



Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight's Column

I cannot believe one month has gone by and it is time to write my second article. This past month has been busy and interesting. I would like to share some of my thoughts. July 15 was the first meeting of which I was officially in charge. I thought I was prepared and had everything down on the agenda for the meeting. Those who were there can attest that there were a few glitches. I tried skipping over the opening prayer; thanks, Dave, for reminding me! Then I forgot the closing prayer. Honestly, I am not against prayer! I wonder if I was a little nervous. A highlight of the evening was having Richard Rebman install all the new Officers during the meeting. Afterwards, we had a very nice get-together with about 30 in attendance, including guests. I cooked some brats and hamburgers and many of the ladies brought some tasty dishes to complete the meal. I would like to thank DGK John Murphy and my wife Joan for their help in getting this feast together. Also, a big thanks to the ladies for their effort. The social was very enjoyable.

On Friday, July 19 we had our last Brat Fry for the year at Festival Foods. Jim Jenssen, Gerry Piontek and I set up and got everything ready for the rest of the day. I'm learning a lot about shopping and pricing food. I would like to thank Mike Worzala for all the time and effort he put in coordinating our brat stands this year. Thank you, Mike, for taking on the assignment again next year as well. Also, a big thanks to Jim Jenssen for his help in calling and helping Mike out when needed. Last, but not least--thanks to all the workers who took time out of their busy scheduled to help out. Without your help we would not be successful--TEAMWORK is important.

On July 21 I had the honor and privilege of attending the installation of Worthy State Deputy Richard Rebman. It was a very impressive and memorable day from the entrance of the Honor Guard at Mass to the music to Bishop Banks' homily and remarks to Richard's excellent speech to Don Bettine's comments to Msgr. Schuh's closing prayer. I would like to personally

congratulate Richard and his Lady Janet for an excellent day. I'm sure they can breathe a lot easier now that the day is over and it went so well. Also, thanks to all from Council 10243, especially the Past Grand Knights who did so much to make the installation a success. It has been a busy month and we'll conclude it by working the food stand at the Summer Blast. I ask for your prayers that I may continue to lead and guide our Council as our Past Grand Knights have done. See you at the August meeting!

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **July 2002**
Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Joe Hoffman
Family of the Month: Rick & Mary Noe

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 will be held on our usual third Monday of the Month, August 19 at 7:30 PM. The recitation of the rosary will precede at around 7:15. All are urged to be present and support the new team of Officers.

From the State Deputy

On behalf of our family and guests, Janet and I would like to thank all those who attended the Installation Mass for the State Officers and participated in the dinner. We were very gratified to see the large number of people who attended, and we would also like to thank Bishop Banks for taking the time to be with us, and Father Dave Pleier for letting us use the Church. It was truly a wonderful celebration, and the help of so many of you made it all possible. We hope we can continue to count on your friendship and your kind fraternal support.

State Deputy Richard & Janet Rebman

Fourth Degree

Though our Marquette Assembly of the Fourth Degree does not meet in July or August, it continues to be a very busy time for members of the Honor Guard. These very visible representatives of the knights have taken part in everything from a Mass of Thanksgiving for a new deacon to a priest's retirement Mass. Numerous members of the Honor Guard from many Assemblies were present for the Installation of State Officers on July 21. We thank all those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of the Honor Guard. The search continues for a new area coordinator following the resignation of **George Brezinski**. The next meeting of the Assembly is tentatively scheduled as a business meeting on September 10. Plans for the Installation of Assembly Officers are not complete. The annual meeting of the Eastern District will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Oshkosh beginning at 9:00 AM. An exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Western District is scheduled for October 26 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

Prayer

Prayer for Christian Parents

Gracious God, author of life,
you have given your people
the ability to pass on the gift of life
and have enabled us to share
in your own creating power.
Give to all Christian parents
the wisdom to see your presence in their children;
the patience to listen for your voice through them
and the courage to lovingly correct their faults
according to the example of Christ.
May they act always with love and compassion
and with fairness and grace.
Allow them to pass on the gospel lifestyle
so that your Church may find growth.
Let all parents be vehicles of your grace
as they seek to overcome their own sinfulness
and enable your Spirit to work through them.
Look with special love on single parents
and on all who struggle to maintain
the bonds of love that have made them a family.
Bless
all your holy people
and help us to grow into the one family of Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Special Days

