



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

November 2003



Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights:

Here we are in November—we just finished our first booyah sale of the season. We had much help both days. Special thanks to Bill Bartelme and Tom Gauthier for their help and to our fellow Knights who gave their time on Saturday and Sunday. It was great to see the community that we build through these booyah days.

I would also like to thank all of you who took part in our October meeting. We had thirty-one members present. That was fantastic. Thanks also to Leon Janowski for taking our Council picture for the St. Bernard picture book.

I still have many “*Keep Christ in Christmas*” signs. I do have them at home or if you see me at school I can get them to you as well. A suggestion: if you put them in the ground before it freezes it works much better.

Also, check your calendar before our next meeting on November 17th. We will be asking you for help with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 12-13th and *Generations of Faith* at St. Bernard, Saturday morning 8-11 on December 13th. (We only need three volunteers for this.)

The booyah scheduled for December 6-7th has been postponed because of the Packer-Bear game on the 7th. This will be re-scheduled.

Our next meeting will be on November 17th. We will have the exemplification of the First Degree at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

“For God, who said, ‘Let the light shine out of darkness,’ make his light shine in our hearts.”

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Next Meeting: First Degree

The next gathering of Council 10243 is our usual meeting night, the third Monday of the month, November 17th. There will be an exemplification of the First Degree at 7:00 PM and the meeting will follow at the conclusion of the Degree, around 7:40 p.m. As always, please be aware that out of respect to the Degree team and the candidates, no one will be admitted to the Council chamber while the exemplification is in progress.

Booyah

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talent at our first booyah sale of the season. The preparation and sale were held the weekend of November 1-2nd. While all the figures are not available as of this writing, we did receive the list of our willing volunteers. Thanks go out to: **Randy Barrett, Dan Barrington, Bill Bartelme, Ray Demerath, Tom Gauthier, Leon Janowski, Jim Janssen, Bob Ledvina, Scott McKenzie, Pat Mongin, Gerry Piontek, Gene Schmitz, Ken Sevcik, Grant Turner, Jason Vandermause, Stan Waslowski, Dave Whitton & Bob Wozniak.**

The booyah scheduled for December 6-7th has been postponed due to serious conflicting circumstances (Packer-Bear game). Watch this *NEWSLETTER* regarding re-scheduling.

Landing Day

Knights and friends from District 13 gathered for a Landing Day Banquet on Tuesday, October 21st at Humbolt Haus. The event, sponsored by Msgr. Basche Council 4505 in Green Bay, only managed to draw about sixty people, but a good time was had by those present. Entertainment was provided by “GQ4,” a barbershop quartet that provided a good blend of contemporary music and some oldies. Attending from Council 10243 were Past State Deputy **Richard & Janet Rebman**, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and State Photographer

Leon & Sheila Janowski. District Deputy **Ron & Marilyn Frosch** were also present.

Second & Third Degree

A rather large class of about seventy-five candidates was present for the exemplification of the Second and Third Degree at Green Bay on Sunday, November 2nd. Just one man from Council 10243 was able to take part, and we welcome to the ranks of full Knighthood brother **Gene Pieschek**. The Degree was held in honor of Bishop **Robert Banks**. Also present from our Council were Past State Deputy **Richard Rebman** and Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**.

Reflecting on the exemplification and on our efforts to encourage men to complete their journey to full Knighthood, we are faced with some questions. We had nine men eligible for the Degrees, and the date had been in the *NEWSLETTER* for months. Certainly, some had reasonable excuses; others were a bit more imaginative. The fact remains that those who read the *NEWSLETTER* knew all about this exemplification six months ago. Also, we are reminded time and time again that we who have already completed the path to Knighthood should take part in major Degrees often so that their lessons may be refreshed—yet we can count on one hand those who have taken part as observers. If these Degrees are not important for us, the members (and apparently they are not important because so few go to them), then how can we expect them to be important to our candidates?

Chaplain's Column

Each year in this season we have the opportunity to see the lands of the Northern Hemisphere grow cold and barren once again. We approach the end of the Church's year, and cap off the year of grace with the Last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the feast of Christ the King. We remember our dead, through our observance of All Souls and we experience some of the shortest days of the year. Though the concentration seems to be on endings, it is actually a time of beginnings. We know that the cold and the dark will give way once again to light and warmth, as it has for thousands of generations. We know that the dead will rise again, and that those whose memory we honor are joined with the Communion of Saints in heaven. And, our Church year continues in a never-ending cycle, beginning anew on the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. It was in this time of the year that, forty years ago,

the Second Vatican Council was wrapping up its first session. On December 4, 1963, a document of promise came forth, the first document of the Council. This was *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. To say it was groundbreaking and visionary would be the understatement of the ages. Still today it remains one of the most important pieces of legislation, not only from Vatican II, but in the whole history of the Church. Still today, nearly every document on the liturgy that is issued pays homage to it in a footnote, often the first footnote. Laying out a vision of Christ and the Church suitable for the modern era, it pointed out that our liturgical activity is the 'source and summit' of all we do as a Church. In practical terms it led to the reform of the liturgy, the vernacular, the restoration of the diaconate and countless other changes.

