

THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

JULY 2007

From the Grand Knight

First, I would like to thank **Richard Lambrix** for the three years he served this council as its Grand Knight. His example of hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus will be hard to match and I am especially thankful of the opportunity I had to learn from him.

Second, I would like to thank all those who voted for me and have offered their help in year to come so that the Msgr. Eppenbrock Council will continue to flourish.

July 1 is the start of the new year and this year our council will sponsor a number of events including: the bingo tent at the Trenton street fair, a free throw contest, Red Cross blood drives, a spelling bee, the MI drives, and various social events such as the upcoming Installation of Officers dinner. This is not all we have planned for the next year, but it does give each of us an idea of where we may be able to participate. Participation is the key. It is my hope, that during the next year, those many brother Knights who support our council will take the next step and become ACTIVE participants.

TRENTON STREET FAIR BINGO: July 13 2pm til 10pm, July 14 2pm til 10pm, July 15 2pm til 6pm. Contact Ed Raczkowski ,676-0060, to schedule a 2 hour shift that works best for you.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER: All members are encouraged to bring their wives on July 29 at 3pm to witness one of the really special ceremonies the Knights of Columbus conducts. The cost is \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple. Dinner and an open bar will begin after the installation.

BUILDING CORPORATION ELECTIONS: The 3 year terms of Don Daddario and Tom Kasper will expire in September. Nominations for these two positions will commence at the July business meeting.

COUNCIL 3615 FIRST DEGREE TEAM: We have 5 men who have expressed an interest in this, we need another five to start training. A First Degree team of our own will allow us to bring new members in quicker and keep us from relying on the schedules of other councils.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TIGER DAY 2007: There are 500 outfield box seats available at \$30.00 each and 441 pavilion seats available at \$15.00 each for the Saturday, Sept. 22 game against the Kansas City Royals. If you and your family are interested in going, call 671-9412. Our council will have to submit a request for tickets by August 20.

DOWNRIVER K of C PICNIC: The 2nd annual picnic is scheduled for Aug. 4, each council is splitting the work by taking on specific task. Our council is handling the set-up. If you can help, please contact Rich Lambrix or myself.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION: There will be another opportunity to join the Patriotic Degree of the Order on Sept. 15 at the De Carlos Banquet Center in Warren. Contact Faithful Navigator William Downing at 734-641-4367 for more details. The Master of Michigan District #1, S.K Walter Winkle, has planned this exemplification with the idea of keeping it small to keep the costs down. This would be a good time to take the step. Details will be coming as to time and final costs. You will still need a tuxedo for the day. J.C. Penny's periodically runs a sale for about \$100.00.

**Fraternally,
Tom Jackson, Grand Knight**

COMING EVENTS

Weekly Bingo. Every Thursday (except Holidays) From 6:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Fri. - Sun. July 13-15, Bingo Tent at Trenton Mid- Summer Festival

Friday and Saturday 2 p.m. -10 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. **Come and play, or come and work!** The more workers we have, the easier it is for everyone. Call Brother Richard Denzel at (734) 379-2425 or PGK Ed Raczkowski (734-676-0660) to sign up for a two-hour shift.

Mon. July 9, 8 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting

Proceeded by Rosary at 7:30 P.M.

Sun. July 29, 3 p.m. Officers' Installation Dinner at Council Hall

All are invited to welcome our new Grand Knight, and incoming officers. See Grand Knight's report for more details. Cost is \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple.

Mon. July 30, 7 p.m., Mission Rosary Makers at Council Hall

A family event. Tools are provided. Call PGK Richard Lambrix at (734) 675-3732 for details.

Sat. Aug. 4, Noon to 6 p.m., Second Annual Downriver Knights of Columbus Picnic

See Grand Knight's report. At Lions Park in the Southgate Civic Center, north of City Hall, west of Dix, at Superior and Reaume Parkway.

Mon. Aug. 13, 8 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting

Proceeded by Rosary at 7:30 P.M.

Mon. Aug. 27, 7 p.m., Mission Rosary Makers at Council Hall

A family event. Tools are provided. Call PGK Richard Lambrix at (734) 675-3732 for details.

Trenton K. of C. Hall Rental

Call Tim Thivierge at (734) 379-2300 or (734) 675-3615 for information. References will be provided upon request. **Special discounts** are available to council members and their families.

K. of C. Baseball Caps and Shirts

Contact PGK Ed Raczkowski for baseball caps (\$5.00 each) or Brother Steve Reno for shirts (\$25 - \$30 each).