August 15 - September 15

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

August

16 B Sandy (Bill) Bartelme
16 B Larry Mastalish
16 B Wayne Wassenberg
17 A Gerry & Janet Piontek
17 A Arnie & Mary Wolff
17 B Mark Janus
18 B Suzi (Mike) Borlee
19 B Eugene Schmitz
20 A Kevin & Denise Beck
23 A Jim & Marilyn Barnett
23 A William & Marilyn Kaczmarek
23 B Virginia (Kelly) Gigot
24 B Gerry Piontek
24 B Richard Rebman
24 B Betsy (Dave) Whitton
25 B Al Collins
26 A Richard & Judy Bligiske
26 A Robert & Lucille Warpinski
27 A Sean & Cami Wright
28 B Bonnie (Larry) LaPlant
29 A Tom & Marilyn Janowski
29 A Robert & Carol Ledvina
30 B Roy D. Johnson

September

02 A Gene & Rana Gunderson
03 A Harold & Ruth Watermolen
04 A Paul & Kathleen Tilot
04 B Mike Vanden Busch
05 B Randy Barrett
05 B Mike Delvaux
06 A Stephen & Lori Froelich
06 B Father Jerome Pastors
08 A Dave & Betsy Whitton
08 B John Walczyk
12 A Larry & Doris Mastalish
12 B Blossom (Curt) Gilson
13 B Marie (Wayve) Weber
15 A Grant & Joan Turner
15 B Tim Fliss
15 B Beverly (Jed) Schacht

Just a reminder--please report any inaccuracies in the "Special Days" section to the Editor

Chaplain's Column

Even those who just casually flip through our *NEWSLETTER* will probably notice that this seems to be a special issue. A great deal of space has been devoted to an unprecedented and historic event in the life of our Council--Richard Rebman's installation as the 54th State Deputy of Wisconsin. It seems important to record the events of the Installation day so that in the future we can remember what actually happened, and how we were involved in commemorating it. It seemed important to devote two pages to recording his speech at the banquet as a matter of historical record--and something to energize us for the future. And it is important to reflect on what this does for our Council's image at the State level and beyond. It was some time back that what some have jokingly referred to as the "Coronation Committee" started to tackle various issues surrounding the recent celebration. It was good that we did because for just about every question answered, several more needed to be asked. An enormous amount of work went into all this. There has to be great feeling of pride in many of our members: pride certainly in having a State Deputy from a relatively young Council in the Order, but also pride in the fact that this same Council could take upon itself the rather formidable task of coordinating a State Installation and do it remarkably well. There seemed no serious glitches in the day, and all who took part, including those of us who looked with an especially critical eye, found it an exceptional celebration. In the eyes of the State and beyond we have done very well for ourselves. We have several men who are known in KC circles well beyond our Council and these ambassadors have done us proud. Rumor has it that more people outside our Council than inside it read our *NEWSLETTER*, including numerous Grand Knights and KC leaders from around the State. Our publication chronicles many of the ways in which we are making a difference and impacting the Church. We may very well be at the apex. The danger for those in our position is knowing that there might be no place to go but down. To avoid that, we need to commit ourselves anew to making a difference. We need to get more people involved in more things so that the Installation of one of our own people as State Deputy is not viewed as a goal accomplished but rather the commencement of a new age for the Council. *'Now is the time for all good men [and women and families] to come to the aid of their [Council].'* Now is the time to prove that we are worthy of the honors we have been celebrating. Now is the time to make Richard even more proud

to be a part of an active and alive Council. Now is the time for the power of the Spirit to be unleashed. To those who are consistently a part of the work of the Council: **Thank You!** To those who might have drifted toward the fringes: **Come home. We need you!** May God bless all our Knights and families.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Council Officer Installation

Officers of Council 10243 were installed at the last Council meeting on July 15. Not too many Councils would manage to get the State Deputy to conduct the Installation and the Diocesan Chaplain to lead the prayer service and blessing of Officers, but Council members **Richard Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** filled their respective roles. Installed as our local Council leaders were:

Grant Turner	Grand Knight
John Murphy	Deputy Grand Knight
Jim Barnett	Financial Secretary
Dave Whitton	Recorder
Scott McKenzie	Treasurer
Aaron Naze	Warden
Gerry Piontek	Inside Guard
Bill Bartelme	Trustee (III)
Jason Vandermause	Trustee (I)

Photos from the Installation can be viewed at :

www.communitynews.org/kc_folder/knights.htm

Chancellor **Tom Caldie**, Advocate **Al Collins**, Outside Guard **Bob Wozniak** & Trustee (II) **Mike Vanden Busch** were not able to be present for the Installation.

