



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

October 2003



Grand Knight's Column

Grant Turner, Grand Knight

Just a reminder of the Landing Day Banquet on October 21st at the Humbolt Haus. Cocktails will be at 6:00 PM with a dinner of chicken and ribs to be served at 7:00. (Cost: \$11.00 per person.) If you can make it please call me at 469-3407.

October has just begun and already there have been snowflake sightings. October also begins the series of Generations of Faith at St. Bernard. The Knights will host four Saturday morning sessions. The first session will be on October 11th.

I would like to thank DGK John Murphy for running the September meeting and also taking my place on the First Degree Team. John has certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty as DGK. Thanks again, John.

Later this month Leon Janowski will have our raffle tickets available for the coming year. We are getting them earlier this year so they're available to sell to our friends and families over the holiday season. This year a new procedure will take place in the sale of tickets. Leon will be sending out information regarding this. After raffle winners are picked at the State Convention, our Council will give out four \$25 prizes or one \$100 to an individual who bought a raffle ticket from one of our members. The drawing will take place at a Council meeting.

After we say the rosary at our next meeting on October 20th, we will have our picture taken for the St. Bernard Pictorial Directory. Leon Janowski, the State Photographer for the Knights of Columbus will be taking the picture. We have an extremely active Council. It would be nice if our picture reflected that.

Hope to see you all on October 20th—rosary at 7:15 PM, group photo after the rosary and the meeting to follow.

If you decide not to choose, you've already made the wrong choice.

Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 is our usual meeting night, the third Monday of the month, October 20th. The meeting will begin with the recitation of the rosary at 7:15 PM and a group picture of the Council following. The meeting will begin around 7:30 PM. Please make it a point to attend and be heard.

Honorees

Congratulations to our **September** Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Father Dave Pleier
Family of the Month: Randy & Becky Barrett

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 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. Contact Father Al (437-1979) so a lunch ticket can be ordered.

Presently we have nine men in the Council who are First Degree members: **Tom Koene, Paul Krohn, Brian LeCloux, Peter Leitermann, Joe Malcore, Kirk Pelnar, Gene Pieschek, Father Dave Pleier, and Robert Rocque.**

The Degrees will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish beginning at 11:00 and wrapping up around 4:00. These men will all be contacted soon with information regarding their participation in the Degree. One man has already stated his intention of taking part in the upcoming exemplification. Please encourage these Council members to

complete their journey and join us in the ranks of full members of the Knights of Columbus.

Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting at St. Bernard's – Monday, October 20th – Rosary at 7:15 P.M.,
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Landing Day Banquet – Tuesday, October 21st – Dinner at 7 P.M.
Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Fourth Degree Officer Installation: Mass at 3:00 PM at Maplewood, Dinner at Coun's C Club, Brussels, 4:30 PM
Contact Father Al (437-1979)

Booyah Sale at St. Bernard's – Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Second & Third Degree Exemplification
Sunday, November 2nd Green Bay
Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

Fourth Degree Memorial Mass at St. Mary of the Angels, Green Bay. Sunday, November 9th
5:00 PM Dinner At Wally's Spot
Contact: Father Al (437-1979)

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

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

Council Meeting and Christmas Social at St. Bernard's – 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's – 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's – Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th
Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)

Pancake & Porkie Breakfast at St. Bernard's – Sunday, February 22nd – Setup begins at 7 A.M., serving from about 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Chaplain's Column

A recent scripture reading for weekday Mass gave me something to think about. It was the beginning of the Book of Ezra, which deals with the rebuilding of the temple at the time of the exile. Some folks, thousands of years ago, heard that decree of King Cyrus of Persia to rebuild the Lord's temple at Jerusalem. Although they were delighted with what he wanted to do, they probably wondered why the Lord chose him—a pagan King—as the vehicle for the message and not someone from the royal family or the priestly class, or someone who, in their estimation, was respectable. It might be likened today to the Lord choosing a terrorist from the Middle East to spearhead a similar rebuilding project at the temple mound in Jerusalem. Such things simply cannot happen, we reason, because the Lord would never choose such a person to bring his word. We box God in and define the ways in which he can speak.

