

THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

JANURARY 2009



From the Grand Knight

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS!

Here is a list of the upcoming Events:

JAN. 5: District Meeting, 7pm at Robt. Jones Council

JAN. 12: Monthly meeting at 8pm, Rosary at 7:30pm

JAN. 10: State Bowling Tournament, Officers night

JAN. 12: Monthly meeting at 8pm, Rosary at 7:30pm

JAN. 17: City of Trenton Awards Banquet, 6pm at our Council Hall

JAN. 18: Free Throw Contest, at St. Joseph Church Gym, from 2pm to 4pm

JAN. 24: Holy Cross Children Services Fund Raiser, dinner and raffle, doors open at 6pm, \$15 per person

FEB. 7: 1st Degree Team practice, 9am at our Council Hall

FEB. 9: 1st Degree Exemplification at 7pm, Monthly meeting at 8pm

FEB. 17: "Spaghetti for Jake", fund raiser for the family of Jake Gilstorf, 4p to 8p, \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids.

FEB. 22: Corporate Communion at Our Lady of the Woods, 8am mass

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS, GO TO "www.kofctrentonmi.org"

TRI-DISTRICT MEETING: **Jan. 5**, 7pm at Robt. Jones Council. This is a mandatory meeting for Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Chairman, but any member is welcome to attend.

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT: **Jan. 10** in Battle Creek for Officers, around 1pm. Call Steve Reno at 675-1749 for more details.

CITY OF TRENTON AWARD BANQUET: This annual dinner will be held at our Council Hall on **Jan. 17**, doors open at 6pm. We have purchased 8 tickets to the dinner, if you are interested in attending contact Ed Raczkowski at 676-0660 by Jan. 12. We can purchase more tickets if there is an interest.

FREE THROW CONTEST: **Jan. 18** at St. Joseph Gym, from 2p to 4p. The competition is open to boys and girls from 9-14 yrs. We need about 8 members to handle the competition, if you can help call me at 671-9412.

2nd Annual H.C.C.S. Fund Raiser : On **Jan. 24**, we, along with the other Councils in District #45, will be holding the **2nd Annual H.C.C.S. Fund Raiser**. We need "baskets" for the Silent Auction. Items for the Silent Auction should have a value of at least \$50. You can contact First Lady Pamela Jackson, 671-9412, for details or to make a donation. Also, "baskets" can be dropped off at Thursday Nite Bingo from 4pm to 9pm. "Baskets" should have a card that has the name of donor, Council #, and brief description of its contents. We need the "baskets" by Jan. 17.

FEB. 7: 1st Degree Team Practice, 9am at our Council Hall. Our team has been certified by the Supreme Council, any member interested in joining is welcome.

FEB. 9: 7pm 1st Degree, check-in at 6:30pm. Monthly meeting at 8pm

FEB. 17: “Spaghetti for Jake”, 4pm to 8pm at our Council hall. \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. All-you-can-eat dinner includes spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, rolls & butter, and soft drinks. The proceeds go to offset the medical expenses of the Gilstorf family incurred by treating Jake’s Autism.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

FEB. 22: Corporate Communion at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 8am mass.

Feb. 22 at Our Lady of the Wood in Woodhaven at the 8am mass

Apr. 26 at St. Victor’s Church in Gibraltar, 9am mass

DECEMBER MEETING RE-CAP

- Approved a motion to buy 8 tickets to the Trenton Awards Banquet for \$240
- Approved a motion to donate \$200 to the Dominican Sisters
- Approved a motion to give \$100 to the pastors of St. Joseph, St. Timothy, St. Victor, & Our Lady of the Woods Churches as a Christmas gift.
- Approved a motion to donate \$500 to Seminarians Joseph Weinclaw, Louis LePeyre, & Benjamin Beckett
- Approved a motion to donate \$200 to O.L.O.W. church for use of their kitchen for the vocation breakfast
- Approved a motion to donate \$200 to the O.L.O.W. Youth Group for helping at the vocations breakfast

VOCATIONS BREAKFAST: Congratulations to all who worked on the breakfast on Nov. 17. After paying expenses, we netted \$1062. We will donate \$200 to O.L.O.W. for use of the kitchen and \$200 to the O.L.O.W. Youth Group for helping out. That leaves us with \$662 for vocations.