Diocesan Meeting

The Diocesan Meeting for the Diocese of Green Bay is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at St. Joseph School in Green Bay. This annual event is the opportunity for those in leadership within the Diocese to hear from the State Team of Officers and discuss plans for the coming year. Officers and all interested Council members should reserve the date.

State Deputy's Address

The following is the address delivered by State Deputy Richard Rebman at the banquet following the Installation of State Officers on July 21, 2002:

A special thanks to Bishop Banks for honoring us by presiding at the Mass today.

First, let me simply thank you all for coming and showing your support and friendship to our new group of State Officers and myself. All of us truly appreciate your giving up your time, and sharing this special day with our families and us. It truly does our hearts good to see so many of you here showing your support toward this new administration and the Knights of Columbus organization in general. Even though each of the State Officers installed today has anticipated this event for some time, when the day actually comes, one gets to experience the emotions of joy, gratitude and excitement all at the same time. This feeling of overall happiness at being elected to serve this great Wisconsin delegation is truly outstanding. And so on behalf of all my Brother Officers I would like to day, "Thank you, thank you all."

*It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Deputy. At a time like this, words don't adequately explain the true feelings that I carry inside my heart. After spending the last eight years serving as an officer at the State level, I have gained great insight into the many facets of this organization. What we do at the State level is really no different than what happens at the Council level; it is just done on a much larger scale. It all comes down to good old-fashioned hard work--rolling up your sleeves and jumping into the project at hand with a passion and an enthusiasm for doing your best. As Knights of Columbus this is what we are all about--hard work to help our fellow man, in service of our God. It is because of this that the motto of this administration will be, "**Not for self--But for others.**"*

It is in this spirit of togetherness, working as a team, that we accomplish great things. From that single Knight organizing the Christmas poster contest for his Council, to the many thousands of Knights (and their

families) who go out into their communities once a year in our most recognizable fund raiser distributing Tootsie Rolls to raise money for the mentally challenged, we are united. By working together, in some cases side by side, and always working in "Spirit" with our brother Knights and their families throughout the State, we act as one; one in our charity, one in our generosity and one in our concern for our fellow man.

It is because all of us share these common traits that our organization is so strong, so alive and so focused. Each council doing their part, contributing toward the common goals with their efforts, their dollars and prayers help make the entire organization complete. Think of each council as a piece of a large jigsaw puzzle. By themselves they do not make a complete picture. However, once they are linked to the other pieces the picture is complete and the story of the puzzle is told.

Each one of our councils is important in the makeup of our State picture: each council's contributions in the areas of fund raising, good will, membership and more, all contributing toward the success of our organization at the State and Supreme levels. Last year we were able to raise over \$645,000 through our Tootsie "Roll" campaign to aid those suffering from mental handicaps. Then again, with the sale of our State raffle tickets we were able to raise \$721,000, which goes directly back into the various communities throughout the State to once again help those in need. None of this could have been accomplished unless each and every Council did their part to make the picture complete.

It has been stated before that the Knight of Columbus are "The strong right arm of the Church." This analogy seems fitting and accurate when describing our Order. Our organization is strong, filled with dedicated men and their families, doing God's work day in and day out. We lead by example, setting high standards for everyday life, as well as the broader issues of social justice.

The Knights of Columbus organization, as strong as it is, still needs our help. Membership has been a key concern for

our Order for well over the past decade. With our membership aging rapidly it is vital to the continued success of our organization that we actively and continually recruit new members to serve as Knights in the service of the Lord. This is a task that we simply cannot let the next man handle. Each of us--each one of us must actively recruit new members to join our councils and share in the rich rewards of being a Knight. Only through continuous recruiting, and the development of those new members, can we be assured that the Knights will continue to be known as "The strong right arm of the Church."

