



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

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Grand Knight's Column

I'll try not to take up too much of your time during these "dog days" of summer. Thanks to all of you who helped at this year's *Summer Blast*. You kept the *Knights' Grill* humming, feeding and visiting with the patrons. Also, a special thanks to Mike Worzala and Jim Janssen for co-chairing the event.

Remember our First Degree will be on September 15th, not on October 20th as previously mentioned. Our last two prospective members have called me wanting to join. There are many others that won't join unless invited. Let's just ask them to be part of this great Council.

The Knights will be working a stand at Lambeau Field again this Fall. Our game is the Seattle Seahawks, Sunday, October 5th. We will not be in a kiosk, but will be handling food and drinks in the *Munch Zone*. We will need at least fifteen workers. Please give this serious thought. It is the only event we will have in the next three months where we will need volunteers. Let me know or give me a call.

Enjoy these relaxing summer days. I plan to see you at our regular meeting, August 18th--rosary at 7:15 PM with the meeting to follow.

The promptings of God are not heard or heeded if life is too busy.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual third Monday of the Month, August 18th. While many Councils do not meet in July or August, the programs of Council 10243 continue because the work of Christ and the Church does not take a summer vacation. Make plans to be at the August meeting--rosary at 7:15 PM and the meeting to follow.

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **July** Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Bob Ledvina
Family of the Month: Eugene & Mae Schmitz

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting

Monday, August 18th Rosary at 7:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting & First Degree

Monday, September 15th Degree at 7:00 PM.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Saturday, October 4th Wisconsin Rapids
Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

Packers Food Stand at Lambeau Field

Sunday, October 5th
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting

Monday, October 20th -- Rosary at 7:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Second & Third Degree Exemplification

Sunday, November 2nd Green Bay
Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

Council Meeting & First Degree

Monday, November 17th Degree at 7:00 PM
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting & Christmas Social

Monday, December 15th --Rosary at 7:15 P.M.
Christmas Social at 8:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Chaplain's Column

In the past several weeks this year we have been reading selections from the Book of Exodus at the weekday masses. Listening to the often-lengthy selections, it is easy to allow the mind to skip ahead. After all, we already know the end of the story. Listening as the stage is being set is sometimes a little tiring and it can lead one to wonder why, if God already knew what he wanted to do through the Exodus, why didn't he just snap his finger and make it come to be? Why go through the process that tradition tells us lasted over forty years? However, the belief of our Church is that God also gave his people the gift of free will, meaning that we are ultimately free to accept the commitment of a covenant with God or we are free to reject it and 'take our chances.' Those who gather in the Christian Churches and those who even think of themselves as followers of Christ have presumably made the choice, the free choice, to accept a commitment to God and, in return, to accept his commitment to them. We might think that the people of the Exodus were so intent on getting away from the burden of slavery that they were willing to follow anyone who would promise them a break. But those people had a certain faith--one that at the very least told them that God had a plan and that in God's good time, that plan would come to fulfillment. Waiting for God to get around to fulfilling the plan is the problem. We want everything in our time, not in God's. We want everything done yesterday. At the time of the Exodus, people making a single choice to follow God into the desert wasn't enough. Free will only shows its true colors over time. In the course of their wandering the people time and time again turned away from God and back to him. In the end, their descendants were allowed to enter the promised land. These days, we are still in an exodus from our sinful selves, promised that in the end we will come to a promised land as well. But the journey continues. Remember, 'exodus' means departure, not arrival. We have the choice of sitting around and waiting for things to happen, or like those people of the Biblical Exodus, we can make them happen. We'll choose wrongly sometimes, but we'll also choose for God and for good. Let us pray that through the work of the Knights we may choose for good more than for evil, and choose to endure our exile until we are gathered once and for all into the promised inheritance of the faithful.

Conventions

Please remember in prayer all those who will be taking part in the 121st Supreme Convention at Washington, DC August 4-7th. From the Council 10243 family, **Richard & Janet Rebman** and Father **Al Lis** are planning to attend.

The next Convention of the Wisconsin State Council is scheduled for April 24-25th at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. It was noted that the Kalahari will guarantee that only those booking two nights' stay will be lodged at the main hotel; those staying only one night may be placed elsewhere. Information on the 103rd State Convention comes out at year-end.

Prayer

Prayer for the Evening

God of dawn and God of night,
you have created the sun to bring us the day
and that we may know the brightness of your glory
and the radiance of the Day of resurrection.
You have given us the night to rest
and to reflect on our service this day.
Help us know that we are protected by Christ,
the Light that no darkness can overcome.
As shadows stretch over the face of the earth,
may we be grateful in knowing
that all we have accomplished this day
has been done by your grace.
May we be kept safe through the night
with our hearts set on you,
the light that never fades.
When we rise again at the coming of day,
grant that our first thoughts may be directed to you
and to the hope
that we may serve you better tomorrow
than we have done today.
Forgive the sins our weak human nature
has caused us to commit this day
and bless our future with the grace of your love.
We ask this through Christ,
the sun that never sets,
your Son, forever and ever.

