



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Congratulations:

Richard E. Rebman

54th State Deputy of Wisconsin

It was shortly after 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 28 and the 101st Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council was in full swing. Some resolutions were addressed by State Advocate **Wayne Wood** under the careful eye of Parliamentarian **Jim Barnett**, while waiting for a report by the Credentials Committee which would clear the way for election of State Officers. Finally, the all important task of electing the next State Deputy was addressed by delegates. Only one nomination was presented--**Richard Rebman** from Council 10243 in Green Bay. **Don Bettine** gave the nomination speech as he had for the last four times Richard ran for an office (1994, State Warden, Appleton; 1996, State Advocate, LaCrosse; 1998, State Treasurer, Middleton; and 2000, State Secretary, Oshkosh.) Don was again cut off by the Chair for exceeding the time limit and was obliged to yield the floor before he was quite finished. Richard spoke briefly, accepting nomination and expressing hope that the Holy Spirit would guide the delegates. A unanimous ballot was presented and accepted by voice vote and after eight years on the State Council, Richard was State Deputy-Elect. Before being introduced to the Convention, Richard removed his "State Secretary" name badge and replaced it with one reading "State Deputy-Elect." Council 10243 Delegates **Rick Noe & Grant Turner** and Parliamentarian **Jim Barnett** joined in the standing ovation as Richard was escorted to the dais, as did **Larry Ziarnik** and Father **Al Lis**. Emotion certainly ran high and Richard had quite a time getting through short acceptance speech in which he revealed his motto: "*Not For Self, But For Others.*" (Text of the speech is included elsewhere in this *NEWSLETTER*.) Elected as State Secretary was **Richard Ammon** of Monroe, who emerged from a field of four candidates after the second ballot. State Treasurer will be **Wayne Wood** from Pulaski who won on the first ballot. Moving up to the position of State Advocate will be **Mike McCormick** of Beaver Dam who ran unopposed. After the second ballot for State Warden, no candidate of the three received a majority, but two dropped out enabling **Dan Hull** of Thorp to be elected. State Deputy **Carl Templin** of Middleton will move to the position of Immediate Past State Deputy and State Chaplain Father **John Simon** from Reeseville and PSD **Wenzel Felber** from Tomah will retire from the State Team. A decision on the next State Chaplain has not yet been made. Delegates showed a certain sense of satisfaction with the State Team by electing to the next spot all current State Officers.

One resolution was proposed to have Past State Deputies removed from the head table at banquets and seated among other guests. Feelings ran high among Past State Deputies on both sides and some wondered if a fight would break out among some of them. The resolution passed and delegates refused to allow reconsideration. **Jim Destiche**, Green Bay Diocesan Membership Coordinator, was selected to represent our area of the State to the Supreme Convention in Anaheim. What happens on the Convention floor is a small part of the whole experience and many friendships were renewed and plans made in impromptu discussions in hospitality rooms or on the hallways. On Saturday morning a Blue Mass was held, honoring police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Attendance was not all that great. Father **John Simon** presided. The main

Convention Mass on Saturday evening drew several hundred. **William Bullock**, Bishop of Madison and a brother Knight, presided. He was assisted by about 25 priests including Father Al, and a deacon. Bishop Bullock expects to retire soon and in the homily addressed himself to all those whom he had angered in his service, telling the assembly, "Tell them, 'Bullock says, I'm sorry.'" Members of our delegation also took part in the Convention Dinner and enjoyed some of the pleasures of the hospitality rooms. Due to a mix-up, Rick had no dinner ticket so Father Al got another from friend and Green Bay Council 5382 delegate **Patrick Evans** whose wife was not able to attend. (Thanks, Pat!) Pat & Father Al were at a table with **Nancy Donlin**, widow of Past State Deputy and Supreme Advocate **Pat Donlin**. Father Al took part in the Chaplain's luncheon and meeting and attended a meeting of the Western District of the Fourth Degree. Supreme Representative to the Convention was **Robert Stebler**, Past State Deputy of Michigan and member of the Supreme Board of Directors. After the Convention, about thirty gathered in the State Hospitality Room awaiting the time when State Deputy **Carl Templin** entered and announced the next State Deputy of Wisconsin and the First Lady of the State. We were proud to be there, applauding in support. Thanks to **Larry & Bridget Ziarnik** for handling most of the arrangements for snacks in the room. Father Al stayed an extra night in Madison and was treated to dinner by UW-Madison Catholic Center Council 6568. He joined GK **Dave Johannes** and incoming DGK **Jason Szymanski** & State Squires Coordinator **Fred Johannes** for an interesting re-hash of the events of the weekend.