I am sure that it is clear to all of us that at this point in the history of the Catholic Church, that it needs its "strong right arm," functioning and functioning well. In these trying times for our Church with the growing shortage of priests, the consolidation of parishes and the scandals that are seriously crippling the image of the Church itself, it is very comforting to know that there are men such as you, who are solid in their faith and determined to do more instead of less for their fellow man. Therefore it is important for us to continue to support the Church both financially and with our prayers. We must also be a strong advocate of religious vocations. This is another area where we cannot "wish" for results to happen, but rather we must take a hand in making them happen. We already have many quality youth programs in place to help guide our young people along in this direction. Let's make sure that none of us overlook the importance of these programs, as Council activities are planned out in the months to come. Let us also remember to use every tool we have in order to promote the priesthood and other religious vocations. And since all these actions will take time to produce results, let us stand by our Bishops, priests and other religious leaders and show them our support through our actions, our prayers and our kind words of thanks.

So what's in store for the next two years? (Besides lots of 'phone calls, a ton and a half of mail and numerous trips to Madison.) No doubt there is much in store. Probably some challenges will be new and unique to this administration and will have to be dealt with as they arise. Fortunately

we continue to have the services of our Past State Deputies and our IPSD Carl Templin, to help guide and direct us through any troubling times. We thank Carl for his dedication, commitment and his service as a State Officer over the past several years and we look forward to having his input as we work together to serve the State of Wisconsin's Knights of Columbus. My team of officers and I are eager and ready to get started. Since this organization is very much alive and very active, plans are already underway for the fall Diocesan meetings, where specific plans will be presented to our membership.

I believe that together we will continue to build and improve this strong organization. By having a membership that is both alive and united in purpose we can focus on what we do best; that, of course, being service to our fellow man. Therefore, I ask you to live out and remember the motto of this administration, "**Not for self--But for others.**" With this in the forefront of our minds, no matter what task we take on or no matter what challenge awaits us, we will do our work as Jesus taught us, looking only for his glory and seeking none for ourselves. We are an organization dedicated to the principle of service; In service of our Church, in service of our fellow man and in service to one another. I have faith that with God's help when we look back two years from now at what we will have accomplished and the lives that we have touched, we will not be disappointed as long as we live by that motto.

May God bless us all, as together we continue to do his work, remembering that we do it, "**Not for self--But for others.**"

Richard E. Rebman

**Congratulations on your Installation
as the 54th State Deputy of Wisconsin.
Your home Council 10243
pledges its cooperation and support
as you undertake this important
leadership role.**

State Officer Installation

No one in Council 10243 could be unaware that our own **Richard & Janet Rebman** were installed as the 54th State Deputy of Wisconsin recently. It was, according to many, the largest group to ever come together for the Installation of State Officers for the Wisconsin jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. The final tally for the dinner at Riverside on July 21 was 253 and the crowd in St. Bernard Church for the Mass and Installation ceremony earlier that afternoon was estimated at over 300. Bishop **Robert Banks** presided at the Mass, giving thanks to God for the gift that the Knights have been (not to mention the gift of air conditioning on a record-hot day.) Principal concelebrants were Father **James Trempe**, State Chaplain from Plover, Father **Al Lis, O.F.M.**, Green Bay Diocesan Chaplain and Father **Dave Pleier**, Pastor of St. Bernard Parish and a member of Council 10243.

About ten other priests concelebrated, including several Past State Chaplains. Numerous members of the Honor Guard were present from our own local Marquette Assembly 1197 and throughout the State. Also present were Fourth Degree Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** and Western District Master **Anthony Felber** as well as District Marshals **Don Bettine** for the Eastern District and **Charlie Wiederholdt** for the Western.

After blessing the State Officer jewels and installing Father Trempe as State Chaplain, Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin** from Middleton presented his jewel and ring, symbols of his authority as State Deputy, to the Bishop for presentation to Richard as his successor. Bishop Banks then called Richard and Janet forward. Richard took an oath promising obedience to the Church and the Order and was invested with the symbols of his office. Following, the other Officers came forward as a group to make the same promise of obedience and they were likewise invested. Other Officers installed were **Richard & Lucy Ammon** from Monroe as State Secretary, **Wayne & Gina Wood** from Pulaski as State Treasurer, **Mike & Carol McCormick** from Beaver Dam as State Advocate and **Dan & Patricia Hull** from Thorp as State Warden.

Council member **Larry Mastalish** served as Deacon for the Mass and all Council 10243's Past Grand Knights took part: **Larry Ziarnik** (1992-94), **Terry Misfeldt** (1994-96), **Roger Shaha** (1996-98), **Randy Barrett** (1998-00) and **Rick Noe**

(2000-02). Several served as ushers. Many of the other ministries were undertaken by members of the Rebman family. Another member of Council 10243, **Stan Waslowski**, was one of the servers.

