouquets in Grosvenor Square at the US Embassy in London. I am consoled by flags across Canada lowered to half-staff as a sign of solidarity in mourning and Prime Minister Tony Blair in the Gallery as President Bush addressed the nation. I am in awe of the rescue workers who gave little thought to their own safety and did all they could for people they didn't even know, and I wonder if I could measure up to their devotion. I know I'm not alone in grieving and in wondering. I'm grateful for a Christian Faith that reminds me that those who died in this modern day 'slaughter of the innocents' will be welcomed by the loving embrace of God. And I'm glad that there is such a thing as a human community that can pull together at times like these. As we enter upon the process of bringing life back to normal, let's not forget the feelings of national pride we have now. Many Knights of Columbus, especially Fourth Degree men, were patriotic before long before now. Let us commit ourselves to maintaining that stance.

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

Heroes Fund

The Knights of Columbus has established a \$1 million Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund for families of all full-time professional law enforcement, firefighters 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 fund was announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a press conference Thursday, September 13. 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. The Council will match the total donated, up to \$1000. A mailing soliciting contributions went out recently, and all contributions are to be to FS **Jim Barnett** by Columbus Day, October 12. The Order intends to send \$3000 to the families of all the heroes, regardless of religious affiliation or membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Please be generous. "Hero" seems to be an inadequate description of those who gave so much so that others may live.

Essay Contest

The Respect Life Essay Contest will soon be in full swing. The contest starts on October 1 and runs through the end of the month. Rules for the contest are posted on the Council web site www.communitynews.com. Any additional information can be obtained from Youth Director **John Murphy** (362-2724).

Ian Forbes Returns to Maine

Ian Forbes, who served briefly as Deputy Grand Knight of our Council, has decided to return to Maine. He sent the following to GK **Rick Noe**:

Rick,

Just wanted to drop you a quick note and let you know if you haven't already heard that we are departing Green Bay and returning to Maine. Somehow, I knew in my heart that this was our destiny and a

primary reason for reconsidering the opportunity to serve at a higher level with the KC's. I want to let you and all those I served with know that I enjoyed meeting new people and serving alongside some pretty awesome individuals, many of whom I will miss. I also think you are doing a great job leading the group, so keep up the good work. Please pass on a farewell to all and if anyone is interested in coming out east, please look us up.

Ian

Second and Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degree will be held at St. Peter & Paul School on Sunday, October 28 (The Packers do not play that day.) All First Degree men are encouraged to try and participate in this completion of their journey to full knighthood. Other, current Third Degree men are reminded of the charge we hear so often--to take advantage of the major Degrees so that their lessons will remain clear. Degree Advancement Officer Father **Al Lis** will contact candidates. Any others who wish to attend should contact Father Al (437-1979) so that lunch tickets can be ordered. Second Degree commences at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow, and Third Degree begins at 1:15. Things should wrap up around 4:00 PM. Please let Father Al know by the next meeting, Monday, October 15, if you plan to attend. The next local exemplification of these Degrees should be on Palm Sunday.

Father Dave has already indicated that he is unable to participate this time around. The following are our eligible men:

Robert Agard
Tom Capelle
Al Greene
Kevin Lardinois
Scott McKenzie
Father Dave Pleier
Randall Schmitz
Robert Warpinski

Prayer

Prayer for Those in Protective Services

In the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, stories of the heroics of police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and others have given us a deeper appreciation for the role that they fulfill.

Faithful and loving God,
source of strength and blessing for your people,
we entrust to your loving care
all those who dedicate their lives
to the service of their fellow men and women.
We ask that you grant
continued courage and wisdom
to all police, firefighters
and emergency medical personnel
and all those who serve others in times of need.
Keep them safe from the power of evil
and through the intercession of your Saints,
Joseph, the guardian of Jesus and Mary,
Michael the Archangel, and all your holy ones
give them protection in the shelter of your wings.
May they have right judgment and bravery
that they may carry out their work
efficiently and safely
and so bring the touch of your saving hand
to all whose lives are in peril.
May they know the respect and support
of their brothers and sisters.
May all those who gave their lives
in the performance of their duty
know the fullness of life
in the safe haven of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Note also the prayer that was sent along with the request for contributions to the Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund.

