



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

I hope this October newsletter finds you all in good health and still a Packer fan. I would like to bring you all an update in the latest news of Council 10243. I realize many of you cannot make our meetings.

Last month I told you we would be in charge of four kiosks for the December 1st Bears game at Lambeau Field. The average profit for the first three games has been around \$1700. This is not too bad. If anyone would like to help out please give DGK John Murphy or myself a call.

In August we discussed a separate charity account. This was discussed at length at our meeting and by the executive committee. The decision was made to table this proposal for now.

The Knights' Grill stand at the Summer Blast had a profit of over \$2400. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful venture for Council 10243.

We had a Diocesan Meeting on September 14, and we received our checks for the Tootsie Roll drive and the Charity Raffle. Tootsie Roll totals were over \$2800, which was divided between the Diocese and BARC. Our Charity Raffle efforts raised over \$3200. Again, thanks to all who helped out and especially Mike Worzala, Tom Gauthier and Leon Janowski who headed these fundraisers.

State Deputy Richard Rebman addressed our Council at the September meeting. He stated the State and Supreme Councils each donated \$5000 to help out the people in Ladysmith. You remember the town was devastated as a result of a tornado that hit. Our Council donated 200 to this worthy cause.

Tim Fliss has resigned as our Youth Chairman due to work and family obligations. If anyone would be interested in this position please contact me as soon as possible. John Murphy, our former Youth Chairman, will help you get started. Thank you for the cooperation.

If we are to grow, we need new members. Rick Noe, our membership Chairman, needs help. He needs at least one new name from each of us, who would be a potential new Brother Knight. You may call, e-mail or see Rick personally with a name. Please help him out.

Hope to see you at the Landing Day Banquet on October 6. Our next meeting is October 21 with rosary at 7:15 PM; the meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Landing Day

A Landing Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 6. This annual event is a great opportunity for Brother Knights and Ladies to come together for some socializing and a fine dinner. We will be gathering at Humbolt Haus (4931 Humboldt Road in Green Bay) on October 6 for cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. Luxemburg Council 5844 is hosting the event this year and the featured speaker for the evening is our own State Deputy **Richard Rebman**. Reservations are \$11.00 per person and should be made immediately with GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407.)

Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 will be our usual Third Monday of the month, October 21. All brother Knights are urged to make an effort to attend the meeting and show their support of the ongoing work of the Council.

Summer Blast

Thanks again to all those who helped at the Summer Blast at St. Bernard this past July. Net profit from the grill, handled mostly by members of Council 10243, was \$2405.04 for the parish.

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Karl Schroeder
Family of the Month: Norbert & Thelma Kalinosky

Chaplain's Column

According to the civil calendar, the New Year begins on the first day of January. According to the Church calendar, a New Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent (or more correctly, the evening before,) around December First. In actuality, we celebrated the New Year just recently when school began again, right around Labor Day. Even if children in school are only a fading memory in our families, we operate on an academic calendar. Experience and society tell us that it is now time to let go of the more laid back time of the summer and apply ourselves once again to pursuing things that seem to matter more. I would suggest that it might be a good time to sort out our values and decide what is really important in our lives, and what, if anything, we are going to do about it. If we are going to crusade for some issue or devote energy to some cause, this is probably the best time to decide upon it. But, we need to be guided as we make those determinations--we must allow not only the voice of God's Spirit but also common sense to direct us. Recall a few years ago--a movie came out entitled, "*The Priest*." I, and several other priests who actually saw the movie, thought it was very good. The Knights of Columbus jumped on the movie and their rallying against it brought about the kind of publicity that Hollywood producers only dream of. What would otherwise have probably been little more than a box office flop made a considerable amount of money precisely because of an effort to stop it. People had to see what the fuss was all about.