The program at the dinner included talks by the Bishop and the State Deputy (text of the State Deputy's address is included in this *NEWSLETTER*.) **Don Bettine** served as Master of Ceremonies for the short program. Among the guests were Wisconsin's most Senior Past State Deputy **Robert Bodden** (1960-62) and PSD's Dr. **Eugene Sonnleitner** (1972-74), **Anthony Felber** (1985-87), **Steve Haase** (1990-92), **Erv Jankowiak** (1994-96) and **Larry Lanners** (1996-98). Six members of Council 6568 in Madison were present, and several of them planned to leave the following morning as a part of Wisconsin's delegation to World Youth Day in Canada. Father Al rounded up some pins with Richard's logo and motto so that our men could wear them around Toronto.

All who took part were impressed with every aspect of the day. The following members of the Council 10243 family were present at dinner

Randy & Becky Barrett
Bill & Sandy Bartelme
Al & Rose Collins
Ray Demerath
Gary & Virginia Durocher
Leon & Sheila Janowski
Father Al Lis
Larry & Doris Mastalish
Aaron & Carol Naze
Rick & Mary Noe
Gerry & Janet Piontek
Richard & Janet Rebman
Roger & Lynda Shaha
Grant & Joan Turner
Larry & Bridget Ziarnik

Also at the Mass were **Terry Misfeldt**, **Father Dave Pleier**, **Stan Waslowski**, **Kelly & Ginny Gigot** and **Roy & Mary Johnson**. Apologies to any who were missed. Numerous Council members were involved in behind the scenes work, especially **Jim Barnett**, **Randy Barrett**, **Father Al Lis**, **Rick Noe & Grant Turner**. They dealt with everything from program layout and printing to reservations and their efforts are appreciated. It was a great and an historic day for our Council and we thank all who took part in the festivities. It was a fine show of support for Richard & Janet.

Spotlight On... Jim Van Allen



As is often the case with people who are retired, Jim finds himself busier now than he ever seemed to be when he was working. But, as he is quick to point out, he is not exactly retired, since he is involved in lay healing ministry. He spends a good deal of time praying with people who ask for those prayers or with those who are in special need as a part of Winds of the Spirit. He has been trying to allow the Spirit to direct him in his life, which is a little difficult after spending some twenty-seven years as an insurance salesman--an occupation that he notes requires a certain degree of self-reliance. Other traits that are important are self-image and self-respect, and to a certain point all of these things need to be laid aside if one truly allows the power of the Spirit to completely run his or her life.

Jim got involved in the Knights of Columbus around 1975 when at the invitation of Ron Willems he joined the DePere Council. He got involved because he saw that the men who were Knights were men of God and were leaders in the Church. They appeared to be men of stature and integrity and he wanted to pattern his own life in that fashion. He became a Charter Member of Council 10243 when our Council was founded in 1990 but he has not had the opportunity to be too active in meetings since he is heavily involved in prayer meetings which often conflict with Council gatherings. He is now an Honorary Life Member of the Council and has been involved with some of the other aspects of Council life--such as the food stands and the booyah projects and the Tootsie Roll drive.

Jim is a native of Sheboygan, born in 1931. He attended Lakeland College and earned a Degree in Business Administration around 1957. He worked for many years in insurance as an independent marketer, representing a variety of companies and retired a couple of years ago. Since then he has been pursuing the ministry to which he feels called, trying to attain the character and high ethical and moral standards that are a part of it. He has other involvements--the Secular Franciscans for one--but has seen that because of his involvement in the healing ministry there may be an invitation to drop some things. The healing ministry is not a formally recognized ministry within the Catholic Church at this time, but Jim believes he has witnessed the power of God's Spirit. He has come to a realization that it is God who accomplishes the work; he is only the vessel.

Jim's wife, Mary Ann, works as a caregiver through *Communicare*, an organization that provides an alternative to nursing home care. She and Jim have a daughter, Jean who recently married and lives in California. They also have a son, David who works with State Farm Insurance out of Bloomington, Illinois. So much of his life has been centered around the healing ministry recently that he feels he is finally focusing more closely on that ministry and his role in it. We pray that the Lord will continue to give him the grace to be a sign of God's healing love in the world.

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