



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Borusky Council 10243 Green Bay, Wisconsin

NEWSLETTER

January 2004



Grand Knight's Column

I hope you all had a great Christmas and that we all will have a healthy and peace filled New Year.

The year got off to a fantastic start with the big Packer win against the Seattle Seahawks. Go! Pack! Go!

A big thank you to all who helped make the annual Christmas Party a success. We had over 30 at our celebration. A good time was had by all. Also, many thanks to the Sean Wright Family for delivering the Christmas baskets to our Council's widows and to Randy Barrett for designing and running off the cards for them.

A reminder to those of you that volunteered for the Free Throw and Knowledge contests that will be held on Saturday, January 17th. The Free Throw Contest will start at 9:00 AM (Please report at 8:30) at the Haessley Center and the Knowledge Contest will start at 10:00 AM (report at 9:30 to the multi-purpose room. If you didn't sign up and are still able to help, please give e a call at 469-3407 or just report at the assigned times.

Don't forget that we will need help for our next booyah weekend on February 7-8th and our Pancake & Porkie Breakfast on February 22nd. This will be discussed at our January meeting.

We did set the date for our Appreciation Dinner, and that will be held on Sunday, March 28th. Please mark your calendars now.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 19th. We will have an exemplification of the First Degree at 7:00 PM and the meeting will follow. We will also recognize the winners of our Christmas Poster Contest at that time. See you all there!

*Cry out with joy to the Lord! Come before
God singing for joy! (Psalm 100)*

*Grant Turner
Grand Knight*

Honorees

Congratulations to the Council's **December 2003** Honorees:

Knight of the Month: Ken Sevcik
Family of the Month: Rick & Robyn Hallet

Upcoming Events

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)

Second Degree Exemplification Hosted by Council 3955 at Our Lady of Lourdes in DePere

Monday, February 9th – 7 P.M.

Contact: Father Al Lis (437-1979)

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)

Fourth Degree Exemplification in Milwaukee

Saturday, March 27th

Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Council Appreciation Dinner at The Woods Supper Club

Sunday, March 28th, PM

Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

State Convention in Wisconsin Dells

Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th

Contact: Grant Turner (469-3407)

Chaplain's Column

As we collectively make the transition from the Christmas Season back to Ordinary Time in the Church, we also make a shift in attitude and demeanor. As the festivity of the recently past season is put away for another several months, we get an idea that now it is time once again to get down to business. It is the time once again to tackle whatever issues we need to deal with before the next calendar break, Summer, comes our way. "Now is the time," we tell ourselves, "to get busy." For many of us the trek through the seemingly endless winter months here in Wisconsin justify whatever we can come up with to interest ourselves. In addition to winter sports and carnivals and that all-too-quickly-approaching time of Lent, it sometimes seems as if we have more time on our hands now that the rush of the holiday season is past. And, there is a natural human tendency to focus that time and that energy into something so that at the very least we can be kept busy. However, keeping occupied should not be the sole focus of these next couple on months. As Knights of Columbus we have direction from the Church as to what we might devote some energy towards. We have the activities of the Council specifically, and in general we have the pro life stance of the Church, the Order's counsel to support our clergy and the general call of Christianity to spend some time alleviating the suffering of God's poor. All of the opportunities that present themselves do not suggest that we need to jump on every bandwagon that passes our way. There simply isn't enough time or energy to do it all, however much it might interest us. Spreading ourselves too thin might just end up doing a disservice to the work of the Church and of the Knights. I would suggest that we devote some time in these early weeks of Ordinary Time to thinking about what our 'springtime project' could be. Think of it as an early opportunity to make a Lenten resolution. Think about one or two of the many things going on in the Church today and consider which of them might benefit from your involvement. Learn about the issues. Become involved by doing something that will further the mission of the Church. Ask yourself, "How can I make a difference? What can I do for the Church?" It can be something as simple as just talking about vocations to members of your family. Or, it can be a somewhat more profound commitment, such as getting involved in something like the pro-life movement or deciding that two hours a week will be spent volunteering in a

hospital or nursing home. It can also be a commitment to take part in some activity of the Council, such as the Tootsie Roll drive, that we've just never tried before. In all of that, do not forget that a part of the reason most people join the Knights of Columbus is not so that we have something else to put on a résumé. The real reason we are here is that we want to give something back, and the activities of the Council help us to do just that. Consider where the Lord might be asking you to devote some effort over the next couple of months. How can I change the world, one small step at a time?

