



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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+ Donald E. Barrett 1934 - 2002

We were saddened to hear of the death of our brother Don "Red" Barrett on November 3rd. Don was a member of Council 10243 and the uncle of PGK **Randy Barrett**. He worked for many years at Valley Cabinets and served as an usher at St. Bernard Parish. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, **LaVerne** and their children **Dan, Dawn & Mike** and their families.

A Knights of Columbus Vigil (Wake) Service was held in place of a parish wake service. About twenty members of the Council were among those gathered at the funeral home on the evening of November 6th for the celebration, led by Chaplain Father **Al Lis**. Council member Father **Dave Pleier** presided at the funeral mass the following day at St. Bernard Parish. Thanks are extended to all members of the Council 10243 family who came to show their respects. All are reminded to keep our brother Don and all the departed Knights, ladies and family members in their prayer. Don is the ninth member of our Council to pass away since our chartering nearly 13 years ago. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Grand Knight's Column

An excellent way to Keep Christ in Christmas this holiday season will be to pick up a sign stating that and display it in your yard. The Knights have ordered Keep Christ in Christmas signs. I hope when you read this they will have arrived. You can pick them up at my house (532 Edgewood Drive) or at our December 16th meeting. Call me to check if they are in (469-3407.)

It was gratifying to see all the Knights at Brother Don Barrett's funeral. Our sympathy to the Barrett family. Our sympathy also goes out to Brother Curt Gilson on the death of his wife Blossom.

Thanks to Bill Bartelme and his crew for chairing our successful November booyah sale. It was great to have so many Knights involved. We have a December booyah sale, which we hope will be just as successful. If you can help Dec. 14-15, please give Jim Janssen a call (406-8685.) A big *Thank You* to Jim for his help with the booyah calling and recruiting Salvation army bell ringers for Dec. 6-7.

We brought Kirk Pelnar into our Council at our November meeting. We all welcome him and Ken Gezella who recently transferred into our Council.

Our Dec. 16th will begin at 7:30 with a short meeting followed by a social. All spouses and girlfriends are invited. Please remember to invite them.

A Blessed Christmas to you and your families and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Grant Turner
Grand Knight

+ Blossom Gilson

Remember in your prayer **Blossom Gilson**, wife of our brother Knight **Curt Gilson**, who passed to the Lord on November 18th. Blossom was a member of the Congregational Church and was remembered in prayer often over the last couple of months as the Council gathered for its monthly meetings. The Council made a contribution to the family in Blossom's memory. May the Lord's compassionate love rest upon Curt and all those who came to know Blossom in her 84 years here on earth.

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Tom Capelle
Family of the Month: Wencil & Luella Froelich

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on our usual third Monday of the month--Monday, December 16th. In the spirit of the season we will spend some time celebrating and socializing with those who support us in what we are about. There will be a very short business meeting at 7:30 PM on December 16th, to be followed by celebration of the Christmas season. Wives and girlfriends are invited to join us for the evening. Anyone who has a knack for making a special treat to share should contact GK **Grant Turner** at 469-3407.

Sympathy

The Council family and our extended family of Knights in the area have been touched by several deaths recently. Please remember in prayer and charity all those who have died and those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of our Council brother **Don Barrett** who died on November 3rd and **Curt Gilson** whose wife **Blossom** passed away on November 18th. Also please hold up to the Lord **Jayme & Sheila Kujava** on the tragic death of their son **Nolan** at the age of 17 on November 2nd. Jayme is a member of our Fourth Degree Marquette Assembly 1197. Also remember Former District Deputy (8) **Larry Solway** whose wife **Ramona (Mona)** passed to the Lord on November 13th.

Youth Projects

John Murphy reported on youth activities at the last Council meeting: the Respect for Life Essay Contest did not take place this year since there were no participants. Better advertising will be addressed before the next one. The Christmas Poster Contest begins Thanksgiving week and continues through mid-December.

Council Member Update

Welcome to the newest members of the Council 10243 family, **Kirk Pelnar** and his wife **Katherine**. Kirk was proposed by **Ken Stoey** and read in at the October meeting. He was present for the exemplification of the First Degree preceding the November meeting. We also welcome **Ernest & Rene Remondini**. Ernest is a Third Degree member who recently transferred in. Also at the November meeting, **John Hansen** was read in. He was proposed by Father **Al Lis** and is awaiting First Degree.

