



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

January 2003



Grand Knight's Column

As I here on Christmas morning waiting for the family to arrive I can't help but count my blessings. I have a loving and supportive wife, children that are working hard to make this a better place for us all and grandchildren that love their Grampa unconditionally.

I think of all the friends I have made since I have joined the Knights. It has enriched my life and stretched it since becoming Grand Knight. I thank you for your support, and your enthusiasm. I know many of you can't attend the monthly meetings, but it's gratifying to see so many helping hands at all our Knight functions.

I would like to thank the members, wives and girlfriends for making our Christmas meeting/party such a success. When we socialize over good food we get to know on another better and continue to build a strong Knight community.

Our January activities are the Free Throw and Knowledge Contests to be held on January 20th. The Free Throw Contest will be at 10.00 A. M. in the gym, followed at noon by the Knowledge Contest in the multi-purpose room. If you can lend a hand at either event please call me at 469-3407. Our January 22nd meeting will have the exemplification of the First Degree at 7.00 P. M. with the meeting to follow. New candidates make our Council grow and keep it interesting. Let's try and help Membership Chairman Rick Noe by suggesting a friend or neighbor.

We don't know what awaits us in the coming year 2003. We can be assured that the same God that loved and guided before will continue to bless and lead Council 10243 in the direction He wants us to go.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Gerry Piontek
Family of the Month: Pat & Sandra Mongin

Special Days

January 15 - February 15

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

January

15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan
16 A Tom & Mary Marquardt
17 B Mike Barry
18 B Rick Tlachac
21 B John Schmitz
24 B Bill Griesbach
28 B Sandra (Roger) Heesacker
28 + Harris Charles (2002)
29 + Dan McLaughlin (1999)
30 + Arnold Chaloupka (1996)
31 B John Laurant

February

02 B Carrie (Ken) Greetan
02 B Paul Tilot
03 B Mary (Rick) Noe
04 B Pat Danforth
06 B Colleen (Donald) Hoff
08 B Ray Demerath
10 B Rene (Ernest) Remondini
12 B Ken Delcore
12 + Al Cisler (1996)
13 B Kristen (Tim) Fliss
14 B Dave Doering
15 A Wayne & Alice Wassenberg

Chaplain's Column

Although Easter is the major feast of the Christian Churches, the effort that goes into Christmas makes it, in the minds of many, the preeminent celebration of the year. Owing to legends of the Magi and of a general spirit of generosity, we give gifts to one another. Imagine the scandal of actually leaving a gift unopened. I recall years ago we had the fashionable aluminum tree with spotlights fixed on it and there was always one box, beautifully wrapped, that one spotlight rested on. The box, being used as a stand for one light, was empty. But, even knowing that, the one unopened box annoyed me. Now that the season is slipping away for this year and most or all of the decorations have been put away, it might be a good idea to ask ourselves if we've really opened all the gifts. Surely we've gone through all the things that family and friends have given to us, but maybe there was one gift left under the tree that we didn't even see. Despite the Knights of Columbus campaigns to "Keep Christ in Christmas" it is very easy to forget what the Christmas season was all about in the first place. It celebrates the birth of a Savior--a gift presented to us by a loving God, determined to save us from sin and the power it has over us. Did we take the time to think about how precious was that one special gift? Or, in our rush to handle the 'requirements' of the season, did we leave just one package unopened under the tree? After all, the whole point of Christmas is not giving, but getting--getting the gift of salvation presented to us by the hand of a loving God. A gift has been presented to us, and just maybe that one gift from God was left unopened. How terrible it would be if we had found the time and energy to open all the other things that we received, but failed to find that one special present--the one that assured us a place in God's kingdom. One nice thing about that gift from God is that we may open it anytime. Unlike a fruitcake, it doesn't just appear at Christmas. As Christmas 2002 fades into memory, be sure that every gift you've received has been opened. Be sure that the gift from God has been acknowledged. It is that one gift which has given the entire season its meaning.

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

Please return **DUES & FRATERNAL SURVEY** (Hours) as soon as possible to Financial Secretary Jim Barnett.

Prayer

Prayer for Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated January 26 - February 1st.

God of grace, source of wisdom,
we thank you for sending the power of your Spirit
upon your people
and enabling them to unlock
the mysteries of the universe.
We thank you for the grace of thought and reason
through which we have begun to understand
ourselves, our world and our God.
As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week,
we especially thank you for all those
who work in the ministry of Catholic education.
Bless them with understanding minds
and loving hearts
so that working together for the glory of your name,
students, teachers and staff may form
a community of learning where you are praised
and a place of education where you are welcome.
Send abundant graces upon all those
who seek to further the mission of our schools
and continue to draw gifted people to them
so that they may share their talents
for the betterment of our world.
May the mission of our schools
be the mission of our Church:
To come to know Christ your Son
and to proclaim his presence through all we do.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Lambeau Stand

Thanks to those who helped at the kiosk at Lambeau Field on December 1st during the Packer/Bear Game:

**Tom Caldie
Mike Delvaux
Kevin Lardinois
John Murphy
Grant Turner
Mike Vanden Busch
Jason Vandermause**

With help from other parish members at St. Bernard, estimates are that our profits will be about \$1000.00.

planning to be present. Contact GK **Grant Turner** with names of any other candidates.