It is in light of this document that once again the Church is changing. Many have heard about "GIRM," the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the blueprint describing our most basic and important form of worship, the Mass. Revision of our liturgical books after several decades necessarily brings with it revision of our practice. The Church, after all, is a living organism and to deny that things should change is to deny that the power of the Spirit is at work in the Church. We snicker when looking at pictures of ourselves thirty and forty years ago, wondering why in the world we would have ever donned such clothing or worn our hair in that manner. Just as we have changed, so too has the Church. We have grown and developed, and we have to continue to update or we will become stagnant. Centuries before Christ the ancient Greeks figured out that change was the only constant in the world. Minor changes will be introduced in our worship, more dealing with matters of posture and reverence than anything else. There is no wholesale revolution of Christianity coming and nothing that is central to our belief is changing, only some minor things in our practice. Yet, changes are usually uncomfortable, especially if we don't understand the reasoning. As Knights and as loyal members of the Church, let us be attentive to the voice of the Spirit that has been speaking to the Church. Let us embrace a slightly different way of doing things with an attitude that shows the world that this is no crisis of faith for us.

Father Al Lis, O.F.M.
Chaplain

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 17th
First Degree at 7:00 PM

Meeting to follow

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting at St. Bernard – Monday, November 17th – 1st Degree at 7:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Cub Foods East
–Friday, December 12th - 10 A.M to 8 P.M.
Contact: Jim Janssen (406-8685)

Council Meeting and Christmas Social at St. Bernard – Monday, December 15th – Rosary at 7:15 P.M, Christmas Social at 8:15 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Free Throw and Knowledge Contest for Youth at St. Bernard – Saturday, January 17th – Free Throw Contest at 9 A.M., Knowledge Contest at 10:30 A.M.
Contact: Tom Caldie (469-7861)

Booyah Sale at St. Bernard – Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Pancake & Porkie Breakfast at St. Bernard– Sunday, February 22nd – Setup begins at 7 A.M., serving from about 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.
Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)

Booyah Sale at St. Bernard – Saturday, March 6th and Sunday, March 7th
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Special Days

November 15th - December 15th

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

November

15 B Clayton Langenberg
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17 B Betty (Joseph) Hoffman
17 B Debra (Joseph) Sule
20 B Jerry Ahrens
20 B Kathleen (Paul) Tilot
21 A Roger & Lynda Shaha
21 B Gene Gunderson
23 A Terry & Kristine Misfeldt
25 B Ken Sevcik

26 B Kathleen (Jim) Gibson
26 B Weldon Kiernan
26 B Katherine (Kirk) Pelnar
29 B Ken Greetan

December

04 B Cheryl (William) Brown
05 B Sean Wright
06 B Kim (David) Burbach
06 B Paul VandenPlas
06 B Mike Worzala
07 B Nancy (Fred) Grochmal
09 B Gene Pieschek
11 B Marilyn (Lawrence) Waskosky
13 B Donald Hoff
13 B David Reimer
14 B Ann (Peter) Birdsall

**ASK ANOTHER MAN
TO BE A KNIGHT!**

Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving II

Prayer of Thanksgiving I appeared in November, 1999.

Gracious God, creator of all that exists,
you have lavished upon your people
the wonders of the earth
and the bounty of land, sea and sky.
You have called us to trust in you
for our daily bread
and have challenged us to share from our bounty
with those who have less.
Give us hearts that are truly thankful
for all that you have given to us,
and stir up among your people
a renewed desire to share your gifts
with those around us.
Send your blessing in abundance
upon all those who work to feed your people.
Give them health and strength
and the knowledge that you are with them.
Open our eyes and our hearts
to those who hunger for food,
and to those who long for your love.
May we share graciously and lovingly
all the graces you have bestowed upon us,
so that our greatest blessing
may be those who have come to know Christ
through our generosity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Keep Christ in Christmas

We still have a number of yard signs available from last year, promoting the religious side of Christmas. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign can be waged right from our own front yards. Signs are available from GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) for a donation.

