



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

March 2003



Grand Knight's Column

When Rick Noe asked if I would be Deputy Grand Knight--I said yes with the understanding I'd be gone to Florida the month of February. Well here we are in March and I am back enjoying the wonderful Wisconsin weather. I would personally like to thank DGK John Murphy for taking over for me during February and for running the February meeting. Council 10243 did not miss a beat.

I would like to thank all of you who helped with the Booyah weekend on February 15-16th and the Porkie and Pancake Breakfast on March 2nd. Both events were very successful. A special thanks to Bill Bartelme, John Murphy and Mike Worzala for chairing these events.

We need your support with our upcoming events. On March 15-16th we have our next Booyah weekend. If you can help out on Saturday at 7:00 AM or Sunday at 7:30 AM please give Jim Janssen a call at 406-8685. Our Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 30th at The Woods Supper Club. Cocktails are at 5:30 PM with the dinner to follow at 6:30. Awards and entertainment by The Odd Couple will complete the evening. It will be great to have a good turnout.

While attending church in Orlando I noticed a pamphlet in my pew put there by the Knights of Columbus. It was titled, "Who Cares?" It shows what we as Knights are about--caring.

- ▶▶ Knights Care About the Community
- ▶▶ Knights Care About Family
- ▶▶ Knights Care About Young People
- ▶▶ Knights Care About Their Fellow Members

Make this a good Lent and spend some quiet time with the Lord. See you on Monday, March 17th at our next meeting.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council 10243 will be held on the Third Monday of March, St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The rosary and meeting will begin at around 7:30 PM. There may be a First Degree exemplification preceding at 7:00 PM, but plans are not definite. Anyone interested in attending the Degree, if there is one, should contact **Grant Turner** (469-3407) prior to the meeting. Please make an effort to be present for the meeting and help your Council plan to carry on the mission of Christ.

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Mike Borlee
Family of the Month: Bill & Sandy Bartelme

Booyah

Another successful booyah sale was held on February 15-16th, raising \$691.35 for the work of the Council. The following brothers worked on Saturday: **Dan Barrington, Bill Bartelme, Tom Caldie, Ray Demerath, Joe Hoffman, Leon Janowski, Paul Krohn, Clayton Langenberg, Bob Ledvina, John Murphy, Gerry Piontek & Jason Vandermause.** Sunday's able crew included: **Dan Barrington, Tom Capelle, Ray Demerath, Norb Kalinosky, John Murphy, John Walczyk, Stan Waslowski, Dave Whitton & Mike Worzala.** Thanks to all!

Another Booyah is scheduled for March 15-16th, and volunteers are needed. Contact **Jim Janssen** (406-8685) to sign up. The next meeting will be too late.

Next Council Meeting
Monday, March 17th

7:30 PM

March 25: Day of the Unborn Child

A few years back the Supreme Council designated March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, as the *International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child*, to further enhance the Order's Crusade for Life. While we are not aware of any large-scale commemorations of the day, all Council members are asked to commit themselves that day to at least pray the rosary (Joyful Mysteries) and the *Prayer for the Unborn Child* appearing elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.

Brothers

One of the less fortunate aspects of handling the payment of dues is that the Financial Secretary becomes aware of some members of the Council who choose to transfer to another Council or to withdraw from the Knights of Columbus. We are aware of the following and we thank them for the time and effort they gave to the work of Council 10243:

Patrick Danforth, III Degree, is a student at Franciscan University at Steubenville, OH. He has decided to withdraw from the Knights.

Father **Doug LeCaptain**, IV Degree, has indicated his intention to transfer to a Council in Allouez, nearer to his residence.

Paul Vanden Plas, III Degree, has lived in the Pulaski area for some time and has transferred to Council 4439 in Pulaski.

With sadness we note the death of Father **Jim Gilsoul** on February 12th at the age of 57. State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman** attended the funeral in Sturgeon Bay and Council member Father **Jerry Pastors** preached the homily. A Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present. Father Gilsoul was to have made the First Degree on the day that turned out to be the day of his funeral.

