



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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+Al Collins 1925 – 2004

Council 10243 lost a dedicated Brother Knight and sitting Officer on Wednesday, March 3rd. Sir Knight Al (Allen) Collins, Advocate of Council 10243, passed to the Lord at the age of 78. Al and his beloved wife, Rosella, were married for nearly fifty-seven years and had five children and numerous grandchildren. A veteran of the Pacific Theatre in World War II, Al served as an Army medic. He worked as a glazer and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Workers and of VFW Post 2037. Other involvements included service as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bernard and President of the Holy Name Society. In addition to volunteering at Bornemann Nursing home and St. Vincent de Paul Store, he enjoyed being with his grandchildren and watching them in sporting events.

A Fourth Degree Knight, Al was laid to rest wearing the 4th Degree baldric. He was a member of Fourth Degree Assembly 1197. In his many years with the Knights, Al served the Council as Director of Fund Raising from 1992-94 and as Outside Guard from 1994-2000, when he assumed the Office of Advocate. Having held those positions, he was the longest serving Officer in the Council. He was named Knight of the Month three times and he and Rosella were selected Family of the Month five times, most recently in March of 2003. His was a familiar face as many Council events, especially the Council's early booyah sales. The Council voted in March 2004 to name our booyahs the Knights of Columbus Al Collins Booyah. Diocesan Chaplain Father Al Lis led the wake service at Proko-Wall Funeral Home on Sunday, March 7th. Joining together were almost forty members of Council 10243 and a Fourth Degree Honor Guard. Pastor and Council member Father Dave Pleier presided at the funeral Mass the next day. Father Al concelebrated and numerous Knights were present, including an Honor Guard.

Grand Knight's Column

This newsletter will be Father Al's last function as Chaplain and as Editor of our monthly Council Newsletter. We wish him well and we thank him for all he has done for Council 10243. He will be sadly missed. Remember Father Al in your prayers.

There were forty two who attended the Appreciation Dinner at The Woods on Sunday, March 28th. It was a pleasure to have Rose Collins and three of her children in attendance to receive the March 2003 Family of the Month Award.

Congratulations to the 2003 award winners: Mike & Connie Worzala, winners of The Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award and Tom Gauthier, winner of the Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award. Jim Barnett was the winner of the Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award.

Father Al received a standing ovation from his brother Knights in recognition of the many years of service he gave to Council 10243.

A reminder—if you can help out at our first brat fry on April 17th at Cub Foods, please give Jim Janssen a call at 406-8685. The same is true for our Tootsie Roll drive on the weekend of April 24th & 25th. Call Jim or Mike Worzala if you can help out. We still need many workers. If you need more raffle tickets give Leon Janowski a call at 468-7544.

Hope you had a great Easter. Our next meeting will be April 19th, rosary at 7:15 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Special Days

April 15 – May 15

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

April

15 B Marisela (Tom) Koene
15 B Gary Nimmer
16 A Eugene & Mae Schmitz
17 B Tom Koene
18 B Melanie (Dan) Maine
19 A Ken & Jane Delcore
19 B Stephen Froelich
19 B Peter Leitermann
20 B Jeff Shutter
20 B Jim VanAllen
21 A Jeff & Delores Shutter
23 B Marilyn (Tom) Janowski
24 B Denise (Kevin) Beck
26 B Kathy (Terry) Timmerman
27 B Barbara (Tom) George
30 A Jed & Beverly Schacht

May

04 B Carol (Aaron) Naze
05 B Sheila (Leon) Janowski
05 B Stan Waslowski
06 A William & Cheryl Brown
06 B Jane (Ken) Delcore
07 A Clay & Rosemary Langenberg
07 B John Hansen
07 B John Renier
08 B Lynda (Roger) Shaha
10 A John & Dawn Walczyk
10 O Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
11 A Peter & Tara Leitermann
11 A Dan & Melanie Maine
13 B Catherine (Richard) McClure
13 B Harold Watermolen

