



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

December 2003



Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights:

As we enter the Christmas season I feel very lucky to be Grand Knight of Council 10243. With the support you have given me this past year and a half, you have made me feel very blessed. Your attendance at meetings has been excellent. Your volunteerism never ceases to amaze me. Keep up the FANTASTIC WORK.

On December 15th we will be having our annual Christmas Party. We will have the rosary at 7:15 PM and a very short business meeting to follow. After the meeting we will have our Christmas Social. So, bring your wives, girlfriends, etc. If you want to bring something please give me a call at 469-3407 so we can coordinate the food.

Have a great holiday season and remember, as our Christmas signs reads, **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.**

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: Social

The next regular meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for Monday, December 15. Spouses are welcome to join us for the evening. We will begin with the recitation of the rosary at 7:30 as per custom. This will be followed by a brief business meeting and we will then adjourn to a holiday social with guests. All are encouraged to join in the celebration. Those wishing to bring a treat to share are asked to contact GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) to avoid duplication.

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **November 2003** Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Stan Waslowski
Family of the Month: Tom & Marisela Koene

Upcoming Events

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Cub Foods East
–Friday, December 12th - 10 A.M to 8 P.M.
Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8685)

Council Meeting and Christmas Social at St. Bernard – Monday, December 15th – Rosary at 7:15 P.M, Christmas Social to follow meeting.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Free Throw and Knowledge Contest for Youth at St. Bernard – Saturday, January 17th – Free Throw Contest at 9 A.M., Knowledge Contest at 10:30 A.M.
Contact: Tom Caldie (469-7861)

Booyah Sale at St. Bernard – Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Pancake & Porkie Breakfast at St. Bernard– Sunday, February 22nd – Setup begins at 7 A.M., serving from about 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.
Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)

Booyah Sale at St. Bernard – Saturday, March 6th and Sunday, March 7th
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Keep Christ in Christmas

We still have a number of yard signs available from last year, promoting the religious side of Christmas. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign can be waged right from our own front yards. Signs are available from GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) for a donation to the Council. Hurry, before the ground freezes over. A limited number of signs are still available.

Chaplain's Column

We have probably heard somewhere that the Church is supposed to be counter-cultural—standing in opposition to that the rest of the world seems to be thinking or doing. There may be no greater time to test this theory than in the season of Advent. We are reminded by the four-week time of preparation and by the four candles that usually accompany our wreaths of the traditional belief that people waited four thousand years for the fulfillment of God's promise so send a Messiah. Watching those candles slowly burn down may be an exercise in patience itself, as perhaps our thoughts are drawn to more practical matters—gifts to buy, cards to send, decorations to display and so forth. Spending time watching those candles burn and taking the time to enter into a season of waiting, in a world that prizes accomplishment, is weird. Waiting doesn't seem to achieve anything. We are fairly well conditioned in our current age to believe that waiting is wasted time. If we don't get what we want almost immediately, we give up. The very thought of people who waited hundreds of generations—four thousand years—is incomprehensible. We can hardly wait for the microwave to finish warming dinner so we can move on to other, apparently more important things.

It is in the face of everything that we think we need to accomplish in these days before Christmas that the Church calls us to remember something very special—to spend some time just waiting with God, thinking about the gift of the incarnation. The Church has recently reminded us that there is supposed to be a bow during the lines in the Nicene Creed, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." Adding, or rather re-introducing that bow, actually adds about one second to the whole Creed, especially as people adjust to the fact that bodies pray along with minds and voices. And, we don't have the time to learn something new. We have so many other demands in our lives, so many other forces pulling on us, that taking time for prayer and contemplation, especially in Advent, is a seemingly impossible request.

Now might be the time again to remember our call to be counter cultural. Let the world go its merry way, caught up in commemorations of what they think is the real meaning of our religious holiday. We as Christians and as Knights are summoned to something deeper, a more profound understanding of what this time of waiting is all about. As we go

through the rush of all these things that we thing have to be done during this short time before Christmas, let's force ourselves to step aside from the haste and hurry of those others. Our call is to actually step outside the world and think about that great gift we recall when we do that bow during the Creed. The gift we received from God is infinitely more valuable than any gift we could buy, any decoration we could assemble, and card we could send. We count our years in terms of his birth. We recall the day of his birth year after year and celebrate it with feasting and carols. We go through enormous time and expense to adequately celebrate the season. Let's be sure we don't forget to take the time to remember what it is all about in the first place. God's gracious gift is the reward for the enormous patience of his people, trusting for countless generations that a promise would be fulfilled.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.