Knights of Columbus Insurance

If you have insurance questions, call Agent Dennis Palm at (313) 382-3431 Ext.116, the K. of C. Insurance Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995, or contact Financial Secretary, PGK Ed Raczkowski.

BINGO BINGO BINGO

Every THURSDAY night, except holidays . . . A FUN TIME!!
STARTS at 6:00. Over by 9:30. - Doors open at 5:00 PM.

We are using paper books - \$6.00 per book - \$1.00 admission.

11 regular games, 3 specials and the door card game.

ALSO available: - snacks, sandwiches and drinks.

Phone: 671-6066

We could use more PLAYERS & WORKERS



June Meeting: The actions taken at the June meeting were: The membership approved the donation of \$300.00 to the local parishes we attend and support, St. Joseph, Trenton; St. Timothy, Trenton; St. Victor, Gibraltar; Our lady of the Woods, Woodhaven. The Council also made a donation of \$50.00 to Guest House and \$100.00 to the Arete Youth Foundation associated with the Peace Corp. Our Worthy Warden brought this forward for his grand daughter who is in the Balkans working with these people in Albania. The GK also informed the council a \$200.00 donation to the CYO Track & Field Meet was made a few days after the last meeting. This is an expenditure the council has each year to support our youth and something the Michigan State Council advocates, unfortunately the notification was sent out late and did not arrive prior to the May meeting.. The meet was held on May 22nd and we sponsored the Gabriel Richard and St. Francis Cabrini track teams. A Twelve Thousand dollar limit was approved to allow the Building Association to make modifications to the restroom facilities at the hall to meet current handicap codes. Finally, \$80.00 was approved to purchase (8) tickets to have Council representatives attend the 26th Annual Mayor's Breakfast kicking off the City of Trenton Mid-Summer Festival on July 13th.

Council Web Site: The council has an active web site and our web master Chris Hurley has done an outstanding job. <http://www.kofctrentonmi.org/> It has been brought forward that to alleviate costs to the council that we consider posting the newsletter on the website, or e-mail it. If you **Do Not have access** to the web please notify me **675-3732**, so we may continue to mail it out to you. Hopefully, we can commence do this in September. So let us know of your status. Thank You.

Rosary Chain: The use of the Rosary Chain has some flaws. When we tried to utilize it most recently, several of the gentlemen on the chain said they were not contacted. It is extremely important to follow the directions at the bottom of the chain which is basically to call the brother next on the list. If unable to speak to him, do not stop at just leaving a message. Move onto the next person after him so that the continuity flows and the chain is unbroken. The families very much appreciate our prayers and consideration for their deceased loved one with our attendance. Remember it is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy we Catholics are to observe, "Pray for the Dead".



Know Your Faith: The Knights of Columbus offer a series of books that will help you to better know your faith. The Second Vatican Council taught that "the Laity should gradually and prudently learn how to view, judge and do all things in the light of faith." The Catholic Information Service (CIS) offers these booklets at no cost, "What Catholics Believe." In all there are (40) booklets. To receive the booklets send an e-mail to cis@kofc.org, and write "Send first two Hart books" in the subject line. Don't forget to include your name and mailing address in the body of the note, or if you prefer telephone 203-752-4267. I have started reading and studying them myself.

Trenton Mid-Summer Festival Bingo: The council will participate in the city's summer festival **July 13th to 15th**, operating the bingo tent again this year. It is one of the council's largest fund raisers during the year, so please mark your calendars and save the date. We need your help. As most of you know we ask you to help in two hour shifts. We are there all three days Friday from 1 - 10 pm, Saturday 1 - 10 pm. and Sunday 1 - 6 pm. I know many of the members and their wives that did it for the first time last year, said it was good time. PLEASE say YES when called upon or better yet offer your services. Contact Ed Raczkowski ,676-0060 to get on the list of workers.

Installation of Officers Dinner (all members are invited): The installation of council officers will be **Sunday at 3:00 pm on July 29th** here at the hall, doors will open at 2:30 pm. After the installation of new officers there will be a dinner, which will include roast beef, herbed chicken, and baked cod with salad and dessert bar. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 a couple with an open bar, which will be available immediately following the installation.