Once again, the 101st Convention provided a great opportunity for learning much more about the Knights of Columbus. We are deeply privileged and honored as a Council only about twelve years in existence to have produced a State Deputy. We look forward to supporting Richard as he begins his time of leadership of the Knights in Wisconsin.

Grand Knight's Column

I was filled with tremendous pride and joy as I watched Sir Richard Rebman walk the length of the convention hall after he was announced as being the new State Deputy Elect for the State of Wisconsin. It truly was a special moment for him, and for our young Council, as he slowly made his way through the crowd of "well-wishers" amidst the thunderous ovation and the shouts of joy. I know that everyone in our Council is proud of Rich and wishes him much success and happiness as he leads and directs all of the K. C. Councils at the State level

Now our attention turns to the installation of **all** of the State officers, which will occur right here in Green Bay at St. Bernard's parish on Sunday, July 21, 2002. Fortunately we have been both saving money and preparing for this for some time. This will also be a very special and memorable day in the life of everyone who is either connected to our Council, or are simply friends of Richard and Janet. Plan now to attend the event, as it is an important day in our history, and you won't want to miss it.

It was about 3 years ago that we started the installation of officers fund, which we are now getting ready to use. This fund started with literally nothing and has grown to over \$1500 in that time. We saved this money by simply setting aside 10%

of the income generated from every Council fund-raiser. I would like to point out that while doing this, our regular charitable donations did not suffer at all. In fact in some areas we were able to do more than we had in the past. Since we have determined that this type of savings program works for us, I would propose that we continue to use it.

I am suggesting that we continue to take 10% of the profits from our fund-raisers and set them aside for long-term investments. This would act as an endowment fund, which would be controlled by our Council. Its purpose would be an additional source of funding for us, and this of course will take time. By starting now we will be able to prepare for an uncertain future. The interest from the money that we set aside now could go to help families with Catholic education, support of the priesthood, or perhaps to annually pay for the scholarship fund that we already have set up at Silver Lake College. The ideas of how to use the money will be many and deserving, I'm sure.

Another advantage of having this fund set up is that it would give some direction to people who wish to donate to our Council. In the past we have received donations from widows of Council members, who wanted to give back to the Knights for all of the benefits that their husbands received by being members of our Council. These

donations were placed in our general fund until such a time as we could decide what to do with them. Not only would this make it clear what to do with future donations, it would also create a path for families to use when doing estate planning.

As you start to think about the initial concepts of this plan I ask you to keep an open mind and pray. With any new proposal there is always some give and take. Obviously the money that we put into that fund cannot be immediately spent toward helping someone in our community. However in the long run it will. A leading economic advisor was once asked, "What is the greatest economic principal ever proposed?" and without hesitation he answered, "Compound Interest." Now when there is nothing in our pot, compound interest doesn't sound like much. But if we are to look forward 20, 30, 40 years from now, the simple actions we take now could speak volumes about our concern for that future, and the quality of life for those living it that future.

As each journey begins with a single step so does each new idea. Give this idea some prayerful consideration and we will discuss it at our June meeting.