A sociologist pointed out long ago, "The medium is the message," suggesting that it is not the message that we tend to focus on but rather on the person that brings the message. Even one of the more comical passages of our scriptures point in that same direction—in this instance the Lord chooses to speak his word through a talking donkey. We judge the validity of the message based on our judgment of the messenger. We assume through a certain touch of arrogance that unless the Lord follows the guidelines we have established in our minds for him to speak his word, then he simply cannot speak. We set ourselves up as judges, not of the word that is being spoken to us, but as judges of the vehicle the Lord uses. If we believe as Christians and as active members of the Knight of Columbus that the Lord continues to speak to us, we need to remember that he may choose to speak his word to us in the most unexpected and unconventional manners. Ideas come up at Council meetings that might just be the voice of God trying to get through to us. Often we will decide what we think of it, based not on the merits, but on our judgment of the person who is proposing it. Let's be sure we focus on discerning the word of God in what we hear, and ignore the vehicle that the Lord chooses to use to deliver that word.

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

Steak Fry

Pulaski Council #4439 held a steak fry on the evening of Saturday, September 27th. Chaplain Father **Al Lis** and several members of the Green Bay Council 5382 family attended. Several hundred took part in the third annual event that included numerous raffles to raise money for charity.

Special Days

October 15th - November 15th

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

October

16 A Pat & Kay Ellis
16 B Tom Gauthier
16 B Jim Gibson
19 A Mike & Karen Barry
20 B Mike Borlee
21 + David Berger (1998)
22 A Larry & Bonnie LaPlant
24 + Mike Paoletti (1997)
25 A Terry & Kathy Timmerman
27 B Father Doug LeCaptain
28 B Dawn (John) Walczyk
30 B Cami (Sean) Wright
31 A Tim & Kristen Fliss
31 B Rick Noe

November

01 A Peter & Ann Birdsall
02 A Joseph & Debra Sule
02 B Tara (Peter) Leitermann
02 B Damien Massart
02 B Richard Rosin
03 A Rick & Nanci Tlachac
03 B Bridget (Larry) Ziarnik
03 + Don Barrett (2002)
04 B Bob Wozniak
08 A Gene & Donna Pieschek
08 B Debra (Jerry) Ahrens
09 A Jim & Kathleen Gibson
11 A Jerry & Katherine Collins
11 A James & Henrietta DePrey
11 B John Hale
11 B Christine (+Mike) Paoletti
12 A Stan & Bonnie Waslowski
13 B Robert Massart

Landing Day Banquet
Tuesday, October 21st
Humbolt Haus
4931 Humboldt Road
Green Bay

Cocktails 6:00 PM
Dinner (chicken & ribs) 7:00

Cost: \$11.00 per person
RSVP Grant: 469-3407

Diocesan Meeting

Knights from throughout the Diocese of Green Bay gathered at St. Joseph School on Saturday, September 13th for the Green Bay Diocesan Meeting. The annual part of the "Diocesan Swing" is a chance for State Officers to interact and share information with leaders from throughout the area. At the meeting we picked up checks with the profits of the Charity Raffle—in the amount of \$1083.15 for Brown County Association for Retarded Citizens (BARC) and an equal amount for the Green Bay Diocese program for persons with disabilities. We also received a check for over \$3300 for charity representing our share of the Tootsie Roll drive and an award for participation in the Penny-A-Knight-A-Day (PKD) program. Among the numerous presentations in the morning were Membership, Respect for Life and Charity Raffle and others. The District Deputies were installed by Bishop **Robert Banks**. The Bishop also received a check from the State Council representing the profits from the PKD fund. Attending from Council 10243 were Grand Knight **Grant Turner**, Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett**, PGK & Membership Chair **Rick Noe**, Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis**, State Photographer **Leon Janowski** and Insurance Field Agent **Ken Stoey**. Also attending were Msgr. **John Schuh** and former Council member Father **Doug LeCaptain**.

State Deputy Resigns

It is with great sadness that we note the resignation of our Council brother **Richard Rebman** from the Office of State Deputy of Wisconsin on September 6th, 2003. Richard had been taking part in a meeting of Officers on the eve of the first part of the Diocesan Swing in Madison. Other State Officers issued a statement a few days later:

It is with deepest regret that we inform you of the resignation of State Deputy Richard Rebman, effective 1:30 a.m. September 6, 2003. Chapter IX, Section 60 (2) provides that, "in the absence or inability of the State Deputy, the State Secretary shall execute all the duties of the State Deputy." Consequently, we have been advised by the Supreme Council that State Secretary Richard Ammon shall assume the title of Acting State Deputy until an election can be held. Additionally, Brother Rebman is entitled to the title of Past State Deputy.

