



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

**NEWSLETTER**

February 2004



## Grand Knight's Column

This month, while reflecting on the meaning of charity, I was reminded of the poor widow that put her last two coins into the temple treasury. We're all familiar with this reading from the Gospel. What a challenge to us as Knights...to give from our poverty rather than our surplus!

January was busy and February has started out even busier! I'd like to thank everyone that helped make our Free Throw and Knowledge Contest a success. This year, we had exceptional participation by area youth that made for great competition in all categories! I'd also like to thank everyone that helped in the Booyah and Reverse Collection on February 7th & 8th. These 'two-event' weekends really emphasize the exceptional unity of our Council!

A reminder to those that are signed up to help with the Pancake & Porkie Breakfast on February 22nd. If you didn't sign up but are still able to help, please give me a call at 362-2724.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 16th. We will begin with the Rosary at 7:15. See you all there!

*John Murphy  
Deputy Grand Knight*

## Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **January 2004** Honorees:

**Knight of the Month: John Renier**  
**Family of the Month: Jim & Marilyn Barnett**

## Next Meeting

The next gathering of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual **THIRD MONDAY** of the month, February 16<sup>th</sup> (Presidents' Day) at 7:30 PM with the rosary preceding at around 7:15 PM. In the

absence of GK **Grant Turner**, DGK **John Murphy** will be at the helm.

## Upcoming Events

**Booyah Sale at St. Bernard--Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)*

**Reverse Collection at St. Bernard--Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)**

**Second Degree Ceremony Hosted by Council 3955 at Our Lady of Lourdes Center in DePere**

– Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7 P.M.

*Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)*

**Pancake & Porkie Breakfast at St. Bernard –**

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Setup begins at 7 A.M., serving from about 8:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

*Contact: John Murphy (362-2724)*

**Booyah Sale at St. Bernard's – Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Contact: Bill Bartelme (465-6900)*

**Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Eastern District at Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee –**

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

*Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony Hosted by Council 3955 at Our Lady of Lourdes Center in DePere –**

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 10 A.M.

*Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)*

**Council Appreciation Dinner at The Woods**

**Supper Club – Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)*

**Tootsie Roll Campaign – Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Contact: Mike Worzala (465-1363)*

**State Convention in Wisconsin Dells –**

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

*Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)*

## Chaplain's Column

Although Bishop Raymond Burke of LaCrosse made the news upon being named the Archbishop of St. Louis, he made headlines in quite another area. He has been in the news for making the point that those lawmakers who actively support abortion, if they be Catholic, should not share in the sacrament of the Eucharist. I would imagine that, while most everyone has heard about this, a vast majority of our people would remain strangely silent about it. On the one hand, we wonder whether a person in his position should be making pronouncements that interfere directly into political matters. On the other hand, something tells us that he's not doing anything wrong, at least inasmuch as he is fulfilling his role as shepherd of his people. Probably, many people are wondering what side of the issue they might be on, but is just doesn't seem something we want to discuss openly. It brings to mind something that might be a challenge for all of us—just how informed are we as a Catholic people, and secondly, how willing are we to do something about the things in which we believe?

Many of those who criticize Bishop Burke consider themselves to be 'non-practicing Catholics.' I have long believed that there is no such thing. To be Catholic means to participate in an organization that has rules. Paramount among those rules is participation. If you don't do what the Church expects, you are not a part of the Church. It's akin to saying, "I'm alive but I'm not breathing." Besides, what do so-called non-practicing Catholics care about the sacraments anyway? For those of us who are actually practicing what our faith expects, we might do well to be reminded that one of the expectations is that we be informed about the issues of the day, especially issues facing our faith, and respect for life is one of them. It was much easier in the past when someone just told us what to believe and we followed along. Today, we are expected to learn the lessons of faith ourselves and then make up our own minds. And, we find out that things are not all that clear. If we are vehemently opposed to abortion but have no problem with capital punishment, are we really "pro-life?" If we are personally opposed to abortion but that doesn't enter into our politics, are we really standing up for the beliefs of our Church? I cannot easily offer any solution to these problems, except to say that when the day comes when we feel we no longer need to deal with these issues, on that day we cease to be useful members of the Church. As we approach Lent, it might be a good time to commit ourselves once

again to becoming better and more productive members of the Church and of society. Let's stand up for what we believe. That means, learn about the issues. Study, read, and investigate. Learn about several sides—there's always more than one—and then bring Christian values into it. Whether we think Bishop Burke was right or wrong, at least he spoke his mind—he made his faith become evident through his life. Are we willing to do the same? Are we willing to put up with criticism because we have taken a stand for our faith? Lent may give us the time to search for an answer.