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

Bell Ringing

Council members once again took part in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. As in the past, our participation was in honor of deceased brother Knight **Dan McLaughlin** who strongly promoted our involvement. A contribution in Dan's memory was also made to the Salvation Army. Coordinator **Jim Janssen** said there was great participation from members of the Council, but stores have placed more restrictions on this fund raiser this year than in the past. Our volunteers served at Cub Food East on December 12-13th. Pairs of men volunteered for two-hour shifts with a single kettle. Some choose to split the shift with each man taking one hour alone while others preferred to double up for two hours. It is not known how much was collected by our men. Sincerest thanks to all those who took part:

**Bill Bartelme
Tom Caldie
Tom Capelle
Tom Gauthier
Ken Gezella
John Hansen
Leon Janowski
Jim Janssen
Paul Krohn
Bob Ledvina
Father Al Lis
Pat Mongin
John Murphy
Gerry Piontek
Richard Rosin
Ken Sevcik
Rick Tlachac
Jason Vandermause
Stan Waslowski
Harold Watermolen**

Special Days

January 15th - February 15th

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

January

15 B Edith (Weldon) Kiernan
16 A Tom & Mary Marquardt
17 B Mike Barry
18 B Rick Tlachac
21 B John Schmitz
24 B Bill Griesbach
28 B Sandra (Roger) Heesacker
28 + Harris Charles (2002)
29 + Dan McLaughlin (1999)
30 + Arnold Chaloupka (1996)
31 B John Laurant

February

02 B Carrie (Ken) Greetan
02 B Paul Tilot
03 B Mary (Rick) Noe
06 B Colleen (Donald) Hoff
08 B Ray Demerath
10 B Rene (Ernest) Remondini
12 B Ken Delcore
12 + Al Cisler (1996)
14 B Dave Doering
15 A Wayne & Alice Wassenberg

ASK ANOTHER MAN
TO BE A KNIGHT!

Brothers

Several Brothers became a part of Council 10243 in recent months and were not noted in this NEWSLETTER. **Peter Leitermann** transferred from a Council in Oconto. Peter is a First Degree Knight and joined the Council 10243 family with his wife **Tara** in September. **Tom Koene** completed the First Degree at our September meeting and joins us with his wife, **Marisela**. **John Renier** transferred to our Council at the urging of **Jason Vandermause** in November. Formerly a member of a Council in San Diego, California, John is single and is a Third Degree Knight. **Pat Mongin** came into the Council through the First Degree at our November meeting. He and his wife **Sandra**

are our newest members. Another new addition to the Council family is **Megan Elizabeth Vandermause**, daughter of Brother **Jason** and his wife **Mary**. Megan was an early Christmas present, arriving on December 22nd.

The annual payment of dues also tends to bring a few other adjustments to the roster: **Patrick Danforth** is a Third Degree Knight and most recently a student at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He has transferred to a Council in Jacksonville, Florida. We also regret the withdrawal of two Brother Knights, **Timothy Fliess** and **Kirk Pelnar**. Tim was a Third Degree member who served our Council for a time as Youth Director. He and his wife **Kristen** were recognized as *Family of the Month* in October 2002 and Tim was the subject of a *Spotlight* article in May 2002.

Kirk was a First Degree member.

Rosaries to Iraq

What follows is the Grand Knight's Column by Council 5382 Grand Knight **Patrick Evans** and is reprinted with permission. It appeared in the January 2004 issue of the Council Newsletter.

*I want to inform you of a special gift our Council gave to the men and women who are currently serving in Iraq (specifically the 432nd.) Talk show host **Bill LuMaye** traveled to Iraq the week of December 15th carrying a truckload of goodies, and ours was one of the most precious gifts. We donated 400 rosaries to the troops! I want to single out **Larry Kubale** for obtaining the rosaries and Fr. **Al Lis**, O.F.M. for blessing them.*

Anyone who is in harm's way will certainly appreciate the comfort of having the Lord and Mary watch over them. Mr. LuMaye, who is Catholic, told me, "This has to be one of the most loving and caring gifts we have collected." Please--say a special prayer for the troops. Also, know you as a Knight of Council 5382 have provided a very powerful and holy item for the protection of one of our soldiers. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism (4th Degree)—we certainly made those words come to life with this gift. Thank you!

