



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

November 2002



Grand Knight's Column

As we enter the Fall season many events will be coming up where we will need many volunteers. I am hoping that when you are called, if at all possible, you will accept.

Our first fund raiser this Fall will be our Booyah sale on November 17th after all masses (except the 6:30 PM on Sunday.) We will need help on Saturday morning at 7:00 AM and on Sunday at 7:30 AM. If you can help, please give Jim Janssen a call at 406-8685.

We will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Cub Foods on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. There will be two hour shifts from which to pick. Again, give Jim Janssen a call if you can help.

A reminder to all Knights--if you know of anyone whom you think would be a potential member please contact Rick Noe. His cell 'phone is 217-1179 and e-mail is noerick@cs.com. Once Rick gets the name he will make the individual contacts.

Enjoy the last of the Fall color! If you need to reach me for any reason you will probably find me in the yard raking leaves! Looking forward to seeing you at the November 18th meeting. First Degree will begin at 7:00 PM and the meeting will follow.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is the Third Monday of the month, November 18th. A First Degree Exemplification is scheduled for that evening, to begin around 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40 PM. As usual, no one will be admitted to the meeting during the exemplification out of respect to the candidates and the team.

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Kevin Lardinois
Family of the Month: Tim & Kristen Fliss

Yard Signs

Seasonal yard signs with the Knights of Columbus theme, "*Keep Christ in Christmas*" have been ordered by the Council. When they become available, members may obtain them for a donation toward the cost. In a world where technology and commercialism seems to rule the day, it might be a good idea to display something which actually points out 'the true meaning of Christmas.'

+ Ed Quillin

We were saddened to hear of the death of Past State Deputy and Former Master of the Western District **Ed Quillin** on October 14th. Ed was 93 and served as State Deputy from 1968-70. He also had a tie to our Council--**John Hyland**, a member of Council 10243 presented the nomination for Ed when he ran for State Deputy in 1968. Our sympathy is with the family, and with all those whose lives were touched by Ed. May the Lord grant him rest and peace. State Deputy **Richard Rebman** attended the funeral in LaCrosse.

Council Meeting

Monday, November 18th

First Degree: 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:40 PM

Chaplain's Column

During the month of November the Church seems to call our attention toward several different values. Probably the most prominent direction is toward All Souls and the remembrance of our departed. Since it is also near the end of the Church year there is also the invitation to look toward the end of our own lives and the fact that there will inevitably be an accounting for the manner in which we have spent our years on earth. It is also Family Month, and I believe we would do well to spend a few minutes thinking about the importance of family in our lives--our own family relationships and the family that we have created as Knights of Columbus. Many would say that the family is under attack from any number of sides--there seems to be an ever-increasing effort to lay aside what has been a strong element of human tradition for countless generations. Yet, I believe the family will survive, for exactly that reason--it has formed the bulwark of society for longer than the span of recorded history. However, we also form a family as brother Knights and our own families--a larger family that is called to be about the work of the Church. Much can be said about the relationships that we are that we are supposed to be developing and about our call to love one another as Christ would have us do, but more importantly there is the image that we portray to the world. We are seen as brothers who work with one another and with those who are dear to us to further the presence of God's kingdom here on earth. Doing the work that we are about, not just as 'the guys' but as families and as a larger family united in love for one another gives the world an image of what Christianity is supposed to be all about. This may be one of the most important things we do in the world as a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service organization. We don't use the Knights as an excuse to get away from the family but to strengthen those relationships and to invite those who are dear to us to share in the treasure we have found in lives of service to the Church. The projects that we are about are much easier to accomplish if we don't have to stand there alone, but with brother Knights or with members of our families or preferably both. The time passes more quickly and we might just find that we are growing closer as a result of doing something together. Most importantly, it shows the world who we are--not simply a men's organization but truly a family organization, not just talking about how important

family values are, but doing something to build up those values and bear witness to them. Calling upon family members to help the next time we're involved in some activity may not only make an important statement to the community but may also give our family members a clearer picture of thing group with which we've become involved.

