



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

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Grand Knight's Column

As I write this column for the July Newsletter, it is a hot and humid day; but it's summer at least, and isn't it great? It's time for cottages, picnics, parades, cookouts and enjoying family and friends. I hope we can all still find the time to help out at St. Bernard's Summer Blast on July 26th & 27th. We are responsible for the Knights' Grill, which features burgers, brats, hot dogs and soda. If you have not already signed up, call Jim Janssen at 406-8685. This is the last volunteer project until October 5th, which is our scheduled date to work at the "Munch Zone" at Lambeau Field (more about that at a later date.)

Sunday, July 6th was our last brat stand of the season, this one being at Cub Foods. A big THANKS to all those who gave of their time & effort to help throughout the season. Special thanks to Mike Worzala and Jim Janssen for their many hours given to these projects. We did cancel the final scheduled brat fry at Festival Foods. At our June meeting we discussed some problems that we had at Festival along with declining sales. The executive committee made the decision to cancel the July 11th brat fry.

As the summer slips quietly by, we can be certain that as much as we need and enjoy vacations--God never takes time out but is always there for us.

Seed you all at our next meeting, July 21st--rosary at 7:15 PM and the meeting to follow.

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual Third Monday on the Month, July 21st. All are asked make the effort to shore up a sometimes lean showing in the summer months. Come and be a part of the decision making process in your Council. As usual, the meeting will

begin at 7:30 p.m. with rosary preceding around 7:15.

District Deputy

Thanks to **Gene Rameker** for his service as District Deputy of District 13. Gene is battling colon cancer and would appreciate our prayers. **Ron Frosch** was recently appointed the new District Deputy by State Deputy **Richard Rebman**. Ron was a DD in our area before, and, with Insurance representative **Dave Tlachac**, founded Council 10243 in 1990.

Around the Council

Congratulations to brother **Joe Malcore** on his recent wedding. Joe married the former **Kate Tomski** on this past June 28th. Welcome to the Council family, Kate! Congratulations also to Treasurer **Scott McKenzie**. He and his fiancée **Lynne Bialczyk** will be married on July 26th.

Father **Jerry Pastors** finally decided he needed a female in his life. He recently acquired a Black Labrador named Molly.

We also welcome **James DePrey** and his wife, **Henrietta** to our family. Jim is a Third Degree Knight and a recent transfer to Council 10243 from Green Bay Council 10552.

Jason & Mary Vandermause are expecting their first child in January.

State Deputy **Richard Rebman** recently appointed **Leon Janowski** of Council 10243 as State Photographer. Leon will take part in conventions and various other gatherings and record them for posterity. He replaces **Don Danowicz** of Sauk City.

Honorees

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

Knight of the Month: Jim Janssen
Family of the Month: Deacon John & Lee Ann Laurant

Chaplain's Column

At the last Fourth Degree business meeting the suggestion was made to send an invitation to become a part of the Degree to members of the fifteen or so Councils that feed into the Assembly. The plan is to send ten invitations to each Council and probably the Financial Secretary would determine to whom they should go. An objection was raised to this plan, suggesting that "you can't pick and choose" who should come into the Fourth Degree. My immediate thought was, "The alternative is sitting around waiting for them to come to us. That doesn't seem to have paid off." In a recent letter the Eastern District Master noted that there is an "untapped resource of 15,893 members of our Order who have not been asked, or perhaps by our department have not been impressed with the 4th Degree." It would be nice (and less effort) if simply by 'being' members of the Fourth Degree, we could draw people to join us, but I don't think that is a very profitable way of doing things. People need to be asked. Actually, 'department' may just work against us. Looking as if membership in the Fourth Degree, or in the Knights in general, or even in Christianity is some sort of drudgery, we're doomed. Sometimes without even thinking about it, we can give that impression. Remember the injunction of Jesus against those who fast and want to make sure that everyone knows about it (Matthew 6:16-8). Is our faith a joy for us? Does our association with the Knights bring us happiness? If not, why are we here? On the other hand, my presumption is that we are Christian, and that we are Knights of Columbus, by our own free choice. That means we're free to leave anytime we please. Since we're staying, we could make an extra effort to be sure that we're not just fulfilling some sort of requirement for something, but rather that we're actually enjoying what we're doing. I still believe that the best recruiting tool is not department but simply asking someone. But, we want to be sure that what we're inviting them to be a part of is also something that we are genuinely thrilled to be a part of in the first place. It is, after all, the messenger that is as important as the message itself. When we 'ask another man to be a Knight' the impression we give ought to be that we are so delighted with our membership that we want to share that joy with someone else. Few things are more delightful than to bring someone into an organization and see them really be swept away

by it. Who we are as God's chosen ones, as followers of Christ and as Brother Knights is not a treasure that must be hidden away so that it is not tarnished by unworthy eyes. It is to be a seed that grows from inside of us and encompasses others, drawing them to experience the same joy we have found.