We have issues facing us now--everything from determining just how 'pro-life' we really are to whether or not we care about "*under God*" in the Pledge of Allegiance to whether the flag we want to save from desecration is a itself a symbol of the freedom to desecrate it. We'll also have to anticipate the outcomes, and wonder if 'getting involved' might just cause more harm than good to our cause. We'll make several decisions,

individually and as groups or families. Some of those choices will find us on the winning side and others will not. In each of them we will have to decide what we believe is right but we'll also wonder what is popular. We can't live like tumbleweeds, blown about by the wind and never really sure where we're going. We have to take a stand--that's the price we pay for being a free people endowed with conscience. As we find ourselves settling into the routine of the next nine months or so of ordinary living, it is good to devote some time to these decisions. Things that might have been easy to ignore over the summer are not so escapable now. Let us pray, then, that the power of God's Spirit may come upon us, especially if we feel persuaded to convince others to accept our way of thinking. Let's be sure that we are informed individuals who are guided by gospel values. Let us pray that we will make a difference in the world because we are committed to the things in which we believe, and that the values of our faith will pervade every aspect of our lives.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Second & Third Degree: October 27

Prayer

Prayer For Senior Citizens

God of endless ages,
you have graciously shared your gift of life
with the men and women you have created
in your own image and likeness.
To some, you have granted an abundance of years
and have enabled them to draw more fully
from the font of your wisdom.
Grant that those who have seen many years
may always be honored
for their past accomplishments
and revered for the wisdom and experience
which is your gift to them.
Allow them to continue giving of themselves
so that they may always know the joy of giving
and that their contribution may further the growth
of the true faith throughout the world.
May all those who have grown weak
under the burden of their years
find new strength through their love for you
and know the respect of all your Church.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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 A Tim & Kristen Fliss
31 B Rick Noe

November

01 A Peter & Ann Birdsall
02 A Joseph & Debra Stule
02 B Damien Massart
02 B Richard Rosin
03 A Rick & Nanci Tlachac
03 B Bridget (Larry) Ziarnik
04 B Bob Wozniak
07 B Lynn (Tim) Majewski
08 A Gene & Donna Pieschek
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

World Youth Day

An account of the 2002 World Youth Day by Council 6568 IPGK Dave Johannes

As a College Council Coordinating Committee member, I had the privilege to travel to Toronto, Canada with fellow Coordinating Committee members to attend World Youth Day 2002. In Toronto we met up with the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, along with Supreme

Chaplain Thomas V. Daily who is the Bishop of Brooklyn. As a full group we made our daily pilgrimage to the exhibition grounds where all the weekly activities took place.

Day One had us among 200,000 pilgrims for the Opening Mass by Cardinal Ambrozic, who also welcomed us personally to WYD. While at the Mass I was spotted by a small group of students from St. Paul's University Catholic Center.

Day Two started with our group traveling by street trolley to the exhibition grounds where we attended the English Catechesis session. This was followed by Mass concelebrated by Supreme Chaplain Bishop Daily. The evening was concluded with a dinner on the 43rd floor of the Sheraton Center hosted by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. At my table I was afforded the opportunity to dine with a good friend of our Council, Deputy Supreme Knight Jean Migneault and Past Supreme Director Grant Ertel.

Day Three included another catechesis session and then it was my turn to tend the Knights of Columbus exhibition booth while the rest of the committee and the Diocese of Brooklyn held spots for the rest of us for the Holy Father's welcoming. At the KC booth I handed out special Knights of Columbus and WYD rosaries and explained who the KC's were and gave a pitch to all young males to join the Order. After tending the booth, I and a couple of committee members tried to catch up with the rest of the group. We were not able to do so among the 300,000 people at the event. We were able, however, to be five feet from the Holy Father as he came past in the procession.

Day Four, Friday, two committee members and I traveled to the Royal Ontario Museum where we saw the private art of the Vatican, which was too impressive for words. We then journeyed to St. Michael's cathedral and attended Mass. Toward the end of the Mass I turned to my fellow committee members and told them that if I didn't know any better, my Bishop from Madison was

celebrating the Mass. After the Mass I went to the sacristy and sure enough there was Bishop Bullock, Bishop Wirz and Fr. Okere. We chatted for a bit and I introduced them to my fellow committee members; they were impressed that I was on a first-name basis with my Bishop. How ironic to be in a foreign country and attend Mass celebrated by your home Bishop. We then hurried back to the exhibition grounds in the pouring rain. We made it in time to listen to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson speak on the importance of good morals. Friday night was when our fellow brother Knights met up with the committee and we all had dinner, watched the Stations of the Cross and called it an early night.

