



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

**NEWSLETTER**

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## Grand Knight's Column

What are you proud of when it comes to the Knights of Columbus and our Council? Is there a certain activity we do that stands out in your mind? A certain fund-raiser that you take a very active part in which makes you feel good? Or perhaps it is all the good we do, by helping out so many in such a variety of ways.

How do you feel when you tell someone that you are a Knight of Columbus? Hopefully you feel a sense of pride. We are a very involved council that plans activities for family, church, youth, community and more. We have a dedicated membership that supports the leadership of the organization at Council, State, and National levels. Many of our members are active and step forward to work on a variety of projects sponsored in the name of the Knights. Whatever the activity, our members graciously give of their time and talents to help their council accomplish its goals.

Recently we had close to 30 members attending a prayer service at a funeral home for a brother Knight. Last month we had 26 men attend our monthly meeting, even though the weather was less than favorable. If you don't know it, or are new to the organization and haven't felt it yet, let me be the first to tell you, *"We have something special here"*. Even though we are a young Council we are rooted in the belief that our faith must be expressed through our efforts and actions. There seems to be an unspoken pride among our membership. A pride that says, "I'm donating my time and energies for a greater good." Singly we make a small difference, but when we work together, guided by the spirit, our efforts are sizable and even monumental when combined with the other councils throughout the United States

So what do you feel when you tell someone that you are a Knight of Columbus? Do you feel a sense of pride, or family, or possibly fraternity?

Perhaps all of these and more. This unique intangible feeling is special and rests within the quiet confines of each member's heart. Each member knows that the Knights of Columbus exemplify honesty, decency, charity, and caring in all that we do. Therefore when you tell someone that you are a Knight of Columbus from Council 10243, don't be surprised by the warm feelings of accomplishment that you get in knowing that all the work that we do as a Council does make a difference.

*Rick Noe*  
Grand Knight

## Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of council 10243 is scheduled for the usual Third Monday of the Month, March 18. The meeting will be preceded by an exemplification of the First Degree at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40 PM. We hope to have at least one candidate for the exemplification. Remember the challenge we are given to observe Degrees often so that their powerful lessons may not be forgotten. Plan on attending the Degree to remind us of who we are, and the meeting in order to be a part of living out our Christian Mission.

This being Lent, there will be no social after the meeting. A basket will be available for contributions to the poor.

## Honorees

Sincerest congratulations to the Council's February 2002 Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: John Hyland**  
**Family of the Month: Dave & Kim Burbach**

## Reverse Collection

On Sunday February 17th history was made at St. Bernard' parish in Green Bay. It was the first time ever that the collection baskets were passed and the congregation was asked to take something out of them. Our Council sponsored the reverse collection to help the efforts of St. Bernard' food pantry. Loaded in the collection baskets were slips of paper with assorted food or grocery items on them. Each family was asked to take a slip and add that one or two items to their grocery list for the coming week. Then, the following week when they came back to church, they were to bring those items with them and put them in the collection area in the Narthex.

It was evident that this idea was received very well by all of the favorable comments that were offered after the pulpit announcements on the first weekend. It was even more evident by the huge amount of food that was collected on the following weekend when the members of the church returned with groceries in hand. Special thanks to brother Knights **Roy C. Johnson, Aaron Naze, Gerry Piontek** and **Rich Rebman**, who volunteered to move all of the items from the narthex over to the basement of the parish center. Also thanks to **Rick, Mary** and **Daniel Noe** who helped organize the event. But the real thanks goes to the many, many families who took this event seriously and contributed food items to make it all work.

## Charity Raffle

Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports that last year's record sales in Charity Raffle tickets will take a lot of work if we hope to repeat it this year. As of the end of February, 427 tickets had been sold--860 had been sold at this same time last year. The tickets sold so far represent the efforts of 40 members, or 30% of the Council. Obviously, a great effort by our men is needed to achieve our goals. Father **Al Lis** noted at the last Council meeting that the woman who cleans offices at St. Mary of the Angels sold off 22 tickets for him. He wondered if Council members would like to be outdone by a cleaning woman with no ties to the Knights or the Council.

