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Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

Since our last *Newsletter* many activities and events have occurred. Here is an update on these happenings. Attending the State Knights of Columbus Convention on April 26-27th at the Radisson in Appleton was an interesting experience. The sessions themselves, the Mass, the awards banquet and on Sunday the re-election of our own Richard Rebman as State Deputy, plus one of our members, Karl Schroeder, winning \$5000 in the raffle made the Convention worthwhile.

May 2-4th was the annual Tootsie Roll weekend. I would especially like to thank Mike Worzala and Tom Gauthier who co-chaired the event and Jim Janssen who did the calling for workers. The Tootsie Roll week-end had over 50 members sign up, but by the time the weekend arrived we had only about 30 men who worked at Wal-Mart, East Towne Mall and at all Masses at St. Bernard & Holy Martyrs. This meant that Mike and Tom had to be at several places at one time, which was next to impossible. Thanks again, Mike & Tom, for your special efforts. Also, thanks to all who made our booth at the St. Bernard Parish Fair a success. The no-show problem has been escalating, as has the recruiting of workers for fundraisers. The question raised by many is, Do we have too many fundraisers? Attend our May meeting, as we need suggestions and input regarding these problems.

This leads to our brat fries at Festival and Cub Foods and our Knights Grill at St. Bernard Summer Blast. We need help--check your calendar and give Jim Janssen a call (406-8685) or sign up at the next meeting to volunteer your time. *"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?"*

The weekend of May 17-18th we will be collecting food at our reverse collection Sunday for St. Bernard pantry. If you are attending Mass at St. Bernard that weekend, please give us a hand collecting and sorting the groceries before Mass. This will be greatly appreciated.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that our Financial Secretary collapsed at a prayer service in Milwaukee on May 4th. As I write this he is still in St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee. Please remember Brother Jim in your prayers. If you want a progress report feel free to give me a call (469-3407.) I should know more in the next few days.

Hope to see you all at our First Degree on May 19th at 7:00 PM.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Honorees

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

**Knight of the Month: Scott McKenzie
Family of the Month: Kelly & Ginny Gigot**

Next Meeting: First Degree

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual Third Monday on the Month, May 19th. There will be an exemplification of the First Degree beginning at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40. ***Please remember that out of respect to the Candidates and the Degree staff, no one will be admitted during the exemplification.***

New Member

Welcome to the newest member of the Council family, **Pat Mongin**. Pat was read in at the last meeting and is awaiting First Degree. Both **Grant Turner** and **Rick Noe** can claim credit as his proposer; it will be interesting to see which actually signs the Form 100.

Correction

Al Collins was among those coming together for the funeral of Brother knight **Curt Gilson** on March 22nd. His name was not included in the listing that appeared in last month's *Newsletter*.

Chaplain's Column

A Grand Knight who was a first-time delegate to the recent Convention expressed an interesting problem. I had spoken to him a couple of weeks back, preaching about what a great experience I thought these affairs were, and how they tried to build fraternity on the State level. To a certain extent that is still true, and I believe that many of the people there were actually there with an open mind, with a love for the Knights and with hope for our future, and not with an agenda to be addressed. As the *Good of the Order* Committee report droned on, that seemed to fade. I had a few things to say to the *Good of the Order* Committee about the tone of their report and contributed a few of those thoughts to this publication. So, as I sat in the back, this particular Grand Knight noticed me and came to sit next to me. He leaned over and said, "I guess this shoots fraternity straight to hell."

That got me to thinking. I have always been a supporter of our men taking part in affairs outside our Council because I believe that getting a broader experience is important. I also know that a lot happens at Conventions--reports that bring people down are the exception; unfortunately they tend to be what people remember. We have two choices here, I believe. One can be to allow the negativity of some to ruin the experience for us. We can take a perfectly good Convention and brand it a bad experience because of just a couple of things. Or, we can allow ourselves to believe that what God has in mind for the Knights will come to pass even in spite of anyone's efforts to stop it. It all depends on what we're looking for. I talked to that same Grand Knight a couple of days later and he reflected that he was trying to think of how to report back to his Council on what had taken place over the weekend. He said all he could think of was that one lengthy report. It was a struggle to remember that there were so many others--reports that celebrated who we are and what we were doing. There was our prayer; Bishop Banks noting that the Eucharist was the most important thing we do at the Convention. There were chance encounters and hospitality rooms, and meals and banquets and awards. 'One report does not a Convention make.' That doesn't make it all right to try to bring people down. It means that despite the actions of a Convention, we ultimately have the chance to accept or reject the elements of a Convention. Instead of concentrating on what went wrong, we need to celebrate what's right. Otherwise, we're falling into the same trap that we've been accusing the committee of hiding in. By and large, Conventions