Pancake/Porkie

Thanks to all who helped out at the Pancake/Porkie Breakfast on March 2nd: **Dan Barrington, Tom Caldie, Tom Capelle, Al Collins, Ray Demerath, Tom Gauthier, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen, Kevin Lardinois, John Murphy, Rick & Mary Noe, Gene Pieschek,**

Gerry Piontek, Ken Stoe, Grant Turner & Mike Worzala. We realized a profit of \$426.40.

Prayer

The Supreme Council designated March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, as the International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. The prayer is taken from the KC's Book of Prayers for the Family.

Prayer for the Unborn Child

Almighty God, our Father, you have given us life and intended us to have it forever, grant us your blessings. Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in your image and likeness. Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that life occupies the first place, that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects. Give us the grace...

When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.

When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, a gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.

When the institution of marriage is abandoned to human selfishness or reduced to a temporary conditional arrangement that can be easily terminated, to stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

When the value of life is threatened because of social and economic pressure, to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state.

When freedom is used to dominate the weak, to squander natural resources and energy, to deny basic necessities to people, to stand up and reaffirm the demands of justice and social love.

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and to demand that society itself give it protection. We ask this in

your name, through the redemptive act of your Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dues

As of the beginning of March six men of Council 10243 have still not responded to repeated calls to pay annual dues, for which notices went out months ago. Those who choose to string the Council along for months cost us more money in repeated mailings and other expenses. If you are one of the six who may face suspension for non-payment of dues, please tend to this responsibility of membership *immediately*. And, if you are receiving requests for dues and believe our records are in error, contact FS **Jim Barnett** (468-1245).

Special Days

March 15 - April 15

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

March

15 A Kelly & Virginia Gigot
16 B Roger Heesacker
17 B Dan Mullen
19 B Mary Ann (Jim) VanAllen
25 B Helen (Robert) DeGrave
26 B Delores (Jeff) Shutter
26 B Larry Ziarnik
27 B Kelly Gigot
29 B Thelma (Norbert) Kalinosky
31 B Judy (Richard) Bligiske

April

01 B Al Greene
05 A Dave & Denise Doering
05 B Jim Barnett
08 B Denise (Stephen) Kotlar
10 B Connie (Mike) Worzala
11 A Al & Lois Greene
15 B Gary Nimmer

Chaplain's Column

The word *discipline* has an unfortunate connotation. We immediately think of correction, of reproofing our children or of being taught a lesson. Certainly that is a part of it, and those who think back to the days of grade school or military service know that discipline is not always

something welcomed with great joy because it often involved some sort of suffering. The actual meaning of the word has more to do with training to develop a certain control over oneself--a process of learning. After all, discipline and disciples come from the same root and we don't necessarily think of the disciples of Jesus as being men who were slapped around a lot but rather as learners.

As we settle into the holy season of Lent, the Church reminds us of the ancient disciplines of the season--Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Calling them disciplines may just scare some people away, but we would do well to embrace these as methods by which we can learn a bit more about our faith, fulfill our commitment to Christ as members of his Church and help ourselves all at the same time. Consider the opportunities that are available. For Prayer, there are, in most parishes, increased opportunities to join together in prayer with added Masses or devotions such as Stations of the Cross. Many people set a goal of attending Mass as often as possible, even daily, during the season. Somewhere in town there will be a mass that fits your schedule, no matter how busy we are. (And, if we can't find time for Mass, there is something seriously wrong with our lives.) We are also called to increase our private prayer, especially by again discovering the richness of the scriptures. Fasting means more than staying away from meat on Fridays in Lent. For those who enjoy fish anyway, abstinence from meat is a welcome change and certainly no discipline. If you must give up something in the traditional sense, make it something that you'll actually miss. Giving up liver or broccoli, for most of us, just doesn't cut it. Think about giving up the hurtful and angry things we say and do to one another. Read the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 58, for a description of the ideal fast. Grow in faith by taking part in some Lenten program. Enrich your life, don't give it up. And, for Almsgiving, remember that we're not looking for applause for our deeds of charity. Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing (Mt. 6,3). Do not think that writing a check absolves us from responsibility. At the judgment the Lord will look at our hands, not to see how many times we wrote checks out, but rather to see if they were used in the service of our brothers and sisters. Time, talent and treasure are to be spent in the service of others.