*Rick Noe
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: May 20

First Degree Exemplification Welcome State Deputy Rebman

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for the usual Third Monday of the month, May 20. The meeting will be preceded by the exemplification of the First Degree, our last for the season, beginning at around 7:00 PM. The meeting will follow at about 7:35 PM and as usual, no one will be admitted during the exemplification out of respect to candidates and Degree Staff.

Council elections will be held at the June meeting, so this May meeting is an important time to come together so as to allow as many voices as possible to be heard regarding the future direction of the Council.

We will also take the opportunity to acknowledge and greet the next State Deputy of the Wisconsin State Council, our own brother **Richard Rebman**. Richard was the founding Grand Knight of Council 10243 and has had the support of many Council

members on the long road to the Office of State Deputy. Please make a special effort to be present and congratulate him on this great accomplishment.

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's April 2002 Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: Grant Turner
Family of the Month: Ron & Marilyn Frosch**

Appreciation Dinner

Quite a crowd came out for the annual Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, April 14. The event, coordinated by GK **Rick & Mary Noe**, was held at *The Woods* (formerly *Woodside*) *Country Club* and included a fine dinner and a performance by the Notre Dame Academy *Guys & Gals Swing Choir*. Also among the high points of the evening were the presentation of *Knight of the Month* and *Family of the Month* Awards for winners of July 2000 through December 2001 and the presentation of the Council's Major Annual awards (see separate article). Also acknowledged was the receipt by the Council of a Bronze Medallion Award from the Red Cross for participation in 'pint-a-week' blood donating effort, helping collect 79 pints for the District. The following took part in the evening: **Jim & Marilyn Baronet, Randy & Beck Barrette, Bill & Sandy Bartlett, Al & Rose Collins, Bob & Helen DeGrave, Mike & Mary Delvaux, Ray Demerath, Tom & Ann Gauthier, Kelly & Ginny Gigot, Curt & Blossom Gilson, John Hyland, Leon Janowski, Mark & Lynn Janus, John Murphy & Christian Peterson, Aaron & Carol Naze, Rick & Mary Noe, Gerry & Janet Piontek, George & Joan Raymaker, Richard & Janet Rebman, Bob & Pat Thut, Grant & Joan Turner, Jim & Mary Ann Van Allen, Jason & Mary Vandermause, Wayve & Marie Weber, Dave & Betsy Whitton and Bob Wozniak**. Attending as guests of the Council were **Sr. Yvonne Arnoldi, Deacon John & Lee Ann Laurant, Father Al Lis and Father Jerry Pastors**. After all was tabulated, it turned out that the total cost to the Council was just \$43.00, definitely a worthwhile investment. Thanks to all who attended.

Special Days

May 15 - June 15

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

May

- 16 B David Burbach
- 16 A John & Lee Ann Laurant
- 18 B John Murphy
- 18 B Mason Powers
- 19 A Dan & Melanie Barrington
- 19 B Janet (Richard) Rebman
- 21 B Donna (Dan) Mullen
- 22 A Cliff & Dorothy Gigot
- 22 B Kevin Beck
- 22 B Leon Janowski
- 22 B Terry Misfeldt
- 22 B Mary (Don) Schneider
- 23 B Kevin Lardinoio
- 23 O Father Jerome Pastors
- 25 B Thomas George
- 26 B William Kaczmarek
- 27 B Mae (Eugene) Schmitz
- 27 B Robert Thut
- 28 A Bill & JoAnne Griesbach
- 29 B Renee (Mike) Vanden Busch
- 29 O Father Doug LeCaptain
- 29 O Father Mike Seis
- 30 A Andrew & Jeane Schumacher
- 30 B Tom Caldie
- 30 + George Capelle (1998)
- 31 A Al & Rosella Collins
- 31 B Dennis Duckett
- 31 B Michelle (Brad) Gauger
- 31 B Tim Majewski
- 31 O Deacon Robert Jacqmin