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

## Second and Third Degree

There will be an exemplification of the Second and Third Degree at DePere on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the day after the Fourth Degree Exemplification at Milwaukee and the same day as the Appreciation Dinner. It will be a busy weekend for the Knights of our Council! Names that follow are First Degree men of the Council who can and should advance through full Knighthood in the Third Degree. Please encourage them to plan on taking that step. And, especially if you are a proposer for one of these men, offer to accompany them on this special step. After all, we are all reminded time and time again of the importance of the Degree ceremonies and why we should all take part in major Degrees often so that we do not forget their lessons that are taught. Eligible for the Third Degree are: **Tom Koene, Paul Krohn, Brian LeCloux** (*servicing in the Air Force*), **Peter Leitermann, Joe Malcore, Patrick Mongin, Father Dave Pleier & Robert Rocque.**

**Appreciation Dinner  
Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Mark your calendars!  
More information next month*

## Dues

Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** recently sent out second notices for dues. All brother Knights are reminded of the lesson we are taught at the time of First Degree regarding 'keeping dues current.' About two dozen are still outstanding. If you are one of them, the Council appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

## Fourth Degree

A most cordial invitation is extended to every Third Degree Member of our Order to advance to the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree is very proud of its many accomplishments since its founding in February of 1900. The ceremonials of the Fourth Degree were orchestrated and remain so today on the theme of Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship. The Honor Guard, the most visible part of our Order, is very proud of its many contributions to Patriotism and in the support of our Church.

To qualify, a candidate must be a member in good standing of the First Degree for at least one year. Obviously, he must also be a Third degree member. The date for the Eastern District Exemplification is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Four Points Sheraton Airport, 4747 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee. Please spread the word of the benefits of becoming a Sir Knight.

This year we are honoring Chaplains, especially those in the military, either those who have served or who are currently serving our country. The Honoree this year is Rev. Francis X. Malloy, Pastor at St. Luke Parish, Brookfield. Fr. Malloy currently holds the rank of Captain in the 440<sup>th</sup> Air Reserve stationed at Mitchell International Airport. While on active duty, he served in Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Korea. He also has the distinction of starting a K of C Council while stationed in Japan. What better way to show your support for priests than to support them and encourage them into belonging to the Fourth Degree!

*Erv Jankowiak, Master  
Eastern District*

*Anthony Felber, Master  
Western District*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Information

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held at Milwaukee on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (Easter is April 11<sup>th</sup>.) The following information is from the "Fact Sheet:"

**DATE:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**PLACE:** Four Points Sheraton Airport, Milwaukee

**DINNER COST:** \$26.00/ticket

**EXEMPLIFICATION COST:** \$65 (Clergy \$35)

Includes baldric, pin & 1 dinner ticket

**MEN DRESS:** Black tuxedo & baldric\* or jewel of office

**LADIES DRESS:** Long or cocktail dress

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** \$13.00 per ticket

**HOTEL:** \$94.00/room plus tax. Call 1-800-558-3862 or 1-414-481-8000. Cut off date is February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHEDULE:**

Registration: 11:00-12:15 PM

Ladies Luncheon: 12:00 PM

Exemplification: 12:30 PM

Mass: 4:00 PM

Social: 6:00 PM

Dinner & Drawing: 7:00 PM

*\* Only candidates are permitted to wear the 4th Degree lapel pin, but all are permitted to wear a U.S. Flag pin on the left lapel.*

## Prayer

### *Prayer for Peace*

Loving God, you have created your people for a common destiny and you have entrusted the whole world to our stewardship.

We praise you and we thank you for the beauty and the bounty of creation and for the many ways in which you show forth your glory through all that you have made.

Give to your people a willingness to share all the gifts that have been entrusted to our care.

Enable us to seek for justice and compassion for all, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable members of our human family.

May we be just and fair in all our dealings, and may we turn our minds and hearts toward the peace that your Son wished for his Church.

Forgive us for the violence that we have done to one another, and bless with success the efforts of all those who seek peaceful resolutions to conflict. Allow us to know peace among all nations, healing of all division and true harmony among all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Council brother Father **Dave Pleier** on the death of his mother, **Pauline** on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Pleier, a life long resident of Kimberly, was 82. Father Dave celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Kimberly on February 4<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the brothers and families of Council 10243, a mass was celebrated by Chaplain Father **Al Lis**.