District Deputy Meeting

Most District Deputies from the State as well as State Officers and Diocesan Coordinators gathered in Black River Falls on the weekend of December 7-8th for the Mid-Year District Deputies Meeting. From the Council 10243 family State Deputy **Richard and Janet Rebman** and Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** were present. District Deputy (13) **Gene Remeker** was also present. Of course, membership was the major topic of discussion. At the time of the meeting membership in the State stood at 39,321, the elusive 40,000 seeming as far away as ever. Several membership initiatives are planned including a Church Drive in January with a goal of finding at least 750 new members and participation of all 281 Councils in the State. With 844 parishes in the State, one from each would be within our reach. There will also be an effort to contact former members and look into the possibility of bringing them back aboard. Other membership thrusts seek to establish three Spanish speaking Council in the State in Green Bay, Milwaukee and Racine and to look into additional College Councils in Oshkosh, LaCrosse, Stevens Point and Fond du Lac (there are currently three 'College Councils' at Madison, Milwaukee (Marquette) and DePere.) In addition to the Church Drive in January, hopes are to host an Insurance Night in February, concentrate on Former members in march, look for recent RCIA participants in April and another Church Drive in May to be capped by targeting graduates in June.

All State Officers were present for the weekend that included a dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday. State Chaplain Father **Jim Trempe** presided at the evening Mass on Saturday in a rather cramped room. Concelebrating were Father Al and LaCrosse Diocesan Chaplain Father **John Potaczek**. "Entertainment" for the weekend was Father Al getting a flat tire on the way there and trying to manage the 160-mile return trip at less than 50 MPH.

Next Meeting: First Degree

The next meeting of Council 10243 will be Monday, January 20th, our usual meeting night. The exemplification of the First Degree will begin around 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:35. We have at least one candidate

State Convention Nears

Formal notice was issued on December 26th by State Secretary **Richard Ammon** regarding the upcoming 102nd Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council. The Convention will meet in Appleton on the weekend of April 26-27th. Bishop **Robert Banks** will preside at the Convention Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM. As usual, the Convention will include business sessions, the State Deputy's Banquet, Ladies programs, awards and selection of delegates to the Supreme Convention scheduled for Washington, DC in August. Of course, Conventions are also a time for building fraternity and making and renewing friendships. One need not be a delegate to attend. All should consider being a part of the weekend.

Bell Ringing

A sour note was struck at the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this time around. Somehow two organizations were scheduled to work our location at Copp's East on December 6-7th. We covered the exit while the other group handled the entrance on Friday, but on Saturday management at Copp's decided they only wanted one group working the place, so our men bowed out. Thanks to those who worked on Friday:

Jim Barnett
Tom & Ann Gauthier
Leon Janowski
Father Al Lis
Gerry Piontek
Grant Turner
Jim Van Allen
Jason Vandermause
Mike Worzala

We also acknowledge those who were willing to put in their time on Saturday and didn't get the chance--some helped elsewhere at vacant kettles:

Bill Bartelme
Tom Caldie & the Scouts
Jim Janssen
Clayton Langenberg
Bob Ledvina
Dick Rosin
Stan Waslowski

**Harry Watermolen
Dave Whitton**

Booyah

Our last booyah sale of the calendar year was the weekend of December 14-15th. All went well and all of the booyah was sold with just a couple of pies left over. Our profit was \$582.25. Thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent for the preparation and the sale:

**Dan Barrington
Bill Bartelme
Kevin Beck
Mike Borlee
Ken Gezella
Clayton Langenberg
Bob Ledvina
Gerry Piontek
Grant Turner
Mike Vanden Busch
Stan Waslowski
Harry Watermolen
Mike Worzala**

Bartelme and Turner worked both days. Thanks also to the Fire Tenders, **Bill Bartelme** and **Tom Gauthier**; **Randy Barrett**, the Kettle Transport man and **Jim Janssen**, the 'Pie Guy.' Jim also reminded brothers to be sure to get a substitute if they agreed to work and then are not able to make it.

Brothers

Congratulations to **Ray Demerath** who was awarded the VIP (Very Important Proposer) Award at the December meeting in recognition of his successful recruiting efforts.

Thanks to **Sean & Cami Wright** who once again handled the delivery of the Council's Christmas gifts to our widows.

Please remember in your prayer all those who are ill, especially Brother Knight **Jerry Ahrens**. Jerry was a perfect match for a kidney donation for his brother and underwent surgery at Madison on December 27. All went well and he is recovering at home.

We regret the withdrawal of **Tim Majewski**, First Degree member.