Building Corporation Elections: The (3) year terms of Don Daddario and Tom Kasper on the Building Corporation will expire in September. Nominations for these two positions will commence at the July business meeting. The responsibilities of the members on the board are to care for and maintain the facility, our hall. If you have a background or an interest in assisting the Council in maintaining our largest asset, consider offering your services. The term will run to 2010. In all there are (9) members on the Building Association, (3) members are the Council Trustees and the other (6) from the membership.



4th Degree Sponsored Detroit Tiger Game Night: The Faithful Navigator of John Paul II Assembly No. 2942 in Taylor wishes to invite the Msgr. Eppenbrock Council No. 3615 Knights to join the Fourth Degree Knights at a Detroit Tiger ballgame. The game is scheduled for Tuesday Aug. 7, 2007 and the Tigers will be playing Tampa Bay. The cost of the tickets are \$25.00 each and includes the game, transportation by the Woodhaven Kiwanis bus, pizza prior to the game at the All Saints council building in Taylor, and a tip for the bus driver. We will meet at the All Saints Council No. 4872 in Taylor on Brest Rd. between 4:30 and 5:30 o'clock for pizza with the bus scheduled to leave for the ball park at 5:30. If interested contact PGK Richard Lambrix (675-3732) or GK Tom Jackson (671-9412) to purchase tickets.

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. Also is attached to the news letter is the "Request to Publish Form" used to provide details.

From the Membership Director:

The membership quota from Supreme will most likely remain (11) new members for the 2007-8 fiscal year, we will not know the exact number until later. Your new Grand Knight and I would like to set the target to (20+) new members. The same goal we have had for the past three years. We need to grow our membership. Something I would like to attempt is to have recruitment teams for each parish: St. Joseph, St. Timothy, St. Victor, and OLOW. The teams should be comprised of enough members, so nobody has to cover more than one Mass on the weekend. Further, I would like to have a meeting of all team members collectively to discuss tactics we should use in approaching prospective candidates. This is the Order's 125th anniversary of our founding. The Knights of Columbus organization has something for everyone, and we need to get the message out. And more importantly we give men an avenue to do Good Works in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So please get behind your newly elected Grand Knight and make him proud.

Richard Lambrix PGK
Membership Director #3615

Michigan State Council Convention 2007

The convention opened on Thursday May 24th with the 4:00 p.m. Mass held in the Grand Hotel Theater. For me, it is one of the high points of the convention as the Fourth Degree Color Guard processes in followed by the State Officers, (46) priests, seven bishops, and Adam Cardinal Maida. It is one of the few Masses I have attended where I cannot hear myself sing, as there are over 1,200 Brother Knights and their families in attendance and all are participating in song. Immediately after Mass everyone broke for dinner, as the official business meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m.

The role call of officers, (43) directors, (86) DDs and (400) councils is the first order of business and it took over forty minutes to complete. A video address by Supreme Deputy Carl Anderson was viewed. In 2006 the Knights donated over \$139 million and in excess of 64 million hours of service. The K of C insurance has received the top rating once again and is one of four insurance businesses to have achieved this ranking. Following the video our State Deputy Tom Wegener gave us a report on the Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS). There are currently (93) seminarians at SHMS discerning their vocations for Michigan dioceses and other locales around the country. The Michigan jurisdiction donated over \$200,000 for seminarians through the RSVP program which places the Michigan State Council as #1 in the Order for vocations. We continue to grow support for the McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at SHMS, which was adopted by the State Council a few years ago to train those attending the seminary on Life Issues. Each Knight is asked to donate \$1 per month for 10 years on a voluntary basis toward this chair. The MI Drive Director informed us that donations were a little above last year's at over \$1 million. However, that number will most likely be higher, as over (90) councils have not yet reported, much to the dissatisfaction of our worthy State Deputy. This session concluded at a little after 10:00 p.m.

Friday Mass was at 7:30 a.m. with Bishop Alex Sample of Marquette presiding, followed by the 9:30 session of the meeting. All members and their families are invited to this session, as the council awards are presented at this time. Council No. 3615 was not in line for any special recognition, so neither of your council delegates attended this session. The Living Rosary in honor of those that died in the past year; such as: Past Council Chaplains, PGKs/PFNs, FDDs, was presented at 11:40 a.m. out on the front lawn of the Grand Hotel. It was a beautiful day with temps in the mid 60's and a bright blue sky. If you have never experienced the Living Rosary, you should consider sometime in the future of attending the Friday session to witness it first hand. It is truly a moving experience. Our recently departed brother knight PGK Joseph Sucheck was remembered during this Living Rosary.