June

- 01 A Tim & Lynn Majewski
- 01 O Father Dave Pleier
- 02 A Randy & Becky Barrett
- 02 A Dennis & Sandy Duckett
- 02 A Gary & Virginia Durocher
- 02 A Leon & Sheila Janowski
- 02 A Richard & Connie Rosin
- 03 B Sarah (+Arnold) Chaloupka
- 05 B Ruth (Harold) Watermolen
- 06 A Tom & Theresa Caldie
- 07 A John & Marianthe Hale
- 07 A Mark & Lynn Janus
- 07 B Sandy (Dennis) Duckett

- 08 A John & Patricia Hyland
- 09 B Lynn (Mark) Janus
- 10 A Dennis & Ann Niess
- 10 A George & Joan Raymaker
- 12 B Janet (Gerry) Piontek
- 13 B Jeane (Andrew) Schumacher
- 14 A Mike & Mary Delvaux
- 14 B Wencil Froelich
- 14 B Dennis Niess
- 15 A Brad & Michelle Gauger

Second and Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees was held in DePere on Sunday, April 14--the same day as the Council's Appreciation Dinner. As we have at the moment a very limited number of eligible (First Degree) men, it is not surprising that just one man took part. Our congratulations to **Scott McKenzie** who was part of a class of about 50 for the Second Degree and about 70 for the Third Degree. Among numerous observers present for the day were Council 10243 members State Secretary **Richard Rebman**, Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett**. Welcome aboard, Scott!

Prayer

Prayer for Priests

God of grace,
you have appointed you Son Jesus
as the true and eternal High Priest
and in your providence you care for your people
by calling men forth from your Church
to share in the priesthood of Christ.
Grant them the grace to remain faithful
to the commitment they have made.
As ministers of Word and Sacrament
may their lives proclaim the Good News
and their actions serve to build up
the one Body of Christ.
Help all your people to appreciate
the blessings you bestow on the Church
through the faithful service of your priests.
Walk especially closely with those
who question their call to the ministry.
Show your face to those whose service
is challenged by unjust allegations or contempt.
May they know the strength which comes
from relying on your grace
and the support of all your holy people.
Let their efforts for the sake of your Kingdom
serve to call forth many more dedicated people
to continue the work of Christ in the Church.

We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

Major Awards Presented

At the annual Appreciation Dinner on April 14, the Council's Major Annual Awards were presented. The *Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award* is given annually to a brother Knight who has shown outstanding dedication to the Knights and the Council. Former recipients of this award include **Father Al Lis, Wayne Wassenberg, Dave Whitton, Eugene Schmitz, Jim Barnett** and **Leon Janowski**. Similarly the *Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award* is presented to a family who clearly identifies the importance of family in the Knights and who could serve as a model of Christian Faith in action. Former winners include **Robert & Vione Jacqmin, Larry & Bridget Ziarnik, Roger & Lynda Shaha, Scott & Lou Ann Rebman, Leon & Sheila Janowski, Harry & Marily Christensen, Randy & Becky Barrett** and **Rick & Mary Noe**. Winners of these awards are selected by secret vote of the Council. The *Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award* is presented to those who, like its deceased namesake, are always willing to go the extra mile for the Knights. Former honorees are **Dan McLaughlin, Jim Barnett, Dave Whitton, Roy C. Johnson, Father Al Lis, Robert Jacqmin, Richard Rebman, Tom & Ann Gauthier** and **Wayne & Alice Wassenberg**. We are proud to acknowledge and congratulate this year's winners:

