



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

March 2004



Grand Knight's Column

Well, here we are in March and I am back from Florida once again. I am really 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 also like to thank all of you that helped with the booyah weekend and the Pancake & Porkie breakfast in February. Teamwork is so important and we certainly have it in Council 10243. 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 6-7th we have our booyah weekend. Hoped to see you on Saturday and Sunday morning to give us support.

Our Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 28th at *The Woods Supper Club*. Cocktails are at 5:30 PM with the dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. Award presentations will complete the evening. It would be great to have a good turnout.

Turn your ear to us, O God. Save your people, who trust in you.

Psalm 86

Have a great Lent, and spend some quite time with the Lord.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's February 2004 Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: Mac Kocha
Family of the Month: Pat & Sandy Mongin**

Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual THIRD MONDAY of the month, March 15th The Ides of March. The meeting will be preceded by the exemplification of the First Degree beginning at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at about 7:40. As per custom, no one will be admitted during the exemplification of the Degree.

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting and First Degree – Monday,
March 15 at 7:00 PM
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Eastern District at Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee – Saturday, March 27th
Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremony Hosted by Council 3955 at Our Lady of Lourdes Center in DePere – Sunday, March 28th – 10 A.M.
Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

Council Appreciation Dinner at The Woods Supper Club – Sunday, March 28th
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting – Monday, April 19th at 7:00 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)

Ask Another Man to be a Knight!

Chaplain's Column

Few movies in history have generated the publicity that Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* has. For months we have been hearing about it, and even the Knights of Columbus had to get into the act. That always makes me a little nervous. I recall a movie a few years back called *The Priest*. It was not a great movie and it would have ended up being the flop that it should have been had not the Knights screamed to high heaven about it. Everyone had to go and see what all the fuss was about and the movie made millions. As far as *The Passion*, the storm seems to center on anti-Semitism. Certainly the movie is extremely graphic, but as far as anti-Semitism, it is more in the eye of the beholder rather than a part of the movie. Jesus was not the first innocent person in history to die a horrible death. If we accept the fact that it happened, and if we accept the role that we all played in that death, we can brush the furor aside and judge the film on its own merits.

Years ago, a section of the Good Friday liturgy was deemed to be offensive to the Jewish people, namely the "Reproaches"—Christ speaking to the people from the Cross as the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, asking, "My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you?" Those who immediately brand such things as derogatory toward one group of people seem to be missing the reason they were developed in the first place. We need to look at salvation history as a whole—something ongoing that has been unfolding since the creation of the world. We also need to recognize our own part in that history and the fact that our part has, many times, tried to complicate God's plan for his people. We must accept the fact that we played a part in the crucifixion of Christ just as surely as the crowds who cried for his death and just as certainly as the Romans who pounded the nails into him. It is our guilt, even though we were not even there. We cannot change history and we cannot change the fact that his death was for all people of all time, and consequently, if we accept the grace it won for us we must likewise accept a part of the responsibility for causing that death. After all, 'he died for us sinners.' That is what we believe as Christians. If we glory in the passion he endured for our salvation, we must also remember the fact that his death was necessary to win for us the salvation we have received through him. The story goes that as Michelangelo was completing the magnificent fresco of *The Last Judgment* in the Sistine Chapel, he painted in the faces of some people he knew in the crowd, especially putting some of his enemies among the

condemned. If you can stomach the gore of *The Passion*, put your own face on the characters in the movie. Jeer him, condemn him, pound the nails and thrust the lance. Then sit back and gratefully acknowledge the salvation accomplished—the sinless one dying for us sinners. Then, contribute the cost of the movie ticket to the poor and spend the two hours that you sat in the theatre helping in a nursing home. Lent will have been worth it.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

A Few Knights in Phoenix

Father **Al Lis** recently spent a few days in Phoenix visiting Council 6568 (Madison) IPGK **Rob Staude**. Rob has been in Phoenix since last summer, participating in the *Teach for America* program. He is currently working at the Academy of Excellence in Phoenix with a class of about twenty 3rd & 4th grade students. The Charter school is a learning center for students who for a variety of reasons do not fit well into other educational settings. Unfortunately, weapons in class and abusive language are a part of the average day and Rob's safety has even been threatened. Yet, he enjoys what he's doing and responds by lovingly calling the class "my kids." He has also begun a weekly newsletter and a 'Student of the Week' program in the class. The budget at his school has been extended for another year and Rob assumes he'll remain in the program. He's taking education classes at Arizona State University and future plans include LSAT & GMAT this summer. He's relaxed and healthy, at ease in the Southwest, and above all, he's happy with where his life is going right now.