**Fratenally,
Tom Jackson, Grand Knight**

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Every THURSDAY night, except holidays . . . A FUN TIME!!
STARTS at 6:00 p.m. Over by 9:30. - Doors open at 4:00 PM.
We are using paper books - \$6.00 per book - \$1.00 admission.
9 regular games, 3 specials and the door card game.

BIG \$\$ MONEY \$\$ BINGO – Statewide Game
ALSO available: - snacks, sandwiches and drinks.

Phone: 671-6066

We could use more PLAYERS & WORKERS



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for December is Gary Ennis. Gary has been very active since joining our Council. He is one of our Inside Guards and for the past several years he has served as the Youth Director. His efforts with our Spelling Bee and Free Throw contest has helped our Council win the Michigan Star Award the past few years. Recently, we needed to upgrade the video monitors we use for the Thursday Nite Bingo, Gary got us a really good deal, picked them up and delivered them to the hall, and helped with the installation.

From the D.D. / Membership Director/Advocate



Grow the Membership!

Membership Director/District Deputy News

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Happy New Year! I hope all of you are having a good start to the year and I would imagine many of you have made New Year resolutions. I pray one of your **resolutions is to recruit someone into the Order** and to give an additional hour or two during the year in helping fulfill the vision of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney.

Promote the Order with those you know. Have you got a “Form 100” handy? There is a “NEW” Form 100 that we have to use beginning Jan. 1st. So ask your GK or other council officer for one.

For the first half of the year we have (6) new members and this means we need to double our recruitment efforts in the last half to meet our **membership goal of (20)** new members for the year 2008-9. It would be great to see **Eppenbrock Council #3615** and your **Grand Knight Tom** receive the **“Star Council Award”** at the State Convention, but we need everyone to do their part and ask those eligible Catholic men to join by the end of April. I know we can do it! **Can we count on You?**

Charity is the basic principle of our Order and I ask that each of you be as generous as possible in donating to the **Take 5** and **McGivney Chair of Life Ethics** funds, upon paying your dues. Your FS should have included informational inserts with your dues statements explaining the purpose of these two funds. Please take a moment to read them. Fact - last year the “Take 5” took in \$92,123.00, if every Michigan Knight donated \$2 the fund would generate more than \$141,000. Please help the cause.

Do what you can in promoting the sales of the **Michigan State Council Raffle** to be held in February. We’re not in the best of economies to sell these tickets, but I ask that you try as the proceeds go to the various charities we support around the State of Michigan. When returning the ticket stubs include your council number on it. This will ensure your council receives credit and the \$1/ticket sold back to the council to utilize for the charities of its choice.

If you are not a member of the **McGivney Guild**, which promotes the cause for Sainthood of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, consider doing so this year. It will cost you nothing and you may register online at www.fathermcgivney.org. There is also a link from the Supreme site www.kofc.org Currently the State of Michigan has the highest number of registered members in the guild. The guild will periodically send you updates on the cause.

The **District Free Throw** is to be held at Sacred Heart Church at 21599 Parke Lane, Grosse Ile, 48138 starting at 1pm. We could use a member or two from each council to help that day. Your council will earn a youth activity credit, which all councils need for the Michigan Achievement Award. Please call to let me know you can make it. 734-675-3732

36th Annual March on Washington and the 2nd Annual Michigan Knights Bus Trip is scheduled to leave on Jan. 21, 2009. If interested in participating contact Paul Thorn K.ofC.State Pro-life Director at 248-852-1758 for details and costs.

Vivat Jesus,

**Richard Lambrix
District Deputy**

Are You Creative? The Council Needs You!