2001-2002

Knight of the Year
Tom Gauthier

Family of the Year
Gerry & Janet Piontek

Distinguished
Service Awards
Randy Barrett
Jim Janssen
Mike Worzala

Fourth Degree

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held at Oconomowoc on Saturday, April 6. Several Sir Knights gathered the previous evening for the Annual Meeting of the Eastern District. Present from Council 10243 were State Secretary **Richard Rebman**, Eastern District Friar **Father Al Lis** and Faithful Navigator **Larry Ziarnik**. While there were no candidates for the Fourth Degree from our Council, one man from neighboring Council 10552 did join our local Marquette Assembly #1197. About ninety candidates took part in the exemplification that received very good reviews in a report filed by Vice Supreme Master **Joseph Kaltwasser** of Illinois. Father Al presided at the evening Mass which brought together about five hundred. **Bridget Ziarnik** and **Janet Rebman** were also present for the weekend. Once again, Master **Erv & Helen Jankowiak** did an exceptional job of bringing everything together. It was noted in the State Deputy's Newsletter that this exemplification drew the largest number of Masters and Former Masters in recent history. In addition to Vice Supreme Master and Past State Deputy of Illinois **Joseph Kaltwasser** and Wisconsin Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak**, Former Vice Supreme Master **George Kaczmarek** and Western District Master **Anthony Felber** participated. Also present were Former Masters **John Hanlon, Harold Stohlmeyer, Cliff Jansen** and **Jerry Kasper**. Jankowiak, Kaczmarek, Felber, Hanlon, Stohlmeyer and Jansen are also Past State Deputies of Wisconsin. PSDs **Del Peterson, Larry Lanners & Wenzel Felber** were also present as were all elected State Officers. Another exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for June 8 at Rhinelander. Anyone interested in taking part may contact Larry (468-1979) or Father Al (437-1979) for more information. While our local Assembly did not sell enough Fourth Degree Raffle tickets to earn a bonus, a total of \$1808 was raised. Fifty two men sold at least the \$25.00 in tickets that was sent to every member including Council 10243 members **Cliff Gigot, John Hale, Leon Janowski, Richard Rebman, Leonard Schaub, Paul Tilot, Wayne Wassenberg, Dave Whitton & Larry Ziarnik**. Four men exceeded \$25.00 in sales including two from our Council--top seller **Father Al Lis** (\$50) and **Jim Barnett** (\$30.) We are proud to have so many of our Council members among the dedicated members of the Fourth Degree. The Assembly meets again in May and holds a business meeting in June and is off for July and August.

State Deputy's Acceptance

Address to the Convention and the Knights of Wisconsin by State Deputy Elect **Richard Rebman**:

Fellow Knights, Brothers and distinguished guests:

Words cannot fully express my gratitude for the honor and privilege of serving our Wisconsin order of the Knights of Columbus. Only action, worthy of the responsibilities entrusted in me can do that. That action can only be accomplished through a spirit of togetherness, a spirit of unity and a spirit of trust. Together, guided by a spirit of common courtesy, common sense and common goals, we can unite and inspire Catholics and non-Catholics alike throughout Wisconsin. Together we will build a strong organization of active and united members dedicated, NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS. An active and united organization dedicated to the exemplification of our founding principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. An active and united fraternity close to 40,000 members and growing, dedicated NOT FOR SELF BUT FOR OTHERS, can move mountains. It can create acts of patriotism, generosity and charity. Above all an active and united organization is trust. An atmosphere of trust requires courage, the courage to recognize imperfections, my imperfections, your neighbor's imperfection and your own imperfection, and to understand that imperfection is a characteristic of being human. I ask that you have the courage to focus on our common beliefs, values and interests, rather than the shortcomings of our human imperfections. I have something to ask every member of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. I ask that you pray for the Catholic Church, its Bishops and priests. I ask that you pray for this organization and all its members. I have faith that with God's help we as Wisconsin Knights of Columbus will move forward to action guided by a spirit of togetherness, a spirit of unity and a spirit of trust. And together, through our dedication NOT FOR SELF BUT FOR OTHERS, we will create a world that is dedicated to improving human life and preserving human dignity, a world where all those in

need receive care; a world where people are free to practice their religion in the open and without fear; a world where there is no shortage of priests and a world with strong Catholic schools, a world with a global culture of peace.

May God bless you and the Order.