Friday afternoon was given to diocesan caucuses and committee meetings. At the caucus meeting we were asked to consider a proposal that would be brought forward at the Saturday session regarding an increase of a per capita fee of \$2.00 for each member. The current fee is \$8.00 per man. The Michigan State Council has been requesting this increase for the past couple of years. Also mentioned to the Detroit Diocese Caucus by Brother Boylan was to consider the possibility of supporting a school for Mentally Impaired children, which is experiencing financial difficulties, and most likely will close.

This was only brought forward for discussion at this time and no action will take place until further investigation is done by the State Council Office. There was a \$10,000 check presented to the Diocesan Chaplain Rev. Fr. Todd Lajiness to give to Adam Cardinal Maida for MI programs in the diocese. Your GK was assigned to a committee meeting on Public Relations and the Press following the diocesan meeting. In this meeting were several GKs and DDs sharing ideas on how to publicize the Order more effectively and create interest for prospective members. The State Deputy's Dinner Banquet followed these meetings and lasted well into the night.

Saturday began with 7:30 Mass and Bishop Patrick Cooney of Gaylord presiding and after a hurried breakfast the final session of the convention began at 9:30 a.m. This session is where the State Officers are re-elected for another year, and all the resolutions that have been brought before the State Council from subordinate councils are acted upon. The officers were re-elected by acclamation, which went rather quickly. As to the resolutions, most were acted upon quickly, but the one pertaining to the increase of per capita fees had much discussion. It however was passed, as most delegates had to agree that we do not want to see the quality of our State programs harmed. There were three resolutions forwarded to Supreme that merited consideration, and fall under the Supreme's jurisdiction. Seven resolutions were ruled out of order with one no action taken. In all there were (60) resolutions voted on.

A benefit of attending the convention is having the opportunity of meeting some great individuals and hearing about their successes. One in particular that makes me feel good about the long term prospects of the organization is a young man from Davison Council #4090, Matt Smith. Barbara and I were standing at the docks waiting for the boat back to Mackinac, when this young couple got in line behind us. We introduced ourselves and found he was the outgoing GK of his (600) member council. I was amazed to hear about some of their fund raisers, and how successful the council was. When they have a Texas Hold'em Tournament, their top prize is a car, and they still manage to net a profit of \$12,000. And then I ask how old he is? He is only 32 years of age, and his twin brother was a PGK of this council, as well.

In conclusion, it was a very rewarding experience and I wish to thank the council for allowing me to represent them. I hope you all will give consideration to taking a trip up to Mackinac and attending a convention either as a delegate or just to observe the proceedings. Especially, attend the Friday session for the awards presentations and the Living Rosary. Plus, you will meet some great people.

Vivat Jesus,
Richard Lambrix PGK

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for June 2007 Leonard Hopkins: Leonard has been a Knight for 11 years and a member of this council for a year. He has been active with this council since transferring into our council and attends all the meetings. He offered his services in pulling together the By-Laws, which the council passed in May, and has been one of the members attending the monthly Mission Rosary making here at the hall. Leonard has already made a notable impression by being nominated and elected to the DGK's position at the May meeting.

Congratulations to the Family of the Month for June 2007 Don and Mary Daddario: Don, Mary and Family have distinguished themselves during the year, and as usual have coordinated the Knights participation in the City of Trenton Memorial Day parade. Don has been a Knight for 41 years and for 26 of those years our Thursday night Bingo Chairman. The entire family over the many years has participated in council functions and fundraisers, by donating blood, working the weekly bingo, and the MI Drives. Don and Mary are parishioners of St. Joseph parish in Trenton.

Congratulations to the Family of the Year for 2007 Thomas and Pamela Jackson: Tom and Pam have been very involved in council activities from the moment Tom became a Knight back in December 2002. Tom, as I write this, is your GK elect after having served as your DGK for the past three years. When Tom isn't at his day job you may find him at the hall doing maintenance and repairs as needed. Tom has even been recognized by other council leaders for his leadership ability, as they chose him to be Picnic Chairman of the Second Annual Downriver Knights of Columbus Picnic, which is scheduled for Aug. 4th. Pam has a God given talent for singing and has used her beautiful voice for the council Memorial Masses for the past three years. We were very fortunate to have this couple be a part of Msgr. Eppenbrock Council. Tom and Pam are very active at St. Timothy, where both are in the choir. Pam and Tom even offered their services to sing in the choir at the State Convention on Mackinac Island, having to give up some of their free time to participate.