## Special Days

### February 15 - March 15

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

### February

15 A Wayne & Alice Wassenberg  
17 A Bob & Cathy Wozniak  
17 B Jason Vandermause  
18 B Richard Bligiske  
19 B Gary Durocher  
19 B Mary (Tom) Marquardt  
19 B Andrew Schumacher  
20 B Luella (Wencil) Froelich  
21 B Ed Rovinski  
22 A Robert & Kathryn Rocque  
22 B George Raymaker  
23 B Pat (Robert) Thut  
23 B Bonnie (Stan) Waslowski  
24 B JoAnne (Bill) Griesbach  
26 B Mary (Mike) Delvaux  
26 B Donna (Leonard) Schaub  
28 A Mike & Connie Worzala

### March

01 B Peter Birdsall  
01 B Pat Ellis  
02 B Becky (Randy) Barrett  
02 B Nanci (Rick) Tlachac  
03 B Denise (Dave) Doering  
04 B Pat (Robert) Massart  
04 B Mary (Ken) Sevcik  
05 A Brian & Kristina LeCloux  
05 B Cliff Gigot  
08 B Robert Ledvina  
09 B Mary (Roy C.) Johnson  
12 B Tom Capelle  
15 A Kelly & Virginia Gigot  
15 B Tim Nixon

## Council 6568 Retreat

Chaplain Father **Al Lis** was tapped again to join the men of Council 6568 at Madison for a retreat at Wisconsin Dells January 23-24<sup>th</sup>. About twenty men of the UW-Madison Catholic Center Council took part in the gathering that included plenty of social time. After some time at a water park, games continued until the not-so-wee hours of the morning. The business part of the time together featured discussions on membership and recruiting, programming and on the image the Council portrays, especially to other groups on campus. Rosary and Eucharist wrapped up the retreat. The gathering was coordinated by GK **Jason Szymanski** and DGK **Nate Gansen**.

## Youth Contests

Thanks to all those who gave of their time to help out with the Free Throw and Knowledge Contests held on "January 17<sup>th</sup>": **Bill Bartelme, Jason Vandermause, John Renier, Richard Rebman, Gerry Piontek, John Murphy, Grant Turner, Tom Koene & Jim Janssen**. There was good participation from local youth, which made the competition a great success.

## Raffle

Charity Raffle Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports that as of around February 1<sup>st</sup>, 40 members of the Council had sold 289 tickets. That represents about a third of the Council selling 21% of our goal. Though we are ahead in sales of the same date last year, we still have a long way to go. Please remember all the good that is done through the dispersal of the proceeds, and sell off as many tickets as possible. Contact Leon for more tickets or additional information (468-7544).

## Knight After Christmas

Ashwaubenon Council 7498 held its "*Knight After Christmas*" recruiting drive on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Nativity Parish. Prospective members were invited to an Italian dinner followed by a Video on the Knights and short talks by Diocesan Chaplain Father **Al Lis** on "*The Knights as a Family Organization*" and Deacon **Mike Schmidt** on "*The Knights at Nativity*." Chairman **Fred Kaminski** coordinated the evening that was attended by about fifty including several candidates and their families.

# Spotlight On...

## Peter Leitermann



Peter's involvement in the Knights of Columbus started some time ago--his father was a Knight in Appleton. St. Pius Parish in that city also had an active men's club, but he did not get involved with the Knights until he was working in Oconto about two and a half years ago. He thought the Knights might be a good group to be a part of. So, he became a part of a Council at Holy Trinity Parish in Oconto. Asked about involvement in Council activities he immediately thought of "Tootsie Rolls." He also remembers having some affiliation with other Youth programs running in the Council, especially Punt, Pass & Kick Competition and Free Throw Contests.

His involvement in Council 10243 is quite recent. Peter has lived for a couple on months in Freedom and has been working at St. Bernard Parish here in Green Bay. He came to know John Murphy through John's involvement in the youth programs of the parish. He also helped recently when food needed to be moved to the food pantry and that's when he asked GK Grant Turner about transferring to our Council.

In the time he has been at St. Bernard he has been involved in High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry, and admits that there is no such thing as an average day for him. He might be handling anything from developing new programs and refining existing ones, trying to collect fees from students, dealing with matters relating to the Confirmation program and preparing for meetings. On the day of this interview he was getting ready for a meeting that was supposed to begin around 5:30 PM and he expected it to go to 10:00 or 11:00. He deals with High School Freshmen and sophomores and is also involved in a Work Camp through St., Agnes Parish. That camp coordinated a group who find projects to help people during the day and also have an evening program in which they reflect on their activities, explore their faith, celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation or spend time in adoration. It helps young people explore their call to serve. There's also some time for fun.

Right now, when he's not tied up with work-related projects, his favorite activity is spending time with his family. His parents have been married about thirty years now and are living in Appleton. Most of the rest of the family are still living in the area as well. Peter and his wife, Tara, were married about a year and a half ago and have a daughter named Rose. Though he notes that no one ever told him how much sleep one doesn't get with a baby, he has found fatherhood very rewarding. In the time when he's not trying to 'baby-proof' the home, he loves watching his child grow, calling it "a really awesome experience." Now that he's a family man he's allowed some of his other hobbies to die out, although he is thinking of getting back into soccer. He played for eighteen years and is looking at some adult leagues in which he could get involved.

*February 2004*