have been uplifting experiences--the positives do seem to outweigh the negatives. And, shouldn't that be the mission of the Knights, and of all Christians, in the world? Our task is to carry the light of the risen Christ, not the gloom and despair that may still dwell in our hearts.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Bus Trip to Supreme

A bus trip has been organized for anyone interested in attending the Supreme Convention in Washington, DC in early August. One option is specifically tailored toward those who wish to attend the Convention itself and another for those not taking part in business sessions. The trip includes sightseeing in Washington and Arlington Cemetery as well as Mount Vernon, and will be at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Eucharistic devotions on August 9th. A visit to Gettysburg is a part of the return trip. The trip that is not intended for Convention-goers will travel to Colonial Williamsburg while delegates and others attend the sessions in Washington. The tour departs on Saturday, August 2nd and returns on Sunday, August 10th. Prices from Milwaukee for the non-convention tour is \$1315/person twin and \$1670 single. Prices for those attending the Convention are \$1039 /person twin and \$1261 single. The latter prices do NOT include Convention registration and 3 nights lodging at the Convention hotel, Washington Hilton.

The trip has been arranged by Sunrise Cruise & Travel in Waukesha specifically for the Knights of Columbus. For information call toll free 1-800-518-9346. \$200 is needed to secure reservations and final payment is due by July 3rd.

Second & Third Degree

The next local (Green Bay) exemplification of the Second and Third Degree is November 2nd, 2003. First Degree members are asked to reserve this date well in advance so that they can plan to participate and achieve the rank of full Knighthood. Please remember that Second and Third Degree exemplifications are held around the State. Consider a 'day trip' to Burlington on June 1st or Middleton on June 14th. Contact Father Al (437-1979) for information. Current Third & Fourth Degree men are also reminded to take part in these major Degrees to refresh the lessons that are taught.

Charity Raffle

Raffle winners were drawn at the State Convention in Appleton on April 26th. Congratulations to all the winners, and special congratulations to Council 10243 member **Karl Schroeder**, winner of the fifth prize.

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| 50,000 | Jeanne Sedlacek | Chippewa Falls |
| 25,000 | Diane Taggart | Racine |
| 20,000 | Kyle & Anne Clark | Waupun |
| 7,500 | Nancy GreenBeck | Lone Rock |
| 5,000 | KARL SCHROEDER | GREEN BAY |
| 1,000 | Fr. Bernard Raschke | Marshfield |
| | A. & D. Schleis | Denmark |
| | Eugene Krueger | Horicon |
| | Sally Becker | Turtle Lake |
| | Gail Aumann | Jefferson |
| | Peter Marx | Lake City, MN |
| | Alvin Rathsach | Gillett |
| | Kathleen Simons | Wautoma |
| | Nicole Hollander | Wisconsin Dells |
| | Doug Fredrickson | Green Bay |
| | Allen Ehlers | Hortonville |
| | Sandy Greer | Superior |
| | Kelly Luedy | Albany |
| | Elmer Rudd | Caledonia |
| | Joyce Louwagie | Marshfield |
| 500 | Henry Becker | LaCrosse |
| | Pat Caprez | Elm Grove |
| | Sheldon Ward | Muscoda |
| | Greg & Mary Ehr | Menominee Falls |
| | #715-561-XXXX | Hurley |
| | Jim Murphy | Sun Prairie |
| | Betty Baker | Columbus |
| | Justin Gudis | Bruce |
| | Margo Johnson | Osceola |
| | T. & R. Weiler | Wisconsin Rapids |
| | Judge Tom Curran | Milwaukee |
| | Cecelia Hempel | Cross Plains |
| | Thomas Waldron | Portage |
| | Matt Rollins | Red Wing, MN |
| | Gwen Ringelstetter | Prairie du Sac |
| | Kelly Jones | Spencer |
| | Jim Nellen | Madison |
| | Randy Fischer | Watertown |
| | Robert Albrecht | Milwaukee |
| | Joe Bartylla | Luck |