We ask again. The council is in need of someone to take over the editing of our newsletter. Due to a heavy workload and other commitments our current editor is asking to be relieved of the duty for a time. The newsletter is important to the council as it keeps our membership informed on council activities. If you think you may be interested in helping out please contact **G.K. Tom Jackson or Bill Temple** to offer your services. The only requirement is that you have some knowledge of MSWord and have an e-mail address.

We also have a need for a new **Youth Director**. Can you help the council out? It does not take a lot of time to coordinate these youth activities, which are so important to the council. Rich Lambrix is taking on the task for the moment to organize the Council Free Throw, which is to be held on Jan. 18, 2009 from 2 – 4 pm at St. Joseph in Trenton. We need people to take registrations keep score and rebound.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for December is Dave and Jennifer Pietras. Dave has helped with many events for our Council including the M.I. Drive. He has also volunteered for the 1st Degree Team. Dave and his family were at the last Corporate Communion and the prayer service for the Our Lady of Charity Icon. Like many of our members, Dave has a young family. Our Council appreciates the fact that without the support of their families, men like Dave would not be able to volunteer.



FROM THE PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR:



Join us for the March for Life & Prayer Service Sun, Jan 18th 2009 12:45 PM. Walk from St. Stanislaus Kostka (2nd & Antoine) or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (10th and Superior) to Mount Carmel Cemetery Monument for the Unborn located 9th & Northline, Wyandotte MI, where an indoor prayer service will be led by Deacon Luis Flores.

Understanding the Freedom of Choice Act

The “Freedom of Choice Act” would invalidate Michigan’s commonsense laws which have been passed since the two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, legalized abortion through

all nine months of pregnancy.

The so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) S. 1173, sponsored by Senator Barbara Boxer (D- Ca.), would invalidate any federal, state, or local government law, regulation, policy, or action that would "deny or interfere with" a woman's access to abortion prior to "viability," or which would "discriminate against the exercise of" this right in the regulation or provision of any "benefits, facilities, services, or information."

This ban would apply absolutely prior to fetal "viability," and also apply after "viability" to any abortion sought on grounds of "health," which is not defined in the bill and which therefore would include any physical or emotional factor whatsoever.

FOCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "codify Roe v. Wade." This is misleading because the sponsors of the bill have acknowledged that it would invalidate many laws that have been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court under Roe v. Wade, including laws restricting government funding of abortion, limits on abortion in public or military facilities, full-disclosure counseling requirements, and bans on partial-birth abortion. It would also invalidate all laws requiring parental or judicial notification or consent for abortions performed on minors, laws that permit health care providers to opt out of participation in abortion on conscience grounds, laws prohibiting non-physicians from performing abortions, and waiting periods. The House companion bill, sponsored by Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), is H.R. 1964.

If FOCA passed, the following laws in Michigan may be in jeopardy: Ultrasound Viewing Option; Abortion Prepayment Prohibition; Informed Consent for Abortion; Clinic Regulations; Abortion Complications Reporting; Abortion Coverage for State Employees; Parental Consent for Abortion; Conscience Clause for Abortion; and our Ban on Medicaid Abortion Coverage.

FOCA History

An earlier version of the Freedom of Choice Act was pushed by pro-abortion forces beginning in the late 1980s. When President Bill Clinton, a FOCA supporter, took office in January 1993, Planned Parenthood predicted that the FOCA would be law within six months. But the bill died after an education and lobbying campaign.

Enthusiasm for the original FOCA faded after Republicans took control of the House of Representatives in the 1994 election.

The most recent version of FOCA was introduced in April 2007 following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Gonzales v. Carhart*. *Gonzales v. Carhart* upheld the federal ban on partial-birth abortion.

Prolife Action Items

The Freedom of Choice Act cannot be signed into law until it passes through both chambers of Congress, the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate. Right to Life of Michigan will be working closely with National Right to Life to monitor this legislation and to lobby our lawmakers. Currently, Right to Life of Michigan is making an on-line petition available. This petition allows the people of Michigan to be on record regarding their opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act. We also encourage you to tell a friend about the Freedom of Choice Act and the promise made by President-elect Obama. You may also print a petition for friends and family members to sign.