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

Prayer

Prayer for Deceased Knights and Families

God of the living and the dead,
all things dwell on earth by your will
and at your appointed time
you summon all creation back to yourself.
In your providence you have called
some men and their families to serve you
through the work of the Knights of Columbus.
We thank you for all our brother Knights
and their loved ones
who have gone before us in faith
and now enjoy the reward promised to the just.
Help us to be truly grateful for all they have done
for the Church and for the Knights.
May the effort and the support they have given
inspire us all to continue our efforts
to refashion the Church and the world
as your Holy Spirit would inspire us to do.
Give to the deceased, eternal rest and peace;
and to the living, consolation and hope.
May we not neglect the challenge of the gospel,
but devote our energy to continuing the work
begun by those who now rejoice with Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

Around the Council Family

Congratulations to former Treasurer **Sean & Cami Wright** on the birth of their second child, **Mason Joseph** on October 11th.

Please remember in prayer all our sick, especially **Janet (Richard) Rebman** and **Robert Warpinski** who were hospitalized recently.

New Members

We welcome to the Council family **Kurt Pelnar** who was read in at the last meeting of Council 10243. Kurt was proposed by **Ken Stoey** and is now awaiting First Degree. We also welcome **Paul & Mary Krohn**. Paul is in the process of

transferring into our Council. He is a First Degree member who comes to us from a Council near Aurora, IL. Paul transferred at the urging of **Tom Caldie**.

From the Financial Secretary

Financial Secretary Jim Barnett sent along the following reminders for all Brother Knights:

Dues: As 2002 comes to a close, we will be sending out the bills for dues for the calendar year of 2003, which are due January 1st. As part of the First Degree, "...keeping your dues current." is a part of that degree exemplification. However, if you are having financial difficulties and cannot pay your dues, the Knights of Columbus understand, but you need to contact Grand Knight **Grant Turner** to make other arrangements. Please make your check out to: *Knights of Columbus Council 10243 (or K. of C. Council 10243)*.

Activity Survey: The 2002 Survey of Fraternal Activity individual member worksheet will also be sent which is due back to me by 1-10-2003 in order for me to tally the totals. Remember that you need to take credit for all of your activities: serving as an usher and/or distributing Holy Communion at Mass; youth activities such as coaching; helping a neighbor or fellow Knight to paint their house, etc. If you help anyone, those hours can be counted. This is important for the Knights of Columbus to maintain their charitable status for tax purposes. If you have questions, ask me. We will include an envelope addressed to the Financial Secretary for your convenience to return your dues and your survey. If you mail it be sure to put a stamp on the envelope, or give it to me at the December meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jim Barnett
Financial Secretary

Bell Ringing

Once again we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army--this year on the weekend of Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th. Two-hour shifts are available for our service at Cub Food East.

For quite a number of years before his death, Council brother and former Financial Secretary **Dan McLaughlin** coordinated this event and we continue to remember him and all that he did for our Council as we again take part in this annual function.

Sign up will continue at the November 18th Council meeting or volunteers may call **Jim Janssen** at 406-8685.

Landing Day

District 13 held a Landing Day banquet on Sunday, October 6th at Humbolt Haus. A total of about 75 attended, including Council 10243 members Father **Al Lis**, **Richard Rebman**, **Grant & Joan Turner**, **Al & Rosella Collins**, **Curt & Blossom Gilson** and **Jim & Marilyn Barnett**. The Council received the Columbian Award for programming. State Deputy **Richard Rebman** was the speaker for the evening. His topic was Patriotism and the Fourth Degree. The text of Richard's address is included elsewhere in this *NEWSLETTER*.

Second and Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degree was held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Green Bay on Sunday, October 27. About forty candidates took part, including two from Council 10243. We welcome to full Knighthood our brothers **Mac Kocha** and Deacon **Larry Mastalish**. State Deputy **Richard Rebman**, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** also took part as observers. The next local exemplification will be held around Easter.

Chaplain Speaks at Landing Day

Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** was the speaker at a Landing Day Banquet held by Our Lady of Lourdes Council 614 in Oshkosh. About fifty people gathered on the evening on October 15th at the KC Clubhouse in Oshkosh for the celebration that also included presentation of charity checks from the Tootsie Roll Drive. Past State Deputy Dr. **Eugene Sonnleitner**, who introduced the program to Wisconsin, was present for the evening as was Father **Michael Koch** & Father **Robert Stegmann**. Father Al's topic was "A Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization." PGK **Robert Barkelar** arranged the evening.

