



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

February 2003



Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights:

Last week I received a call from a college friend inviting me to a weekend retreat with the UW Knights Council 6568. Since this was my former Council and I haven't seen many of the guys since I graduated 3 years ago, I gladly accepted the offer. Words can't describe my excitement when I learned that the retreat would be led by our very own Reverend Al Lis.

I was looking forward to a weekend of relaxation, card games, catching up with a few old friends, and maybe a prayer or two. During our time at the cabin in Wisconsin Dells, we spent several hours discussing the year's programs and concluded with a rosary and Mass. The enthusiasm with which everyone approached the activities reminded me that, young or old, the Knights of Columbus is made of men that enthusiastically serve God and humanity.

This month, our Grand Knight Grant Turner is in Florida visiting family so I've had the opportunity to be more closely involved with the events of our Council. We have a busy month that includes a Booyah sale on February 15th and 16th, a Council meeting on February 17th and the Pancake and Porkie Breakfast on March 2nd. I'd like to thank everyone that has helped to make our programs a success, and invite those who haven't made it to an event in a while to come and join us in cheerful service. Together we can make a difference!

John Murphy
Deputy Grand Knight

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Dan Barrington
Family of the Month: Dave & Betsy Whitton

Next Meeting: Ladies Invited For Spaghetti Supper

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for the usual third Monday of the month, February 17th. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM with the recitation of the rosary preceding. As a special treat and to express his gratitude for the Council's help in his trek up the ladder of State Offices, State Deputy **Richard Rebman** will be preparing a spaghetti and meatball supper to be served after the meeting. Wives and girlfriends are also invited to join in; they may wait through what we hope will be a short meeting or plan on arriving at around 8:15 PM for the supper.

The Council will also elect the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year at the February meeting. In the absence of Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Deputy Grand Knight **John Murphy** will preside.

Youth Contests

Saturday, January 18th was a busy day for our Youth programs--both the Knowledge Contest and the Free Throw Contest were held at St. Bernard. Thanks to all those who gave up a part of their day to help with the contests. Working the Free Throw Contest in the morning were **Dan Barrington, Gerry Piontek, Tom Capelle, Dave Doering** and his son **Ryan, Grant Turner, Tom Caldie, John Murphy** and **Jason Vandermause**. The afternoon Knowledge Contest brought out **Jim & Fay Janssen, Tom Gauthier, Tom Caldie, Gerry Piontek, John Murphy, Jason Vandermause & Grant Turner**.

Winners of the Christmas Poster Contest were acknowledged at the January meeting of the Council. Congratulations to winners: **Jared Piontek** (Grade 1), **Carlie Ripp** (Grade 2), **Kate Young** (Grade 3), **Kendra Burbach** (Grade 4). Posters were judged by Brother Knights and families attending the Council's Christmas social in December by placing crayons on their favorite poster.

Special Days

February 15 - March 15

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

February

15 A Wayne & Alice Wassenberg
17 A Bob & Cathy Wozniak
17 B Jason Vandermause
18 B Richard Bligiske
19 B Gary Durocher
19 B Mary (Tom) Marquardt
19 B Andrew Schumacher
20 B Luella (Wencil) Froelich
21 B Ed Rovinski
22 A Robert & Kathryn Rocque
22 B George Raymaker
23 B Pat (Robert) Thut
23 B Bonnie (Stan) Waslowski
24 B JoAnne (Bill) Griesbach
26 B Mary (Mike) Delvaux
26 B Donna (Leonard) Schaub
28 A Mike & Connie Worzala

March

01 B Peter Birdsall
01 B Pat Ellis
02 B Becky (Randy) Barrett
02 B Nanci (Rick) Tlachac
03 B Denise (Dave) Doering
04 B Pat (Robert) Massart
05 A Brian & Kristina LeCloux
05 B Cliff Gigot
08 B Robert Ledvina
09 B Mary (Roy C.) Johnson
12 B Tom Capelle
15 A Kelly & Virginia Gigot

Next Meeting: February 17th
Rosary: 7:15 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM
Spaghetti Supper: 8:15 PM

Appreciation Dinner

Our annual Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th at The Woods (formerly Woodside) Restaurant. Please see the ad in this NEWSLETTER for RSVP and further information.