Sign up to receive e-mail updates regarding the Freedom of Choice Act and other pertinent life centered information. Please support the life-saving work of Right to Life of Michigan. Your donations are greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

The March for Life in Washington, D.C., is slated for Thursday, January 22. Bus trips from Michigan are planned. Buses will be leaving from: Bronson, Chelsea, Grand Rapids, and Lansing.

Visit WWW.RTL.ORG for this and other information.

George Patrick, 676-1560
Pro-Life Director



Best wishes to the following Brother Knights! Give an old friend a call and congratulate him, or better yet, be a sport and take him to lunch.

01-01	Amos Barron	01-07	Timothy Taylor
	David Broughton	01-11	John Biedenbach
	Robert Lezotte	01-16	Stephen Fleszar
	Rev. Mr. Thomas Murphy	01-18	James Davis
01-04	Mark Gilstorf	01-25	Richard Taurence
01-05	Edward Kish	01-27	Timothy Van Goethem
01-06	Arthur Kacewicz		

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



January 2009

General: That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith.

Mission: That the different Christian confessions, aware of the need for a new evangelization in this period of profound transformations, may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving towards the full unity of all Christians in order to offer a more credible testimony of the Gospel.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR 2008

The Knight of the Year for 2008 is Jim Topper. Jim serves our Council as Worthy Outside Guard, a member of our new 1st Degree Team, and is a valued member of the Thursday Nite Bingo. When there is work that needs to be done around the hall, Jim can be counted on to volunteer. He helped with our Blood Drives, M.I. Drives, the Bingo Tent, and the Downriver Picnic. He was at the prayer services and the Corporate Communion, and he was at most of our Council's social events. Jim also helps the community through the Food Bank and with the Lion's Club.

Prayers for the sick have been requested for:

Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk	Dennis Borche	Gary Ennis Jr.
Steve Fleszar	Willie Foldi	Jim Forsythe
Robert Gawenda	Ralph Grabowski	Leonard Hopkins
Mike Karney	Jerry Kehoe	Ken Laforet
PGK Howard Lambrix	Paul Mazur	Danny Menna
Joe Olson	Walt Reaume	Steve Reno
Dennis Sterba	John Walters	
Bob LaForest, Grand Knight of Southgate Council		

Wives

Martha Erdman	Dorothy Gawenda	Beverly Hasselbach
Cheri Lee Kehoe	Wanda Sawicki	Mary Ann Sturba

Relatives and Friends

Evan Banas	Grandson of the late Raul Robledo
Aaron Blanz Jr.	12 year old son of Larry Vaught's friend
Mike Chadwick	Friend of Larry Mehrhof
Mike Denzel	Son of Richard
Paul Domagalski	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Bart Dwenger	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Lydia Goble	Cousin of Gary Ennis
Michelle Grabowski	Daughter in law of Ralph
Mary Jo Griswold	Sister of Tom Kasper
Xaiver Hattie (baby)	Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft
William Hornig	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Linda Hudson	Daughter of Bob Foldi
Helen Hurley	Mother of Chris Hurley
Colleen LaBell	Grandaughter of P.G.K. Elton
Connie Laforet	Sister-in-Law of Ken Laforet
Kathlene Lambrix	Mother of GK Richard Lambrix
Maria Lambrix	Aunt of DD Richard Lambrix
Rose Mariano	Mother of Joe
Carl Mehrhof	Father of Larry Mehrof
Dorothy Orzol	Aunt of G.K. Tom Jackson
Amelia Pack	Godmother to Tony Herk
Marie Pawlowski	Sister of Steve Fleszar
Mike Pepin	Friend of Dave Roussey
Lisa Pompa	Daughter of Jack Potestato
Peter Potestato	Son of Jack Potestato
Robert Rahle	Uncle of GK Tom Jackson
Maria Rajheb	Friend of Anthony Herk
Mary Jo Sullivan	Cousin of Barb Lambrix, wife of PGK Richard