On our local Council level, there is some slight confusion because some tickets found their way to the raffle without going through coordinator **Leon Janowski**. According to his official records we sold an even 1400 tickets this year, not our best total ever, but just ahead of last year's 1392. As we were some 60 tickets over our goal, we will earn the \$500 bonus from the State. This year, 83

members of the Council (62%) helped in the sale, compared to 79 last year. 51 men did nothing. As it was last year, the same three men are in the 100+ club. Those three alone sold over 1/3 of our Council's total. We again list the names of and salute those who sold 20 or more tickets, raising at least \$100 for charity:

Father Al Lis (195)
Roger Heesacker (160)
Randy Barrett (137)

Tom Gauthier (73)
Richard Rebman (37)
Leon Janowski (37)
Aaron Naze (34)
John Schmitz (33)
Gerry Piontek (31)
Kevin Lardinois (29)
Jed Schacht (27)
Ray Demerath (25)
Tom Caldie (24)
Rick Noe (22)
Dave Whitton (20)

Like last year, there are fifteen names on our 'Honor Roll.' New to the list this year are **Demerath, Caldie & Whitton**.

We'd also like to tip our hats to our ladies and others who helped in ticket sales. The woman that cleans offices at Father Al's parish (**Janet Gamache**) sold 22 tickets this year.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is with the family of another member of the Council family who entered eternal life recently--**Frances Ann (Holsbach) Charles** was called to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 6th. Fran was the widow of our brother Harris Charles who passed to the Lord on January 28, 2002. She and Harris were married for over sixty years and she had been living at Rennes Nursing Home in DePere struggling with Alzheimer's.

Attending the funeral on April 11th were Presider Father **Dave Pleier**, Harris' cousin **Cliff Gigot**, Deacon **John Laurant**, Deacon **Robert Jacqmin**, Deacon **Larry & Doris Mastalish**, **Stan Waslowski**, **Carol Naze** and **Jim & Marilyn Barnett**. Several others also paid their respects at the visitation at the funeral home and prior to the Mass. May our sister Fran, now reunited with her dear husband, live forever in the glory of the Risen Christ!

Clergy Night

About 175 gathered for the annual Clergy Appreciation evening in DePere on April 28th. The evening honored clergy and religious from the area and also served as an opportunity for the host Council, Abbot Pennings Council #3955 to show support for a seminarian they sponsor and two Catholic grade schools in DePere. Funds are solicited from neighboring Councils to help cover the dinner, but support to schools and seminarians come from the Council's own funds. From the Council 10243 family, Father **Al Lis** and State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman** took part. Bishop **Robert Banks** was among those present, and entertainment was provided by the West DePere High School Swing Choir. **John Hofbauer** serves as Grand Knight of Council 3955.

Special Days

May 15 - June 15

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

May

16 B David Burbach
16 A John & Lee Ann Laurant
18 B John Murphy
18 B Mason Powers
19 A Dan & Melanie Barrington
19 B Paul Krohn
19 B Kristina (Brian) LeCloux
19 B Janet (Richard) Rebman
20 O Deacon Larry Mastalish
21 B Donna (Dan) Mullen
22 A Cliff & Dorothy Gigot
22 B Kevin Beck
22 B Leon Janowski
22 B Terry Misfeldt
22 B Mary (Don) Schneider
23 B Mac Kocha
23 B Kevin Lardinois
23 O Father Jerome Pastors
25 A John & Cheryl Hansen
27 B Mae (Eugene) Schmitz
27 B Robert Thut
28 A Bill & JoAnne Griesbach
29 B Renee (Mike) Vanden Busch
29 O Father Doug LeCaptain
29 O Father Mike Seis
30 A Andrew & Jeane Schumacher
30 B Tom Caldie
30 + George Capelle (1998)
31 A Al & Rosella Collins

