



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

Hello, everyone, and Happy New Year. It is time to hang up our new 2002 calendars and start all over. Another year rocketed by and with lightning speed. The older I get the faster time seems to travel. Now the months and seasons fly by whether I'm ready for change or not. I can remember back when time didn't move so fast. I was a kid in grade school and I would sit in class and watch time on the wall clock tick by ever so slowly. I felt that the bell would never ring, and I would never get out of school. Now I wish I had some of that idle time back that I squandered in my youth.

The new year brings with it a fresh start, renewed enthusiasm, and a commitment to do better this year. This type of attitude is both healthy and optimistic, and it is one that most of our fellow Knights share. As we start the new year and think about our commitment to the Knights, I'd like everyone to focus on three things.

The first is simply involvement. Our organization exists in part to give Catholic men a means to channel their energies and efforts to accomplish wonderful things for the greater good of all mankind. So be active in your council. Make an effort to attend what meetings you can. Say "Yes" when one of our members calls on you to volunteer to help at an event. If you are unable to do more at this time, then simply pay your dues in a timely fashion and keep us in your prayers. We draw strength from one another and together we achieve more.

The second focus is membership. Recruiting new members is not limited only to our membership officer. It truly is everyone's responsibility. Now unlike a hunting season, there is not a "Recruiting Season". Recruiting is an ongoing process. Be aware of the many opportunities to talk about the Knights of Columbus and the work that we do. And most of all, don't be afraid to ask someone to join our organization. More likely than not, after they become a member they will thank you time and again for inviting them to join.

The last focus is charity. Our organization does a fantastic job at raising money and then giving it away. It could be \$250 dollars to a fire victim family, or it could be a million dollars for the many families of the September 11th Hero Fund. The needs are vast and many, and the Knights of Columbus are there to respond. As a member of our council you help in many ways. Recently you received a few of our annual raffle tickets. The sale of these tickets is a major source of fund raising for both our Council and the State Council. Once again we need your help to make this program a success. Last year we sold over 1700 tickets and earned \$3902.00 for our efforts. This is one of the few times out of the year we ask every member to take an active part in the event. Buy them yourself or sell them to friends; just don't let them lay in the envelope on your kitchen table. They won't do anyone any good that way.

I hope this new year brings with it many wonderful things for all of you and your families. Hopefully we can look back at this time next year and know that we have done all that we could do in order to continue God's work during this year.

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: First Degree

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 will take place on Monday, January 21. An exemplification of the First Degree is scheduled for that evening at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40. Out of respect to any Candidates and to the Degree team, no one will be admitted during the exemplification.

State Charity Raffle

The State Charity Raffle is underway. Good luck to all Council members--let's see if we can beat last year's great total of 1701 tickets. For more tickets or other information about the raffle contact **Leon Janowski** (468-7544).

Bell Ringers

Despite a shortage of volunteers in general, the Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing was well covered by Council members and friends on December 7-8. Most time slots were filled by more than one person, and those who took part gave witness to passers-by of the fact that we truly enjoy what we can do together. According to records, the 'take' on Saturday, December 8 was the highest in the city. Thanks to all who were willing to take part in the project, and special thanks to those who have rung the bell for a number of years. Council members and friends rang the bell at Cub Food East. Those listed as participants included:

Jim Barnett
Dan Barrington
Joey Bina
Mike Bina
Tom Caldie & Boy Scouts
Ann Gauthier
Tom Gauthier
Ken Greetan & Daughter
Jim Janssen
Clay Langenberg
Bob Ledvina
Father Al Lis
Scott McKenzie
Dan Mullen
Henry Nguyen
Thomas Nguyen
Gerry Piontek
Richard Rosin
Stephanie Rosin
Grant Turner
Jim Van Allen
Mike Vanden Busch
Wally Vanden Busch
Jason Vandermause
Kathy Waslowski
Stan Waslowski
Harry Watermolen
Mike Worzala

Prayer

Prayer for Vocations II

Prayer for Vocations I appeared in November 1997.

