



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Grand Knight's Column

As I flip the pages on the calendar I come to realize that I have but 3 months left as the Grand Knight of our Council. The time has gone by quickly and has been very rewarding. I have said many times before that we are a concerned, involved council and because of all of our active members it makes the job of leading this council an easy one. So at this time I would like to say "Thank You" to all of our members who help make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to our Council and to the Knights of Columbus organization as a whole. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

With your votes and support, Grant Turner, our current Deputy Grand Knight, will be taking over as the Grand Knight of our Council on July 1st. Even though he doesn't officially start his "Reign" until then, some of his most important work starts now. Grant needs to be sure that the council has a group of men who are both willing and ready to accept nomination and election to the various positions within the council. In addition, he must be sure that he has a slate of men willing to fill the various chair positions for our council's many activities. There are many opportunities to serve as a leader within our council. There are 11 different director positions to be filled which cover everything from youth, membership and family, to council, retention, and lecturer. If you are interested in either continuing in your current position, or if you are able to step forward and assume a new role within the council, please let Grant know. Grant's success as Grand Knight is largely dependent upon the members who are willing to take an active part in their council's success, by serving as an officer or chairing an event.

If Grant should approach you, please listen to what he has to say, and carefully consider what he is offering. I assure you that the commitment

that you make is not all that time consuming, and that you will find your involvement very rewarding.

*Rick Noe*  
Grand Knight

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual Third Monday, April 15. As we are approaching the time for choosing Officers and Directors for the Council's future, come and let your voice be heard.

## Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's March 2002 Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: Al Collins**  
**Family of the Month: Jim & Marilyn Barnett**

## Appreciation Dinner

Remember the Council Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Sunday, April 14. Cocktails begin at Woodside at 5:30 PM with dinner and the presentation of the Council's awards to follow. Awards include recognition of *Knight of the Month* and *Family of the Month* winners from the last eighteen months as well as the major awards--the *Knight of the Year*, *Family of the Year* and the *Distinguished Service Awards*. The Notre Dame Academy Swing Choir will provide entertainment for the evening. The cost is \$13.00/person and reservations should be made right away with **Rick Noe** (468-3194). April is a busy time for the Knights, and this may be a good opportunity to step back and relax a bit, and celebrate with brothers and their families.

## Chaplain's Column

It was a little over a month ago that Governor Scott McCallum made particularly unwelcome headlines by a comment he made about a reporter at a time when he thought the microphone was off. In his defense, one must admit that the Governor didn't say anything that pretty much everyone else standing around was already thinking at the time. He also didn't do anything that most of the rest of us wouldn't do--the difference was simply that he got caught. What some political enemies found especially delightful was the fact that those in certain positions are expected to uphold a higher standard than everyone else--they are judged by a different set of rules and they are held accountable for actions that would be easily dismissed for the rest of society. Whether we like it or not, we Christians and especially those who have chosen to serve God and the Church through the activities of the Knights of Columbus are in the same position of being held to a different standard. We have made a public commitment to be about the work that Christ left for the Church to do. Unfortunately, we are not only judged by the amount of time we spend pushing Tootsie Rolls or Charity Raffle tickets. We are called to task for the unfortunate slips that come our way in the day-to-day living of our Christian faith. People are more astute and observant than we might like to think. They see us taking part in the activities that have seemingly characterized Knights of Council 10243, and they learn to associate certain faces with the Knights. Sooner or later, when we find ourselves giving in to the temptations of evil, they will observe us in that arena as well. The word *hypocrite*, which Jesus used often to describe some of the religious leaders of his time, might pop into their minds. Even members of our own families and our circle of friends will observe us at a time when we might think that the proverbial microphone is off, and see us exhibiting behavior or speaking in a manner that seems inconsistent with what we claim to be as Knights. Unfortunately there is no easy fix for this. We have to learn to live with the fact that we are going to be judged differently because we have made a special commitment to serve the Church through the activities of the Knights of Columbus. Maybe awareness is the key. It is a part of life to recognize the fact that the

Knights and in fact all Christianity may very well be judged not by food stands and booyahs and charitable contributions, but by how we live our lives when we are not thinking about the Council or about the next activity for which we have signed up. As we bask in the light of Easter, let us ask the Lord for the added graces we need to live each moment of each day as if it were the only opportunity we will ever have to prove to the world that Christianity is alive and that our faith matters. May that grace be ours in abundance.