Booyah

Booyah sales have been announced for the season--the first is the weekend of November 16-17th. Sign-up Captain **Jim Janssen** reports volunteers at the October Council meeting were numerous but more are needed--3 or 4 for Saturday at 7:00 AM for preparation and 4 or 5 for Sunday for the sale. Anyone who can help should

contact Jim at 406-8685. Booyah Coordinator **Bill Bartelme** announced future sales on December 14-15th, February 15-16th & March 15-16th.

State Deputy Landing Day Address

Delivered by **Richard Rebman** at the Landing Day Banquet for District 13 on Sunday, October 6th.

Since the start of my term as your State Deputy in July, Janet and I have been very busy, and have put quite a few miles on the car already. We have been traveling the State and spreading good will, as well as some of that charity money that all of you have helped raise. It has been both a challenging and rewarding time and I'm so very grateful for the continuous support and encouragement of my lovely wife, Janet. It is really great to be able to speak at the Landing Day banquet for my home district. It's nice to see so many familiar faces.

When I talk to various folks about the KC's, I tell them that there are four main precepts for which our order stands. They are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and--what's the fourth one? Yes, it's Patriotism. And it is the principle of patriotism that I wish to talk about tonight.

The spirit of patriotism has swelled over this country since the events of September 11th last year. However, the noticeable change in the amount of patriotism by our Brother Knights -- especially our 4th Degree members--has been very minimal. This is not due their caring less than the rest of the country. It is quite the opposite. These men have felt the swell of patriotism in their hearts long before the events of that terrible day. They have been living their lives day by day with both God and country in mind, and are a shining example for others to follow.

The Fourth Degree of our Order is often referred to as the Patriotic Degree. It is the highest and most prestigious Degree within the KC's. Our 4th Degree membership consists of a group of outstanding Knights who are dedicated to the service of their church, their country, and our Order. These men are unified in

the 4th Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

The most noticeable sign of the Knights is the honor guard. All of you have probably seen them at one time or another. They are very recognizable by the uniform they wear - a black tuxedo with a cape, chapeau, and sword. This type of attire was inspired by the naval officers' uniforms of the late 1800's. By dressing in this way, we are reminded that it is in honor of a naval officer from much further back in history for which our Order is named.

The 4th Degree honor guard is important in many ways. These distinguished looking men dressed in their formal attire become a true symbol of what our Order stands for--that being, Catholic gentlemen banded together for a good cause, to help each other and strengthen the living Church. These everyday heroes choose to live out their faith in their actions, by raising money to help restore historic cathedrals, supporting the bishops in their activities, taking an active part in the ordination of deacons, and providing a sense of fraternity at the funerals of departed brothers.

The 4th Degree isn't called the Patriotic Degree by accident. Many of its members are veterans who have served their country with honor, at a time when they were most needed. Because of their deep commitment to our great country, these 4th Degree members work closely with veterans groups and veterans hospitals, helping wherever they can. They also support programs that promote respect for the flag and distribute flags that are placed on the graves of our many veterans who fought for a way of life that we all enjoy today. And of course our 4th Degree honor guard marches in many of the parades that take place throughout the summer, showing our Order's concern for community as well as Church.

So why not become a 4th Degree member? I cannot think of a good reason not to join those who have chosen full Knighthood within our order. I am very proud to stand here today and say that I am a 4th Degree member of the KC's. The exemplification ceremony which initiates a man into the 4th

Degree of our order as very special, and was a moment in my life that I will never forget. And I trust that once you make the decision to join this elite group of men that you will find the experience to be just as memorable.