Father Al recently ran into Father **Jerry Pastors**, a member of Council 10243 serving the Church at Lakewood. Jerry sends greetings to all. PGK **Terry Misfeldt** has withdrawn from membership in the Fourth Degree. He remains a member of Council 10243 in the Third Degree.

Earlier this year two members of the Council were suspended for non-payment of dues. The information never made it to the *NEWSLETTER*. We regret the suspension of **Thomas George** and **Bill Kaczmarek**. Tom was a Third Degree member who had been living in Waukesha for some years now. Bill was a Fourth Degree member who was twice selected *Knight of the Month*. He was also the subject of a *Spotlight* article in November 1994.

Shop With a Cop Presentation

The Council's contribution of \$300 was presented to the Committee on Thursday, November 7th at a meeting of the *Shop With a Cop* Committee held at the Green Bay Police Department in Green Bay. Representing the Council were Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, State Deputy **Richard Rebman** and Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**. The contribution was accepted on behalf of the Committee by **Fran Jonet** (Green Bay Police Department, Retired, and a former member of Council 10243); **Dennis Gladwell** (DePere Police Department) and **Gary Ness** (Ashwaubenon Public Safety). Father Al and **David Byrnes** (Green Bay Police Department, Retired) arranged the presentation.

Roy C. Johnson (GBPD, Retired) had hoped to attend the presentation but was not able.

Booyah, November 16-17

The Council's booyah effort in November was definitely a success. Volunteers were plentiful and the profits helped considerably in meeting expenses of the Council and replenishing our general fund. Total expenses this time around were just short of \$500 while profits were almost \$1100. All in all, we realized a net profit of \$595.25 for the customary fare of booyah and Belgian pies. Thanks to the following members of the Council who took part in the preparation and the sale:

Randy Barrett
Dan Barrington
Bill Bartelme
Kevin Beck
Ray Demerath
Tom Gauthier

Jim Janssen
Clayton Langenberg
Scott McKenzie
Gerry Piontek
Eugene Schmitz
Grant Turner
Mike Vanden Busch
Jason Vandermause
John Walczyk
Dave Whitton
Bob Wozniak

The next booyah is scheduled for December 14-15.

Marinette #719: 100th Anniversary

Council 719 in Marinette celebrated its 100th anniversary with a mass and banquet on Saturday, November 9th. The celebration began with a Mass at Holy Family Parish in Marinette. Bishop **Aloysius Wycislo**, who rode up to Marinette with State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, presided at the Mass. Pastor Father **Larry Marto** concelebrated and delivered the homily. Local DD and PGK of the Council Deacon **Jerome Thetreau** assisted. Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** was also present for the celebration. The evening continued with cocktails and dinner at Little River Country Club. The program for the evening included an address by the State Deputy and the presentation of several awards. All who took part received a pin commemorating the celebration.

Special Days

December 15 - January 15

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

December

17 B Brian LeCloux
 18 B Rick Pigeon
 19 B Donald Schneider
 19 B Lucille (Robert) Warpinski
 21 B Kristine (Terry) Misfeldt
 22 B Kirk Pelnar
 25 B Terry Timmerman
 26 A Norbert & Thelma Kalinosky
 26 B Lee Ann (John) Laurant
 27 B Marianthe (John) Hale
 28 B Connie (Richard) Rosin
 29 B Dorothy (Cliff) Gigot
 30 A Donald & Colleen Hoff
 30 A Robert & Pat Massart

January

06 B Timothy Conroy
 06 B John Hyland
 08 B Scott McKenzie
 08 B Dave Whitton
 09 B Mary (Jason) Vandermause
 10 B Tom Janowski
 11 B Cathy (Bob) Wozniak
 14 B Patricia (John) Hyland
 15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan

Charity Disbursements

At the Council meeting on November 18th, the following charity disbursements were made:

Project Youth: \$200 (In lieu of participation in the wreath sale)
St. Bernard Social Concerns: \$300 (For Holiday baskets for the needy.)
Salvation Army: \$300 (In memory of **Dan McLaughlin**, to be revisited in January.)