Fourth Degree

The Marquette Assembly #1197 held a Christmas Party on January 10th at Rock Garden. As in the Third Degree Councils, the effort now is collecting dues from members as well as trying to wrap up the Fourth Degree Raffle as the State Charity Raffle gets under way. And, we continue to gear up for the Fourth Degree Exemplification at Appleton on April 5th.

Charity Raffle

All Council brothers will soon receive raffle tickets if they have not already received them. Please remember how important this raffle is, and note well the fact that so few men from our Council manage to sell the vast majority of the tickets. Be sure to sell off the tickets or purchase them yourself--and this time around let's see many more names on the Honor Roll of twenty tickets or more, and on the High Honor Roll of one hundred or more. On our local Council level, last year was our second best year ever--not equaling our record 2001 of 1701 tickets sold, but a respectable total of 1392. 1384 tickets were sold in 2000. 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 were on the Honor Roll of those who sold 20 or more tickets, raising at least \$100 for the State's mission of charity. In 2001 there were six names of the top seller list (100 tickets or more) compared to only three in 2002. Those three men sold 1/3 of the Council's total.

Contact **Leon Janowski** for information or for more tickets (468-7544.)

Public Relations Director

Congratulations to **Mike (Austin) Worzala** who has accepted the role of Public Relations Director for the Council. We've not had someone specifically in that role for some time. His responsibility will be to assist the Council in getting news of activities and events to the appropriate media. We thank Mike for his willingness to help in this important work.

**NEXT MEETING: FIRST DEGREE
JANUARY 20TH 7:00 PM**

SPOTLIGHT ON... **DAVID DOERING**



It was the ideal time to try and contact Dave for an interview in the Winter. Spring, Summer and Fall are especially busy for him with a lawn care business and with a Christmas tree farm. It was through this latter business that Dave got a little of an introduction to the Knights of Columbus, since he has dealt with the Ashwaubenon Council a number of years, selling them the trees for their annual tree sale. So, when Randy Barrett asked him if he might be interested in becoming a Knight, it was not altogether unfamiliar. He was already aware of the charitable contributions that Knights are responsible for and thought that the Knights might be a great group of guys with whom to associate.

For the larger part of his year he is occupied handling accounts in Brown, Door, Shawano and Outagamie Counties as well as Mitchell Field, managing the lawn care through his company, Canadeo Lawn Care located on Shawano Avenue. Originally from Cedarburg, he attended UW-Stevens Point and earned a Degree in Forestry and Resource Management in 1986. Unfortunately jobs in forestry were rather tight at the time so he eventually ended up at Canadeo, since his wife, Denise was an RN working in Green Bay. At the time, Canadeo also handled extermination services. Dave & Denise bought the lawn care part of the business last year and they along with a secretary form the company. In the busy season, ten-hour days, seven days per week, are not uncommon. Then there's the Christmas tree farm in Langlade County--and Christmas trees have been in the family since the 1950's and they sell about 500 trees per year. Handling a Christmas tree farm involves a lot more than just watching them grow. They handle Balsam and Frasier Fir, trees that grow more slowly than some others. Each tree, no matter how big, needs to be sheared by hand annually until they are ready to harvest in ten or fifteen years.

Besides the Christmas tree connection, Dave has managed to find the time to take part in some activities of the Council including occasional meetings, food stands and the like. The family has lived in the St. Bernard area for about fifteen years now, and when there is time to relax they enjoy camping, hunting, fishing and gardening. Denise works at St. Vincent Hospital as a child birth educator. This is the second year they have taught First Grade in the Religious Education program and they are also involved in the Life Teen program at St. Bernard, dealing with Church and social issues and how they relate to today's teens. Dave & Denise have two sons, Ryan (15) and Sean (9).

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2003 Charity Raffle Information

Use of Proceeds from Annual Raffle:

Distributed to Councils for local community charitable purposes:	\$ 315,506.00
95 grants to victims of fire for immediate use:	\$ 29,700.00
22 Grants to children (3-16 years) with medical needs:	\$ 45,500.00
70 Grants to adults with medical problems:	\$ 124,786.00
11 grants to children under 3 years for medical needs:	\$ 27,500.00
7 Grants for fire and tornado damage	\$ 13,000.00

Total Charitable Distribution (2002): **\$**
555,992.00

Total Charitable Distribution (2001): *\$ 534,289.00*

2003 Prize Structure:

1st	\$ 50,000.00
2nd	\$ 25,000.00
3rd	2003 Harley Ultra Classic Electra Glide <u>or</u> \$ 20,000.00
4th	2003 Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 <u>or</u> \$ 7,500.00
5th	2003 Polaris Magnum 330 4x4 ATV <u>or</u> \$ 5,000.00
6th - 20th	\$ 1,000.00 each
21st - 40th	\$ 500.00 each

Tickets: \$5.00 Donation

Drawing April 26th, 2003 7:00 PM Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

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