Chaplain's Column

After nearly twenty years of ministry in the Diocese of Green Bay it seems as if it is time to make a move. Certainly it is hardly monumental to do so, as many people pick up and move with alarming frequency these days. Still, twenty years is a long time and it gives me the opportunity to think about what some of the best experiences have been. That has to be most anything related to the Knights of Columbus. I became a part of the Knights way back in November of 1990, so it is safe to say that

the Knights have been a part of my life almost since I got here, certainly for the last fourteen years. I have known service as Chaplain for two Councils, Friar for our Fourth Degree Marquette Assembly, Friar for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and Diocesan Chaplain for Green Bay. I've also been doing two other things—Editor of the Council *NEWSLETTER* from 1993-94 and 1996 until now; and Degree Advancement Officer for quite a few years now. With respect to the gifts of my spiritual roles, these practical things have been a tremendous blessing. With the *NEWSLETTER* in particular, I have had the opportunity to talk to over 120 Knights in composing the "Spotlight" Articles and have spoken to numerous others in checking out stories and looking for information. As Degree Advancement Officer I have sometimes been the only contact that some men have with the Council when the call for Second & Third Degree comes around. For many who seem to be content on the fringes of the Council and who stay at First Degree for years, I may have been the only connection. Serving in that capacity has been a blessing. I have had the chance to see State Deputies, Grand Knights and whole administrations come and go. They have all had their effect on me and how I relate to the Order as a whole. But, it has been those simple, often overlooked functions that have helped me understand what real fraternity is all about. State Deputy Banquets and Supreme Convention Liturgies are impressive and important, but they can never substitute for the brotherhood expressed in a simple telephone call or lunch.

Reflecting on all the people I have gotten to know in the time I have been in the area, the number is heavily weighted toward Knights and their families. I simply can't imagine all these years without the friendship and support that have been extended to me by people associated with the Council, the State and beyond. The silver lining for me is in knowing that Knights will be present in every place in which I might find myself. Years ago I wrote a column noting that I had gone to a wedding and knew no one there except the groom. In conversation with some other guests, we discovered that we were all KC's and the conversation took on a different tone, because now we knew that we were brothers. We were family. I have come to know and love people with whom I've associated in the Knights in the State who've moved far away. They are surrounded by thousands of other Knights in other States and countries; family I just haven't met yet. The bonds of brotherhood that have been forged here, if they are truly worthy of the title, will endure. Other

bonds have yet to be created. I look forward to the opportunity.

Booyah 3-07-2004

Bill Bartelme's Report:

We had our 4th and final booyah for 2003-2004. As always the sales were a great success and provide a significant income to the Council for both council expenses and charitable contributions. The net profit was a little over \$ 500. I wish to thank all of those who helped prepare the booyah and those who purchased booyah.

There was great participation from everyone this year those who cut vegetables, (never took more than 2 hours), those who served on Sunday and all the others who served. The total income for the year was over \$2000. Please pass this on to other Knights as you feel appropriate.

We talked about naming the booyah the "K of C Al Collins Booyah". I think this is appropriate since Al was the Council's first booyah cook. While there have been changes to the recipe through the years the base for today's booyah is still the recipe Al used in those first years. I think it would be appropriate to ask Mrs. Collins if using Al's name in this fashion is suitable and if yes I would like to see the item on the March or April meeting agenda concerning this.

If you have any questions please contact me.

At the March Council meeting it was decided to refer to future booyah projects as "*Al Collins Knights of Columbus Booyah*" if Mrs. Collins approved. Thanks to all who helped out on this last booyah of the season. Workers included: **Randy Barrett, Dan Barrington, Bill Bartelme, David Burbach, Tom Caldie, Ray Demerath, Tom Gauthier, Joe Hoffman, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen, Joe Mastalir, John Murphy, Aaron Naze, Gene Pieschek, Gerry Piontek, Ken Sevcik, Grant Turner, Mike Vanden Busch, Stan Waslowski, Dave Whitton, Mike Worzala & LeRoy Zellner**

Medallion Committee

Father **Al Lis** had the privilege of serving as co-chair of the Medallion Committee this year along with Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin**. The Medallion award, presented at the State Convention, recognizes Knights who have made substantial contributions to their Council, to the work of the State Council, to the Church and to the local community. Six awards are presented annually, one for each of Wisconsin's five Dioceses and one for the State at large.

The Committee met on March 20 at Sacred Heart Church in Shawano. The meeting was hosted by Bishop Fox Council 2836; **Mark Socha** serves as Grand Knight. Present for the meeting were the Co-Chairs, State Deputy **Richard Ammon**, Former State Chaplain **Richard Klingeisen**, Past State Deputies **Larry Lanners** and **Wenzel Felber**, Former State Officer **Robert Baron**, Conferring Officer **Tom Della** and District Deputy **William Borchardt**. Past State Deputy **Richard Rebman** had also been appointed to the Committee but was not able to make the meeting. A very strict evaluative process is followed and those who grade each of the candidates don't know who they are talking about until the end of the meeting.