Patrick Evans
Grand Knight

Ten Year History Supplement

PSD **Erv Jankowiak** from Milwaukee had been serving as chair of a committee charged with compiling a ten-year supplement to the history of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. This supplement will cover the period 1992-2002. He appointed several men from throughout the State to his committee, including three members of Council 10243. **Jason Vandermause** was the representative for the Green Bay Diocese who would be collecting the information from Councils in this Diocese. Father **Al Lis** and PGK **Randy Barrett** were appointed for their 'literary skills' to polish text when it was received. Citing the time demands from his responsibility as Eastern District Master, Erv recently resigned. State Deputy **Richard Ammon** appointed **Jim Hopp** from West Bend to chair the committee. It is up to Jim to appoint members to his committee, and ultimately to the State Deputy to approve the appointments. We thank our three men for their willingness to serve.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council 10243 is scheduled for our usual THIRD MONDAY of the month, January 19th. There will be an exemplification of the First Degree at 7:00 PM with the meeting to follow at around 7:40. All are encouraged to attend the Degree to support the candidates and to remind themselves of the lessons of the Degree. A reminder: out of respect to the candidates and the Degree Staff, no one will be admitted during the exemplification.

From the Financial Secretary

*Financial Secretary **Jim Barnett** sent along the following information:*

Fraternal Surveys: The annual survey of fraternal activities was sent to all members of the Council. Jim reports that 61 were returned, less than half of the members of the Council. These figures are compiled and sent to Supreme and are important for use in maintaining the Order's tax-exempt status.

Dues: Last year over twenty 'second notices' had to be sent to members of the Council who were delinquent in the payment of dues. Please do the Council a favor and get this *obligation of membership* taken care of as soon as possible. At this point, 79 payments have been received—

about two-thirds of the Council. Remember, those who might be experiencing financial difficulties may discuss their situation in confidence with GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) or FS **Jim Barnett** (468-1245). No Council member has ever been suspended because their financial situation made payment of dues something they could not handle. "DUES ARE DUE" as soon as possible, at the latest, by January 31st. Sincerest thanks are extended to all those who promptly replied to the Fraternal Surveys and the Dues.

PKD: (Penny-A-Knight-A-Day) In response to some questions, Jim notes that the money collected in this annual campaign (added to our dues) is marked for Catholic Education in the Diocese. It is usually presented to the Bishop at the time of the Diocesan meetings in the Fall. The money is for education, and is not intended solely for Catholic Schools. It can be used for any form of education, including religious education programs.

Bishop David Zubik Installed

Friday, December 12th saw an important event for the faithful of the Diocese of Green Bay as **David Zubik** was installed as the Eleventh Bishop of Green Bay. Most priests and deacons from the Diocese were present for the installation Mass at St. Agnes, including those who are members of Council 10243. PSD **Richard Rebman** was one of those serving as a Minister of Hospitality and joined several other Fourth Degree members of our local Marquette Assembly in various duties including shuttling dignitaries around. The following week Bishop Zubik presided at several masses around the Diocese to meet his flock. On Thursday, December 18th a Mass was celebrated at St. Bernard in Green Bay. Numerous members of the Council were present assisting at the dinner before Mass (and others took part in the dinner.) Several members of the Honor Guard were present, and Bishop Zubik, himself a Fourth Degree Knight, acknowledged their presence. He also signed a Form 100 transferring his membership to Green Bay Council 617. (*Too bad we didn't think of that.*)

The week of Bishop Zubik's installation, the Diocesan Newspaper *The Compass* included a center page spread from the Knights of Columbus. Most Councils and Assemblies in the Diocese, including Council 10243, supported the ad. The page also included the names of the Fourth Degree Master, PSD **Erv Jankowiak**, and the District Friar, Father **Al Lis**.