Next Meeting:
December 16th
Short Meeting 7:30
PM
Social to Follow

Chaplain's Column

The three days following our celebration of Christmas have traditionally been referred to as *Comites Christi* or *Companions of Christ*. In these three days the Church remembers various forms of martyrdom--on December 26th, the feast of St. Stephen, we remember the first martyr of the Church, one who was willing to be a martyr and who got his wish; on December 27th we remember St. John the Evangelist, another who wished to offer his life as a martyr but did not get his wish; and on December 28th the Holy Innocents, presumably unwilling to die for Christ but granted to honor of martyrdom anyway. These honored companions of the coming of Christ should serve to remind us of the glorious martyrdom suffered by so many over the course of our history. Welcoming a child in a manger also means welcoming the responsibility that comes along with that child. He was, after all, born to die for our sinfulness. And, those judged worthy of a place in his kingdom must likewise be willing to make that

sacrifice. Martyrdom today for the most part does not exist. Certainly there are places where Christians are still persecuted and there are rather rare occasions where one will still have the opportunity to die for their faith. But, for the most part it is no longer a part of our experience. Rather the 'little martyrdoms' are the norm for Christianity in the modern age. The challenge to turn the other cheek and not plan vengeance; to be willing to take upon ourselves a lifestyle of sacrifice and self denial in an age of abundance and convenience; a generosity that is not limited to those whom we judge to be worthy--these are the hallmark of the Christian of the 21st Century. Gazing at the child in the crib scene, so peaceful and serene, can be deceiving. He himself told us that he came, not for peace, but for division (Luke 12:51.) If we wish to rejoice in his birth and we are proud that he took upon himself our human nature then we must likewise accept all the consequences that he brings. We must live our lives in such a way that the values of our faith are not lost; if that brings with it some inconvenience, criticism or persecution, then so be it. As Knights of Columbus we sometimes find ourselves standing in apparent opposition to the current thinking, from defense of life in all its forms to our hope to 'Keep Christ in Christmas.' As we celebrate the great festival of our Savior's birth, let us keep in mind that the Church has chosen as a fitting court of honor for Christ, not Doctors of the Church or founders of religious communities, but martyrs. May our lives as Knights always be open to joining them in giving just a little more than we think we are willing to give for our faith.

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

Prayer

Prayer for the New Year

God of endless ages,
you are the beginning and the end of all things
and time passes before you
like an ever-flowing stream.
Through all of our history
you have spoken to us through countless prophets
and you have touched the lives of your people
with the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son
to sanctify our history by sharing our nature.
May Christ, from whose gracious coming
we number our years,
be ever close to us so that we may know
his presence and his unending love.
Give us the courage and fervor of Apostles,

so that we may find in this new year
yet another opportunity
for the growth of your holy Church.
Bless each day of this new year
and make it for us a year of grace and favor.
May each moment be dedicated
to your greater honor and glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The prayer that appeared in last month's *NEWSLETTER*, ***Prayer for Deceased Knights and Families***, was used at the Fourth Degree Memorial Mass in Green Bay on November 12th. It was used that same evening at the UW-Madison Catholic Center Council #6568 Memorial Service.

Charity Raffle Nears Kickoff

One very familiar annual event in Wisconsin is the annual Charity Raffle, bringing with it numerous prizes including a \$50,000 Grand Prize. Last year the Council sold off a total of 1392 tickets for our second best finish ever, not quite equaling the impressive total of 1701 in 2001. The event usually kicks off at the District Deputies Meeting, scheduled for December 7-8, so we should have the tickets ready for distribution at the next Council meeting. Let's get an early start--give 'em as Christmas gifts! **Leon Janowski** is serving as Raffle Chair once again.

Madison #6568: Recognition

Congratulations to Council 6568 in Madison for recent honors and recognition. This year the Council won the prestigious *Star Council Award* from Supreme, one of just 28 Councils in the State to do so. In addition, the Council picked up the State's *Complete Council Award*, the first time they have won that recognition from the Wisconsin State Council. They also were selected *Outstanding College Council* for Church programs, collecting another Award from Supreme at the recent College Conference meeting at New Haven.

In reports on World Youth Day, *Columbia* magazine pictured Immediate Past Grand Knight **Dave Johannes** celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Supreme Chaplain Bishop **Thomas Daily** in the October issue (p. 46). The same picture appeared in the November issue of *Columbia* (p. 16.) The photo in the middle of the following page in the same issue again shows Johannes (just left of the KC logo) and DGK **Jason Szymanski** (tall man next to Dave.)

Council 6568 gave us **Jason Vandermause** and **John Murphy**. We congratulate the Council for

their achievements and thank them for the great publicity for Wisconsin. **Rob Staude** serves as Grand Knight.