Looking at these disciplines as opportunities rather than inconveniences may enable us to eventually see them as rewards of Christianity rather than something meant to irritate us.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Charity Raffle

It appears as if we are at about the same position now as we were a year ago regarding raffle ticket sales. As of the end of February, Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports that we are at 1/3 of our goal. 35 members of the Council have sold 447 tickets. That is an average of almost twelve tickets sold by about 28% of the Council. Father **Al Lis** is the top seller at the moment, the only one to have exceeded 100 tickets so far.

How To Unload Raffle Tickets

The challenge for the Council is always to do better, and to make effective use of about fifty men who don't respond at all. Some tips on getting rid of the tickets:

1) Have them. Tickets won't sell if they're sitting on your kitchen counter. You'll never know when the next opportunity will come along. Almost anyone is willing to take a five-buck chance on 50K, especially when they know that it is for charity. The back of the ticket notes how the money is used. Point that out to people. Many men believe it is important to carry a Form 100 with them--carry a few raffle tickets as well. There may be a use for both.

2) Try co-workers. Some employers do not permit any kind of solicitation on company time. Others allow it as long as it does not become a nuisance. Talk to people you know, and if you are in a position to do so, ask customers or clients, or at least see if you can put up a sign advertising the raffle.

3) Ask. Take a lesson from carnival barkers--they don't wait for people to come to them. Ask people if they are interested in taking a chance for charity, if they feel lucky, or, as the pocket badge says, "Wanna win \$50,000?"

4) Call in favors. How many times have you bought candy bars, raffle tickets and cookies from friends and neighbors? Call in a few favors and those tickets will disappear fast.

5) Events & Gatherings. Find out if it is all right to sell tickets at events sponsored by churches, groups or organizations to which you belong. Don't overlook the obvious. At a recent

Pancake/Porkie breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, there was not a single raffle ticket in sight.

6) Your own charity. All Council members are sent seven tickets. Purchasing them yourselves, if you're not the selling type, is probably not a serious financial burden to most of our men.

Blood Program

Rick Noe, Past Grand Knight of Council 10243 and One-A-Week Blood Donor Club Coordinator, sent along this letter which went out to all GK's of District 13:

Dear Grand Knights of District 13,

Please pass along my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of your members and their families who took part in our joint blood program this past year. It was through their unselfish act that we able to surpass our previous years donation mark of 79 pints. Because of the combined effort of all 5 Councils in District 13 we were able to donate a total of 96 pints of blood. This is a tremendous increase for our second year in the program. Again I would like to say "Thanks" to all of our members and their families who helped us reach this impressive number.

This program is important in many ways. The most obvious is for the gift of blood, which turns into the gift of life for many. This is a real way that we as Knights help the broader based community in which we live. As we give blood in the name of the Knights of Columbus, we exercise that virtue of unity that we learned about when we advanced through Knighthood to the second degree. If you think about it, this is the one program that unifies the five councils within our district. This is the one activity we do jointly where all of the results are tracked as one.

As our third year starts, so do the new challenges to make this program even more successful. Please remind your members to give blood when you have your monthly meetings and in your newsletters. Also remind them to record their donation under the "Knight's of Columbus" tab in the donation record book.