In 1973, Pope Paul VI spoke to the Knights of Columbus supreme officers and directors during their visit to the Vatican, and had the following to say. "Indeed you have been brothers to the poor, to the sick, to the young, to the aged, and to the underprivileged. In the name of all of those whom you have helped by your brotherly compassion, we thank you from our heart." He continued by saying, "The glory of the Knights of Columbus is not based on humanitarian works alone. Even more admirable have been your insistence upon the supremacy of God and your fidelity to the vicar of Christ. In truth you can call yourselves 'Brothers' because you call God your Father and have declared yourselves ready to do His will and serve His cause."

Those words were accurate and appropriate back then and still are today. If you are an active Third Degree member of our Order and you feel the burning in your heart to once again recommit yourself to your belief in your faith, then take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to complete your journey in the Knights, and join the ranks of those special men who have earned the title of "Sir Knight".

May God bless you all.

*Richard Rebman
State Deputy*

Fourth Degree

About sixty came together from the Assemblies of Area 6 for the Installation of Assembly Officers on Sunday, October 13th at St. Mary of the Angels Church. Participating were members of our Marquette Assembly 1197 in Green Bay, Rev. Henry Pfeifer 1528 Assembly in Sturgeon Bay and St. Jude Assembly 1724 in Oneida. Eastern District Friar Father **Al Lis** presided at the Mass and District Master **Erv Jankowiak** led the Installation. Most Officers of our Assembly were present including Faithful Friar Father Al Lis. Admiral **Larry Ziarnik** and Trustee **Roger Shaha**

were not able to attend. The evening continued with dinner at Wally's Spot Supper Club.

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Saturday, October 26th. About 80 candidates took part; most were from the Western District but about eight joined from Chain O' Lakes Assembly #1862 in Waupaca, Eastern District. The Honoree for the exemplification was Western District Friar Father **Arnold Reuter**. Eastern District Master **Erv & Helen Jankowiak** attended, as did several members of the Degree team and the Executive Committee including Friar Father **Al Lis**. Most State Officers were also present including Council 10243 member & State Deputy **Richard Rebman**. The actual Knighting of the candidates took place at the evening Mass at which the Most Reverend **William Bullock**, Bishop of Madison, presided. Bishop Bullock was also the main speaker at the dinner that followed. Two men from Council 6568 in Madison came through the exemplification, (GK **Rob Staude** & DGK **Jason Szymanski**). Since the Jankowiaks and Father Al have special ties to them and many many other men in that Council, it was especially a privilege for the latter to be present for them. Father **Al** took the men to dinner before the exemplification and State Deputy **Richard Rebman** was also anxious to meet them since our 'College Councils tend to be especially active.

It is not too early to start looking for candidates for the exemplification scheduled for April 5th at Appleton (Easter is April 20.) As our own Father **Al Lis** will be the honoree for this exemplification it would be good to have a great showing of candidates and of current Fourth Degree men attending. Reserve the date on your calendar now and start looking for candidates. Look over the remarks of the State Deputy from the Landing Day banquet--they give a pretty good idea of why men would consider joining the Patriotic Degree. Many men in our Council are already members of the Fourth Degree--talk to them about their reasons for joining in the first place and about their pride in being a part of this special group within the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

New Youth Director

Thanks to **Tom Caldie** for volunteering to take on the position of Youth Director for the Council. Former Director **Tim Fliss** resigned from the position recently and things have been managed by GK **Grant Turner** and DGK **John Murphy** until Tom stepped forward. Tom noted that his children

are involved in many of the activities sponsored by the Council already, and looks forward to getting more involved in arranging the programs.

Special Days

November 15 - December 15

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

November

15 B Clayton Langenberg
17 B Betty (Joseph) Hoffman
17 B Debra (Joseph) Sule
20 B Jerry Ahrens
20 B Kathleen (Paul) Tilot
21 A Roger & Lynda Shaha
21 B Gene Gunderson
23 A Terry & Kristine Misfeldt
26 B Weldon Kiernan
29 B Ken Greetan

December

04 B Cheryl (William) Brown
05 B Sean Wright
06 B Kim (David) Burbach
06 B Paul VandenPlas
06 B Mike Worzala
07 B Nancy (Fred) Grochmal
09 B Gene Pieschek
11 B Marilyn (Lawrence) Waskosky
13 B Donald Hoff
13 B David Reimer
14 B Ann (Peter) Birdsall