Diocesan Meeting

A large crowd gathered for the Diocesan meeting for the Diocese of Green Bay on Saturday, September 15 at St. Joseph School in Green Bay. The last of the 'Diocesan Swing' for State Officers, the attendance also seemed to be about the biggest that we've had. After comments from the State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries went to specially designed training

sessions. The rest listened to a series of reports on everything from Membership to Insurance to Bowling. Our Council picked up checks for \$3902, our share of the benefits of the State Charity Raffle as well as our proceeds from the Tootsie Roll drive. The latter were checks in the amount of \$1232.76 for the Green Bay Diocese program for persons with disabilities and \$1237.77 for BARC, charities we have assisted for several years through this program. Diocesan Vocation Director and Council 10243 member Father **Doug LeCaptain** spoke a 'message of hope' regarding vocations when he addressed the gathering. Prior to lunch, all thirteen District Deputies from the Diocese were installed in their offices by Immediate Past State Deputy Wenzel Felber with the help of Father **Al Lis** taking the role of Diocesan Chaplain for Father **Stan Browne** who had not yet arrived. Bishop **Robert Banks** and Msgr. **John Schuh** were present for lunch and presentations that followed. State Secretary **Richard & Janet Rebman** were deeply involved in the program, Richard handling much of the session for Grand Knights. Also attending from Council 10243 were Father **Doug LeCaptain**, Father **Al Lis**, Grand Knight **Rick Noe**, Deputy Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Past Grand Knight **Randy Barrett**, Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** and Youth Director **John Murphy**.

District Hour of Prayer

A District Marian Hour of Prayer was held at Holy Martyrs Church on Wednesday, September 19. Sadly, just week after our country suffered so great a tragedy, the five Councils of District 13 could produce only about forty people to gather in prayer. One Council alone should have been able to fill the place. Only **Richard Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** attended from Council 10243. Anyone who read the last *NEWSLETTER* should have known about it since it was mentioned twice (pages 5 & 8.) It is time to challenge ourselves to take a more active part in affairs that draw us beyond the confines of our own Council. Thanks to the members of Council 4505 for coordinating the event. Father **Bob Rhyner** presided.

Welcome, New Members

Welcome aboard to the two newest members of Council 10243 who took part in the First Degree exemplification at the last meeting, September 17: **Tom Capelle** and **Kevin Lardinois**. Both were proposed for membership by **Jim Barnett**, and both stayed for the September meeting that followed the First Degree. Tom's father, **George**, was a member of Council 10243 who passed away in 1998. We look forward to getting to know both Kevin and Tom as they join the Council 10243 family.

Chaplain Jailed Again

Chaplain Father **Al Lis** fell victim once again to the March of Dimes *Jail & Bail* program on September 19. He had been set up for this same fundraiser last year and primarily through the generosity of fellow Knights of Columbus he came up with over \$400. Having received the bail sheet a week earlier, he worked the crowd at the Green Bay Diocesan meeting and came up with a bail of \$535.00, well over the 'sentence' of \$300.00. The 'charge' as determined by the judge was "snapping gum in church." Father Al extends his gratitude to all Council members who helped him to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Storage Cabinets

Work on the storage cabinets continues as of this writing--the Knights are constructing cabinets not only for our own storage but also for use by other organizations active at St. Bernard. Thanks to **Rick Noe**, **Bob Wozniak**, **Scott Rebman** and **Randy Barrett** and to **Aaron Naze** who helped salvage things from the old building.