Bell Ringers Wanted

It is that time of the year again, and we are hearing appeals on the radio for volunteers for the Salvation Army's annual bell ringing campaign. The Council has been participating in the event for quite a few years now, and this year we are once again looking for a few people to handle the bells and kettles at Cub Food East on Friday and Saturday, December 12-13th. Volunteers may sign up at the November Council meeting or contact GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407).

Fourth Degree

Our local Marquette Assembly 1197 held the Area Installation of Officers at Maplewood on Sunday, October 26th. The installation took place during Mass at Holy Name of Mary Church at 3:00 PM at Maplewood with dinner at Coun's C Club in Brussels afterward. About 75 people were present as we joined the other Assemblies of Area 6: #1528 Assembly (Sturgeon Bay) and #1724 (Oneida.) Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** and his wife **Helen** were present for the Mass and Installation. Pastor and Assembly 1528 Friar Father **Wilbert Buhl** presided at the Mass and Father **Al Lis** concelebrated. Most officers of our local Assembly were present. From Council 10243, Assembly Officers include District and Assembly Friar Father **Al Lis**, Faithful Admiral **Larry Ziarnik** and Faithful Trustee **Roger Shaha**. Larry & Roger were not able to be present.

On Sunday, November 9th the Assembly will held the annual Memorial Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Green Bay at 5:00 PM with a dinner to follow at Wally's Spot at 6:00. The Assembly hopes that moving the Mass to a Sunday rather than keeping it on the usual meeting night of Tuesday might increase attendance. Unfortunately the Mass has been poorly attended lately. A Christmas party is planned for January 16th. Because of the Installation and the Memorial Mass, the Assembly is not holding usual monthly meetings in October or November.

Past State Deputy

Past State Deputy **Richard Rebman** joined in the Council 10243 meeting on October 20th, taking part in his first Knights of Columbus activity since his resignation in September. We definitely thank him and his lady **Janet** for all the blessings he brought to the Order, the State and the Council during his time as State Deputy. At the end of the October meeting Chaplain Father **Al Lis** recognized Richard's presence and asked the Council for a show of support. Richard was recognized with a standing ovation.

Brothers

Former Council member **Bob Hieronimczak** continues his recovery from surgery and appreciates the prayers of the Council. He is currently a member of Council 4439 in Pulaski. GK **Grant Turner** not only got his picture in the paper on October 21st, but also managed to get on television the previous night. Grant was in the news because of his involvement in the tours being given at Lambeau Field. Father **Al Lis** was tapped by the Diocese as a 'token male' for a commercial to promote the *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection. He had a non-speaking role. The ad should be running on the airwaves soon.

From the Financial Secretary

Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** notes that he very much appreciates the prayers and thoughts of the Council as he continues medical treatments. He says he is doing "as well as can be expected." He also reminds the Council that the work of the Financial Secretary continues and he expects to get dues notices out shortly. We ask all brother Knights to please handle this responsibility as soon as possible and save us the added work of additional mailings. From time to time, many experience financial difficulties. If dues would be a burden to any brother Knight, they are asked to contact GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) or Jim (468-1245) to discuss the matter in confidence.

Shop With A Cop

The Council, as it has in the past, contributed \$300 to the *Shop With a Cop* youth program of the Green Bay Police. The donation was made in memory of our Brother Knight **Mike Paoletti**, who died in 1997. Mike's widow **Christine** told Father **Al** the police are again dedicating the program to him.

2004 State Charity Raffle

*The blaze orange that some are seeing at this time of year is not the attire of hunters, but the tickets from the annual Charity Raffle. Raffle Chairman **Leon Janowski** began passing out tickets at the October meeting and some men of the Council have already begun their sales. Information that might be useful:*

Cash Only

There will be a total of forty prizes, with the top prize again being \$50,000. The total prize list is \$133,000, making it the largest cash raffle in the state of Wisconsin for a \$5.00 ticket. The prizes are all cash; there are no vehicles offered this year since very few winners were interested in them.

Second Chance

Another option was a 'second chance' raffle. Tickets come with an extra stub on which purchasers are to write their name and telephone number. A drawing would then be held within each Council for winners among the tickets that each Council sold. The Charity committee recommended four prizes of \$25 each, the money coming from the charity refund generated by the ticket sales. At the last Council meeting District Deputy and Charity Committee member **Ron Frosch** explained the raffle. Father **Al Lis** criticized the option, calling it 'an unnecessary gimmick' and suggesting that the hassle might actually hurt ticket sales. He made a resolution to strongly support the raffle but opt out of 'second chance.' PSD **Richard Rebman** seconded. It passed unanimously.