I ask that you do your part to make this an active program in your Councils.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

State Convention

Please consider taking part in the 102nd Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council, scheduled for Appleton April 26-27th. The proximity of the gathering should make it possible for many to attend the events of the Convention, even those who do not wish to stay overnight. Events of the weekend include a Civic Opening & Awards Ceremony on Saturday at 8:45 AM, followed by the opening of the Business Session and the State Deputy's Report at 10:00. Chaplains from throughout the State will meet for lunch at 11:30. Business sessions and Ladies' tours continue until the caucus for delegates to the Supreme Convention in Washington DC at 2:30 PM. The Memorial Mass with Bishop Banks presiding will be at 4:00 PM with a social to follow. The State Deputy's Banquet will begin at 7:00 PM and will include presentation of Major Awards and the Charity Raffle drawing. Sunday will conclude the business of the Convention with adjournment expected around noon.

Newsletter Feedback

This note came into the web site from the feedback form. Author and place of origin are not known. This is a tremendous pat on the back for all of us. We are having an impact.

While surfing the net for interesting K of C websites, I hit upon yours about a week ago, and having been reading every word of every article from January 2001 to February 2003. Let me say that your newsletter is the most outstanding among all I have read to date. The columns by your present worthy GK (Grant Turner) as well as the worthy PGK's have been eloquent, to the point, and true to Catholicism in their messages. Your Chaplain, Father Al Lis, O.F.M. writes with a 'spirituality' that I have not seen or experienced anywhere--certainly not in my 27 years as a Knight of Columbus.

The combined impact of your newsletters was to affirm for me that somewhere there truly is a K of C Council that 'puts into practice' the principles of our Order. If you have ever read the newsletters of other K

of C councils on the net, many start off with some variation of this statement, usually in a section titled Who We Are. "Our Council is not like it was in your father's day - a bunch of old men, sitting around gambling, smoking cigars, etc." Well unfortunately for me, my Council still is. My attempts as an 'active member' but 'non-officer' for all these years have been thwarted by the 25-35 brothers (out of 373!) who have effectively formed a clique to keep out those who don't want it to be an 'old man's social club' but rather in reality 'the right arm of the Church'.

I have taken notes from most of the articles that have appeared in your newspaper - as I read them, I felt that I had written them, stated them or at least thought of them. My intent is to use them in the near future, if it continues as I feel now, that an 'invisible hand' is pushing me in the direction of running for GK. Thanks for affirming my (our) beliefs! If you can, please pray that if I answer the call to serve, God will give me the strength to do it as well as it appears that you men have.

Jesus Lives.

Second & Third Degree

An exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees will be held in DePere on Sunday, April 6th. That is the day after the Fourth Degree in Appleton and may cause some rushing for those who wish to attend both. Current First Degree men who should be planning to participate are:

**Al Greene
John Hansen
Paul Krohn
Brian LeCloux
Joe Malcore
Kirk Pelnar
Gene Pieschek
Father Dave Pleier
Robert Rocque
Robert Warpinski**

Third and Fourth Degree men are reminded of the charge we receive to attend these Degrees so that their lessons may be reinforced. First Degree men are asked to keep the date reserved and will be contacted with details. Others wishing to attend should contact Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) to arrange for a lunch ticket as soon as possible. Let's

encourage our First Degree men to complete their journey to full Knighthood in the Third Degree.

Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree will be holding an Exemplification sponsored by the Eastern District on Saturday, April 5th at Appleton. Since the Honoree for this Exemplification is one of our own Council members, Father **Al Lis**, it would be really nice to have, not only candidates from our Council, but current Fourth Degree members in attendance as well. At the moment we appear to have neither. The closeness of this Exemplification makes it convenient for anyone who might not wish to incur the added expense of a room overnight. Bishop **Robert Banks** is scheduled to be the speaker at the dinner in Appleton. About twenty-five members of our Council are Fourth Degree members. Information can be obtained from Father Al (437-1979). Another Exemplification will be held at Janesville on Saturday, June 7th.

Fourth Degree members held a meeting at the Lilac Plantation on February 11th. The Fourth Degree raffle is wrapping up, although ticket receipts could be better. A drawing for the raffle will be held at the Exemplification in April. Another meeting is planned for March 11th at Angela Leigh's in Dyckesville.