Solidarity With Priests

In a news release dated April 16, Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson** called for unity and solidarity with priests. Acknowledging that the Knights stand with every Catholic family that has been victimized, he noted that the current situation facing the Church must be addressed, "through the eyes of faith and from within the tradition of the faith."

New challenges in the Church require new responses, Anderson said. "Throughout the history of the Knights of Columbus we have taken pride in being called the strong right arm of the Church. Now we must be its steel spine," he said. This means that the Knights of Columbus will "stand shoulder to shoulder with our priests" throughout the crisis and also increase efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood.

Clergy Appreciation

The Swan Club in DePere was the setting for the Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on April 8 hosted by the Knights of Columbus and coordinated by Abbot Pennings Council 3955 in DePere. About 150 priests and religious attended, including Bishop **Robert Morneau** who thanked the Knights for their kindness and their support in the name of all those present. The Wisconsin Public Service Choir provided entertainment. Joining in the evening from Council 10243 were Father **Al Lis**, Father **Jerry Pastors**, Father **Doug LeCaptain** and **Richard & Janet Rebman**. Council 10243 was one of numerous Councils that contributed toward the cost of the evening.

Federal Judge Griesbach

Congratulations to Council 10243 brother **William Griesbach**! After being nominated by the President in January for a Federal Judgeship based in Green Bay, Bill was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on April 25. Congratulations, and may the Lord bless him in all that he does!

Tootsie Rolls

Coordinator **Mike Worzala's** Report:

It Doesn't Take 40 Days But 40 Knights Set a Council Tootsie Roll Record.

First let me thank the 40+ fellow Knights who gave of their time and talents to distribute Tootsie Rolls and take donations for the mentally challenged. Your efforts were truly outstanding. In particular, though, I would like to recognize those Knights who worked the evening and all the Sunday shifts under less-than-ideal "Spring (?)" conditions. I also want to thank the Knights who put up with the confusion over the Copp's location and still did a shift at either East Town or Wal-Mart. Also special accolades to those who helped at St. Bernard, as well as **Rick Noe** who spent time at Holy Martyrs and **Richard & Janet Rebman** who, with **Father Al Lis** and **Dan Bins**, a member of Council 4505, took donations at St. Mary of the Angels. **Father Al** also wanted to thank **Chris Timmers**, coordinator of the project for Council 4505, for getting us the vests.

A big thanks to **Jim Janssen** for all the follow-up calls he made and special thanks once again to a man who proved why he is the Council's Knight of the Year, **Tom Gauthier**--his help was indispensable.

As for the good news--the efforts paid off. Totals:

St. Bernard	\$ 490.75
St. Mary	\$ 273.38
Holy Martyrs	\$ 61.16
East Towne	\$ 1087.11
Wal-Mart	\$ 2401.45
TOTAL:	\$4313.45

Almost \$700 better than last year.

God bless and thanks very much. Please remember Brat Fry's in May and June & Summer Blast in July. We need plenty of volunteers so please check your schedules. Thanks to the Tootsie Roll Crew of 2002: **Jim Barnett, Dan Barrington, Mike Barry, Bill Bartelme, Kevin Beck, Mike Borlee, Dave Burbach, Tom Caldie, Al Collins, Ray Demerath,**

Dennis Duckett, Tim Fliss, Tom Gauthier, Kelly Gigot, Curt Gilson, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen, Roy C. Johnson, Norbert Kalinosky, Clay Langenberg, Bob Ledvina, Father Al Lis, Scott McKenzie, Terry Misfeldt, John Murphy, Aaron Naze, Rick Noe, Gerry Piontek, Richard Rebman, Don Schneider, Roger Shaha, Joe Sule, Robert Thut, Jim Van Allen, Mike Vanden Busch, Jason Vandermause, John Walczyk, Stan Waslowski, Harry Watermolen, Dave Whitton, Mike Worzala & Larry Ziarnik. Thanks also to wives and family members who helped out. God bless you all!