## Pancake and Porkie Breakfast

Our Pancake and Porkie breakfast was a big success this year. We served over 400 people breakfast and managed to raise \$524 which was donated to St. Bernard's religious education fund. In addition to that, we were able to sell left over donated bake goods from the Mardi Gras festivities held the night before, and we raised another \$108 which went toward the success of the weekend event.

Special thanks go out to **Bill Brown, George Raymaker** and **Larry Ziarnik** for their extra contributions to the success of this event. Bill bought additional grocery items the morning of the event when it was obvious that we had underestimated the number attending, and donated them to the Council. George organized the Holy Name sponsored Scouts Breakfast to coincide with this event, which greatly added to the turnout. And, Larry donated a large amount of orange juice in order to help our Council show a greater profit for the event. On behalf of the Council we thank all of our volunteers for their help in making this event a real success:

**Randy Barrett**  
**Bill Bartelme**  
**Bill Brown**  
**Tom Caldie**  
**Ray Demerath**  
**Curt Gilson**  
**Jim Janssen**  
**John Murphy**  
**Aaron Naze**  
**Dan Noe**  
**Mary Noe**  
**Rick Noe**  
**Gerry Piontek**  
**John Walczyk**  
**Mike Worzala**  
**Larry Ziarnik**

## Appreciation Dinner

Our Council's annual Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, April 14 at Woodside Country Club. Cost is \$13.00 per sperson and the reservation Deadline is April 9 to GK **Rick Noe**. Please see the ad in this *NEWSLETTER* for further information.

## Chaplain's Column

"Fraternity" seems to be a word we like to bat around a lot in the Knights, especially when an exemplification of the Third Degree rolls around. We call ourselves a "Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization" and although some insurance people might disagree, the dictionary definition of *fraternal* has to do with *brotherly* or *of brothers* and has little to do with insurance. Certainly the insurance element of the Knights is important and remains one of the founding motives of the Order, but I think the idea of fraternity--an association among brothers as brothers--is something worth contemplating.

There is something to be said about two points that are sometimes attached to Degrees in the Order--first, that no one is ever just 'sent' to a Degree ceremony, and second, that those who have already experienced them should do so again so that the lessons may be refreshed. It apparently has been our practice to see that at least the first of these reminders remains in force. I don't believe we have ever just given someone the address of an exemplification and told him to go and have a nice day. We've always seen to it that someone goes along, at the very least to let them know that someone was going to be there with them and they would not be alone. While we don't do anything illegal or immoral at Degrees, we are asking guys to take part in something that we can't tell them anything about until it is all over. We can, at least, assure them that if they are willing to take this step into the unknown, we will be there with them to lend whatever support we can.

Beyond that, there are still lessons to be learned by our Degrees. Although I have been to so many Third Degrees that I sometimes find myself mouthing the words along with team members, I'm still finding that I can pick up a thing or two because of how things unfold and how people react. I'm still learning what real fraternity is all about; what it means to truly support a brother. I am reminded of how important it can be just to be there for one of our own. And I suppose that I'll never stop learning those lessons.

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear the familiar story of Jesus and the temptations

by the devil. We might miss the fact that Jesus went into that desert alone. We as a Church are not invited to enter upon the Lenten journey all by ourselves, but rather in the company of the entire Church. We walk together, side by side, and advance together on the way to the Kingdom. It is interesting to note that the same principles seem to apply in the Knights. We don't 'go it alone,' we do things together. We stand with one another. We continue to learn what it really means to be brothers, and we learn to support not just in word but in deed. We come to understand that living out fraternity means more than just saying, "I'll pray for you." It means a hand on the shoulder or just the very presence at a time when it is needed. Fraternity should be more than just a nice word we like to use. It should be a whole way of life and a whole way of relating to one another. To be a 'Brother' is a deep bond indeed.