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

Brat Fries Galore

Except for the Summer Blast, the Brat Fry season has come to an end and we appreciate all those who gave of their time, not to mention their cooking talents, to make them successful.

At Festival Foods on Friday, June 6th the following brothers helped out: **Gary Durocher, Tom Gauthier, Joe Hoffman, Jim Janssen, Roy C. Johnson, Norb Kalinosky, Kevin Lardinois, Bob Ledvina, Gary Nimmer and his son, Gerry Piontek, Arnold Rank, Eugene Schmitz, Karl Schroeder, Ken Sevcik, Luke Siudzinski, Jim Van Allen & Harry Watermolen.** That sale brought us \$217.50.

Festival was again the site of a Brat Fry on Sunday, June 22nd. The following were present: **Jim Janssen, Mac Kocha, Aaron Naze, Tim Nixon, Rick Noe, Jed Schacht, Eugene Schmitz, John Schmitz, Roger Shaha, Grant Turner, Jim Van Allen, Mike Vanden Busch, Mike Worzala & Dave Whitton.** A profit of \$342.25 was made by the Council.

The last 'outside' fry was held at Cub Foods on Sunday, July 6th. Thanks to the following: **Tom Caldie, Robert DeGrave, Jim Janssen, Mac Kocha, Father Al Lis, Eugene Schmitz, Roger Shaha, Grant Turner, Jim Van Allen, Jason Vandermause, Stan Waslowski & Mike Worzala.**

Another brat fry, scheduled for Friday, July 11th, was canceled due to a lack of volunteers.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the **Rick & Mary Noe** family. Rick's mother, **Pearl**, passed to eternal life on June 3rd at the age of 84. May she know rest and peace forever. We also extend our sympathy to the **Larry & Bonnie LaPlant** family on recent deaths: On June 13th Bonnie's father **Chester (Teddy) Dollar** passed to the Lord at the

age of 90. That same day Larry's mother, **Rose Mary**, died at the age of 84. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Charity Raffle: Second Chance

The State Charity Committee has plans to make the annual Charity Raffle a little more enticing. State Chairman **Dennis Rakowski** announced that next year, tickets should have a second stub on each ticket for people to fill out with their name and telephone. Councils that wish to offer the "Second Chance" raffle would provide a total of \$100 from their own funds for the raffle; Dennis recommended four prizes of \$25. This Second raffle would be done by each Council that chooses to participate, using the extra stubs from tickets they themselves have sold. Councils that choose not to participate can simply tear off the extra stub before distributing the tickets for sale.

Fourth Degree at Janesville

A class of thirty-eight candidates took part in an exemplification of the Fourth Degree hosted by the Western District at Janesville on Saturday, June 7th. The exemplification was held in honor of Father **Michael Doro**. Special guests for the weekend included Master **Gary Nolan** and his wife **Dawn** from Southern Illinois, who also brought three of the candidates. Attending from our area were Eastern District Marshall **Don Bettine** and Friar Father **Al Lis**. Because Western District Friar Father **Arnold Reuter** suffered a heart attack a few days earlier, Western District Master **Tony Felber** asked Father Al to assume some of his responsibilities. Madison Bishop **William Bullock** presided at the evening Mass. Others taking part were State Warden **Dan & Pat Hall** who was a member of the Degree Team, State Secretary **Richard & Lucy Ammon** and State Advocate **Mike & Carol McCormick**. **Richard & Janet Rebman** were at a meeting of State Deputies at New Haven. PSD **Larry & Mary Lanners**, whose home parish was the site of the exemplification, were present as was PSD **Harold Stohlmeyer** and PSD & Eastern Master **Erv & Helen Jankowiak**. Vice Supreme Master **Joe Kaltwasser** was also in attendance. **Dave Johannes**, PGK of Madison Council 6568 was recently elected Faithful Navigator of his Assembly and asked Bishop Bullock to serve as Faithful Friar after his retirement. Bullock said he'd consider the opportunity.