31 B Dennis Duckett
31 B Michelle (Brad) Gauger
31 O Deacon Robert Jacqmin

June

01 B Donna (Gene) Pieschek
01 O Father Dave Pleier
02 A Randy & Becky Barrett
02 A Dennis & Sandy Duckett
02 A Gary & Virginia Durocher
02 A Leon & Sheila Janowski
02 A Richard & Connie Rosin
03 B Sarah (+Arnold) Chaloupka
05 B Ruth (Harold) Watermolen
06 A Tom & Theresa Caldie
07 A John & Marianthe Hale
07 A Mark & Lynn Janus
07 B Sandy (Dennis) Duckett
08 A John & Patricia Hyland
09 B Lynn (Mark) Janus
10 A Dennis & Ann Niess
10 A George & Joan Raymaker
12 B Janet (Gerry) Piontek
13 B Jeane (Andrew) Schumacher
14 A Mike & Mary Delvaux
14 B Wencil Froelich
14 B Dennis Niess
15 A Brad & Michelle Gauger

Booyah

A report on the last booyah of the season did not find room for itself in the last *Newsletter*. We'd like to acknowledge the workers for the event held on March 15-16th. An asterisk (*) indicates men who worked Saturday and Sunday: **Bill Bartelme, Dan Barrington, Mike Borlee, Tom Caldie, Tom Capelle, Ray Demerath*, Dave Doering, Gary Durocher, Tom Gauthier, Bill Griesbach, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen*, Paul Krohn, Clayton Langenberg, Bob Ledvina, John Murphy*, Aaron Naze, Gerry Piontek, Grant Turner*, Jason Vandermause and Stan Waslowski.** "Booyah Bishop" **Bill Bartelme** reported that the profit on this last Booyah of the season was \$605.90 for a season total of a little over \$2500.00. Thanks to all who gave of their time for these vital fundraisers.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 19th
First Degree: 7:00 PM
Meeting to follow

State Convention

Around five hundred delegates, guests and friends gathered for the 102nd State Convention of the Wisconsin State Council, held at Appleton April 25-27th. Council 10243 was represented through some ex-officio members including State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, State Parliamentarian **Jim Barnett** and Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**. Delegates to the Convention were Grand Knight **Grant Turner** and PGK **Rick Noe**. DGK **John Murphy** was also present, and **Joan Turner** and **Marilyn Barnett** came for the Saturday evening festivities. Richard, Janet & Father Al joined in the Past State Deputies Dinner on Friday evening. Later that evening there was a meeting of the Western District of the Fourth Degree. Saturday was filled with the usual business of Convention, including numerous resolutions and reports. State Chaplain Father **James Trempe** from Plover (LaCrosse) held a meeting of Diocesan Chaplains. Present were Green Bay (Father **Al Lis**, LaCrosse (Father **John Potaczek**) and Madison (Msgr. **Delbert Schmelzer**.) On Saturday afternoon Bishop **Robert Banks** presided at the evening Mass with about twenty priests, pointing out to the filled room that gathering for the Eucharist was the most important thing that the Knights and friends would do that weekend. The evening continued with the State Deputy's Social, General Social and the Banquet. After a fine dinner and some remarks by Officers and others, the prestigious Medallion Awards were presented and the raffle drawing was held, the latter including our own **Karl Schroeder**, winner of the 5th prize of \$5000.