Sympathy

Our Council family has been saddened by the call to new life to two special persons in the last month. On January 20th, Father Al's mother, **Virginia Lis**, entered eternal life. Father Al made it to the First Degree at our Council meeting that day but left immediately after the exemplification. Floral tributes arrived at the funeral home near Chicago from the brothers and families of Council 10243 and from the Officers, families and staff of the Wisconsin State Council. Contributions were also received from Council 10243, from the Fourth Degree Eastern District, and from numerous individual Knights throughout the State. Fr. Al presided at the funeral on January 24th in LaGrange Park, Illinois. He writes:

Thank you for your very kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our mother, Virginia Lis. My sister Lynette Papadogianis and her husband Pete join me in expressing our gratitude for your kindness and the love and concern you have shown us in this time of loss.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Vione Jacqmin** on January 28th. Vione was the dear wife of Deacon **Robert Jacqmin**, Fourth Degree Knight and Charter Member of our Council. Vione and Robert were married for over sixty years and she had been quite active in the life of St. Bernard Parish before complications from Alzheimer's slowed her down. Thanks to the many Brother Knights and families who extended expressions of sympathy and support to Robert and the family. A Mass for her soul was celebrated by the Chaplain on behalf of the Council.

New Members

The Council continues to grow! We are very happy to welcome the newest additions to the Council 10243 family. **Jim Gibson** and his wife **Kathleen** join us. Jim is a Third Degree Knight who transferred recently from Allouez Council 10714. **John Hansen** completed the First Degree at our January meeting and steps aboard with his wife, **Cheryl**. **Paul Krohn** and his wife **Mary** are likewise transfers from another Council out of State. Paul is a First Degree Knight. Finally, **Bob Rocque** also completed the First Degree in January and comes to us with his wife, **Kathryn**.

John and Bob were proposed for membership by Father **Al Lis**. Welcome to them all!

Chaplain's Column

In reflecting on this past January it occurred to me that I spent fifteen days of the month away from the parish--thirteen dealing with my mother's illness and her passing and two because once that was over I needed a break in Madison. When needing to deal with certain issues in the parish I sort of felt like an outsider because I didn't have the hands-on knowledge that I would have had if I had been around more. It was a little bit of a humbling experience to notice that the world didn't stop spinning because I wasn't around to spin it. For the most part, actually, most of us notice occasionally that we are not as indispensable as we would like to think. That is sometimes an approach that can be taken in our relation to the Church--we assume that because Christ has promised us that the Church is eternal, it will continue without our efforts or even despite our efforts. While that is true, it doesn't absolve us from responsibility. We still have to prove that we are worthy of the name of Christian and that we are fit to share in what God has promised to his faithful ones. As Knights of Columbus we are usually more involved than many others in the Church because we have taken advantage of opportunities for service that come along with membership. We have found ourselves doing everything from brats and burgers to Tootsie Rolls and everything in between, all for the good of others. For the most part, all of our activities manage to be accomplished with varying degrees of success, but more times than not it is many of the same people who are doing the work. When I get the names of people who worked at one event or another for publication in the *NEWSLETTER*, it is refreshing to see an unfamiliar name. It means there has been some contact between the Council and someone who for one reason or another is 'on the fringe.' Maybe we need to remind ourselves that 'membership' means more than just finding new members. It also means finding ways of re-energizing some of the existing members. I imagine we all know someone in the Council who is not a regular face at meetings or activities. There may be very good reasons for that. On the other hand, some might feel that they don't have a sense of belonging in the Knights, or they might believe that the work would get done without them anyway. Call them, offer to pick them up and go with them to the next meeting or team up for a shift on some activity. That's how we'll grow, because that's how fraternity is built.

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

State Convention

Plans are in full swing for the 102nd Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council, scheduled for Appleton April 26-27th. The Civil Opening is planned for 8:45 AM on Saturday, and the business of the Convention will include selection of Wisconsin's delegates to the Supreme Convention in Washington, DC in August. The principal Convention Mass will be at 4:00 PM Saturday with Bishop **Robert Banks** presiding.