While Rob has made it back to Madison twice since moving to Phoenix, Father Al was his first out-of-town visitor. He's not associated with the Knights in Arizona, proudly maintaining his membership in #6568. During the visit he & Father Al celebrated the eucharist and checked out some of the area's better restaurants. There was also time to watch the sun set over the city from the nearby mountains and to just sit around and talk.

Next Meeting:
Monday, March 15th
First Degree: 7:00 PM
Meeting to follow

Second and Third Degree

There will be an exemplification of the Second and Third Degree at DePere on Sunday, March 28th. This is the day after the Fourth Degree Exemplification at Milwaukee and the same day as the Appreciation Dinner. It will be a busy weekend for some of the Knights of our Council! Names that follow are First Degree men of the Council who can and should advance through full Knighthood in the Third Degree. Please encourage them to plan on taking that step. And, especially if you are a proposer for one of these men, offer to accompany them on this special step. After all, we are all reminded time and time again of the importance of the Degree ceremonies and why we should all take part in major Degrees often so that we do not forget their lessons that are taught. Eligible for the Third Degree are:

Tom Koene
Paul Krohn
Brian LeCloux
Peter Leitermann
Joe Malcore
Patrick Mongin
Father Dave Pleier
Robert Rocque

They will be contacted with information regarding the Degree and urged to participate. All Council members should consider attending a major Degree occasionally. Why not this one?

Charity Raffle

Charity Raffle Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports that as of around March 1st, 490 tickets have been sold by members of the Council. The leading seller at the moment is Father **Al Lis** (135), followed by **Richard Rebman** (46) and **Mac Kocho** (17). Last year there were fifteen men on the list of those who had sold at least twenty tickets and three of them went over 100. We still have a lot of work to do, as these tickets have been sold by 45 men—34% of the Council. Please remember all the good that is done through the dispersal of the proceeds, and sell off as many tickets as possible. We are counting on the other 2/3 of the Council to make our goal, and beyond. Contact Leon for more tickets or additional information (468-7544).

State Convention

The 103rd Annual Convention will be gathering in Wisconsin Dells on April 24-25th, 2004. Delegates to the Convention must be the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight. Alternates have frequently taken their place among the delegates for our Council and many others. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the Convention and all brother Knights in good standing may attend the sessions without voice or vote. There are also numerous social activities in which to take part, not the least of which is the State Deputy's Banquet. Several tours for ladies have also been arranged. We have often been reminded that the real business of the Convention is building fraternity, and all Council members should consider the possibility of attending just for the experience. You will not regret the time you spend.

Costs for lodging at the Kalahari are rather steep: \$114 per night with a minimum 2-night stay. Word was received that the Kalahari is currently filled. Other facilities in the vicinity offer less expensive rates.

In addition to our Council's Delegates and/or Alternates, Father **Al Lis**, as Diocesan Chaplain, plans on attending.

Contact GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) for more information on the Convention.

Pancake and Porkie

Thanks to the following brother Knights and family who worked at the Pancake & Porkie on Sunday February 22nd:

Dan Barrington
Tom Caldie
Ray Demerath
Tom Gauthier
Jim Janssen
Mark Janus
Tom Koene
John Laurant
Scott McKenzie
Pat Mongin
John Murphy
Rick & Mary Noe
Gerry Piontek
Richard Rebman
Ken Sevcik
Dave Whitton
Mike Worzala

Booyah

Another booyah sale was held on the weekend of February 7-8th. Coordinator **Bill Bartelme** reported phenomenal participation, including a number of 'first time' booyah workers. Thanks to their efforts, about \$550 was realized with just a few gallons left over. The remainder was donated to Room at the Inn. Thanks to our helpers:

Randy Barrett
Dan Barrington
Mike Barry
Tom Caldie
Ray Demerath
Tom Gauthier
John Hale
Leon Janowski
Jim Janssen
Tom Koene
Aaron Naze
Gerry Piontek
Gene Schmitz
Ken Sevcik
John Walczyk
Dave Whitton

Another booyah was held March 6-7th.

Dues

Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** reports that, as of the first day of March, there were still eight members of the Council who did not pay their dues. All brother Knights are reminded of the lesson we are taught at the time of First Degree regarding 'keeping dues current.' It should not be necessary to send constant reminders to ask brother Knights to deal with the responsibility of being a part of the Knights of Columbus. If you are one of that small minority who has not yet paid, please do so immediately.