The next exemplification is scheduled for October 4th at Wisconsin Rapids (Western District hosting).

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting

Monday, July 21st – Rosary at 7:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Knights Grill at St. Bernard Summer Blast

Saturday, July 26th & Sunday, July 27th
Contact: Mike Worzala (465-1363)

Council Meeting

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

Council Meeting

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

Packers Food Stand at Lambeau Field

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

First Degree & Council Meeting

Monday, October 20th 1st Degree at 7:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Meeting

Monday, November 17th – Rosary at 7:15 P.M.
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)

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

{A Prayer for the Morning appeared in the February 2000 NEWSLETTER.}

God of light and of darkness,
we give you thanks for this day
and for the opportunities you have given us
to further the presence of your kingdom
here among your holy people.
We thank you for all we have done well this day
and we ask your forgiveness for those times
when we failed to heed your call
or to hear your voice.

May this evening offering of praise
rise like incense before you
As Christ your Son offered himself to his disciples
on the evening of that Last Supper,
so may we offer our lives to you,
the dawn that knows no darkness.
May we have a restful and peaceful night
and rise refreshed and renewed
As we now come to the setting of the sun,
and have seen the evening star,
may our hearts and our lips sing your praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
God of all the ages, forever and ever.

Special Days

July 15 - August 15

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

July

15 A Don & Mary Schneider
16 A Robert & Helen DeGrave
16 B Brad Gauger
16 B Doris (Larry) Mastalish
19 B Lori (Stephen) Froelich
24 B Rosemary (Clay) Langenberg
26 A Larry & Bridget Ziarnik
26 B Melanie (Dan) Barrington
26 B Joan (David) Reimer
27 B Aaron Naze
30 A Mike & Suzi Borlee
30 A Paul & Mary Krohn

August

01 B Leonard Schaub
03 A Arnold & Marie Rank
07 B Stephen Kotlar
08 B Ann (Dennis) Niess
08 B Susan (Tim) Nixon
09 B Ann (Tom) Gauthier
09 B Father Dave Pleier
10 A David & Kim Burbach
10 A Ken & Mary Stoej
11 A David & Joan Reimer
11 B Virginia (Gary) Durocher
11 B Rana (Gene) Gunderson
11 B Irene (Ed) Rovinski
12 B Marie (Arnold) Rank
14 A Dan & Donna Mullen
14 B Joseph Sule

District Meeting

A schedule of District meetings for the thirteen Districts in the Diocese of Green Bay was distributed at the District Deputy meeting recently. Unfortunately, a meeting of Districts 7, 8 & our own District 13 was set for Monday, July 21st, the same date as our Council meeting. Leadership of the Council is encouraged to attend the meeting to be held at Nativity Church at 7:00 p.m. We hope to come up with a solution to the conflict soon and will inform Council leadership before the date of the meeting.

Membership Thrust

At the District Deputy Meeting in June State Deputy **Richard Rebman** laid out plans for a major thrust in membership over the next year. The plan relies on accountability all the way from the local Council level to the State and beyond. Membership at the moment in Wisconsin is at around 39,350 and the goal is to exceed 41,000. Each Council is required to hold a minimum of one recruitment drive and one First Degree exemplification in each of the coming quarters. Dates determined for the Statewide drive are October 18-19th, December 13-14th, and February 7-8th and May 15-16th. After each drive the Grand Knight is to report on the outcome to the District Deputy who will in turn report to the Diocesan Membership Coordinator. These will contact the State Membership Director who will notify the State Deputy. Format and instruction regarding the drives will be supplied to each Council. First Degrees are to be held in October in honor of the

Council Chaplain or another outstanding member of the Council, in December in honor of the Diocesan Chaplain, in February in honor of the State Chaplain and in May in Honor of Father **Michael J. McGivney**.