Mike Austin Worzala

Chaplain's Column

I had hoped to devote the column this month to the events of the State Convention and manner in which they have affected our Council. It seems necessary first to say something about the spiraling "crisis" in the Catholic Church. Some who have nothing better to do than follow the latest embarrassment naturally wonder if the Church is finished. I believe it would take a lot more than this to interfere with the continuing work of Christ. Face the fact that in the history of the Church we have survived the Protestant Reformation, the Spanish Inquisition and Borgia Popes. From a certain point of view, the current problems are just another issue that must be addressed. It is not our first crisis and it will not be our last. The Church is eternal and will continue to exist despite sinfulness and the transgressions against dignity committed by its ministers or its members. This is not to say that the scandal is not a serious matter. It certainly is because in some very real cases a bond of sacred trust has been broken and that cannot be allowed to be repeated. On the other hand it has contributed to an attitude resembling a witch-hunt, with a recent newspaper article making reference to hundreds of cases of sexual misconduct in one diocese. That should seem ridiculous to even the most gullible. It has also spurred an attitude in which priests are afraid to so much as shake hands these days. The Knights have consistently stood by the clergy in times of crisis, and in the 120-year history of the Knights this is the greatest test of loyalty that has ever presented itself. Like any living organism, the Church as an institution must experience the pains of growth and change. We adapt in order to accommodate a changing world and different sensitivities. Too many have

concentrated on the antics of a few whose lifestyles make them unworthy of the dignity of the priesthood. In so doing we run the risk of ignoring the good that has been done through the ages--and continues today--by good and dedicated ministers of Word and Sacrament. There are inappropriate persons in every profession under heaven. There are a lot more who understand the calling that they have been given and are willing to commit every fiber of their being to carrying out the mission that has been entrusted to them. Take the time to thank those priests who have had some effect on your life. Pray for those who must live under a cloud of suspicion. Pray also that the grace of healing and forgiveness may be the legacy to the Church from this latest wave to rock the ship of St. Peter.

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

Charity Raffle

Once again the Diocese and the State posted increases in ticket sales. **Ron Frosch**, Raffle Coordinator for the Green Bay Diocese, reports that the State total was \$721,115.00 this year, up almost \$50,000 (7.2%) from last year. In the Diocese of Green Bay a total of \$159,275.00 was raised, up 5.6% over last year. The following is the list of winners distributed at the Convention after the drawing:

50,000	Darrin Wastlick	DeForest
25,000	George Blauyelt	Menomonie
20,000	John Hebgen	Highland
10,000	Dennis Smith	Milwaukee
1,000	Lillian Acker	Waunakee
	Reid Reinart	Madison
	Pauls Wobschall	Berlin
	Gail Frank	Chippewa Falls
	McDonald Family	Madison
	Joan Kaczor	Milwaukee
	Br. Tony Kreinus	West Allis
	Fr. William Stengel	Crivitz
	Helen Risgaard	Rio
	Salvador Segonia	Nekoosa
	George Plautz	Greenwood
	Karen Phillips	Green Bay
	Edie Christensen	Stoughton
	Chuck Stugman	Bagley
	Tony Fillion	Bruce
	Bonnie Olson	Eau Claire
500	Kay Emmmler	Sussex
	Mary Sanders	Dixon
	Judy Muecke	Hubertus
	Joseph Batzler	Menominee Falls

Jean Leccia	Hurley
Fran Rocheleau	Coleman
Chad Johnson	Augusta
Chris Bretl	Madison
Elizabeth Garcia	Madison
Paul Zimmer	Gernamtown
Pat Herrmann	Chippewa Falls
Mike Mattice	Neshkoro
David Ruby	New Berlin
Les Lawgarcek	Onalaska
Danny Kelleher	Genoa City
John Nowak	Naperville, IL
Mike Herzon	Kiel
K of C #1647	Lake Geneva
Travis Leineler	Elksworth
Daryl Bublitz	Fond du Lac