February Meeting

Thanks to State Deputy **Richard Rebman** for hosting a spaghetti and meatball dinner as a part of the social following the February Council meeting. Richard provided the feast as a means of thanking the Council for its support on his journey through the Offices of the Wisconsin State Council on the way to his election as State Deputy last year. Several Ladies of the Council family joined in the dinner.

Appreciation Dinner

Our annual Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th at The Woods (formerly Woodside) Restaurant. Reservations are due as soon as possible, no later than the Council meeting on March 17th. The cost of the evening is \$13.00/person. Cocktails are at 5:30 PM with the dinner to follow at 6:30. Entertainment will be provided by *The Odd Couple*. The evening will also include presentation of the Council's Major Awards. RSVP right away to **John Murphy** (362-2724).

Major Awards to be Presented

Presentation of the Council's Major annual Awards will take place at the Appreciation Dinner on March 30th. The Awards include *The Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award*, *The Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award* and *The Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award*. Balloting was held at the February meeting for the Family and Knight of the Year.

Previous winners of the Knight of the Year Award include: **Father Al Lis, O.F.M., Wayne Wassenberg, Dave Whitton, Eugene Schmitz, Jim Barnett (2), Leon Janowski (2) & Tom Gauthier**. Winners of the Family of the Year were: **Robert & Vione Jacqmin, Larry & Bridget Ziarnik, Roger & Lynda Shaha, Scott & LuAnn Rebman, Leon & Sheila Janowski, Harry & Marily Christensen, Randy & Becky Barrett, Rick & Mary Noe and Gerry & Janet Piontek**. The Distinguished Service Award has gone to: **Dan McLaughlin, Jim Barnett, Dave Whitton (3), Roy C. Johnson (2), Father Al Lis, Robert Jacqmin, Richard Rebman, Tom Gauthier, Wayne Wassenberg, Jim Janssen & Mike Worzala**.

Coming Events

Booyah	February 15-16 th <i>Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8685)</i>
Council Meeting	March 17 th <i>Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)</i>
Day of the Unborn Child	March 25 th
Appreciation Dinner	March 30 th <i>Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)</i>
Fourth Degree (Appleton)	April 5 th <i>Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)</i>
Second & Third Degree	April 6 th <i>Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)</i>
Easter	April 20 th
Council Meeting	April 21 st <i>Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)</i>
State Convention (Appleton)	April 26-27 th <i>Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)</i>

Spotlight On...

Tom Janowski



It seemed only natural that Tom would end up as a part of the Knights of Columbus. His dad was a Knight and as the youngest of several brothers, all joined their father in the Order. Tom recalls joining the Knights in Kewaunee back in the 70's. Leaving the family farm after his parents retired, he came to Green Bay in 1981 and joined St. Bernard Parish. When a Council of the Knights of Columbus was formed in the area in 1990, he became a part of it and joined his cousin Leon Janowski as a Charter Member.

Tom and his brother own a commercial heat treating business called Omega Metals Treating, a company they started in 1986 and is currently located in DePere Industrial Park. For him as for so many others in business, long days are common and the paperwork sometimes seems endless. He usually is in the office by around 6:00 AM and doesn't manage to leave until around 4:00 PM. The point of the business of metal treating; they receive a lot of work from foundries and deal with heating parts in 1900 degree furnaces.

In the free time that he has, Tom enjoys jogging at the "Y" or outside, as well as some of the other outdoor activities including boating and golf. In former days he was a hunter but has laid that aside for the present. He attended UWGB and he also is a military man, having served 22 years in the Army Reserves, ending up with the rank of Master Sergeant. He has been based all over the country including such diverse places as Texas, Oklahoma, California and Missouri, but has never needed to leave the country. He has also coached 5th grade basketball for twelve years and has worked on the parish picnics at St. Bernard.

Tom's mother still lives in Kewaunee; his dad died a few years ago. He knew his wife, Marilyn, for many years but both of them chose to marry later in life. They were in a catechism class together at St. Hedwig parish a number of years back and they met up again through mutual friends. Tom & Marilyn enjoy traveling when they have the chance and have visited Mexico and Aruba.

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