Booyah

Our first Fall booyah is coming up fast--it is scheduled for the weekend of October 20-21. As usual, preparation will take place on Saturday and the sale will be on Sunday. Naturally, workers are needed for both the prep and the sale. Call **Bill Bartelme** to volunteer (465-6900). Bill was not certain if Belgian pies would also be a part of this sale. One other sale is scheduled in the remainder of the calendar

year, November 10-11. It was decided at the September Council meeting to look at dates for Spring 2002 at a later time.

Holy Father's Message to President

Pope John Paul II sent the following message to President Bush as news of the terrorist attacks on September 11 began to unfold:

Shocked by the unspeakable horror of today's inhuman terrorist attacks against innocent people in different parts of the United States I hurry to express to you and your fellow citizens my profound sorrow and my closeness in prayer for the Nation at this dark and tragic moment. Commending the victims to almighty God's eternal mercy, I implore his strength upon all involved in rescue efforts and in caring for the survivors. I beg God to sustain you and the American People in this hour of suffering and trial.

Ioannes Paulus PP. II

Convention Planning Underway

A meeting was recently held in Madison to get the ball rolling for the 101st Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Several more of these Convention planning meetings are anticipated before everything falls into place for the Convention that will take place in Middleton on April 27-28. We expect that this will be an historic gathering for members of Council 10243, as our own **Richard Rebman** is next in line for the position of State Deputy and we are optimistic that he will be elected.

Delegates to the Convention are customarily the Grand Knight and Immediate Past Grand Knight, but others from our Council have gone in a variety of positions, from Alternate to Chaplain to Guest. All are welcome and it would be in the best interest of the Council to have a strong showing of support for Richard at the Convention. Middleton is just outside Madison, about three hours from Green Bay. Consider making the trip and taking part in the activities on the weekend. Only delegates may vote, but anyone can participate and show support.

Spotlight On...

Jerry Ahrens



Jerry can't remember exactly who it was that got him to sign on the dotted line and become a part of the Knights of Columbus--it may have been Father Al, but neither of them seems to be able to remember. Because of his work schedule he is not able to be too active in meetings of the Council any more, but he does occasionally have the chance to do some of the things he had done several years ago for the Council--activities such as Free Throw competitions, booyah sales and the like. Listening to him list the things in which he is involved makes one wonder where he finds the time. In addition to working as an RN at Bellin Hospital, he has farm chores and serves as Parish Council President to several linked parishes in 'Central West Kewaunee County.' He was recently re-elected to the latter position.

A native of Little Chicago (north of Marathon City,) Jerry holds a Degree in Agriculture and worked for the Federal Government as a meat grader. He eventually worked as a farm manager in Wisconsin until one day he was overcome by corn silage gas and decided he needed to look in another direction. He came to Green Bay in 1989, pretty much 'jobless and homeless.' He worked for a while as a janitor in DePere and enrolled in Bellin College of Nursing. Some television ads for BCN have made him a familiar face on the airwaves. Since 1992 he has been working for Bellin Hospital, usually in the Advanced Care units (IMCU.) An average day for him begins at around 4:00 AM on his farm at Ellisville, near Luxemburg. He handles some of the farm chores and then heads off to work which begins around 7:00 AM. After working until around 7:00 or 7:30 PM, he heads back home to handle some more of the farm chores. The population of the farm includes Registered & Grade Suffolk sheep, show chickens, meat chickens, laying hens, show rabbits, meat rabbits, and turkeys, ducks and geese in season. That's a total of about 300 meat birds in addition to an acre and a quarter worth of organic garden.

In those rare moments when he not pursuing his hobbies of gardening and taking care of the animals, he likes to hunt and fish. Jerry and his wife, Debra, have been married for twenty-three years now and she is occupied full time as a farm wife and a home schooler for their children. They have six children ranging in age from one that is 22 years old and a graduate of Purdue University to the most recent addition to the family at a month and a half, born on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15. Another of his four daughters is in college and one of his two sons is at Holy Trinity in Casco. It is an incredibly busy life, one that certainly speaks of energy and dedication. We are very happy to call them a part of our Council 10243 family.

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