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

## Special Days

*April 15 - May 15*

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

### April

- 15 B Gary Nimmer
- 16 A Eugene & Mae Schmitz
- 17 B Lois (Al) Greene
- 18 B Melanie (Dan) Maine
- 19 A Ken & Jane Delcore
- 19 B Stephen Froelich
- 20 B Jeff Shutter
- 20 B Jim VanAllen
- 21 A Jeff & Delores Shutter
- 23 B Marilyn (Tom) Janowski
- 24 B Denise (Kevin) Beck
- 26 B Kathy (Terry) Timmerman
- 27 B Barbara (Thomas) George
- 30 A Jed & Beverly Schacht

### May

- 04 B Carol (Aaron) Naze
- 05 B Sheila (Leon) Janowski
- 05 B Stan Waslowski
- 06 A William & Cheryl Brown
- 06 B Jane (Ken) Delcore
- 07 A Clay & Rosemary Langenberg
- 08 B Lynda (Roger) Shaha
- 10 A John & Dawn Walczyk
- 10 O Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
- 11 A Dan & Melanie Maine
- 13 B Harold Watermolen

## Operation Rice Bowl

Not having socials following the February and March meetings of Council 10243 has generated \$52.00 in contributions from Council members. The money was donated to Operation Rice Bowl. Thanks to all who contributed.

## State Convention

The 101<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Wisconsin State Council will be gathering at Middleton on April 27-28. Certainly of great importance to our Council is Richard Rebman who is running for election to the Office of State Deputy. Slates of candidates may change right up to the actual elections, but those who have formally declared their candidacy at this point are:

### State Deputy:

--Richard Rebman\* (Green Bay)

### State Secretary:

--Richard Ammon\* (Monroe)

--Steve Maryarski (Wales)

--Larry Neuens (Florence)

### State Treasurer:

--Robert Abb (Janesville)

--Wayne Wood\* (Pulaski)

### State Advocate:

--Mike McCormick\* (Beaver Dam)

### State Warden:

--Dan Hall (Thorp)

--Richard Taddey (Campbellsport)

\* Currently serving as a State Officer.

There are rumors of other possible candidates declaring from the floor, including for the office of State Deputy. At this point, Delegates to the Convention from Council 10243 are GK **Rick Noe** and DGK **Grant Turner**. Also attending will be State Secretary **Richard Rebman**, Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and FS **Jim Barnett** who will serve as Parliamentarian. Any brother Knight is welcome to attend the Convention and may take part in most activities. Anyone interested should contact GK **Rick Noe** immediately (468-3194). Pray for the success of the Convention and for all those who will be taking part.

## Second and Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degree is scheduled for Sunday, April 14--same day as the Council Appreciation Dinner. **Scott McKenzie** has stated his intention to attend. Other current First Degree Men (**Robert Warpinski**, **Al Greene**, Father **Dave Pleier** and **Tim Majewski**) are not able to take part. The next local exemplification should occur in the Fall, but we will continue to watch for nearby exemplifications in the hopes that our First Degree men may advance to Full Knighthood as soon as possible.

## Withdrawals

One of the 'down' sides of this time of the year is that the Council has to deal with withdrawals and suspensions. We regret the withdrawal of four members of Council 10243:

**Robert Agard:** Bob served the Council as Outside Guard and was recognized as *Family of the Month* in February of 2001. He was a First Degree Knight and was a *Spotlight* Knight in July 2000.

**Harry Christensen:** A Third Degree Knight, Harry was the *Spotlight* in June 1995 and held the Offices of Inside Guard, Chancellor and Community Director. He was honored as *Family of the Month* or *Knight of the Month* seven times.

**Brian Katers:** A Fourth Degree Knight, Brian was the subject of a *Spotlight* article in 1995.

**Scott Rebman:** Another Fourth Degree Knight, Scott and his wife **LouAnn**, were honored as *Family of the Month* seven times. Scott served as Lecturer and is now completing a three-year term as Trustee. He was our *Spotlight* in September 1995.