Day Five, Saturday morning, we all pilgrimmed to Downsview Park to claim a piece of grass to camp at and attend the Holy Father's Vigil and Mass. Pope John Paul II landed by helicopter and traveled through the crowd and hosted the Vigil that lasted until midnight. He wished us a good night and told us to sleep well for him as well.

Day Six, Sunday, we awoke to a heavy rain and the Holy Father again arrived by helicopter and traveled through the crowds in heavy rains. Shortly after the Holy Father began to speak all of the rain stopped and the sky turned blue. If I wasn't there myself, I probably wouldn't have believed what I saw. We then celebrated Mass with the Holy Father and he wished us all well and sent us forth to be people of the Beatitudes.

Day Seven, I returned to Madison where I finally had a chance to think about my week in Toronto and at WYD. An experience of a lifetime and which I hope to do again.

A BIG THANKS goes out to all those at the Supreme Council, especially Supreme Chaplain Bishop Daily, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Bob Goosens, Gary Morissey, Mike Smith and Cyril Embil. Thanks must also go to the priests from Brooklyn who made the trip very pleasant, Frs. Cerrano, Gerard and Harrington. Last but not least, a very special 'thank you' to those councils,

fellow members and anyone else who provided the means for members of our Council to attend WYD 2002.

Project Youth

If it's not now...when? If it's not you...who? For Project Youth, the long-range goal is "5 by '05--" 500,000 wreaths sold, generating \$5,000,000 in revenues for Councils to distribute locally and \$1,000,000 in a statewide endowment. Because of conflicting sales with the Athletic Club at St. Bernard, Council 10243 has reacted coolly to the project, though the Council recognizes the importance of the project and the benefit that it can be to Catholic Schools. We continue to search for a way of making all of that happen. The goal this year for Project Youth is one wreath sold per member of each Council. Contact **Jim Burgraff** with any questions at 662-9541.

Fourth Degree

Fourth Degree Knights gathered in Oshkosh on September 21 for the annual meeting of the Eastern District. Similar to Diocesan Meetings, the gathering included presentations and reports on a variety of subjects. About seventy people attended the meeting including District Friar Father **Al Lis** from Council 10243. At the meeting Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** announced that Father Al had been selected as the Honoree for the Fourth Degree exemplification to be held in Appleton on April 5, 2003. Now that the Sir Knights of Area 6 have a new Area coordinator in place in the person of **Ron Frosch**, all is ready for the Installation of Officers from the three Assemblies in the area. This has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13 with a Mass by Father Al, and the Installation by Master **Erv Jankowiak** following the Mass. There is also an exemplification for the Western District at Wisconsin Dells on October 26. Other scheduled exemplifications for calendar year 2003 at this point are Appleton on April 5, Janesville on June 7 and Wisconsin Rapids on October 4. Members of the Honor Guard continue their dedicated service to this highly visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, functioning in a variety of venues, most notably the nearly twenty who served at the Cathedral for the Mass by Bishop Banks on September 11.

Brothers

Welcome to **Gene Pieschek** who completed the First Degree at our last meeting on September 16. Despite being pursued by **Richard Rebman** for several years, it was ultimately **Rick Noe** who sponsored him for membership. Welcome abroad to Gene and **Donna**.

Rick Noe also received word from Council member **Patrick Danforth** recently:

Right now I'm a sophomore at the Franciscan University...a blessed place to be. I am a Pre-Theologate, which means I'm preparing for Major seminary. However, I still have the option of majoring in a field of my choice so I have a lot of praying and discerning to do to discover where God wants me to apply myself. Please ask the Council to pray for these intentions. There is a Council here on campus that I am considering joining. Some of the other guys in the Pre-Theologate are also members so it will be a good source of support and fellowship.

Father **Al Lis** also heard from Patrick:

Thank you for your prayers. Because of my strong sense of call I am also discerning college seminary versus Franciscan University, but I will give it time to let the Holy Spirit guide any decisions I may have to make.

Ian Forbes resigned as Deputy Grand Knight shortly after he was elected in 2000. He and his family returned to Maine. He was suspended from the Council about a year ago, but the information never made it into the *NEWSLETTER*. We thank Ian and **Maria** for all they did while a part of our Council family.