Special Days

December 15th - January 15th

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

December

17 B Brian LeCloux
18 B Rick Pigeon
19 B Donald Schneider
19 B Lucille (+Robert) Warpinski
21 B Kristine (Terry) Misfeldt
22 B Kirk Pelnar
25 B Terry Timmerman
26 A Norbert & Thelma Kalinosky
26 B Lee Ann (John) Laurant
27 B Marianthe (John) Hale
28 B Connie (Richard) Rosin
29 B Dorothy (Cliff) Gigot
30 A Donald & Colleen Hoff
30 A Robert & Pat Massart

January

06 B Timothy Conroy
06 B John Hyland
08 B Scott McKenzie
08 B Dave Whitton
09 B Mary (Jason) Vandermause
10 B Tom Janowski
11 B Cathy (Bob) Wozniak
14 B Patricia (John) Hyland
15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan

Prayer

Prayer For Church Leaders II

Another Prayer for Church leaders appeared in July 1999. Given the movement of our Bishops over recent months, it might be a good idea to remember our leaders again.

God of grace and favor,
you sent your Son Jesus among us
to teach us that our highest calling as your people
is to serve and not to be served.

You remind us that all authority
comes from your hand
and that all we have and all we possess
is your gift to us.

We ask your special blessing
upon those whom you have summoned
to positions of authority in our Church.
Grant them sure judgement,
an understanding heart and a spirit of compassion.
May they bring the message of your Spirit
to those entrusted to their care.

Grant especially to our Bishops
a deep trust in you
and a portion of the Spirit
through whom you have guided the Church
throughout the ages.

May they follow the example of the Apostles,
forsaking all else and uniting themselves
to your service.

May all our leaders be open to your call,
and joyfully accept your call to service.
May they follow wherever you may lead,
and completely devote themselves
to the building up of your kingdom here on earth.

Raise up more men and women
eager to follow you more closely
and give them the grace they need
to be servants as Christ came to serve
the needs of all people.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Chaplain's Column Recycled

Father **Al Lis'** 'Chaplain's Column' from our November Newsletter was reprinted as a 'Guest Chaplain's Column' in Cardinal's Staff, the Newsletter of Cardinal Stritch Council 4614 in Milwaukee. PSD and Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** serves as editor of the Newsletter.

From the Financial Secretary

*Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** sent along the following reminders:*

Fraternal Surveys: The annual survey of fraternal activities will soon be sent to all members of the Council. Please be sure to record all service hours—church, school, Council and community related. These reports are necessary to maintain our tax-exempt status. Jim needs to send his report in by January 10th, so let's make the due date for surveys to be sent to him **JANUARY 1st**.

Dues: Notices for dues will likewise be sent out soon. Last year over twenty 'second notices' had to be sent to members of the Council who were delinquent in the payment of dues. Please do the Council a favor and get this obligation of membership taken care of as soon as possible. Remember, those who might be experiencing financial difficulties may discuss their situation in confidence with GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) or FS **Jim Barnett** (468-1245). No Council member has ever been suspended because their financial situation made payment of dues something they could not handle.

Bishops Come and Go

Green Bay prepares to bid farewell to a Fourth Degree Knight and a good friend to the Knights of Columbus in the person of Bishop **Robert Banks** on December 12th. Word is now received that yet another Fourth Degree Knight and a good friend to many in the Order is being transferred. Bishop **Raymond Burke** of LaCrosse will be transferred to St. Louis in January to head up that Archdiocese. That makes four of the five Dioceses in the State that have new Bishops over the last several months—**Timothy Dolan** at Milwaukee, **Robert Morlino** at Madison, **David Zubik** at Green Bay and a vacancy at LaCrosse. Another friend, Fourth Degree Knight, **Raphael Fliss**, is Bishop of Superior. Retired Bishops Banks, Burke and **William Bullock** (Madison) were all very supportive of the activities of the Knights of Columbus. Another of Green Bay's former Bishops, **Aloysius Wycislo**, well into his nineties, is also a Fourth Degree Knight. We wish our new Bishops well and we hope and pray that the support we have enjoyed in the past will continue, as we pledge our support to them. May the Lord grant his blessings on all his chosen shepherds.

Shop With A Cop

As we have for some years now, the Council made a contribution to the Green Bay Police *Shop With A Cop* program. Our contribution is also used to offset expenses incurred by the police in their visits to hospitalized children at Christmas. The Council's contribution of \$300 was delivered recently to the Police. The donation was made in memory of deceased Council member and Officer **Mike Paoletti** who was involved in the program. As in the past, Mike was one of those to whom this year's program was dedicated. Mike's widow, **Christine**, also acknowledged the contribution in a note to the Council. Father **Al Lis** received the following letter from the Police:

Dear Father Lis,

I would like to thank you and the Knights of Columbus for the generous donation to the Shop With A Cop program. For all of the children, all of the officers, and all of the many volunteers who work on this program, I extend to you our deepest appreciation.