Next Meeting

Monday, August 18th

Rosary 7:15 PM

Meeting to follow

Special Days

August 15th - September 15th

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

August

16 B Sandy (Bill) Bartelme
16 B Larry Mastalish
16 B Wayne Wassenberg
17 A Gerry & Janet Piontek
17 A Arnie & Mary Wolff
17 B Mark Janus
17 B Mary (Paul) Krohn
18 B Suzi (Mike) Borlee
19 B Eugene Schmitz
20 A Kevin & Denise Beck
22 B Robert Rocque
23 A Jim & Marilyn Barnett
23 B Virginia (Kelly) Gigot
24 B Gerry Piontek
24 B Richard Rebman
24 B Betsy (Dave) Whitton
25 B Al Collins
26 A Richard & Judy Bligiske
27 A Sean & Cami Wright
28 B Bonnie (Larry) LaPlant
29 A Tom & Marilyn Janowski
29 A Robert & Carol Ledvina
30 B Roy D. Johnson
31 B Cheryl (John) Hansen

September

01 A Ernest & Rene Remondini
02 A Gene & Rana Gunderson
03 A Harold & Ruth Watermolen
04 A Paul & Kathleen Tilot
04 B Mike Vanden Busch
05 B Randy Barrett
05 B Mike Delvaux
05 B Kate (Joe) Malcore
06 A Stephen & Lori Froelich
06 B Father Jerome Pastors
08 A Dave & Betsy Whitton
08 B John Walczyk
12 A Larry & Doris Mastalish
13 B Marie (Wayve) Weber
14 A Ken & Cynthia Gezella
15 A Grant & Joan Turner
15 B Tim Fliss
15 B Kathryn (Robert) Rocque
15 B Beverly (Jed) Schacht

Fourth Degree

Fourth Degree members of Council 10243 who are also members of Fourth Degree Assembly 1197 have enjoyed a restful summer, though members of the Honor Guard have participated in several activities, most notably continuing a tradition of being present at Polka Days in Pulaski (Sunday, July 20th.) At the invitation of LaCrosse Diocesan Program Coordinator **Patrick Dederich**, Father **Al Lis** joined in a chicken cookout at Wisconsin Rapids on July 14th. We are now gearing up for several events in the Fall. The next gathering of the Assembly is the semi-annual business meeting that is scheduled for early September. On September 20th, Officers will gather for the Eastern District Meeting in Oshkosh. On October 4th there will be an exemplification of the Fourth Degree at Wisconsin Rapids (further information is included in this *Newsletter*) and on Sunday, October 26th Officers from our Area 6 will be installed at Maplewood.

Membership, especially membership in the Fourth Degree, remains a major concern. In a recent letter to Area Coordinators, Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** called attention to,

...the alarming rate of our negative membership in the Eastern District. I will expect you to convey to your respective assemblies the urgency of establishing a strong recruiting team and work with them. Impress upon the Navigators the importance of new membership.

A goal has been established for each Officer of each Assembly to recruit at least one new member. 13 Officers in each of 21 Assemblies in our Eastern District would bring 273 new members.

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. Contact Father **Al Lis** (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.

Presently we have seven men in the Council who are First Degree members.

Fourth Degree Exemplifications

An exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. The exemplification, to be hosted by the Western District, will be held in honor of Father **John Swing**. Wisconsin Rapids is about two hours from Green Bay.

The cost of the exemplification is \$65.00 (\$35 for clergy) and the room rate at the hotel is \$79.00 plus tax. Rooms may be reserved through September 15th by calling 715-423-1500. Ask for Knights of Columbus 4th Degree #141407. Additional banquet tickets are \$25.00.

Dress as per custom is black tux and baldric (only new members may wear 4th Degree pin). Ladies attire is dress (no casual wear) for luncheon (price, \$12.00) & dinner. The exemplification begins at 12:30 PM with Mass and Knighting at 4:00 PM. The banquet is scheduled for 6:30.

Master **Erv Jankowiak** noted that he has not yet been able to establish a date for the next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Eastern District. It will be in Milwaukee in the Spring and Archbishop **Timothy Dolan** will be the Honoree. The Archbishop is a strong backer of the Knights and of the Fourth Degree, but the Master and the Archbishop have not been able to coordinate calendars. Erv hopes to have a date confirmed soon.

Contact Father **Al Lis** (437-1979) for further information on either exemplification.

Knights To Christ

Knights to Christ is "A book of contemporary daily meditations linking scripture to the principles of the Knights of Columbus" and is now in its second printing. The pocket sized book, offering daily thoughts on principles of the Order, was developed by members of the Knights of Columbus in Colorado and is offered to the whole Order for reflection. Envisioned as a means of promoting spirituality among brother Knights, special pricing was made available to District Deputies at their recent meeting. Some have shown interest in promoting the publication. It has been recommended, not only to members of the Knights of Columbus, but to prospective members and families as well. More information will be forthcoming concerning the availability of the book in our Council.