During his administration as State Deputy, Brother Rebman focused a great deal of energy on membership recruitment and retention, leadership development and fiscal matters. The Wisconsin State Council extends its appreciation to Brother Rebman for his dedicated service and wishes him and his Lady Janet sincere best wishes for the future.

Wasting little time, State Officers met again on September 13th and determined that State and Supreme By-laws provide the State Officers the authority to hold an election to fill a vacant position. Accordingly, State Secretary **Richard Ammon** was elected State Deputy, Treasurer **Wayne Wood** was elected State Secretary, Advocate **Michael McCormick** was elected State Treasurer and Warden **Dan Hull** was elected State Advocate. Officers assumed their new positions on October 1st and solicited applications through the State Deputy's Newsletter for the vacancy in the office of State Warden. Meeting once again at the Fourth Degree exemplification in Wisconsin Rapids on October 4th, Officers reviewed résumés of several candidates for the vacant office and elected **Tim Genthe** of Cuba City to the position. State Chaplain Father **Jim Trempe** and Immediate Past State Deputy **Carl Templin** remain in their respective positions. Ammon has taken as his motto, "Together We Will."

In his *Chaplain's Report* at the last Council meeting, Chaplain Father **Al Lis** acknowledged the resignation with regret and also addressed the issue of the succession of State Chaplains. He pointed out that if the situation with Former Diocesan Chaplain Father **Stan Browne** is not satisfactorily resolved by the time of the next convention in April of 2004, then he (Father Al) as Diocesan Chaplain for Green Bay might be seen as the most likely candidate for appointment as the next State Chaplain. He noted that under the current circumstances he would not be likely to accept such an appointment.

Seminarian

FS **Jim Barnett** recently received a 'thank you' note from seminarian **Dan Wagner**, studying at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri. We recently supported Dan with a contribution of \$500.00.

I received the money gift today and am really grateful. Please let everyone in the Knights Council know that I am glad to have such good support. I am not sure how long it will be before I am in Green Bay in the evening on the third Monday of the month but I will try to make it happen if possible some time during the Christmas break since I would like to be able to meet and thank all the knights in person.

Thank you again for everything and please continue to keep me in your prayers. I will be praying in a special way for your intentions and those of all the Knights in the Msgr. Sylvester Borusky Council.

State Bowling Tournament

Word was recently received that for the first time in its 88-year history, the Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament will be held next year at Ashwaubenon Bowling Lanes. The Tournament is being sponsored this time around by Ashwaubenon Council #7498 and will run from February 21st through March 28th, 2004. We as a Council have not participated in many years in the Tournament, and since it is so close this time around, it might be time for some of our bowlers to pick up their bowling balls once again. More information may be obtained from GK **Grant Turner** or from Ashwaubenon GK **Tom Harrison** (494-7586.)

Chaplain at Jail & Bail

Chaplain Father **Al Lis** once again was a part of the March of Dimes Jail & Bail program this year. Arrested on September 24th, he already had ample time to look for bail money especially at the Diocesan Meeting of the Knights on September 13th. He came up with a total of \$600.00, almost all of it from brother Knights and Councils throughout the area. He raised \$585.00 last year for this same project. He extends his gratitude to the members of the Council who helped him in this special cause.

Photo Op

Don't miss the Council meeting on October 21st! As a part of St. Bernard Parish's picture directory, a group shot of the Council will be taken for inclusion in the book. Our very own **Leon Janowski**, State Photographer for the Knights of Columbus, will do the honors. The picture will be taken right after the rosary, just before we formally begin the monthly meeting. Are you proud to be a part of the Council? Come, and be identified with your brother Knights!