State Deputy Visits Ladysmith

Armed with a relief contribution of \$5000 from Supreme that had been matched by the State, **Richard Rebman** journeyed to Ladysmith September 6-9 to view the devastation from a recent tornado and to try to help out in whatever ways he could. Richard noted that the television images managed to capture only about a third of the total devastation, and even as he tried to distribute the money to be used for food and

clothing, many people were still in shock. It was most impressive to see volunteers helping in the clean up from as far away as Florida, California and Canada, and numerous volunteers from all over Wisconsin and nearby States. One unfortunate aspect was that some people tried to collect charitable contributions under false pretenses--those who came from everywhere because they heard there was money being given away. Richard noted how sad it was to witness that, and found it necessary to ask for identification before dispensing the charity. Contributions continue to come in to help and the fund is being held by a Ladysmith bank and administered by the local Council. Council 10243 contributed \$200 to the relief effort.

Chaplain Jailed Again

Chaplain Father **Al Lis** took part in the March of Dimes *Jail & Bail* program once again this year. After working the crowd at the Diocesan Meeting on September 14, he was 'arrested' on September 18 and already had \$585 in pledges, far over his bail of \$300. All but two pledges were from brother Knights. Father Al sends his gratitude to all who helped in this event.

Second & Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degree will be held in Green Bay on Sunday, October 27. (The Packers are not playing that day.) This Fall Degree is a great opportunity for all current First Degree men to complete their journey to full Knighthood, and we especially urge all who have been First Degree for some time to complete what they started. All who have already experienced the Third Degree should likewise consider attending. Contact Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) for more information. The usual time frame is Second Degree at 11:00 with lunch following, Third Degree around 1:30. Everything wraps up around 3:45 PM. Current First Degree men are:

Robert Warpinski
Al Greene
Father Dave Pleier
Tim Majewski
Mac Kocha
Brian LeCloux
Joe Malcore
Deacon Larry Mastalish
Gene Pieschek

Park Falls Pig Roast

Father Otto Weber Council 2639 in Park Falls hosted an interfaith clergy evening on August 23. As the Diocesan meeting for Superior was to take place the next day, most State Officers were able to take part, including our own **Richard & Janet Rebman**. About a hundred people joined together for a pig roast with "all the fixin's" at the home of former District Deputy **Jim & Joyce Foley**. Among the clergy attending were Past State Chaplains Father **Jim Jackson**, and Father **John Slowey**, Superior Diocesan Chaplain Father **Mike Tupa**, Green Bay Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and local pastor Father **Terry Hagen**. The evening also included a tribute to the Council by the State Officers for their winning of the Church Activity award at the recent Supreme Convention in Anaheim.

Correction

Bob Wozniak was among those who worked at the Summer Blast at St. Bernard. His name was omitted on the list sent for publication in the *Newsletter*.

September 11

A near-capacity crowd gathered at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on the evening of September 11 to commemorate the day a year ago when our country suffered so greatly. Bishop **Robert Banks** presided at the Mass and among the dignitaries present were Wisconsin Governor **Scott McCallum** and Green Bay Mayor & Brother Knight **Paul Jadin**. Nearly twenty members of the Honor Guard were in attendance as well. Several members of the Council 10243 family took part; among those noticed were State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, Green Bay Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**, **Leon & Sheila Janowski**, **Dave Whitton**, **Ray Demerath**, **Scott McKenzie & Carol Naze**. Apologies are extended to anyone not listed.

Diocesan Meeting

The annual Diocesan Meeting for the Diocese of Green Bay was held on Saturday, September 14. Council 10243 was well represented with State Deputy **Richard Rebman**, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**, Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Deputy Grand Knight **John Murphy**, Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** and Past Grand Knight **Rick Noe** in

attendance. It seemed to be about the largest gathering of the five Diocesan meetings held this Fall. Presentations were given on a variety of subjects from membership to youth to a history book. Special sessions were held for District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors and Program Directors. Following lunch, State Deputy Rebman installed the District Deputies and began distributing numerous awards. Our Council was honored for PKD (Penny-a-Knight-a-Day) participation, also two checks in the amount of \$1423.62 from the Tootsie Roll drive were received; these are destined for the Green Bay Diocesan Ministry to persons with Disabilities and Brown County Association for Retarded Citizens. The Council also received a check for our charity fund in the amount of \$3284, representing the Council's share of the charity raffle from the past year.