John Szymanski
Barbara VanDelin

Friend of Howard Hammes
Friend of Larry Vaught

Deceased Mark Rajheb

Military Personnel

Nicholas Benyo	In Iraq, Grandson of Roger Benyo
Daniel Watson	
Nicki Tosis	Daughter of Jose
Kyle Keeler	In Iraq, Friend of Larry Vaught
David W. Morrish Jr.	Son of David Sr.
Peter Curran	Brother Knight from Sacred Heart Council

Please contact our recorder, Brother Steve Reno (734-675-1749), to request prayers for the sick or deceased. If there are any names to be removed, please contact Steve.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. – Are you a member of the Rosary Chain???

From the Editor:

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"If I don't get it, I can't edit." For material to be published, please contact Brother Bill Temple by the **18th of the month**, via phone (734) 675-0568 or E-Mail **templew@comcast.net**.

Council Web Site: <http://www.kofctrentonmi.org/> if you **Do Not have access** to the web please notify Chris Hurley @ **362-0157**, so we may continue to mail it out to you. It is the intention of the Council to move towards emailing the newsletter to the members thereby reducing the cost of postage for bulk mailing.

K of C BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The State bowling tournament is being held in Battle Creek, Michigan in 2009. We will be bowling the Officers tournament on January 10th probably at 1:00 p.m. There is one Officers team: Tom Kasper, Herb Tarnowski, Tom Jackson, Chris Hurley, and Richard Denzel. Our regular tournament weekend is March 14th & 15th. The teams in the regular tournament will bowl singles and doubles on Saturday and team event on Sunday. The teams are #1 Tom Jackson, Herb Tarnowski, Jim Forsythe, Ralph Subastian, Dan Whaley. Team #2 Dave Lambrix, Don Daddario, Tom Kasper, Chris Hurley, Ken Cotton. Please contact Steve Reno at 734-675-1749 if there are any changes.

Council Officers for 2008/2009

Chaplain	Fr. Steven Wertanen	676.9082	
Grand Knight	Thomas F. Jackson (Pamela)	671-9412	tfjack5063@yahoo.com
Dep. Grand Knight	Anthony R. Herk (Doreen)	675-5443	anthonyherkassociates@netzero.net
Financial Secretary	Edward Raczkowski PGK(Nancy)	676-0660	
Chancellor	Thomas J. Kasper (Nancy)	671-6984	tnkasper@wowway.com
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Treasurer	Richard C. Denzel (Janet)	379-2425	denzel37@hotmail.com
Advocate	Richard J. Lambrix (Barbara)	675-3732	gkrich@wowway.com
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Inside Guards	Jack Potestato	671-1905	
	Gary Ennis (Annette)	676-1569	
Outside Guard	Francis Topper		
Trustees-			
One Yr	Ken Laforet (Sue)	281-0148	mrfrog52@woway.com
Two Yr.	Chris Hurley (Michele)	362-0157	
Three Yr.	Dennis O'Brien (Barbara)	671-9132	gizob@wowway.com
Bldg. Assoc. Pres.	Herbert J. Tarnowski (Carole)	675-1726	
Hall Caterer	Tim's Catering	675-3615 or 379-2300	
District Deputy	Richard J. Lambrix (Barbara)	675-3732	gkrich@wowway.com
District Warden	Leonard Hopkins	313-244-9097	

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Celebrate Faith Family Fraternity
MISSION STATEMENT
of Council No. 3615, Trenton Michigan
Adopted April 10, 2006

The Msgr. John Eppenbrock Council of the Knights of Columbus is a local fraternal service organization of Catholic men dedicated:

- to nurture and protect our families and family life,
- to live and share our Catholic faith,
- to aid the needy in our council and in our community with deeds of Christian service and charity, and
- to provide educational, religious, civic, social and athletic programs, thereby promoting a spirit of unity, friendship and brotherhood.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and our founder Fr. Michael McGivney, we ask the Holy Spirit to empower, strengthen, and guide us in this mission, and to lead us to life everlasting.