Correction

The last (December) issue of this *NEWSLETTER* mentioned the comings and goings of the Bishops of Wisconsin. We referred to Bishop **Raymond Burke** of LaCrosse as a “retired” Bishop. Burke, the Archbishop-Elect of St. Louis, is far from retired. A good friend to the Knights of Columbus, we wish him well as he prepares to assume his new responsibility.

Prayer

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated January 25-31st. Let us remember those teaching in our Catholic Schools and all those involved in the ministry of Education.

Prayer for Educators

Loving God, source of all wisdom,
from the foundation of the world
you have nurtured your people
and you sent prophets and judges among them
so that they might know how to live.
When your people sinned against you
and sought your forgiveness
you welcomed them back
with loving arms held open wide.
In the fullness of time
you sent your Son Jesus among us
to teach us the ways of the new covenant.
Grant us the grace we need
to listen to his words
and to put them into practice in our lives.
Bestow upon all those involved in education
an understanding heart
and a mind open to hear your word.
May they always be open to the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,
and may they seek always
to further their understanding
of the mysteries of the universe
which you continue to unfold before us.
Look with special love on those
who teach the Good News of Jesus
in our schools, religious education
and sacramental preparation programs.
May their lives always model
the compassion of Christ
who lovingly taught his disciples
the ways of the gospel.
We ask this through Christ,
our teacher and our Lord.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday, January 19th
First Degree – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting to follow (app. 7:40 p.m.)

Fourth Degree

Members of our Fourth Degree Assembly 1197 will be joining together for the annual Christmas party on January 16th. As has been done the last several years, this is a joint celebration by our Assembly and St. Jude Assembly 1724 in Oneida. St. Jude Assembly is planning the entertainment. Our Assembly also continues to sell raffle tickets in preparation for the drawing in March that will take place at the Exemplification in March.

The Spring Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at Milwaukee’s Four Points Sheraton, near the airport. Details such as cost will be available soon. We are aware that the Honoree for this Exemplification will be Father **Francis X. Malloy**, Pastor of St. Luke Parish in Brookfield (Archdiocese of Milwaukee) and also a member of the military reserves.

Since the exemplification is scheduled for the early afternoon of a Saturday, Master **Erv Jankowiak** plans to promote it among the priests of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Most priests should be able to take part in the ceremony and return to their parishes for afternoon Masses. They could return for the banquet if their schedules permitted. More specifics on the Exemplification will be published next month. All current Third Degree men in good standing should consider advancement to the Fourth Degree. Contact Father Al (437-1979) for more information.

Members of Assembly 1197 also provided the Honor Guard for the Installation of Bishop **David Zubik** at St. Agnes Church on December 12th. Three members of the Fourth Degree Eastern District Executive Committee were present for the Installation: among those serving in the Honor Guard were Master **Erv Jankowiak** and Marshall **Don Bettine**. District Friar Father **Al Lis** was also among the priests gathered for the celebration. PSD **Richard Rebman** served as a hospitality minister and numerous members of the Assembly helped in getting special guests to and from the event.

103rd State Convention

The time is at hand for thoughts to turn to the upcoming State Convention. The following was published on December 26th, 2003:

Official Notice

The 103rd Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus will begin with a Civic Opening at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention center, 1305 Kalahari Drive, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

The 103rd Convention proper will convene Saturday April 24, at 10 a.m. There will be a break at 11:30 a.m., with the business session to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. Caucuses for selection of delegates to the 2004 Supreme Convention in Dallas, TX. will convene at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a luncheon meeting for all Council Chaplains at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

We will celebrate the Convention Memorial Mass at 4 p.m. on Saturday. All clergy attending the convention are invited to concelebrate.

On Saturday evening there will be a social at 5:30 p.m. followed by the State Deputy's Banquet at 7 p.m. This year we will again be drawing for cash prizes at the dinner. Everyone that purchases a banquet ticket has a chance to win!

The convention will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 25 for the completion of State Officer elections and other business.

Ladies are encouraged to attend the convention and participate in all social activities, programs and tours prepared for them.

This booklet has been assembled to help you prepare for the Convention. The State Officers will assist you in any way possible, and feel free to contact me personally with any questions or problems you may have relating to this convention.