Chaplain Moonlights

At the invitation of Grand Knight **Patrick Evans**, Father **Al Lis** agreed to serve as Chaplain of Fort Howard Council 5382 while maintaining his other duties in the Knights, including service as Chaplain to Council 10243. Though the Council's usual membership meeting night is a conflict for him most of the time, Father Al hopes to attend occasionally and plans to be a part of the monthly Officers' Meeting. He already attended one of the Officers' Meetings. In appreciation for his service, he was selected Knight of the Month for Council 5382. The Fort Howard Council has had difficulty securing the services of a Chaplain and has not had a priest at their meetings in quite some time. The majority of members of Council 5382 come from Annunciation & St. Jude Parishes on Green Bay's West Side.

Youth Director Resigns

Tim Fliss, recently appointed to the position of Youth Director for the Council, has resigned citing family and work considerations. We thank Tim for the time he gave to the position. For the moment, GK **Grant Turner** and DGK **John Murphy** are handling Youth matters. Anyone who might be interested in taking on this position, please contact Grant (469-3407) or John (362-2724) for more information.

Next Meeting:
October 21

Spotlight On... Ken Stoey



Ken had known a little about the Knights of Columbus for a long time, but for many years he assumed that it was some sort of secret society and for that reason wanted no part of it, despite several people urging him to join over the years. Finally, he decided to join the Council in Crivitz (#4671) with a friend, and found out a lot more about the organization. That was just a couple of years ago, and in the relatively short time he has been with the Knights he has become a Field Agent. He now spends a great deal of his time looking for new recruits to the organization that he had treated with some suspicion for so long. The man he joined with also got quite involved in the Council but, unfortunately, died just a few months later. After joining the Council Ken missed the first meeting and ended up being elected Treasurer.

In his work as a Field Agent he spends a lot of time settling claims and working with widows. He's also gotten involved in some charitable work, and handles a program that tries to get computers into the hands of needy people. It's a full day, even for a Field Agent, and he finds himself on the go from about eight in the morning until ten at night, six days a week. In addition to the Green Bay area, his territory ranges from Escanaba through Marinette and fairly far west. He's responsible for sixteen or seventeen Councils and estimates that he's dealing with about 1700 Knights. Adding their families, that comes out to around 5000 people. There are just not enough hours in the day to accomplish all he'd like to do.

Ken spent many years as a schoolteacher and has taught just about every level--from kindergarten to college. His wife Mary is still teaching and plans to retire in a couple of years. The family is tied closely to education and in his time Ken has taught at Notre Dame, East & Preble. He has gotten to know a lot of people in the Green Bay area as well as in the Wausaukee area where they also have a home. Ken also worked most recently as an insurance adjuster for American Family Insurance, so the transition to Field Agent was not a career shift. He appreciates the product that the Knights of Columbus offer to their customers, pointing out that only about six companies in the United States have the kind of ratings that the Knights' Insurance program has attained. He has also come to know well the benefits of being a member of an organization such as the Knights and would like to see every man in every parish become a member. He feels the Knights help keep families together and stands up for important values such as respect for life. Ken gets involved in the pro-life aspect of membership in the Knights and is interested in the Susan B. Anthony List, which helps to elect pro-life women to Congress (See *Columbia*, September 2002.)

Ken and Mary have been married about thirty-four years now and they have two children, both of whom are in the Air Force and both stationed at Minot, North Dakota. One is a pediatrician and the other an aeronautical engineer. They also have one grandchild. Mary has been working her way through the Commissioned Ministry Program offered by the Diocese of Green Bay and is head of the homebound communicators up north where she is also doing some behind the scenes work in the religious education program. They are members of a parish in Amberg as well as St. Bernard and are thinking of joining Ss. Peter & Paul as well since they attend morning mass there frequently and take part in the Holy Hours.

In the little free time he has, he enjoys woodworking, hunting and fishing. We are very happy to have Ken and Mary as a part of our Council family and look forward to getting to know Ken through his work as our Council's Field Agent.