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

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Bob Hieronimczak**, a member of Council 4439 in Pulaski, on the death of his father **Henry** on February 10. Bob was a member of Council 10243 for several years and served as a Trustee and third editor of this *NEWSLETTER*; he is currently a member of Council 4439 in Pulaski. **Henry Hieronimczak** suffered from a stroke and complications from surgery. In an e-mail to **Roy C. Johnson**, Bob asked for the prayerful support of our Council and sends his best wishes, noting that he had the chance to chat with **Larry & Bridget Ziarnik, Jim & Marilyn Barnett, Richard & Janet Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** at a recent Fourth Degree gathering.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of Past State Chaplain Father **Thomas Segerson** on that same day, February 10, in Madison. Father was 75 and served with State Deputy **Delbert Peterson** from 1974-1976.

May all those who have been called to new life enjoy the reward promised to all God's chosen ones.

## Blue Mass

The Supreme Council recommended that all Councils sponsor a Blue Mass (Honoring living and deceased Police and Firefighters) sometime in the month of February. The Wisconsin State Council will hold a Blue Mass at the State Convention in Middleton on Saturday, April 27 to enable more Councils to be represented and to place it nearer to the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29,) a patron of those in protective services. The invitation has gone out for police, firefighters, EMT's, paramedics and military personnel to be present in uniform.

On Sunday, February 17, State Secretary **Richard & Janet Rebman** took part in a Blue Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Wautoma. About fifty law enforcement & protective personnel were among about 300 gathered. Richard spoke to the assembly on behalf of the State Council. He and Father **Al Lis** wrote the address:

*It is my privilege to speak to you as we gather to celebrate the sacrifice that Christ has made for us, and also to honor those who have been willing to sacrifice so much so that others may live in freedom and in security.*

*Throughout our history we have honored those men and women who have served us by defending our country and the values for which we stand. Their willingness to leave the safe embrace of their family and friends and place their lives in jeopardy throughout the world has consistently reminded us of the importance of the principles on which our country was founded. Yet our recent history has reminded us that it is not only the sacrifices of those who fight in foreign lands that we must honor. We are also called to recognize and to appreciate the sacrifices made by those whose lives are often in peril because they have dedicated themselves to serve as law enforcement officers, firefighters, Emergency Medical Service Technicians or in other protective services.*

*With that in mind we come together today to acknowledge all those who know*

*above all that the price of freedom and safety is high. We salute all those who wear the uniform of our Armed Forces and stand up for what we believe everywhere in the world. We also salute those who proudly wear the uniform of Law enforcement, firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and those in other protective services because the fight for freedom from fear and tyranny sometimes needs to be fought in the streets of our own cities and towns.*

*On behalf of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin, and on behalf of all those who share our values, I thank you for all that you do for all of us. We pray that the example of Christ's unselfish sacrifice may continue to serve as a model for your lives and that through the intercession of St. Michael and all the Saints, Christ may hold you safely in his loving embrace.*

## Resolutions Committee

The State Deputy has announced a Resolutions Committee consisting of ex-officio members State Chaplain **John Simon** (Reeseville), Immediate Past State Deputy **Wenzel Felber** (Tomah), State Deputy **Carl Templin** (Middleton) and State Advocate **Wayne Wood** (Pulaski). In addition, appointed members include 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).

## Shining Armor Award

The Supreme Council has unveiled a new award program called the "Shining Armor Award." It is open only to First Degree members and is a great way to build involvement in the Council. To qualify for the award new Knights within their first year in the Knights of Columbus must: 1) attend at least three Council business meetings; 2) actively participate in three service activities; 3) meet with the Council's insurance representative; 4) recruit at least one new member; and 5) receive the Second and Third Degrees.