Delegates from the Council are customarily the Grand Knight and Immediate Past Grand Knight, although we have been represented by alternates many times. One need not be a delegate to take part in most activities of the Convention and given the fact that the State Deputy is a member of our Council and Appleton is nearby, there is no reason why Council 10243 could not be well represented. All Council members should consider taking part, at least for the experience. Further information about registration, dinner tickets and the like can be obtained from GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407).

Fourth Degree

Fourth Degree members in the Eastern District are gearing up for the exemplification scheduled for Appleton on April 5th. Members also received information recently regarding the annual meeting of the District that will be held the evening before the exemplification. Delegates must be chosen from each Assembly and our local Marquette Assembly is meeting in early February to do that. In addition to elected delegates, Navigators of each Assembly are expected to be present for the meeting. Since we'll have delegates, a Navigator, two State Officers and two members of the Eastern District Executive Committee from our Assembly, we will be well represented. The honoree for this Spring's exemplification is our own Chaplain, Father **Al Lis**.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recently issued guidelines for the participation of the Honor Guard at functions. Noting their service and the values supported by the Knights, the guidelines made some basic observations regarding scheduling and posture, and stressed that "Full liturgical participation is always expected." Master **Erv Jankowiak** welcomed the guidelines, which are binding only for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Prayer

Prayer For Ministers in the Church

Lord, gracious God, throughout the centuries
you have cared for your Church,
teaching it with the Word of Life,
nourishing it with the Eucharist
and enlivening it with the gift of your Spirit.
As we see the Church grow
and change in our midst,
we recognize the call to service and leadership
that you have given to all your people.
Inspire more men and women to accept
roles of ministry and authority.
Help your people to know that you are with them,
strengthening them for the tasks
to which you have summoned them.
Give us generous hearts and confident spirits
so that we may not fear the call to ministry
but embrace it willingly
as your Son Jesus embraced your will.
Raise up from your Church
willing servants for the work of Christ
that your vineyard may be filled
with dedicated servants of the gospel.
Continue to lead and guide your people
so that we may arrive one day in the kingdom
you have prepared for those
who love and serve you.
We ask this through Christ,
the one who came to serve and not be served,
our Lord and our God, forever and ever.

State, Diocesan Chaplains Meet

State Chaplain Father **Jim Trempe** from Plover (Diocese of LaCrosse) hosted a meeting of Diocesan Chaplains at the District Deputy Meeting at Black River Falls in December. Only LaCrosse Chaplain Father **John Potaczek** and Green Bay Chaplain Father **Al Lis** were present. Discussion centered around increased responsibility for the Diocesan Chaplains in several areas: 1) Assist the State Chaplain in areas for which he is responsible, namely Family Life, Church, Respect for Life and Vocations; 2) Meet with the Vocation Director from his diocese; and 3) Meet with Council chaplains from the Diocese. In addition, Diocesan Chaplains agreed on the importance of meeting periodically. The plan is to meet at the State Convention in April and at the District Deputy Meetings in December and June. Other Diocesan Chaplains are Father **Vincent Holubowicz**

(Milwaukee), Father **Mike Tupa** (Superior) and Msgr. **Delbert Schmelzer** (Madison).

Charity Raffle

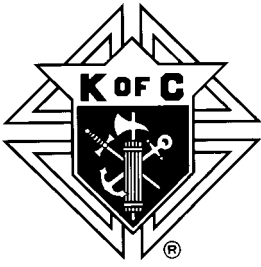
As of around February 1st, twenty-five men responded to the sale of tickets for the State Charity Raffle. 109 have not been heard from yet. A total of 216 tickets have been turned in, respectable for this point but certainly far from our goal of 1340. Top seller at the moment is **Richard Rebman**. The average number of tickets sold by the men who turned them in is just over 8, an average we'd like to maintain as we continue. Contact **Leon Janowski** for information or for more tickets (468-7544.)

Dues

Second notices on dues went out recently, and at this point there are still thirteen men who have not responded to the request for payment. The next action to be taken is the issue of a *Knight Alert* by the Financial Secretary, followed up by suspension from Council membership if dues have still not been received in March. The Council depends on dues for day-to-day operations as well as the task of keeping lines of communication open through such vehicles as the *NEWSLETTER*. We urge all those who have not yet paid up to please do so as soon as possible to spare us the unpleasant tasks ahead. Thank you for your understanding and your expedient handling of this matter. Call Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** with any questions (468-1245).