Prayer

Prayer for the Fall Season

God of time and eternity,
each year you give us the privilege
of seeing your unending love for us
reflected in the rhythm of time and season.
As warmth gives way to cold
and as sun gives way to shadow,
so we are reminded of the unending cycle
of your care for us,
and the promise of a new dawn of grace.
We praise you for the warmth of Summer
and for the glory of the Fall.
We praise you for the sleep of Winter
and the new life of Spring.
As you now clothe field and forest with color
so you nurture and care for your people.
Grant us a lively faith that will sustain us
and a generous countenance to nurture us.
May our belief in your promises find expression
in our desire to serve one another with joy.
Sustain us in the Winters of our lives
with the sure and certain knowledge
that just as the earth will once again burst forth,
so at the appointed time
your love will gather us into your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Charity Raffle

It's that time of the year again—time for the State Charity Raffle. Tickets will be in the hands of the Council earlier this year in the hopes that some may find them great Christmas gifts. We did pretty well in sales last year as a Council—making the necessary number to earn a bonus from the State—and having one of our own (**Karl Schroeder**) as a winner might help sales this year. As some are already aware, there is a slightly different prize structure this year and another option for a “second change” drawing. Councils have the option of having those who purchase a ticket fill out an extra stub for a drawing not to exceed \$100.00 among those who bought tickets from our members. More information will be included in a future *NEWSLETTER*.

Fourth Degree

An Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held on Saturday, October 4th at Wisconsin Rapids. From Council 10243, Father **Al Lis** attended the weekend, which brought in 70 new Sir Knights. The weekend also provided the opportunity to meet the new Friar (Chaplain) for the Western District—Father **Joe Hirsch**, Vocations Director for the Diocese of LaCrosse. It also provided the chance to find out who the State Officers would elect to the vacant office of State Warden (**Tim Genthe**.)

On our local level, members of Marquette Assembly 1197 will be participating in the Area Installation of Officers, planned for Maplewood on Sunday, October 26th. The installation will take place during Mass at Holy Name of Mary Church at 3:00 PM at Maplewood with dinner in Brussels to follow at 4:30. We will be joining the other Assemblies of Area 6: #1528 Assembly (Sturgeon Bay) and #1724 (Oneida.) Eastern District Master **Erv Jankowiak** plans to be present for the Mass and Installation. On Sunday, November 9th the Assembly will hold 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. Because of the Installation and the Memorial Mass, the Assembly will not hold usual monthly meetings in October or November.

Spotlight On... Gene Pieschek



Gene said that he had been thinking about the Knights of Columbus for a long time before he actually became a part of the organization—some nearby neighbors had already been a part of it—he noted Gerry Piontek and Bob Ledvina—but it turned out to be Richard Rebman who actually got him to sign on the dotted line. He took his first Degree just over a year ago and is planning to be a part of the Second and Third degree exemplifications scheduled for November 2nd. While he hasn't had the chance to be involved in a lot of activities to this point, he enjoys functions such as brat fries and booyah sales, so he is looking forward to fitting them into his schedule.

For many years now, his life has been tied closely to St. Bernard Parish. Originally from the Green Bay area, Gene was raised in two religions. One parent was Lutheran and the other was Catholic and the children would alternate weekend worship services. When he met his future wife Donna, he began taking instructions in the Catholic faith from Father Haessley. He was a part of the St. Bernard parish community from just about the beginning in 1957 and he and Donna were among the first couples married in the new parish in 1958. Since then he and Donna have volunteered at parish sponsored Masses and communion services at Bornemann Nursing home, where he occasionally plays guitar. They also visit residents in their rooms with communion. He is a longtime member of the Holy Name Society and served as Secretary in the past. As music is one of his talents he played in the past with the 11:00 Mass choir and with his wife sometimes visits the homebound after 9:30 Mass. He and Donna have taken part in Curcillo and have also served the Parish in the Baptism program.

Building has also been a part of his life and he proudly notes that he built his first house so that he and his wife could move into a brand new home after they were married. When building slowed he started working for Wisconsin Protective Coating, a company that provides tints to match samples they receive. He was involved in that line of work for fifteen years. He also worked for the Green Bay School System and served as a lead painter. Retired these last couple of years, he finds that he does things a little differently—there's sometimes even time for a nap after lunch. He still has a hand in the building business. He now works with his son, handling books, checking on projects and doing general office work.

The retirement doesn't seem to have slowed his love of music either. He's played with his brother as a treat for residents at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. They go by the name of *The Pieschek Brothers Band*. Gene has played drums, trumpet and trombone. Retirement has also brought the opportunity for he and Donna to travel and they have visited places like Aruba and Puerto Rico and other islands in the Winter. In the Spring, Summer and Fall, there's the cabin at White Potato Lake, just fifty four miles from home---not too near and not too far. Gene and Donna have five children; the oldest and youngest live right nearby and the three middle ones live in the Milwaukee area.

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