Reverse Collection

A Reverse Collection was held at St. Bernard February 14-15th. A very successful drive helped Sr. **Caroline** and the food pantry considerably. The following men helped:

Dan Barrington
Tom Koene
John Murphy
Rick & Mary Noe

Prayer

Prayer for Caregivers

God of love and compassion,
Jesus your Son came among us
as the living sign of your care for us.
He accepted the burden of human suffering
and gave his life for the redemption of all.
In imitation of his compassion and mercy
you have called many to devote themselves
to the service of others.
You have graced the hearts of your people
with a desire to serve as Christ served
by giving of themselves to the assistance
of those who are in need.
Give renewed strength and dedication
to those who care for relatives and friends,
especially to those who struggle to find time
to maintain their perseverance.
May those who have chosen to serve strangers
bear the good tidings of Christ's love
and be heralds of your healing grace.
May all those who commit themselves
to the care of those who are in need
lovingly lighten the burden of those they serve.
May their service breathe the power
of your Holy Spirit
upon all those who seek to be lifted up
from suffering and want.
We ask this through Christ,
our healer and our Lord.

Medallion Award

Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and Past State Deputy **Richard Rebman** have been appointed to the Medallion Award Selection Committee. Father Al serves as Co-chair along with Past State Deputy **Carl Templin**. The Medallion Awards, given for the last several years at the State Convention, recognize exceptional service to the Knights of Columbus and to the things we are about. Six awards are given annually, one for each Diocese in the State and one for the State at large. Other members of the Committee are State Deputy **Richard Ammon**, State Chaplain Father **James Trempe**, Former State Chaplain Father **Neil Zinthefer**, Former State Chaplain **Richard Klingheisen**, Past State Deputy **Lawrence Lanners**, Past State Deputy **Wenzel Felber**, Former State Officer **Robert Baron**, Conferring Officer **Thomas Della** and District Deputy **William Borchardt**.

Fourth Degree

The Annual Meeting of the Eastern District of the Fourth Degree, Wisconsin, will be held at 7:30 PM in the Creole Room on Friday, March 26th at the Four Points Sheraton Airport, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. Expected to be in attendance will be the Executive Committee, Area Coordinators and Faithful Navigators. Also in attendance will be the delegates from each Assembly duly elected by their Assemblies. They shall be elected on the basis of one (1) delegate for each one hundred (100) members or a major portion thereof. Navigator is an automatic delegate.

Also at the meeting, recommendations will be made to the Supreme Master for District Master. The District Assembly may select by ballot three (3) recommendation and forward them to the Supreme Master for his consideration

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held at Milwaukee on Saturday, March 27th (Easter is April 11th.) To qualify, a candidate must be a member in good standing of the First Degree for at least one year. Obviously, he must also be a Third degree member. The date for the Eastern District Exemplification is Saturday, March 27th, 2004 at the Four Points Sheraton Airport, 4747 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee. Contact Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) for more information. Please spread the word of the benefits of becoming a Sir Knight.

Another Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held at Rice Lake on Saturday, June 12th. The Honoree is Rev. **George Votruba**, celebrating 50 years as a priest. Rice Lake is about five hours from Green Bay. One more exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for 2004: November 6th, 2004 at Wisconsin Dells.

Fr. Al to be Transferred

Word was recently received that Chaplain Father **Al Lis** will be transferred around April 15th. His parish, St. Mary of the Angels, is entering into discussions with the Diocese regarding the future of the parish, and the leadership of the Franciscans who staff the parish have decided that appointing another pastor will be in the best interest of this phase of the parish's history. Father Al does not know where he will end up, but has been in discussion with other dioceses and may even

serve out of State. Presumably, he will be resigning as Diocesan Chaplain and Council Chaplain around the time of the State Convention in April. He also serves as Chaplain of Council 5382 in Green Bay, Friar for 4th Degree Assembly 1197 in Green Bay and District Friar for the Wisconsin Eastern District.

Within the Council, this creates a vacancy, not only for a Chaplain, but also for a Newsletter editor, something Father Al has done for many years. He notes that the hardest part of putting the *NEWSLETTER* together is collecting all the information that needs to be included. Of course, all editors bring their own special flavor to the publication. A part of Father Al's has been the *Spotlight* articles, over 130 of which have appeared in issues over the years.