Council 6568 Retreat

About twenty men of Council 6568 at UW-Madison gathered for social/retreat time in Wisconsin Dells January 31st-February 1st. Father **Al Lis** accepted the invitation of Grand Knight **Rob Staude** to be present for the spiritual part of the gathering. After enjoying the fun of an indoor water park, members gathered to discuss the future of the Council and broke into groups concentrating on Membership, Programming and Council Administration/By-Laws. Despite the late night (the meeting ended around 1:30 AM,) most were awake for rosary in the morning. The time together concluded with Mass. Former Council 6568 members **John Murphy** of Council 10243 and his brother **Mike** joined in the retreat. All who were present felt the gathering, which the Council had not done in many years, was definitely a great experience in building fraternity. Father Al noted that being surrounded by 20 guys half his age made him feel pretty old.



Spotlight On... *John Hansen*

It's not that he was a 'hard sell,' but it took three people to eventually bring John into the Knights of Columbus. First to try was Ralph Schwartz, currently Grand Knight of Council 617, who suggested that John think about membership in the Knights. Not too long after that there was another Knight whose name John can't remember who brought him a Form 100. But he wasn't quite ready, thinking that his involvement in Allouez Kiwinis, Odd Fellows and Downtown Optimists might already place enough demands on his time. Then he met Father Al Lis who was enthusiastic about the Knights and pointed out that despite the many activities of the Council, no one is involved in all of them and the expectation is that members take part in a couple of things a year. John just completed First Degree at our January meeting.

A native of Green Bay, he attended St. Philip School and Premontre High before going on to UWGB and earning a Degree in Business in 1992. His dad was president of the Trust Department at M & I Bank, and John got a job at the bank way back in 1985, working through positions of Teller, Courier and Personal Banker to Loan Officer. But, a series of strokes left his dad pretty ill. He died in 1994, and that seems to be when God stepped in and suggested a career change. While dealing with the matters surrounding the funeral, John thought he might like to do that for a living, so he got a part-time job at Schauer & Schumacher Funeral Home. When the time seemed right he enrolled at Worsham College of Mortuary Science, alma mater of fellow Council members John Walczyk and Joe Malcore. While in training he lived and worked at Weinstein Funeral Home in Illinois, which primarily dealt with Jewish clients. He worked briefly at Cotter Funeral Home in DePere before returning to Schauer & Schumacher, becoming manager in 1998.

An average day for him could involve any number of things, from shoveling snow to embalming. An added challenge is that the business is such that one never knows what's coming. Though management has the usual headaches that come from dealing with personnel matters and paperwork, he enjoys most of the things he needs to do and especially appreciates meeting people and trying to help them through a very difficult time. Many times families suffering a loss feel as if their whole world is falling apart and the Funeral Director may provide one stable influence that may help them set things right again. John's felt a call to help people for quite some time. An Eagle Scout when he was younger, he carried a desire to assist others into the organizations he's become involved with, and he sees the same opportunities in the Knights. He feels that too many people in the world today don't seem to have a desire to help one another or give up their time to show that they really care about others. That could give someone a cynical attitude, or it can lead one to embrace a life of service, and the latter seems to be what happened to John.

He really enjoyed the outdoors when he was younger and enjoyed hunting and fishing, but somehow falling in love and getting married changed that. John married his wife Cheryl in 1996 and the nature of the funeral business has made family time very precious, and family activities are a priority for him. Much of the outdoor life these days is in the back yard with their daughters, MaKayla and Abigail, or tinkering in the garden. He also like reading history, especially World War II history, an interest he shares with Father Al. Cheryl operates *Better Beginnings*, a child care service, from their home. We welcome John and Cheryl to our family and we look forward to matching his interest in service to some of the activities of the Council.

February 2003

Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, March 30th, 2003

The Woods Restaurant
530 Erie Road, Green Bay

5:30 Social

6:30 Dinner

Presentation of Major Awards

The Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award
The Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award
The Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Awards

Entertainment by 'The Odd Couple'

\$13.00 per person

RSVP at the Council Meeting February 17th
or to John Murphy (362-2724) by March 15th