*Fraternally,
Wayne Wood, State Secretary*

Delegates to the Convention must be the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight. Alternates have frequently taken their place among the delegates for our Council and many others. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the Convention and all brother Knights in good standing may attend the sessions without voice or vote. There are also numerous social activities in which to take part, not the least of which is the State Deputy's Banquet. Several tours for ladies have also been arranged. We have often been reminded that the real business of the Convention is building fraternity, and all Council members should consider the possibility of attending just for the experience. You will not regret the time you spend.

Costs for lodging at the Kalahari are rather steep: \$114 per night with a minimum 2-night stay. Other facilities in the vicinity offer less expensive rates.

In addition to our Council's Delegates and/or Alternates, Father **Al Lis**, as Diocesan Chaplain, plans on attending.

Contact GK **Grant Turner** (469-3407) for more information on the Convention.

Charity Raffle

All Council brothers should have received raffle tickets. Please remember how important this raffle is, and note well the fact that just a few men from our Council manage to sell the vast majority of the tickets. Please do what you can to sell off the tickets or purchase them yourself--and this time around let's see many more names on the Honor Roll of twenty tickets or more, Last year fifteen men made that Honor Roll, and three of them had sales of 100 or more. Those three men sold over 1/3 of the Council's total. Last year saw sales of about 1400 tickets--not equaling our record year 2001 of 1701 tickets sold, but a respectable total. Last year also saw one of our own men (**Karl Schroeder**) win the 5th prize.

At this point (New Year) Raffle Coordinator **Leon Janowski** reports 236 tickets sold so far--17% of our goal of 1370. 32 men have responded to the raffle to this point. Contact Leon for information or for more tickets (468-7544.)

Spotlight On... John Renier



Maybe there really is something in the snow around here that draws people back. John is a native of Dyckesville and still has numerous family and friends in the area. He attended Luxumburg/Casco High School where he got to know another local man who came 'home' a few years ago, Jason Vandermause. John graduated in 1994 and moved on to St. Norbert College, where his association with the Knights of Columbus began. He got involved with the Council on campus in his sophomore year, eventually moving through Third Degree and serving the Council as Warden. He graduated in 1998 with a Degree in Business and moved to Chicago for about two years. There he was employed by Hewitt Associates, working in Human Resources and dealing with pension plans. It wasn't too long until he and his college roommates decided that it was time to get away from the winters and California was the place to be, so they headed out together. John continued working with Hewitt, keeping in touch by computer and occasionally taking trips to Chicago when necessary. While out West, he enrolled at San Diego State University and pursued his MBA (Master of Business Administration) which he earned this past May.

He remained in the St. Norbert College Council while at Chicago but once he settled in California he became a part of St. Bernard Parish in San Diego and transferred to a Council there. He recalls being active in their Lenten fish dinners where he got to be quite good with a deep fryer. Once he started school again this classes conflicted with the Council's meeting night. He liked California, but there was something that seemed to be calling him back. He also left several family and friends in this area and wanted to be closer to them. He had an interest in Schneider and interviewed there for a position in Finance and he was hired. That was just six months ago. Since returning to the area he was able to connect more often with his family and friends, among them Jason, who spoke enthusiastically about Council 10243 and invited him to 'check it out.' John attended the October meeting and the necessary paperwork for his transfer has recently been completed.

Currently working in Finance at Schneider, his days might include calculating costs and helping customers understand the optimal levels for equipment they are using. He also is a financial support person for Schneider's Wal-Mart grocery account and for some alto dealerships. He has the chance to work with sales representatives and managers out in the field, and enjoys the opportunity to meet people. Within the company he sees himself as one of a number of people, all with a certain area of expertise, all fitting together like the pieces of a puzzle. When there's time for himself, he enjoys golf and snowboarding in season and also like running and racquetball. Happy to be in the area again, he is thinking that the Green Bay area will be his home and he appreciates being near friends and family once again. His parents still live near Dyckesville and he has a number of other relatives in the area. The oldest of four children, he was the first to move away and now the first to return, though holiday celebrations tend to bring them all together again. He has a sister in San Diego and another at DePaul University Law School in Chicago and a brother in Minneapolis.

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