## Fourth Degree

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Eastern District of Wisconsin will be held on Saturday, April 6 at Oconomowoc. The following information is from the 'Fact Sheet' for the exemplification:

**DATE:** April 6, 2002

**PLACE:** Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc

**DINNER COST:** \$26.00/ticket

**EXEMPLIFICATION COST:** \$65 (Clergy \$35)

Includes baldric, pin & 1 dinner ticket

**MEN DRESS:** Black tuxedo & baldric\*

**LADIES DRESS:** Long or cocktail dress

**HOTEL:** \$91.00/room. Call 1-800-558-9573

**SCHEDULE:**

Registration: 12:00-12:45 PM

Exemplification: 1:00 PM

Ladies Luncheon: 1:15 PM

Mass: 4:15 PM

Dinner: 7:15 PM

Dance: 9:00 PM

*\* Only candidates are permitted to wear the 4th Degree lapel pin, but all are permitted to wear a U.S. Flag pin on the left lapel.*

Another exemplification will be held in Rhinelander on June 8. The annual meeting of the Eastern District will be held at the hotel the evening before the exemplification. Eastern Master **Erv Jankowiak** is gearing up for the annual event along with his staff. All Third Degree men in good standing can and should consider the Fourth Degree. Also, anyone who is Third degree and who has been in the Knights for at least six months can be waived to participate if the Master makes a request to Supreme. Anyone interested in the Fourth Degree should contact Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik** (468-1979) or Friar Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) as soon as possible.

In our Marquette Assembly #1197 of the Fourth Degree, participation in the February meeting was down. A March meeting is planned with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at CJ's in Kewaunee. Candidates for the April Exemplification are invited to attend. Sales of Fourth Degree Raffle tickets are also slow, especially with the State Charity Raffle in full swing. Members are reminded to help the

Assembly and the District by taking care of the raffle tickets and by the timely payment of dues.

## Prayer

### *Prayer for the Elect*

*In the tradition of the Church many of those who choose to embrace the Catholic Faith are brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.) Throughout the Season of Lent they (The Elect) are commended to the prayer of the whole Church.*

God of grace and of love,  
you have created the human race  
and you desire to draw all people  
into Christ's embracing love.  
Guide the Elect of your Church  
and send your blessing upon all those  
who have journeyed with them  
to the living waters of new Baptism.  
Fill them with a loving trust in Christ  
as their Savior and Redeemer  
and bring them through prayer  
and reflection on your word  
to share fully at the table of your kingdom.  
May all those who desire  
to share the faith of the Church  
be sealed with the Spirit of your promise  
and united with all your holy people.  
May we be for them all  
a sign of Christ's living presence in the world  
and a source of loving care and support.  
Allow our Lenten journey to be a time  
of refreshment for all your people  
so that we may all be strengthened  
in our baptismal commitment  
and grow together as a rich harvest  
for the glory of your name.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

## From the Financial Secretary

Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** has noted that there are still about ten men who have not paid dues for the year. If you happen to be one of them please handle this matter immediately so that we will be saved the additional paperwork and the unpleasant process of suspension. If annual dues present a financial hardship, please contact Grand Knight **Rick Noe** (468-3194) or Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** (468-1245).

## Third Degree at Fond du Lac

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees was held at Fond du Lac on Saturday, February 23. **Tim Fliss**, one of the newest members of Council 10243, noticed the information in a recent Council *NEWSLETTER* and decided he wanted to attend, having been impressed with his own First Degree ceremony at our Council meeting in January. Tim called Father **Al Lis** who had not expected anyone to go to Fond du Lac for a Degree. Father Al then hastily took care of the details of registration and arranged to accompany Tim to the Exemplification. State Secretary **Richard Rebman** was also present as a part of the Degree Team. The exemplification was hosted by Fond du Lac Council 664 at their clubhouse and coordinated by District Deputy (60) **Anthony Pass**. We were probably the most distant Council represented, and certainly it is the farthest any member of Council 10243 has ever gone to take part in a Third Degree Exemplification, but it was definitely worth the trip. Tim made us exceedingly proud to be there in support of him. When it came time for the Knighting of some fifty candidates, Conferring Officer **Tom Della** invited Father Al to assist in Tim's Knighting. It was a very special privilege for Father Al and Richard to have been a part of conferring Knighthood on Tim, and it was the first time Father Al had taken part in anyone's Knighting. State Warden **Mike McCormick** was also present for part of the day. We are pleased to welcome our Brother **Tim Fliss** to full Knighthood in the Third Degree!

