

# THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 2007

## From the Grand Knight:



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The month of August was a busy one for our council and the month of September is shaping up to be just as full. If anyone should ask you, "what do the Knights of Columbus do?", hand them your copy of the newsletter and tell them that this is the agenda of just ONE council, imagine how much good is being done by the thousands of council across the world. If YOU can find time in your busy schedule please participate in one of the upcoming events sponsored by your council.

**THE BINGO TENT** at the Trenton Mid-Summer Festival was a success. We made 15% more this year than in 2006, our revenues increased each day over last year and we made more on the charity tickets. This would not have been possible with the tremendous support of Brother Knights and their families. I would like to thank everyone who helped and if you missed your chance this year, there is always 2008.

**THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER** was a grand affair. We had 10 members of the Color Corps present and PGK and current District Deputy Richard Lambrich conducted a flawless ceremony. Our caterers, Tim and Shelley, prepared a fantastic meal and a good time was had by all.

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DOWNRIVER KofC PICNIC** was held on Aug. 4. Close to 200 hundred people from 8 different Councils came together to enjoy a beautiful day and some great food. Thirty to forty kids took part in games like, sack race, 3 legged race, wheel barrow race, and a scavenger hunt. Our first golf outing was such a success that next year it will be an 18 hole event. Bob Walter's foursome had the lowest score thanks to his secret weapon, (Myrna).

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** we had a drive on Aug. 11&12 at St. Victors in Gibraltar. We talked to a number of men and hope some of them may decide to join us. Our next drive is scheduled for Sept. 8&9 at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven. In order for this drive to be a success, we need as many Brother Knights as possible to hand out flyers and talk to prospective candidates.



**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm until 8pm. The Red Cross has asked us to get at least 27 pints so if you are able please support your Council by giving the gift of life. We also need volunteers to help make phone calls and assist the Red Cross where needed. If you can help, contact our Chairman Ken Laforat, (281-0148), or me at 671-9412.

**A MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION** is scheduled for Sept. 16 at our Council hall. The 1<sup>st</sup> Degree will begin at 9:30am with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees to follow at 10:30am. Please plan on attending to support our new candidates.



**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:** The exemplification ceremony will be held on Sept. 15 at the DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren. If you are interested in joining the Patriotic Degree, contact me, Richard Lambrix or any other member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree for more information.



**THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION** has two members who terms are expiring in September. We have been taking nominations at the last two meetings and will take them at September's meeting. We will have an election at September's meeting to fill the openings. This is an opportunity for YOU to become more involved in your Council, please attend September's meeting and help us.

**THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION** has informed the Council that the 5 ton HVAC rooftop unit needs to be replaced. (We had to replace the larger unit a few months ago.) This is the type of problem that the Building Assoc. handles on a daily basis. If you think you can help, please attend September's meeting and throw your name in the hat.

#### **CORPORATE COMMUNION**

September 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church in Trenton, 4:30pm mass

October 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Timothy Church in Trenton, 9am mass

February 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Victor Church in Gibraltar, 6pm mass

May 18<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Woods, 8am mass

WHEN WE ARE AT YOUR CHURCH, PLEASE PLAN ON SITTING WITH US

#### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING RE-CAP**

At the August meeting, besides the usual reports from the financial officers, several resolutions were passed;

1. A motion was passed to authorize the Building Assoc. to spend up to \$8000 on replacement of the 5 ton rooftop HVAC.
2. A motion was made to give \$25 to co-sponsor a hole at the Angels Way golf outing with the four other Councils in our District. It is a fund raiser to help offset the expense of the State Council Officers Installation.
3. A motion was passed to give \$50 to the Brownstown Fire Dept. to help purchase educational materials for their FirePup Program. It teaches kids what to do in case of an emergency.
4. A motion was passed to give \$50 to the Trenton Touchdown Club, for the purchase of a ¼ page ad in this year's program, however after checking with the Trenton program committee, it was too late to get our ad in.
5. LASTLY, A MOTION WAS PUT ON THE FLOOR THAT WILL HAVE TO BE VOTED ON AT SEPTEMBER'S MEETING. This motion concerns a school for special kids, (ones with Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, etc.), that has lost its funding due to budgetary cuts in Lansing. Brother Boylan, of H.C.C.S., found out about it and approached the Knights of Columbus to see if we can help. A feasibility study was done and it was determined that if the Councils from the Detroit area pledge 20% of their M.I. Drive income it can be saved. It would be renamed the Fr. Michael McGivney Foundation for Exceptional Children and become part of the H.C.C.S. The State Council presently gets 20% of the M.I. money to support the State's charities, this will not change. If we pass this resolution it would mean the charities we support would have their monies reduced by 20%, (instead of \$100 they would get \$80). If we, the Detroit area Councils do not agree to provide funding, the school, which has been open since 1954, will close.