## State Charity Raffle

**Tickets and proceeds  
due by April 24**

**Leon Janowski (468-7544)**

## Booyah

Another booyah sale was held on the weekend of March 16-17. Not only was there a tremendous response from members of the Council to help out, but there was also a profit of \$664.55. That apparently is our best effort to date. There are many who deserve honorable mention from among the lengthy list of helpers, especially the Acting Lord of the Booyah, **Al Collins**. He and **Tom Gauthier** managed to get things going in the wee hours of the morning before the sale. Thanks also to **Bill Bartelme**--even though he was out of town his influence was felt through the behind the scenes work prior to the sale. Thanks to all who helped out:

**Randy Barrett**  
**Bill Bartelme**  
**Tom Caldie**  
**Al Collins**  
**Ray Demerath**  
**Tim Fliss**  
**Tom Gauthier**  
**Joe Hoffman**  
**Leon Janowski**  
**Roy C. Johnson**  
**Roy D. Johnson**  
**Bob Ledvina**  
**Joe Mastalir**  
**John Murphy**  
**Tom Nixon**  
**Mary Noe**  
**Rick Noe**  
**Gerry Piontek**  
**Eugene Schmitz**  
**Roger Shaha**  
**Grant Turner**  
**Mike Vanden Busch**  
**Jason Vandermause**  
**Stan Waslowski**  
**Dave Whitton**

## Fourth Degree

The Marquette Assembly of the Fourth Degree held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at C.J.'s in Kewaunee. A March meeting in Kewaunee around St. Patrick's Day has become something of a tradition so that members may partake of some great corned beef & cabbage. About sixty attended the meeting, including Council 10243 members **Larry Ziarnik**, **Richard Rebman**, Father **Al Lis**

and **Roger Shaha**. One man from Council 10552 was read in for participation in the exemplification of the Fourth Degree at Oconomowoc on April 6. There was also some discussion of sponsoring a Blue Mass (honoring living and deceased police and firefighters and emergency personnel) sometime around September 11, 2002. Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** asked for volunteers to sign up for a committee to look into the matter. Only Father Al and Richard expressed any interest. A report on the District Meeting on April 5 and the Exemplification on April 6 will be included in the next *NEWSLETTER*. Father Al, Larry and Richard plan to attend. No members of Council 10243 are intending to take part. The next gathering of Marquette Assembly 1197 will be April 9 at Menominee Casino in Keshena.

## Prayer

### *Prayer For Those Who Do Not Believe in God*

God of all creation  
you created man and woman  
in your own image and likeness  
and gave our hearts a longing  
to seek for you all our lives  
and to know peace when you are found.  
May all those who acknowledge you  
as the One, True God  
live their lives in service to all  
their brothers and sisters  
and so demonstrate to the world  
that they are truly your children.  
May all those who do not share our faith in you  
see in the lives of believers  
the proof of your love for your people  
through the service we give to one another  
and the love we bear for each other.  
Grant that all people whom you have created  
may join together in knowing you  
as the source of all life  
and the giver of all good things.  
May all people worship you  
as the God and Father of all  
and so come to share a place  
in the kingdom you have created  
for all who love you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Our Lady of the Snows

On Wednesday, March 20 **Richard & Janet Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** made a trip to Milwaukee to listen to a presentation regarding pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. About twenty-five people took part in the luncheon presentation by a marketing representative from the Shrine. State Deputy **Carl Templin** was also present. The intent of the presentation was to convince religious leaders to arrange for groups to visit the shrine. The information was impressive, and the Knights will be looking more carefully at the possibility of arranging a pilgrimage at some point in the future. It seems as if the Shrine is about eight or nine hours from Green Bay by bus, so it would be a trip of several days.

## Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee met at the State Office in Madison in preparation for the upcoming State Convention at Middleton. Committee members are State Chaplain **John Simon** (Reeseville), Immediate Past State Deputy **Wenzel Felber** (Tomah), State Deputy **Carl Templin** (Middleton), State Advocate **Wayne Wood** (Pulaski), Past State Deputy **Delbert Peterson** (Brookfield), District Deputy **Charles Silver** (Hudson), District Deputy **Daniel Thiel** (Hilbert), Grand Knight **Vernon Linzmeier** (Plover) and Grand Knight **David Johannes** (Madison). Also taking part in the meeting were Council 10243 members State Secretary **Richard Rebman** who observed along with other State Officers, and Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** who is serving as Parliamentarian to the Committee.

## Father Stan Browne

Father **Stan Browne** has been placed on administrative leave by the Diocese due to recent allegations of sexual misconduct in the early 1980's. Father Browne is a Fourth Degree Knight and has been serving the Knights of Columbus as Diocesan Chaplain for the Diocese of Green Bay. He had been serving the Church as Pastor at St. Mary of the Lake in Lakewood. Please keep him in prayer at this trying time.