On our local Council level, this was our second best year ever--not equaling our record last year of 1701 tickets sold, but a respectable total of 1392. 1384 tickets were sold in 2000. Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports that 79 brothers participated in the raffle out of 133 members.. All that works out to an average of 10.5 tickets sold per member Fifteen men (one more than last year) are on the Honor Roll of those who sold 20 or more tickets, raising at least \$100 for the State's mission of charity. Unfortunately last year there were six names of the top seller list (100 tickets or more) compared to only three this year. Those three men sold 1/3 of the Council's total. Congratulations to the Honor Roll members:

Roger Heesacker (199)
Father Al Lis (160)
Randy Barrett (118)
Jed Schacht (65)
John Schmitz (63)
Tom Gauthier (56)
Aaron Naze (47)
Jim Janssen (40)
Richard Rebman (36)
Gerry Piontek (30)
Leon Janowski (27)
Mike Worzala (26)
Kevin Lardinois (25)
Rick Noe (25)
Mark Janus (24)

Special thanks are extended to our ladies and family members and to all who helped the Knights of Columbus effort. Thank you, also, in the name of all who will be helped by the funds we raised. Thanks also to State Raffle Chairman **Dennis Rakowski** of Greendale, **Ron Frosch** and all the members of the Charity Committee for the enormous effort they devote to this annual event.



Spotlight On... Tim Fliiss

Though their last names are the same, Tim doesn't think there is any relation between him and Raphael Fliiss Bishop of Superior. In fact, Tim is a fairly recent convert to the Catholic Faith, having gone through an RCIA program just about four years ago after coming from a Presbyterian family. He came to the Knights at the invitation of Tom Gauthier after being invited at the activity fair to check out the organization. He was quite impressed with his First Degree ceremony in January and went to Fond Du Lac for the Second and Third Degrees the following month. Those major Degrees not only made an impression on him, but he also left a lasting impression of the Degree team and other candidates and observers. In his brief time with the Knights he's also taken part in several activities including booyah and the Tootsie Roll drive. He's also been to several meetings and visited with the insurance representative, thus fulfilling most of the requirements for what will probably be the first of the new "Shining Armor" awards given to a member of Council 10243.

A native of Lansing, Michigan, Tim started working for Schneider in North Carolina in 1990. His job transferred him to Green Bay in 1992 and he is now Vice President for Human Resources. He works with the senior leadership in setting direction for the company, looking to hire the necessary talent to sustain business through the long term, and needs to keep abreast of pay, benefits, training and the like. Prior to coming to Schneider, Tim spent six years in the US Army, leaving with the rank of Captain. A 1984 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he spent several years in Germany where he met his wife, Kristen, who was teaching at an army base. He remembers the experience at West Point as exceptional, with concentration of the 'three legs of the stool--leadership, academics and athletics.' West Point brought a five year commitment to the military, and also Tim put his degree in Civil Engineering to good use in various projects in places like Guatemala and Honduras working on construction projects with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Tim's wife, Kristen, is from Connecticut though he had to go to Germany to meet her. She spent some time teaching gifted children and is now employed as a full time wife and mother for their two children, Tanner (8) and Dana (5). Time with the family is a top priority for Tim and he serves as a Cub Scout leader for his son. When there's time to relax the family enjoys swimming, cookouts and occasional trips to places like Door County or Chicago, now that the children are old enough to appreciate them. Tim also likes to snow ski and golf and he also gets to travel occasionally with the job, having spent six weeks in Europe last year. Another project recently completed was his MBA (Master of Business Administration) after six years of work at UW-Oshkosh. He received the degree in 2000.

Tim's enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus is admirable and even though he has been with the Council a fairly short time he has made quite an impact on us. We look forward to getting to know him and his family more through our continued sharing in the service of God and the Church.