How To Unload Raffle Tickets

The challenge for the Council is always to do better, and to make effective use of about fifty men who don't respond at all. Some tips on getting rid of the tickets:

1) Have them. Tickets won't sell if they're sitting on your kitchen counter. You'll never know when the next opportunity will come along. Almost anyone is willing to take a five-buck chance on 50K, especially when they know that it is for charity. The back of the ticket notes how the money is used. Point that out to people. Many men believe it is important to carry a Form 100 with them--carry a few raffle tickets as well. There may be a use for both.

2) Try co-workers. Some employers do not permit any kind of solicitation on company time. Others allow it as long as it does not become a nuisance. Talk to people you know, and if you are in a position to do so, ask customers or clients, or at least see if you can put up a sign advertising the raffle.

3) Ask. Take a lesson from carnival barkers--they don't wait for people to come to them. Ask people if they are interested in taking a chance for charity, if they feel lucky, or, as the pocket badge says, "Wanna win \$50,000?"

4) Call in favors. How many times have you bought candy bars, raffle tickets and cookies from friends and neighbors? Call in a few favors and those tickets will disappear fast.

5) Events & Gatherings. Find out if it is all right to sell tickets at events sponsored by churches, groups or organizations to which you belong. Don't overlook the obvious. At a Pancake/Porkie breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus last year, there was not a single raffle ticket in sight.

6) Your own charity. All Council members are sent seven tickets. Purchasing them yourselves, if you're not the selling type, is probably not a serious financial burden to most of our men.

7) We had a Winner. It probably wouldn't hurt to note that a member of our Council, **Karl Schroeder**, won the fifth prize last year--\$5000.

There will be much more on the raffle over the next several months, but remember the good that we do for charity through our efforts in ticket sales. The real Grand Prize is seeing the lives that are touched through our efforts. Challenge yourself to outsell your total last year, or to get on our 'Honor Roll' of those who sold at least twenty tickets. For more raffle information contact Leon (468-7544)



Spotlight On... Stephen Froelich

Often it happens in KC Councils that, "Like father, like son" and fathers often influence their sons into becoming a part of the Knights. Although Stephen's father Wencil became involved in the Knights of Columbus back in the 1940's and, like Stephen, is a Charter Member of Council 10243, it was actually Dave Tlachac who got Stephen to become a Knight. Like his father, he joined another Council of the Knights and transferred to Council 10243 when it came to life about thirteen years ago. Up until that time his memories of the Knights were similar to many other people—the Honor Guard taking part in various solemn functions. Since becoming a part of our Council Stephen has managed to take part in several of the usual activities such as brat sales and the Tootsie Roll drive.

After spending about twenty years handling a dairy farm, Stephen is trying to adjust to the comparatively short work week of forty hours (which he thinks of as part-time) as a sales associate at Home Depot, working with hardware. He enjoys the job because he likes to meet a lot of people and takes an interest in what they are trying to do in home improvement. He especially enjoys the satisfaction that comes from figuring out a solution to the problems that customers often come in with. But, there's still the lure of the farm and he spends a great deal of his "free" time handling some of the responsibilities that come with raising some cash crops such as hay, corn and winter wheat. When there's any chance to lay aside the responsibilities of the job and the farm, he enjoys golfing, camping, playing cards and horseshoes. Like a number of other men in the Council he has taken an interest in woodworking and is starting to set up a shop. There's also the opportunity to travel once in a while—years ago he managed so spend some time in France. These days there was a recent trip to Florida and to Branson, Missouri, though the responsibilities of the farm often stand in the way of getting away for any length of time.

A native of Green Bay, Stephen went to St. Bernard Grade School, as did his future wife, Lori. After graduating from Premontre High School he attended UW-Green Bay, graduating in 1973 with a Degree in Finance (Business Administration). After graduation he held a couple of jobs before deciding that farming was something he really liked to do. In 1974 he married Lori and together they raised four sons, three of whom are in Milwaukee and the fourth in Green Bay. A member of St. Bernard parish for pretty much all of his life, He is a past member of the Finance Committee and the Buildings & Grounds Committee. In the 80's he also was a member of the Green Bay Diocese Rural Life Committee, trying to establish closer ties between the Church and those who work the land. He served as President of the Committee for two years and continues to serve as an Usher at the parish. Other interests have included service as a Boy Scout leader and a 4-H leader as well as a member of the Bellevue Businessmen's Association. He also became a part of the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department back in 1976, from which he retired last January.

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