Special Days

March 15 – April 15

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

March

15 A Kelly & Virginia Gigot
15 B Tim Nixon
16 B Roger Heesacker
17 B Dan Mullen
19 B Mary Ann (Jim) VanAllen
20 + Curt Gilson (2003)
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

05 A Dave & Denise Doering
05 B Jim Barnett
08 B Denise (Stephen) Kotlar
10 B Connie (Mike) Worzala
12 A Tom & Barbara George
15 B Marisela (Tom) Koene
15 B Gary Nimmer

Appreciation Dinner

Plan to attend our annual Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, March 28th. The event, to be held at The Woods Supper Club will begin with a social at 5:30 and dinner, chicken and tenderloin tips, to be served at 6:30. After dinner, the Council's major awards will be presented, the Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award, the Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award and the Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Awards, as well as Family of the Month and Knight of the Month recognition. The cost of the evening is \$13.00 per person and RSVP may be made to Grant Turner (469-3407) by the time of the next meeting, March 15th.

The *Father Al Lis Knight of the Year Award* is given annually to a brother Knight who has shown outstanding dedication to the Knights and the Council. Former recipients of this award include **Father Al Lis, Wayne Wassenberg, Dave Whitton, Eugene Schmitz, Jim Barnett, Leon Janowski, Tom Gauthier & Gerry Piontek.**

Similarly the *Richard & Janet Rebman Family of the Year Award* is presented to a family who clearly identifies the importance of family in the Knights and who could serve as a model of Christian Faith in action. Former winners include Robert & Vione Jacqmin, Larry & Bridget Ziarnik, Roger & Lynda Shaha, Scott & Lou Ann Rebman, Leon & Sheila Janowski, Harry & Marily Christensen, Randy & Becky Barrett, Rick & Mary Noe & Gerry & Janet Piontek. Winners of these awards are selected by secret vote of the Council.

The *Dan McLaughlin Distinguished Service Award* is presented to those who, like its deceased namesake, are always willing to go the extra mile for the Knights. Former honorees are **Dan McLaughlin, Jim Barnett, Dave Whitton, Roy C. Johnson, Father Al Lis, Robert Jacqmin, Richard Rebman, Tom & Ann Gauthier and Wayne & Alice Wassenberg, Randy Barrett, Mike Worzala, Jim Janssen, Bill Bartelme & Leon Janowski.**

APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, March 28th

The Wood Supper Club

Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Awards 7:30 PM

\$13.00 per person

RSVP by March 15th

Grant Turner

469-3407

Spotlight On... Ken Gezella



It was back some time ago when Ken was a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Pine Grove that he first got involved in the Knights of Columbus at the invitation of another member of the Council. As he was involved in the life of the parish, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Parish Council, so he took on several responsibilities in the Knights, serving especially in the area of programming. He recalls some of the activities, such as steak cookouts and Tootsie Roll drives, and remembers especially having to attend an awful lot of meetings. Several members of his Council wanted him to serve as Grand Knight, but he did not accept the position.

After a time, the family grew and the house with several extra rooms and several acres of grass to cut seemed to be too much. Some health problems also began making an appearance and Ken and his wife built a home in Green Bay and moved. Some of his many involvements passed to the wayside and the Knights was one of them. He dropped out until he was recently convinced to become an active member again and joined Council 10243. Now, retirement has brought some responsibilities as well and he's not as able to make it to meetings as he'd like to, but he did get involved in a recent booyah sale and enjoyed the camaraderie that was evident in the preparation.

Originally from Green Bay, Ken's dad had a farm in the Humboldt area where Ken lived for a number of years. He likes to joke that he started working at the age of five, pointing out that he served as a rural mail carrier for 37 years and he also worked in a paper mill for 24 years. He retired from the Postal Service in 1998. Ken and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for almost 47 years now and have six children, several of whom live in the area. They have also been blest with fourteen grandchildren. In his younger days Ken enjoyed water skiing, but these days he's more interested in golf and taking advantage of opportunities to travel. He and Cynthia were getting ready for a trip to Florida at the time of this interview. In their travels they managed to take a cruise to some islands in the Caribbean and also went through the Panama Canal. In season, there's still some yard work to do, though not nearly as much as in their last home. They also are proud of their flowers in season. They both spend a good deal of time caring for elderly relatives: his mother is living at Odd Fellows Nursing Home and Cynthia's dad suffered from Alzheimer's. One annual charitable activity that has grown into a family project is to secure groceries for the Carmelite Sisters at the monastery in Denmark. Last year they managed to obtain several thousand dollars worth of food, and since the well at the monastery provided poor drinking water, they got ten cases of water donated and additional cases at a discount. It turned out to be four carloads worth of supplies at the time of delivery.

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