Before the Convention word had been received of an unusual challenge to the State Secretary in an off-year election. The lengthy report of the *Good of the Order* Committee had also been received, a report with a very negative tone and sharply critical of the State Council. Sunday addressed all those issues. Despite the challenge, State Secretary **Richard Ammon** was elected to continue as State Secretary on the first ballot, 223 to 138. (There were a couple of invalid ballots, including one cast for Richard Rebman.) The *Good of the Order* Committee is comprised of PSD **John Hanlon**, PSD **Harold Stohlmeyer**, FDD **Thomas Schmitz** and Consultant PSD **George Kaczmarek**. Following the long report on Sunday, a rebuttal was given by Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin**. The report was also criticized by State Chaplain **Jim Trempe**, and in a letter to the Committee, Father Al said in part,

I believe it is time for the Good of the Order Committee to concentrate on the GOOD of the Order. Valid points that you made were clouded by negativity. Could you see using the Good of the Order report as a recruiting tool? The report, as presented, was an affront to fraternity and contrary to our purpose in Convention. I call upon the State Deputy to investigate whether the 'Good of the Order' would best be served by abolishing or replacing the committee or re-directing its chosen focus.

The thinly veiled sarcasm of the State Deputy's motto in the closing line invites a like response: Some may long to return to the days of Utopia when other State Deputies were gloriously reigning. But, centuries before Christ the Greeks knew that the only thing constant in our world was change itself. It's time we dealt with it.

And so the 102nd Convention is consigned to history, but plans are already underway for the 2004 Convention. Next Spring's gathering will take place on the last weekend of April at Wisconsin Dells (Kalahari Resort.)

Madison #6568 Installation

The annual Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner at University of Wisconsin Catholic Center (Madison) Council #6568 is a very important event in the life of the Council. On Saturday, May 3rd, about eighty people joined with the community at St. James Parish in Madison for the evening Mass. In addition to Msgr. **Doug Dushek** of St. James, other priests present were Msgr. **Dan Ganshert** from St. Raphael Cathedral, Council Chaplain Father **Randy Timmerman** from St. Paul and Green Bay Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**. Following the Mass Council officers were installed by State Deputy **Richard Rebman** and District Deputy **John Rebolz**. **Janet Rebman** and Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin**, a former member of the Council, was also among the guests. After a fine dinner, a number of awards were presented to Council members and friends. Father Al was given a Certificate of Appreciation "*In recognition of his fraternal friendship and loyal support of the Council and its programs, especially those relating to the spiritual life of the members.*" **Rob Staude** ended a term as Grand Knight and will be graduating; **Jason Szymanski** assumed the Office of Grand Knight for the coming year.

Tootsie Roll Drive

Coordinator Mike Worzala's report:

May 2-4th was our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. A big thank you to my brother Knights for giving of their time and talents and helping to raise just over \$3400 for the mentally challenged of Northeast Wisconsin. 35 Knights were willing to spend a couple of hours over the weekend. An asterisk (*) indicates men who worked multiple shifts or sites: **Randy Barrett, Dan Barrington*, Mike Barry, Bill Bartelme, Kevin Beck, Richard Bligiske, Mike Borley, Tom Caldie, Tom Capelle, Al Collins, Ray Demerath*, Gary Durocher, Steve Froelich, Tom Gauthier*, John Hale, Joe Hoffman, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen*, Norb Kalinosky*, Kevin Lardinois, Tom Marquardt, Scott McKenzie, John Murphy*, Gary Nimmer & Sons, Rick Noe, Gerry Piontek, Don Schneicer, Ken Stoey, Grant Turner*, Jim Van Allen*, Mike Vanden Busch, Jason Vandermause, John Walczyk, Stan Waslowski*, Harold Watermolen, Dave Whitton, Arnie Wolff & Family, Mike Worzala & Family, Bob Wozniak, LeRoy Zellner & Larry Ziarnik.**

Totals raised were \$904.70 at East Towne, \$382.00 at St. Bernard, \$1951.30 at Wal-Mart and \$167.00 at Holy Martyrs for a total of \$3405.00. This is down almost \$800 from last year. All our sites except Holy Martyrs were down from last year, Wal-Mart by \$450 and no one covered St. Mary of the Angels, which brought in \$273. However, average donations from 1998-2001 have been \$3300, so we're pretty close to target. Last year we may have benefited from the giving mood following 9-11, and the economy hurts a bit this year as well. Still, \$3400 is a great effort. Thanks to all, but special accolades to **Tom Gauthier & Jim Janssen**. To me, they are what being a Knight is all about.