District Deputy Meeting

Over a hundred Knights and ladies gathered at Black River Falls for the semi-annual District Deputy Meeting July 28-29th. Most DD's and Diocesan Coordinators from the State were in attendance as were all State Officers. New DD's began their meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Also present at the meeting was Supreme Regional Coordinator **Richard McCloy**, PSD of Michigan. From Council 10243, State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman** and Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** attended. Also taking part was our own District Deputy (13) **Ron Frosch**.

The next District Deputy meeting will be December 6-7th at Waupaca.

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 (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.

Trustee Elected

Though this is the 'off' year for elections, a Trustee must be elected every year. Thanks to **Bill Bartelme** who completed three years of service as Trustee of Council 10243. Welcome aboard to **Dan Barrington** who was elected at the Council meeting on June 16th and begins a three-year term of service. There were no other candidates for election. Dan joins **Mike Vanden Busch** and **Jason Vandermause** as Trustees. The primary responsibility of Trustees is to take part in the semi-annual audit with the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and in general to safeguard the financial stability of the Council

Web Site

Roy Johnson recently helped load a new program of the St. Bernard area of the web site--a coloring book on line. We guarantee that coloring books are no longer for the five-and-under set. This one contains scenes from scripture and the life of Jesus. Check it out: www.communitynews.org.

Speaking of web sites, the State Council has plans of getting on-line soon. Watch for further information.

Fourth Degree

Members of our Fourth Degree Marquette Assembly held their semi-annual business meeting in early June. All current Officers were re-elected to their respective positions. Members of Council 10243 serving as Officers of the Assembly are Faithful Admiral **Larry Ziarnik**, Trustee **Roger Shaha** and Friar Father **Al Lis**. District Deputy **Ron Frosch** is also a Trustee. The Assembly does not meet in July or August, though there is the possibility of a planning meeting sometime over the summer. Masters **Erv Jankowiak** and **Tony Felber** did a presentation on the Fourth Degree at the District Deputy meeting encouraging membership efforts.

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.



Spotlight On... Bob Massart

Bob apparently has the rare distinction of being a Charter member of two Councils. Though the memories are a bit vague at the present time, he remembers getting involved in the Knights of Columbus back in his college Freshman days. That was at the invitation of Don LeBrun as a Council (#4692) was being formed at St. Norbert College in DePere in the 60's, and he believes he was a Charter member. He also remembers being involved in the Council's leadership, and he isn't quite sure, but thinks he served as Grand Knight around his Senior year. He graduated in 1966. As time went on he became less active in the Knights, but when a new Council was formed at St. Bernard in 1990 he transferred and signed up as a Charter Member of Council 10243.

These days the auction business that bears his name keeps him and several others in the family pretty busy, and he rarely has the chance to take in meetings or activities of the Council, but occasionally he's found himself at a food stand. Aside from that, life is devoted to business. It was actually back when Bob served for several years in the Navy and was a helicopter pilot. Among the places he has been are bases at Pensacola and Norfolk. It was actually in the Navy that he got interested in auctions. At one of the bases where he was serving there was a Baptist Church no longer being used for worship. Someone would accumulate items for auction that had been shipped into the area and coordinate an auction. Bob thought there might just be a good market for something like that in the Green Bay area so he found himself getting more and more interested in the business. He took the necessary time to go to auctioneering School in Mason City, Iowa and eventually bought a building for getting things together and for storage. He's been in the auction business pretty much since 1974. An average day might include a lot of time on the road, all tied in with appraisals sorting all the 'stuff' and getting things set up for yet another auction. There are a lot of descriptions to come up with, cataloging and entering data into the computer. Yet, it seems to have been infectious, because Bob's wife Pat followed him into the business, as did one of his children, Damien. Damien was also a member of Council 10243 for a time, but withdrew in 2000.

Free time simply means resting from all the work that he has to do. He's been a deer hunter in the past, but these days he's also developed an important spiritual element to his life. He tries to attend mass daily, usually the 6:45 AM at St. Matthew. He and Pat also try to take part one *Koinonia* every year and they are also members of the *People of God* Prayer Group that meets at St. Matt's. Bob and Pat have been married for about thirty-five years now and have four children. In addition to auction duties, Pat has been involved with parish life at St. Bernard, serving on the Parish Council. Three of their children are living in the state and a fourth is in Maryland. One of his daughters is a chiropractor who has her business on the West Side. The children range in age from late twenties to early thirties. Bob is originally from Rosaire and Pat is a Green Bay native.