Coming Events

Fourth Degree Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 12th 5:30 PM
Contact: Fr. Al Lis (437-1979)

Booyah Preparation

Saturday, November 16th 7:00 AM
Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8685)

Booyah Sale

Sunday, November 17th 7:30 AM ff
Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8685)

First Degree

Monday, November 18th 7:00 PM
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting

Monday, November 18th 7:40 PM
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Friday/Saturday December 6-7th

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8695)

Shop With A Cop

Since the days of the Teddy Bears back in the early '90's the Council has been supportive of programs of the Green Bay Police. Since the death of our brother and Officer **Mike Paoletti** in 1997, Council 10243 has consistently supported programs for youth at Christmas in Mike's memory. These programs include visits to hospitalized children at Christmas and the *Shop With a Cop* program. The following letter was received recently by Father **Al Lis** and the Council contributed \$300 at the October Meeting.

Since 1997 Knights of Columbus Council 10243 have helped to keep Mike Paoletti's name and ideas alive. Through your donation I have been able to place money in two events that Mike took part in each year.

The Shop With a Cop program was dedicated in Mike's name because of his concern and involvement with the youth in our community. Each year we work toward adding additional kids to the program. Last year 180 kids participated in the event throughout the county.

Mike's other favorite event was the visit to the hospitals at Christmas time. Mike always went as McGruff the Crime Dog, along with Santa, his helpers and we officers tried to bring a little happiness to the kids. A portion of the donation was used to purchase gifts that were given by Santa and McGruff.

Both programs are strong and will continue in 2002 and into the future. I hope the Knights of Columbus will continue to support these programs in Mike's honor.

Thank you again for the past donations and support of programs in our community for the youth.

/s/ David R. Byrnes
GBPD-Retired

A Blessed

Thanksgiving to All!

Spotlight On... Harold Watermolen



One fine day, quite a number of years ago, it was Gene Schmitz, a fairly new recruit to the Knight of Columbus himself, who asked Harold about joining the organization. As is the case with a number of other men who eventually became part of the Council, Harold had heard of the Knights but really didn't know a great deal about them or about what they were up to in the area. Harold followed what might be called the normal path of involvement in the Council that so many others have taken as well, and he has helped out occasionally with activities such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, brat sales, the Summer Blast and the pancake/porkie breakfast. After getting involved with some of the things the Council is about he said he was a little surprised with the amount of activities that are undertaken and the considerable amount that is donated both in money and in time to various causes. He's certainly found his time in the Knights and his involvement to be worthwhile and has enjoyed the time at food stands. He does whatever he can with his other commitments and has noticed that as far as the food stands go, he usually ends up cooking and that Tom Gauthier always seems to be helping out at the same time as well.

A retired member of the Green Bay Fire Department, Harold still works today part-time as a driver for a trucking company. That's hardly a job for retirement, given the fact that he's been driving for some 45 years now. He had his own truck while he worked for the Fire Department. He's managed to cut his working to two or three days a week now, but notes that the Fall seems to be a very busy time for drivers; everybody seems to be looking for drivers at this time of the year. He's also thinking that this might just be the last year for driving, and then he feels he'll have the opportunity "to see what life is all about." Harold retired from the Fire Department with the rank of Battalion Chief and served as a member of the rescue squad for 15 years. He was with the first group of paramedics to be certified in Green Bay through a program that at the time was centered at Bellin Hospital. He really doesn't remember why it was that he wanted to get involved with the Fire Department in the first place, but it was something he was willing to eventually devote 31 years to as a full-time job. He found it to be an excellent job, 90% of which was helping people and therefore very satisfying. He retired from the Department about ten years ago.

Since retirement he has continued his driving but he's also found a bit more time to spend up north hunting and fishing. He likes bow hunting and has been pretty good getting his share of goose and deer, but the day of this interview "was not a good day." He has a trailer in the Crivitz area and likes to make use of that as much as possible. Harold and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 42 years now and have three children, 2 girls and a boy. That has provided them with eight grandchildren for them to enjoy. He is a native of Green Bay and lived for a part of his life in the Ss. Peter & Paul area.

November 2002