State Deputies Meet

State Deputies from throughout the Order gathered for a meeting in Clearwater, Florida on the weekend of November 17. **Richard & Janet Rebman** were among those present for the meeting, which brought together every State Deputy in the Order, though a few ladies were not able to attend. A lengthy session on Saturday included presentations on New Council Development, Spanish Speaking Councils, College Councils and Reactivating Councils. There was, as always, an emphasis on membership and also on Round Tables. Numerous workshops allowed the participants to plan the next six months of growth for the Order. Ladies took advantage of a river cruise while the men held meetings. There was also just a little time to sit on the beach and watch the dolphins. Richard returned with plenty of information including new posters and four brief videos on recent events in the Order including the Eucharistic Congress, the Supreme Convention, The Day of Remembrance (September 11) and World Youth Day.

Fourth Degree

The past month has not been too busy for Fourth Degree members. It was pointed out in a recent memo from Master **Erv Jankowiak** to all Navigators and Area Coordinators that of the approximately 80 members who came through the Degree in Wisconsin Dells recently, ten were from our Eastern District, nine from one Assembly in Waupaca. The stated goal for each Assembly in the Eastern District is to produce at least ten members for the exemplification in Appleton on April 5.

The Fourth Degree raffle is in full swing. The raffle is a primary source of income for the District and for the Assembly. The drawing will not be held until the exemplification in April but an effort is being made to promote the raffle now and accomplish as much as possible soon so that it does face competition from the State Charity Raffle which will soon kick off.

The U.S. Bishops recently released a letter regarding posture in Church, and specifically addressed whether one should stand or kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer. The Bishops noted that Catholics should kneel unless they are "prevented on occasion...due to 'health, lack of

space, the large number of people present or some other good reason.'" The Master said in his letter, "Effective immediately, all members of the Honor Guard in regalia of the Eastern District will adhere to the letter while in Church." A good rule of thumb is simply to do what the rest of the Congregation does. If they kneel, so does the Honor Guard; if it is their custom to stand, the Honor Guard should do likewise.

Fourth Degree Knights and families of Assembly 1197 and our neighboring Assembly 1724 in Oneida held a Memorial Mass at St. Mary of the Angels in Green Bay on November 12. From both Assemblies a total of only about fifty showed up. A very poor tribute was paid to our deceased and we will explore ways to improve.

Fourth Degree members of Council 10243 are reminded that the timely payment of dues is appreciated.



Spotlight On...

LeRoy Zellner

LeRoy was a member of the Knights of Columbus some year ago, but because of the fact that he often had to work nights, he was unable to take part in many meetings or activities of his Council. He dropped out eventually, and doesn't remember which Council he was with in the first place. After a new Council started to grow in the St. Bernard area, Richard Rebman persuaded him to get involved once again. That was just about the same time that Father Pleier came to St. Bernard, and getting back into the Knights wasn't too difficult, since LeRoy had known that the Knights were something good to be a part of, as long as the time was available. He had always known about some of the activities of the Knights, though he wasn't able to find the time to be a part of them. Since getting involved with Council 10243, he has taken part in a couple of things including the Summer Blast at St. Bernard and brat sales at Festival Foods.

He still works nights, which keeps him from many meetings. He works as a custodian for the Green Bay School System, and his 'turf' is Langlade School. For the past 13 years he has discovered that the role of custodian is much more than just cleaning up after classes--there a seemingly endless string of activities that take place, and setting things up and taking things down is also a part of the job. He looks forward to retirement in about three years. Before getting involved in the School System, he worked at Beatrice Cheese as a cheese grader for 26 years. These days there's a little more time for yard work during the day, and he occasionally has the help of any number of children. He and his wife of 38 years, Linda, have three children and one foster child and that has provided them with a total of thirteen grandchildren. With three of their children in the area, grandchildren are not always that far away. He also likes to try and keep healthy by walking every day for at least 30 minutes.

A native of Luxemburg, he attended St. Mary's School in Luxemburg and is a 1960 graduate of Luxemburg High School. He came to Green Bay on a job-related move. He and Linda like to travel and have had the opportunity to visit Europe a couple of times. Linda has worked as an occupational therapist at Brown County Mental Health Center and also cares for the house. LeRoy also served as an Usher at St. Bernard for over twenty years and has been involved as a money counter. He's also involved with St. Vincent DePaul and he is much more than a custodian just for a school--he also takes care of people. They have been involved for some time now in a volunteer guardian organization through which they visit and care for some of the needs of people who are essentially alone in the area. They are like the family that these people don't have. In all of this, there's a desire to help people. They feel a strong sense of family values, and in addition to their own family they have been willing to reach out and extend those values to others. We are glad for their example of living out the commitments of our faith and our membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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