## Youth Activities Corrections

The lists used to acknowledge the helpers at the youth Activities (Knowledge and Free Throw Contest) on January 19 were apparently incomplete. We also received names of the helpers at Free Throw Contest of January 19 which were not available last month: **Grant & Joan Turner, Joe Hoffman, Gerry Piontek, Jason Vandermause & George Raymaker**. **Joe Hoffman** was mistakenly listed as helping with the Knowledge Contest on the same day; it should have read **Gerry Piontek**. Gerry & Grant devoted seven hours to the day.

Please remember that there are supposed to be sign-up sheets at each activity so that

participants may be recognized for their time contribution in the *NEWSLETTER*. Names recorded are published, so remember to sign in. We can't work from memory and those who write the stories can only work from the information they are given.

## Special Days

*March 15 - April 15*

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

### March

- 15 A Kelly & Virginia Gigot
- 16 B Roger Heesacker
- 17 B Dan Mullen
- 19 B Mary Ann (Jim) VanAllen
- 25 B Helen (Robert) DeGrave
- 26 B Delores (Jeff) Shutter
- 26 B Larry Ziarnik
- 27 B Kelly Gigot
- 29 B Thelma (Norbert) Kalinosky
- 30 A Robert & Vione Jacqmin
- 31 B Judy (Richard) Bligiske

### April

- 01 B Al Greene
- 03 B Vione (Robert) Jacqmin
- 05 A Dave & Denise Doering
- 05 B Jim Barnett
- 08 B Harold Christensen
- 08 B Denise (Stephen) Kotlar
- 10 B Connie (Mike) Worzala
- 11 A Al & Lois Greene
- 12 A Thomas & Barbara George
- 15 B Gary Nimmer

### *Something Missing?*

*It is important to us to try and provide an accurate listing of the Special Days of the members and families of the Council. The purpose is to allow the whole Council family to commemorate special occurrences in the lives of our members and their families. Despite the care that is taken, errors are inevitable. Please contact editor Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) with any corrections, additions or deletions.*

## **Knight, Family of the Year Elected**

Participants in the February meeting voted for the *Father Al Lis Knight of the Year* and the *Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year*, major awards of the Council that will be presented at the Appreciation Dinner in April. The *Daniel McLaughlin Distinguished Service Awards* will also be presented. Candidates for Knight or Family of the Year were winners for the past eighteen months as well as write-in candidates. The Council is switching from recognizing fraternal year (July-June) winners to calendar year winners, so this 'year' the Family and Knight of the Year will be for the past eighteen months.

## **State Convention**

It is not too late to register to take part in the State Convention April 27-28 at Middleton. We hope to have more participation than just our two delegates, especially since there are State Elections this year and our own brother **Richard Rebman** will be in the running for State Deputy, the top spot in the State. 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:**

### **State Treasurer:**

--**Robert Abb** (Janesville)

--**Wayne Wood\*** (Pulaski)

### **State Advocate:**

--**Mike McCormick\*** (Beaver Dam)

### **State Warden:**

--**Richard Taddey** (Campbellsport)

\* Currently serving as a State Officer.

More candidates are expected to formally declare soon. Anyone interested in taking part in the Convention should contact GK **Rick Noe** (468-3194) as soon as possible.

## **Insurance**

Some may have heard about a class action lawsuit filed in Illinois against the Knights of Columbus Insuranced program, alleging improper sales practices by the Order. Policyholders have received information regarding the Order's offer to settle the suit in order to avoid a lengthy and costly litigation. The charges have been vigorously denied by the Order and the integrity of agents and their practices has been supported by several insurance regulators. State Deputy **Carl Templin** said:

As Knights of Columbus members, we can be proud of an exceptional insurance program marked by integrity and excellence. This program has received many outstanding insurance industry ratings and unprecedented positive comments from governmental reviews. It also enjoys a very low level of complaint.