Gracious and loving God,
throughout the history of the Church

you have provided for the spiritual growth
of your holy people
by calling men and women to service
in the ordained ministry and religious life.
Grant to your Church
the continued assistance of your grace
so that those who hear your call
may have a desire to follow you more closely
and that they will also know the love and support
of their brothers and sisters.
Give your Church an abundance of servants
who will dedicate themselves completely
to the service of your holy people
and allow all those who work in your vineyard
to know the love and gratitude
of those whom they were sent to serve.
Make them living signs of Christ's presence
and vessels of the grace of your Holy Spirit.
May those who seek to dedicate their lives to you
be ever faithful to their calling
and become, with the help of your grace
a clearer sign of your care for your people.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Special Days

January 15 - February 15

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

January

15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan
16 A Tom & Mary Marquardt
17 B Mike Barry
18 B Rick Tlachac
21 B John Schmitz
24 B Bill Griesbach
28 B Sandra (Roger) Heesacker
29 + Dan McLaughlin (1999)
30 + Arnold Chaloupka (1996)
31 B John Laurant

February

02 B Carrie (Ken) Greetan
02 B Paul Tilot
03 B Mary (Rick) Noe
04 B Pat Danforth
06 B Colleen (Donald) Hoff
08 B Ray Demerath
12 B Ken Delcore
12 + Al Cisler (1996)
14 B Dave Doering
15 A Wayne & Alice Wassenberg

Chaplain's Column

I couldn't believe it when I saw it. December 24th, Christmas Eve, about one in the afternoon, I was running one last, quick errand, and someone already had a Christmas tree out on the front lawn waiting for it to be picked up by the appropriate personnel. In all fairness, it is quite possible that the owner of the tree was going to go out of town and needed to get rid of the tree before Christmas Day, but the first thought that would go through the minds of many is that this is probably one of those folks who had a tree up in September and were already tired of looking at it. In the Church the season of Christmas extends through the Baptism of the Lord (January 13th this year) but by that time even good, committed Christians wonder why the choir is still singing Christmas songs. We seem to be in a rush to move from season to season, and there might even be a certain desire to lay aside this "Christmas Spirit" as soon as possible because it places on us the expectation that we be counter-cultural. After all, people are a bit nicer to one another at Christmas and often throughout the surrounding days, but many times that feeling of 'good will' gets packed away with the rest of the ornaments and we go back to dealing with one another in a manner more befitting a generally depressing time of the year. Indeed, one Catholic School principal told me that the season from mid-January through the beginning of April is a time of unparalleled complaining and problems being raised about even the most trivial matters. Good will is long laid aside and until the glory of Easter shines upon us again, there is some desire to complement the gloomy and dead earth with an attitude to match. My suggestion would be to again commit ourselves to one of the basic tenets of our Christian faith--to be counter-cultural. If we find that everyone agrees with us all the time and that our point of view is popular in every situation, chances are that we are not living up to the demands of our faith which often requires that we stand in opposition to what everyone else does or thinks. We are not necessarily a people who simply 'go along.' We need to make a stand. I suggest that our stand these next couple of weeks be one which reminds us that just because the nativity scene has been packed away doesn't mean that the presence of Christ has departed from the world. Rather, that presence has been entrusted to us: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news." Many Knights readily embrace the annual campaign to "Keep Christ in

Christmas." We need, also, to remind ourselves of another Christian obligation--namely our commitment to, "Keep Christ in Everything." May the blessings of the season be with all members of our Council families, and may that grace be spread through our efforts to the ends of the earth.

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

Priesthood as a Career

Recognizing January 13-19 as Vocation Awareness Week, Council brother Father **Doug LeCaptain** was featured on the Careers section of the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* on Sunday, January 6. Doug, who serves as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Green Bay, was interviewed about his life and his ministry. The article dealt with some elements of Doug's own life and how he came to hear his own calling as well as his vocation work and the process involved in working with men interested in the priesthood.

Brother Knights are reminded to spend time praying for vocations and actively encouraging family and friends to consider vocations to the ordained ministry or religious life.

Advertising the Knights

Several brother Knights have noticed recent television spots noting the Knights of Columbus and their dedication to charity. The ads have been appearing in the last couple of weeks and appear to be more for recognition than recruiting. The theme of, "*In service to One. In service to all.*" highlights the charitable activities of the Knights and have generated positive feedback from most who have noticed them.