Wrapping Up Brat Fries

At the time the last *NEWSLETTER* was published the tally hadn't been completed on the latest 'fry'. The July 6th effort at Cub Foods brought us \$269.40. Not all that bad, considering it was the July 4th Weekend. The final scheduled brat fry at Festival on July 11th was canceled. Another group handled that one and we understand the profits were \$102.00.

Summer Blast

Thanks to the dedicated group of brother Knights, family and friends that helped at the St. Bernard Summer Blast July 26-27th: **Randy Barrett, Dan Barrington, Bill Bartelme, Kevin Beck, Tom Capelle, Al Collins, Robert DeGrave, Ray Demerath, Cindy Gezella, Ken Gezella, Faye Janssen, Lynn Janus, Mark Janus, Norb Kalinosky, Paul Krohn, Nancy Laubenstein, Bob Ledvina, Robert Massart, Terry Misfeldt, John Murphy, Aaron Naze, Rick Noe, Gerry Piontek, Tom Ratajczak, Richard Rebman, Gene Schmidt, Don Schneider, Roger Shaha, Grant Turner, Joan Turner, Jim Van Allen, Jason Vandermause, Stan Waslowski, Dave Whitton, LeRoy Zellner, Bridget Ziarnik, Larry Ziarnik & Mark Ziarnik**. Our participation in the event was coordinated by **Jim Janssen & Mike Worzala**.

District Meeting

A joint meeting of several Districts including our own District 13 was held on Monday evening, July 21st at Nativity Church in Green Bay. As this meeting was held at the same time as our Council meeting, we had a bit of a problem. Deputy Grand Knight **John Murphy** was willing to make the sacrifice and attend the District Meeting on behalf of Council 10243. The meeting dealt with membership matters and other information passed on from the District Deputy Meeting held previously.

District Deputy **Ron Frosch** had offered to alleviate the conflict in dates by conducting a separate meeting for Council 10243 Officers. GK **Grant Turner** graciously declined the offer.



Spotlight On... Mac Kocho

There was a time when Mac would not only have never given a single thought to the Knights of Columbus, but there actually was a time when he left the Church for a time. After following a more Evangelical calling for about two years, it became gradually clearer to him that the only way he could hope to grow in God was through the Church he had left, so like many of the saints of old, he came back. As time went on he began looking for more ways to be of service to the Church, and though he didn't know too much about the Knights, he was aware of the service thrust of the Order. He asked Father Doug LeCaptain how to get into contact with the Knights, and it just so happened Doug was planning to attend a meeting of Council 10243. As Mac recalls, Doug was looking for a contribution from the Council for one of the programs of the Vocation Office, and brought Mac to the Council meeting. One thing led to another and Mac is now a Third Degree member of Council 10243. He's on the go a lot, but in the time he has been with the Council he has made several of the meetings, gotten involved in the insurance program and helped out at several activities of the Council, including a couple of brat fries this summer.

Mac is a native of Green Bay and is working at Georgia Pacific as an Instrument Technician. That means he spends the greater part of his workday paying attention to the instrumentation on paper machines. He originally thought about to be a police officer, and was looking for a two-year educational program so he could get on the job quickly. After looking into Police Science he decided that wasn't quite what he was looking for at the time. His dad is an electrician and it was his mother who suggested that he look into his current field. Although at the time he considered it to be a rather 'oddball field,' he pursued it and ended up with an Associate Degree from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in 1999. He's been on the job at Georgia Pacific for about four years now.

Much of his free time is associated with church work. He's a member of St. Jude parish on Green Bay's West Side and has been a volunteer in several aspects of parish life. He currently works with Boy Scouts at the parish and is looking forward to being Assistant ScoutMaster. He's also thinking of teaching in the Religious Education program at the parish. In addition to all that he does at the parish, he's into bicycling. Another project is home improvement. He bought a house some months back and estimates that he's got about \$30,000 in ideas for the place. Tacking one project at a time keeps him busy. As far as vocations go, he gave some thought to the priesthood but at the present seems to have ruled that one out. He's now looking into the vocation of marriage, but noted that he's neither aggressively nor passively pursuing it. Down the road he sees himself married with a family, and still keeping busy. He thinks of himself as a 'simple guy' and has also been involved with TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) about twice a year.

Another of his hobbies seems to be road trips, sometimes wondering how long he can manage to stay awake and alert. He spends some time visiting family members out of State. Mac is one half of a set of twins, and his brother, about a minute older than Mac, is in the Air Force in South Dakota. Military service seems to run in the family although Mac never signed on for that. Reflecting back he says, "The one in the family who would have probably enjoyed it the most never went." He also has a sister in Minneapolis and another brother with whom he explored vast areas of Mammoth Caves in Kentucky, spending several hours crawling around on the ground. On the lighter side he confesses that he smoked his first cigarette the day before this interview took place, admitting that he isn't quite sure if it was fun or if he'd think about trying it again. We're glad he tried the Catholic Church again and that his search has led him to the Council family.