The Decision is yours, my Brother Knights, please pray on it, then come to September's meeting and vote. (See attached flyer)

**THE DETROIT MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS** meeting was held on July 18 at St. Alfred's in Warren. This is one of the meetings whose attendance is required in order to eligible for a State Council Activity Award.

At the meeting it was reported that:

- There were 37,900 activities state wide with 90% of Councils taking part
- The Knights of Columbus Insurance is one of the five best in the country
- \$176,857 was donated to Special Olympics
- Past State Secretary Kevin MacFarland was name director of the Michael J. McGiveney Chair of Life Ethics Fund—and that 43% of the funds raised comes from the Detroit area
- This years Prep Bowl will be held on Oct. 20 at Ford Field
- The State Bowling Tournament will begin on Jan. 12, 2008
- There were 3114 new Knights in 2006-2007



The All Saints Council in Taylor is forming a **Squires Group**. At the present time there are no Squires Groups in the Downriver area. If you have a son, or know of a young man between 11 and 18 years of age, who would be interested in joining, contact **Tim Faremouth** at All Saints Council for information.

**WE SALUTE  
THE SQUIRES**

I would like to bring back something that used to be a part of the Trenton Council, a week-end retreat at the **St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center**.

If you have never been on a retreat, I can tell you that it is an excellent way to recharge your battery and reconnect with God. There is something very therapeutic about being in quiet, prayerful environment. If this sounds good to you, contact Ed Umin, 734-783-5131, he is the captain of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual OLOW Men's retreat to be held on Oct. 12-14. The week-end retreat I go to, (which is the one our council used to support), is held on Mar. 14-16, 2008. If you would like to go then, contact me, 734-671-9412, and I will get you the information you need.

**FRATERNALLY,  
TOM JACKSON, GRAND KNIGHT**

## COMING EVENTS

**Weekly Bingo. Every Thursday (except Holidays) From 6:00 to 9:15 p.m.**

**Sat/Sun Sept. 8&9- Membership Drive**

Our Lady of the Woods, Woodhaven 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon on Sunday

**Mon. September 10, 8 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting**

Proceeded by Rosary at 7:30 P.M.

**Sat. Sep 15, Corporate Communion, 4:30 Mass@ St. Joseph's Church, Trenton**

**Sat. Sep. 15, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification –**

9:00a.m.- 3:00pm De Carlos Banquet Center in Warren, MI

**Sunday, Sep. 16, 9:30 am -Major Degree at the Trenton Council #3615 K of C**

**Sat. Sep 22, Michigan State Council K.ofC. Tiger game**

**Sat. Sep 22- Cemetery Clean-up**

Mt. Cavalry Cemetery 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Mon. Sep 24, 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 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**



The 2008 State bowling tournament is being held in Flint, MI. Representatives from our council will be bowling in the Officers tournament on January 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.. Our team is made up of brothers Steve Reno, Richard Denzel, Herb Tarnowski, Tom Jackson, and Tom Kasper. Our regular tournament weekend is scheduled for January 27 & 28, with singles and doubles set for Saturday and the team event on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Steve Reno as soon as possible so he can get the entries in by the end of October if interested.

**Council Web Site:** <http://www.kofctrentonmi.org/> If you **Do Not have access** to the web please notify Chris Hurley @ **675-3732**, 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.