Convention Update

Remember the upcoming State Convention, scheduled for April 27-28 at Middleton. Our own **Richard Rebman** hopes to emerge State Deputy after this convention. It is rumored that all positions, including State Deputy, will be contested, so a strong sign of support from the Council is important. A resolution in support of Richard's candidacy will be presented at the February meeting of Council 10243.

2002 Charity Raffle Information

Use of Proceeds from Annual Raffle:

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| Distributed to Councils for local community charitable purposes: | \$ 303,856.00 |
| 62 grants to victims of fire for immediate use: | \$ 19,600.00 |
| 15 Grants to children (3-16 years) with medical needs: | \$ 23,750.00 |
| 89 Grants to adults with medical problems: | \$ 155,853.00 |
| 10 grants to children under 3 years for medical needs: | \$ 17,500.00 |
| 13 Grants for fire and tornado damage | \$ 14,000.00 |

Total Charitable Distribution (2001): **\$ 534,289.00**

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2002 Prize Structure:

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| 1st | \$ 50,000.00 |
| 2nd | 2002 Chevrolet Blazer <u>or</u> 2002 Dodge Dakota Club Truck <u>or</u> 2002 Mirro Craft Boat w/150 HP Mercury Motor <u>or</u> \$ 25,000.00 |
| 3rd | 2002 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic Motorcycle <u>or</u> \$ 20,000.00 |
| 4th | 2001 Harley-Davidson Sportster Hugger Motorcycle <u>or</u> \$ 10,000.00 |
| 5th - 20th | \$ 1,000.00 each |
| 21st - 40th | \$ 500.00 each |

Tickets: \$5.00 Donation

Drawing April 27, 2002 7:00 PM Marriott Madison West (State Convention)

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Spotlight On... Lawrence Waskosky

It was a number of years ago in Albert Lea, Minnesota that Larry, who was at the time working in radio sales, paid a call on a prospective customer. It turns out that the customer was the one interested in making a sale and invited Larry to come to a Knights of Columbus meeting. While he was not sure what to make of the Degree ceremonials, he enjoyed the camaraderie, recalling that he knew just about everyone in the Council and he also liked taking part in various activities such as softball. Larry advanced through the Third Degree and came to the Green Bay area in 1976, taking a position as a sales manager at WNFL that had recently been purchased from the Press Gazette. He remained in that position until it was sold again in 1987 and then moved on to WGEE in a similar capacity, handling sales and advertising, until 1990. It was around that time that Council 10243 was formed and though not quite a Charter Member, he was one of the early members of the new Council, transferring in the first year.

He decided in 1990 that he was getting burned out in radio and wanted to move on so he literally went to the mausoleum, taking a job at the Shrine of the Good Shepherd at Nicolet Memorial Gardens. He was responsible for crypt sales and pre-arrangement, a task he found to be a bit tougher than he imagined because so few want to talk about their death, and when dealing with couples, one won't talk about it without the other. He also found singles to be particularly challenging because so many really didn't seem to be interested in making advance arrangements. Somewhere along the line he took another job at Menards, driving by the place when it was being built and thinking it would be nice to work there because it was convenient for him. He worked for a while in the Millwork Department until the store opened a Commercial Control Department. Because of his background in sales he felt well suited to that line of work. Although officially retiring in January 2001, he still gets to Menards two days per week.

Retirement has given him the opportunity to get more involved in one favorite hobby--motorcycle touring. He and his wife, Marilyn, occasionally team up with two other couples and have visited or plan to visit such diverse places as Branson, Tennessee, Colorado and Montana. Since this is a warm weather activity, some time in the winter is occasionally spent visiting with family a warm house in Minnesota. Larry and Marilyn have been married nearly forty-two years now and have six children--five boys and a girl. Marilyn works as a bank teller. Two of his sons live in New Jersey and run a construction company and three sons and his daughter live in the Green Bay area. In the time he has been with Council 10243 he has not had the opportunity to take part in many meetings but does join in with activities such as the Knights' Grill, booyah and the Tootsie Roll drive. He will turn 65 in about two years and as he settles into retirement is hoping to have the chance to get a little more involved in the life of Council 10243. We look forward to getting to know him better.

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