Congratulations to the Knight of the Year for 2007 Francis (Jim) Topper: Jim can be counted on to help wherever needed. If the council is having a function or fund raiser - he is there. He has been at the cemetery, Corporate Communion, Texas Hold'em tournaments, mopping floors, helping the GK set up the hall for meetings, making mission Rosaries, weekly bingos, and working the MI Drives. You name it and he's there. Jim is also an active part of the Trenton Lions Club in his spare time. Plus, he makes the best peanut brittle I have ever eaten. Jim is an active member of St. Timothy in Trenton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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.

07-01	Paul Mazur	07-13	Edmund Gissel
	William Steed		Louis Piszker
07-02	Kenneth Brown	07-16	James Tierney
07-04	John Lipinski	07-18	William Foldi
07-05	Rudolph Moroziewicki, Jr.	07-19	George Patrick
07-09	George Hartman	07-21	Gerald Lovett
	John Marunick		Howard Hammes
07-11	Rudolph Moroziewicki		John Laub
07-12	Sigmund Burtka	07-22	Mark Revesz
	Patrick Coakley, Jr.	07-28	John Walters
07-13	Justin Calhoun	07-31	Brian Frasson
	Rev. Philip O Dwyer		

**Pass on "The Knightly News" to someone interested in the Knights of Columbus.
Have a Form #100 ready to sign him up!**

Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved thee: for behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my unloveliness fell upon those lovely things that you had made. You were with me, and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and tried to break open my deafness: and you sent forth your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness: you breathed fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and I do now pant for you: I taste you, and now hunger and thirst for you: you touched me, and I have burned for your peace.

St. Augustine

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for the sick have been requested for:

Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk
Steve Fleszar
Jim Forsythe
Dave Howarth
PGK Howard Lambrix
Paul Mazur
Walt Reaume
Ed Stankiewicz Bill Trzcinski
John Walters

Wives

Martha Erdman
Joan Faiman
Dorothy Gawenda
Beverly Hasselbach
Gerry LaBelle
Helen Miller Theresa Olson

Relatives and Friends

Evan Banas	Grandson of the late Raul Robledo
Mike Denzel	Son of Richard Denzel
Lucille Durfee	Cousin of GK Richard Lambrix
Bart Dwenger	Usher at Our Lady of the Woods
Michelle Grabowski	Daughter-in-law of Ralph Grabowski
Xavier Hattie (baby)	Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft
Colleen LaBelle	Granddaughter of Gerry LaBelle
Chuck Lambrix	Nephew of Howard Lambrix
Kathleen Lambrix	Mother of GK Rich Lambrix
Andrea Masynski	Friend of Jerry Kehoe
Ron Milligan	Brother-in-law of George Patrick
Amelia Pack	Godmother to Tony Herk
Marie Pawlowski	Sister of Steve Fleszar
Mike Pepin	Friend of Dave Roussey
Lisa Pompa	Daughter of Jack Potestato
Denise Riley	Relative of Bob Riley
Joyce Turner	Niece of Larry Vaught

Deceased

Ronald Sheets Member of another Council, Cousin of PGK Bob Walters

Military Personnel

Nicholas Benyo Daniel Watson

Please contact our Recorder Steve Reno (734-675-1749) to request prayers or remove names.



Council Officers for 2007/2008

Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Robert Shafer	676-5115	
Grand Knight	Thomas F. Jackson (Pamela)	671-9412	tfjack5063@yahoo.com
Dep. Grand Knight	Leonard Hopkins		
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	Anthony R. Herk (Doreen)	675-5443	anthonyherkassociates@netzero.net
Outside Guard	Larry Mehrhof		
Trustees- One Yr	Ralph E. Grabowski	675-6215	
- Two Yr.	William O. Taurence (Cindy)	671-1523	
- Three Yr.	Chris Hurley		
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

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MSGR. JOHN EPPENBROCK COUNCIL No. 3615

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Date: _____

Please publish the following for the Month of _____

REQUESTS ARE DUE BY THE 18th OF PRECEDING THE MONTH.

____ Coming Event ____ Past Event ____ Other

EVENT NAME _____

DAY/DATE _____ / _____ TIME _____

PLACE _____

Address/ Location (if needed) _____

COST (if applicable) Single \$_____ Couple \$_____ Family \$_____ Children \$_____

DESCRIPTION/ COMMENTS

(Continue COMMENTS on reverse side, if needed.)

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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.