*/s/ Lynn (Duke) Munger
Director of Crime Prevention
Green Bay Police Department*

District Deputy Meeting

District Deputies and program coordinators from across the State are scheduled to meet for their semi-annual meeting at Waupaca on the weekend of December 6-7. From Council 10243, Father **Al Lis** plans to attend, as he is Diocesan Chaplain for the Diocese of Green Bay. He joins other Diocesan Coordinators from the State and will attend a meeting and dinner with State Chaplain Father **James Trempe** from Plover (Diocese of LaCrosse) on Friday evening in addition to other events of the weekend. Our own District Deputy **Ron Frosch** is also planning to take part. In addition to District Deputies and Diocesan Coordinators, State Directors will also be joining in so that those taking part can get a rounded view of what is happening in the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. The meeting will include presentations on everything from the Insurance program to Youth to Membership. It is scheduled to wrap up on Sunday at noon. A report on the meeting will be included in the next Newsletter.

Fourth Degree

On Sunday, November 9th the Assembly held its annual Memorial Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Green Bay at 5:00 PM with a dinner to follow at Wally's Spot at 6:00. The Assembly hoped that moving the Mass to a Sunday rather than keeping it on the usual meeting night of Tuesday might increase attendance. Unfortunately the Mass has been poorly attended in the last several years, and this evening was just a little different. We had about the same number of people as in the past, but this Mass was just for our Marquette Assembly 1197 and did not include members of St. Jude Assembly 1724. Six deceased members of the Assembly were especially recognized, and family members were invited to be a part of the evening.

A Christmas party is planned for January 16th. Because of the Installation and the Memorial Mass, the Assembly is not holding usual monthly meetings in October or November.

The Assembly also continues to sell raffle tickets in preparation for the drawing in March that will take place at the Exemplification scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at Milwaukee's Four Points Sheraton, near the airport.

Next Meeting:
Christmas Social
Spouses Invited

Monday, December 15th
Rosary at 7:15 PM
Brief Business Meeting at
7:30 PM

Christmas Social to follow

Council 6568 Honored

Our friends at UW-Madison Catholic Center Council 6568 were again honored by the Supreme College Council Conference at a recent meeting. The Council has been selected once again to have a representative on the College Council Conference Coordinating Committee, a special honor. This is in addition to being named the 'Most outstanding College Council for Youth programs, specifically recognizing the Council's mentoring program at a local parish. Congratulations!



SPOTLIGHT ON... DAN MAINE

In more than a decade that these *Spotlight* articles have appeared in most of our monthly *NEWSLETTERS*, a certain distinction falls to Dan: unless we mixed up our records somehow, he is the last of the Charter Members of the Council to be interviewed. Dan lived for a time in Marshfield and remembers his wife's uncle being a member of the Knights of Columbus, and his father-in-law was also involved. Due in a great part to their influence, he joined the organization around 1979, advancing in Marshfield through the Third Degree. He has occasionally thought about the Fourth Degree but has not actively pursued it to this point. It just so happened that a neighbor named Ron Frosch talked to him about transferring to Council 10243 as a Charter Member as the new Council was getting started around 1990. In the time that he has been with our Council he has taken part in some of the usual activities that bring our men together—booyah, brat stands and the like. He hopes to become more active in the future.

Originally from Torrance, California, Dan married a Wisconsin native named Melanie whose parents lived in Rhinelander. When college rolled around he ended up at Mount Scenario College in Ladysmith. In college he earned a degree in Political Science and English. After college he spend a considerable amount of time—over twenty five years—working for Wausau Insurance. Though he officially retired a few years ago, he's still in the business, currently working as Director of Insurance and Risk management for the Menominee Indian Tribe in Keshena. His days are very busy, dealing with insurance placement and benefits and a lot of the paperwork that such a business can generate. He deals with several sorts of insurance—health, life, dental and the like. He notes that he had been looking forward to retirement, but it didn't end up as he had planned it. He has also served at St. Bernard Parish as an Usher.

In his free time he enjoys going to a cottage up north and taking advantage of the opportunities for hunting and fishing. The cottage, near Ladysmith, was spared from damage done by a tornado that passed through the area last year on Labor Day. He observes that it was fortunate that it was not another usual workday when the tornado struck as a great number of people could have been killed or injured. The part of town that was most severely damaged was pretty quite for the holiday. He also likes to travel when there is the opportunity, but he says that opportunity hasn't presented itself much lately. Dan also has coached when his children were involved in soccer and basketball. His wife, Melanie, teaches at Christa McAuliffe School. He and Melanie will be celebrating their Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary in May—he remembers graduating college the day after his wedding. They have two children—a son who is a student at UW-Stevens Point and a recently married daughter who has found her niche in a Starbucks in Milwaukee.