Questions can be directed to a toll-free number: 1-866-279-4006 or contact General Agent **Dave Tlachac** (465-7984).

## **Second and Third Degree**

Information will soon be in the mail to First Degree members regarding the upcoming exemplification of the Second and Third Degree on Sunday, April 14 at DePere (Same day as our Appreciation Dinner). While we don't have too many eligible candidates, all First Degree men in good standing should advance through Full Knighthood as soon as possible--that is the point of membership in the Order. Our six First Degree men at this point are **Robert Warpinski, Al Greene, Father David Pleier, Robert Agard, Scott McKenzie** and **Tim Majewski**. Current members of the Third or Fourth Degree are reminded of the charge we receive to observe these major degrees often so that their lessons may not be forgotten.

# Spotlight On... Kevin Lardinois



As is the case with many men who are now a part of the Knights of Columbus, Kevin really didn't know a lot about the organization before he got involved except for some memories of the Honor Guard in action. It was at the invitation of Jim Barnett that he decided to become a part of the Council, though he thought he would be too busy to get very involved. Kevin and Jim encountered one another at church frequently and Jim noticed an opportunity for recruitment. Since coming through the First Degree less than a year ago, he has managed to make several meetings of the Council and also advanced through Second and Third Degree. Busy or not, he feels he fits well into the Council.

Kevin works as a machinist at EMT International, specifically handling a 'CNC lathe'--computer numerical control, manufacturing parts for the paper industry. As a programmer and operator, he tries to turn "prints into parts." While this gives him more contact with a computer than with people, he enjoys what he does, though he'd occasionally like to run into more people in the course of the day.

Originally from Green Bay, Kevin lives at home with his parents and has been a member of St. Bernard parish for his entire life of twenty-five years. After graduating Notre Dame Academy he went on to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College to become a Machine Tool Operator. Evidently, he succeeded, since he is occasionally asked to teach at NWTC as a part time substitute.

When he has the chance to relax, he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Ann, whom he's been seeing for about three years now. He's an avid sportsman, especially hunting and fishing. His parents have a cabin at Amberg, Wisconsin, about an hour and a half from Green Bay. That has provided him with the opportunity to hunt goose, ducks and deer; he's also hunted goose in North Dakota. Snowmobiling is also on his leisure agenda, though the weather this year has not been too cooperative. He also likes to travel when he has the opportunity and has been to Yellowstone and Las Vegas, admitting that the latter trip did not leave him a big winner. Along with some others he takes part in an annual fishing trip to Gerlaton, Ontario, and he'll be heading out to Salt Lake City in May. When there's nothing else to hunt, he keeps in practice by shooting sporting clays ('clay pigeons.')

For the past ten years he's also volunteered in the Spring and the Fall to open and close the Diocesan property at Chambers Island.

While his involvement in the Council to this point has pretty much been limited to meetings, he is looking forward to expanding that involvement. He's interested in booyah and in donating blood. He views the Council as a "great group of men who help and who have helped a lot of people." We are very happy he decided to check us out and we welcome Kevin to the Council family.

# Appreciation Dinner

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Woodside Supper Club**

5:30 Social (Happy) Hour  
6:30 Family Style Dinner  
Chicken and Tenderloin Tips

We will be presenting Certificates of Recognition to our Council's Knight and Family of the Month Recipients as well as announcing this year's winners of our Council's Major Awards:

- ◆◆◆ Knight of the Year Award ◆◆◆
- ◆◆◆ Family of the Year Award ◆◆◆
- ◆◆◆ Distinguished Service Award ◆◆◆

The evening will include Special Live Entertainment.

Cost is \$13.00 per person  
Make Reservations with Rick Noe  
601 Alpine Dr. Green Bay, WI 54302  
468-3194

Reservation Deadline April 9<sup>th</sup>

Make checks payable to "*Knights of Columbus Council 10243*"