## Charity Raffle

As of March 28, Holy Thursday, Raffle Chairman **Leon Janowski** reports that 802 tickets have been sold, a lot better than the 427 sold at the end of February. We still have a way to go to reach our goal of 1330 in order to qualify for a bonus. We are at 60% of our goal. 59 Council brothers have responded to the raffle; 70 have not. Reminders have been sent to those who have not yet been heard from. Leon notes that there are a lot of tickets out yet and some traditional 'heavy hitters' have not turned in much to this point, so there is still a possibility of making our goal. At this point, only two men have broken 100--Father **Al Lis** and **Roger Heesacker**. They are followed by **Aaron Naze** and **Tom Gauthier**. At this time last year six men had already passed the 100 mark. Our custom is to publish the names of all those who sold at least 20 tickets in the May *NEWSLETTER*. Last year there were fourteen names on that list and a 'High Honor' roll of seven men with sales of 100 or more. Total sales last year were 1701, compared to 1383 in 2000. Can we beat that this year? All raffle tickets and proceeds are due to Leon by April 24. The drawing will be held at the State Convention at Middleton on April 27.

## Tootsie Rolls

Coordinator **Mike Worzala** reminds all brothers of the Council about this important event to benefit the mentally challenged. The annual drive will be held Friday through Sunday, April 19-21. We are scheduled to be at Wal-Mart and East Town, and possibly at Cofrin Station on Saturday. On Sunday, Council members will also be covering Copp's and the Masses at St. Bernard. Please remember the correct approach--we are not 'selling' Tootsie Rolls, but giving them away in the hope of receiving a donation for the mentally challenged in return. The work schedule will arrive soon. Anyone who was missed, or anyone with a conflict at their scheduled time should contact Mike as soon as possible (voice mail: 435-3771 x112 or e-mail: [mike@newsradio1360.com](mailto:mike@newsradio1360.com)).



# Spotlight On... Tom Marquardt

Though his work schedule has kept him away from meetings and most activities of the Council, Tom's contribution to the fraternity has been considerable. He was recruited to the Knights of Columbus around age 25 by a schoolteacher he knew by the name of John Karczek. That was quite a number of years ago, and Tom became a part of the Council at Seymour, eventually serving for a couple of years as Financial Secretary. He recalls his former Council as being an older Council, not only in that it has been established for a long time, but also that the average age of members is a good deal higher than at Council 10243. As may happen in such Councils, younger members sometimes didn't last too long. He can't remember clearly if he held any other offices in the Council, but his training as Financial Secretary came in handy when Dan McLaughlin assumed the same Office for our Council in 1990, shortly after our Council was formed. Tom spent countless hours with Dan, passing on the information that Dan would need to handle the responsibility of the position. Tom's father was also a member of the Knights.

A charter member of Council 10243, Tom's 'behind the scenes' work also included recruiting Rick Noe. However, except for the occasional opportunity to be a part of a Tootsie Roll drive, he's been unable to become anything like a familiar face at functions of the Council. That's because Tom has worked as a truck driver for Com-Way Central Express for about sixteen years now. That job has him going in to work around 6:00 PM every evening. Spending the legal amount of time working (the DOT allows sixty hours per week), he often ends up not getting home until about twelve or more hours later. His route might involve hauling a double trailer down the road to the usual destination of Gary, Indiana and then returning to Green Bay. Then, of course, there's loading and unloading the cargo and other responsibilities. By the time he gets home he really doesn't want to do much else besides sleep. He enjoys his job, especially the fact that he can pretty much be his own boss and make his own decisions. On the other hand he admits that after twenty-six years of driving a truck, when he and his wife Mary go on vacation or even head to church, she has to do the driving because he's tired of being behind the wheel. One of the benefits of the job is that he manages to get home every day. The company is also very safety-oriented--if a driver exceeds speed limits they will find out and the driver will be disciplined. He hauls most anything for the company and hopes to be thinking about retirement in about six years. On the occasions when he can do something other than drive, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Tom is a convert to the Catholic Faith, becoming a part of the Church when he married his wife, Mary. They have been together for thirty-one years now and have four children--two boys and two girls, all in the area. They have one grandchild so far. Mary works out of their home in a tax and accounting business. She also serves on the County Board. When they came to Green Bay about fourteen years ago they looked at some thirty houses on the west side in one day and found nothing they liked. They looked at one house on the east side and started moving in, though both their sets of parents thought they were crazy. Nearly every part of the house has undergone renovation and they do much of the design work themselves. Mary is also trained in landscaping and their garden is something to behold.

Tom's contribution to the Council is a reminder of the unseen efforts that often are needed to enable things to run smoothly. We appreciate all he's done and look forward to getting to know him better in the future.