Please remember the brat fry's at Festival Food (June 6th & July 11th) and Cub Food (June 2nd & July 6th.) Remember also the St. Bernard Summer Blast, July 26-27th. Please Volunteer!

Mike Austin Worzala

Prayer

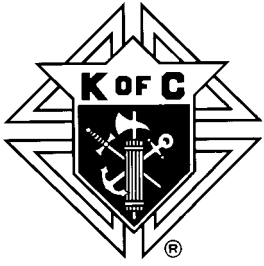
Prayer for Parish Leaders

Parishes customarily select and elect leadership at this time of the year.

God of wisdom and grace
all authority comes from your hand
and apart from you nothing has value.
Look with favor upon all those in our parish
who serve the community as members of
the Board of Education, Finance Committee,
Parish Council and other leadership groups.
May they respond
to the call of the community
and be ever attentive to the voice of your Spirit.
Guide the minds and hearts of those
who select and elect our leaders
so that all those who are chosen
may truly be your selection for this ministry.
May all who are in positions of leadership
in this parish and in all parish communities
seek always to know your will.
Fill them with the knowledge they will need
to best serve those they represent
and keep them open to what will best satisfy
the needs of all your people.
May we, your Knights and families,
gladly follow where you lead us
and make us true servants to all people
in all that we do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Fourth Degree

The year is winding to a close for the Fourth Degree, and although this is an 'off year' for elections, there will be a spot or two open among Officers for the coming year. The Assembly plans a social meeting in May and the semi-annual business meeting in June. As in Council 10243, this is an 'off' year for elections and we expect little change in the current slate of Assembly Officers. They customarily do not meet in July or August. An exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in at St. William Catholic School in Janesville (south of Madison) on Saturday, June 7th. The registration fee for non-clergy is \$65.00; extra dinner tickets are \$20.00. Anyone interested in attaining the highest Degree of our Order can contact Father Al for more information (437-1979). Registrations are due June 1st.



Spotlight On... Karl Schroeder

So it was Sunday evening, April 27th, the day that the State Convention in Appleton had wrapped up a few hours earlier. Karl was at home and the telephone rang--Raffle Chairman Leon Janowski calling to congratulate him. Since Karl hadn't gotten an official call yet, Leon didn't think it was his place to spill the beans. A bit later another call came, apparently from Colorado. Karl thought it was just another telemarketer, but it turned out being that official call, informing him that he won the fifth prize of \$5000 in the State Charity Raffle.

Back around 1995 Karl was looking for some way of getting a bit more involved in the community, and he wasn't sure what direction to go. Larry Zambrowicz suggested he check out the Knights of Columbus and Karl ended up joining Council 617 on Green Bay's west side, advancing in time through the Third Degree. Though he didn't know a lot about the Knights, both his grandfathers were members. While he remembers many members of Council 617, he was looking for a Council that was more active in the community and at the urging of Mike Vanden Busch, he transferred to Council 10243 about two years ago. In the time that he has been with us he has taken part in several activities including brat fries and Tootsie Roll drives.

Karl is a native of the Green Bay area, having been raised in the area and attending East DePere High School. After graduation from Marquette University in 1987 he started to feel something drawing him to the life of a 'computer geek.' He is presently a self-employed software designer, spending a lot of time designing computer programs for small businesses. He formed a company, KS Computing, Inc., about ten years ago and is spending a lot of time out of the office.

In some of the free time he has, he enjoys hunting and fishing and spending time on his Harley. He became interested in motorcycling about seven years ago and about two years ago became the owner of a Harley Davidson Wide Glide. Since then he's taken part in several Harley-sponsored activities, including rides for the company's designated charity, Muscular Dystrophy Association. As a member of St. Joseph Parish a few years ago, he worked with then-pastor Father Stan Browne helping to bring the parish into the computer age. He also served on the parish Finance Committee. Karl is currently a member of St. Agnes Parish.

He has a brother in the area and two sisters in Chicago, and enjoys the opportunity to visit his family. He also enjoys traveling when he has the chance and a few years ago visited such places as Rome and Florence. We are happy to have him as a part of the Council 10243 family and we hope his win in the raffle will be the start of a streak of luck.

May 2003