103rd Annual Convention

Knights from throughout the State will be gathering at Wisconsin dells on April 24-25th for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Council. Participation from our Councils is usually light, but please remember that all are welcome and any brother Knight in good standing may be present for all the social events and may sit in on the sessions of the convention. Voice and vote are limited to delegates.

Current State Officers are planning to be re-elected to the positions that they moved into upon the resignation of State Deputy **Richard Rebman** last year. State Deputy **Richard Ammon**, State Secretary **Wayne Wood**, State Treasurer **Michael McCormick**, State Advocate **Dan Hull** and State Warden **Timothy Genthe** are all planning to be re-elected, but rumors abound of challenges. All in all, it should be a most interesting gathering. All brother Knights and ladies are encouraged to consider attending at least some of the events that surround the convention, including the Convention Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM. Conventions are always a great opportunity to reach beyond our own Council and connect with other brother Knights and supporters from throughout the State. Men from our Council who have done that will

testify that it is definitely worth any effort involved. At the very least, please remember in prayer all those who will be taking part in the gathering.

**Next Meeting: April 19th
Rosary 7:15 PM
Meeting to follow**

Second and Third Degree

We wish to welcome our newest full member of the Knights of Columbus, Richard McClure. Richard just recently completed the First Degree and accepted the invitation to participate in the exemplification of the Second and Third Degree at DePere on Sunday, March 28th. Richard was part of a class of about sixty from the area who completed their journey to full knighthood. Richard Rebman and Father Al Lis also attended. State Deputy Richard Ammon and Immediate Past State Deputy Carl Templin also were present. As is the practice from time to time, an evaluation of the Degree team followed the exemplification by a representative from Supreme.

Appreciation Dinner

Thanks to all those who attended the Appreciation Dinner at *The Woods* on Sunday, March 28th. Among the festivities of the evening were recognition of Knights of the Month and Families of the Month for the past year, several of whom were able to be present to accept their awards. Major awards presented included the *Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award*, presented to **Tom Gauthier**, the *Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award*, presented to **Mike & Connie Worzala** and the *Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award*, presented this year to **Jim Barnett**. A special recognition of departing Chaplain Father **Al Lis** was also a part of the evening.

Special guests included Father **Al Lis**, Deacon **John & Lee Ann Laurant**, Deacon **Larry & Doris Mastalish**, Deacon **Keith Holschbach**, District Deputy **Ron Frosch** and members of the **Al Collins** Family.

Charity Raffle

We're getting down to the wire with the State Charity Raffle. Coordinator **Leon Janowski**

reports the following statistics, as of Easter: So far, a total of 1028 tickets have been sold. We still need 342 to meet our goal. Actually we are just ahead of where we were last year at this same time, but obviously this is a time for concern. At this point, 69 men of the Council have sold 131 pickets, with fourteen men leading the "over twenty" club. Top sellers at the moment are Father **Al Lis** (180), **Roger Heesacker** (162), **Tom Gauthier** (80) and **Richard Rebman** (46). In order to insure proper credit to our Council for all sales, please have all proceeds to Leon by Wednesday, April 21st. For more information, contact Leon at 468-7144.

Fourth Degree

An Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held at Milwaukee on Saturday, March 28th. At a meeting of the Eastern District on Friday evening, reports were given by members of the Executive Committee and Faithful Navigators. Present from our local Marquette Assembly were District Friar Father **Al Lis**, District Marshall **Don Bettine**, Area Coordinator **Jim Destiche**, Faithful Navigator **Peter J. Denissen**, Delegate **Cliff Nelson**, State Secretary **Wayne Wood** and Comptroller **Peter M. Denissen**. All Masters of the Marquette Province were present including **Tony Felber** (Wisconsin Eastern District), **James De Runtz** (Illinois Southern District), **Bernard Santowski** (Illinois Northern District) **Greg van der Hagen** (Minnesota) and our own Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak**. We were also joined by Vice Supreme Master **John Bachand** from Minnesota. Names for a new Master for the District surfaced: **Ed Vander Bloomen**, **Richard Rebman** & **Richard Taddey**. The Supreme Council freely selects a Master.

About forty-three took part in the exemplification including two new members for Assembly 1197.

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting – Monday, April 19th at 7:15 PM
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Tootsie Roll Campaign – Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th
Contact: Mike Worzala (465-1363)

State Convention in Wisconsin Dells – Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)