**Cemetery Clean-up:** The date for our next trip to Mt. Cavalry Cemetery to tidy up is Sept. 22, 2007. We will be there from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to do your "Spiritual" and "Corporal" works of mercy, which is to pray for and bury the dead. Please come for all or any portion of the time we are there. Bring your yard tools, water, gloves, and anything you feel may be of use. Some of us will meet for breakfast at the Dixie Café on Old Fort St. near S. Huron River Dr. The cemetery is located on the southside of Huron River Dr. between Old Fort St. and W. Jefferson. Hope to see you there! Info call 734-675-3732

Thanks,  
Rich Lambrix

### From the Pro-Life Director....

Start thinking about attending the **2007 Celebrate Life Dinner** on Thursday October 18, 2007 at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort Street Southgate, MI. The keynote speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Archdiocese of Detroit. Please contact George Patrick at (734) 676-1560 for further details and tickets. (See attached flyer)

### Advocate News

The By-Laws were approved in June by the Supreme Council and we have received the booklets of the updated Council By-Laws. If you would like a copy of the Council By-Laws stop by the hall any Thursday evening after 4 p.m. or plan on attending one of our monthly business meetings. Business meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rich Lambrix  
Council Advocate

## From the Membership Director:

### Grow the Membership



Membership status for the council remains at needing **(20)** new members and an insurance goal of **(6)** for the year. We held a Membership Drive at St. Vic's on the weekend of Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and I want to thank all that participated in the drive: **G.K. Tom Jackson (2 Masses), Tom Kasper (2 Masses), Larry Mehrhof, Dave Pietras, Chris Hurley, and Tony Arminiak.** We had (4) members help for each of the three Masses. The bad news is we did not have anyone sign a Form 100, but that won't deter us. Every time we ask we get a little closer to hearing a "Yes."

**Our next Membership Drive will be held at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.** I ask that you my brother Knights offer your services that weekend. OLOW is a larger parish and we will require more than (4) Knights covering each of the Masses on that weekend.

**Masses are 4 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon on Sunday.** The parish is having their annual picnic on Sunday, and I would hope to recruit all day, if possible. So, I ask that you please give me a call, if you are able to help **734-674-3732.**

**Remember make every day a recruitment day,** as the easiest person to recruit is our kin, friends, and neighbors. Ask that gentleman sitting in the pew next to you on Sunday.

Tempus Fugit Memento More,

Richard Lambrix DD/PGK  
Membership Director

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

## District Deputy News

### Worthy Brother Knights,

The Diocesan and District meetings were held last month and for those that attended one or both, I thank you. I know some feel these meetings are a waste of time; however, it is a good way for the State Officers and for our council leadership to share program ideas and goals and grow the Order in Michigan.

It is my hope that we are able to do more for Columbianism as a District this year and to support each others activities. I trust you took advantage of the opportunity to come together with your Brother Knights and their families at the Second Annual Downriver K. of C. Picnic held on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. If not, plan on attending next year; you won't be disappointed. As a District we are in the very early stages of preparing **a fund raising dinner for Brother Boylan and Holy Cross Childrens' Services.** If you would like to play a part in organizing the fund raiser let your Grand Knight know. And Ladies, we need your help here too! This is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Michigan Knights and HCCS working to better the lives of troubled youth. It is our No. 1 Charity that we lend support to

in our State, as well as many others. Our **first planning session was Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** at Council #3615 at 7 p.m. with more to come, so please lend us a hand to make this a great success.

There are several opportunities for you to demonstrate Charity during the year. **Take (5)** is a voluntary donation you can make when paying your dues. These funds go to the Michigan State Council and then distributed to the many Organizations that request support from our State Officers. Another charity is the **Fr. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics** at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This again is a voluntary donation of (1) to (12) dollars/yr., donations are forwarded to SHMS to be utilized in teaching our future priests, deacons, and religious educators on how to respond to life issues. Both of these worthy causes will accept your donations anytime during the year. Your Financial Secretary, will forward the funds to the Michigan State Council. Soon you should receive in the mail tickets for the **State Raffle** which is held each February to raise funds for Charity. Your tickets will not arrive in book form this year, but as a sheet of tickets. Our State Advocate, Michael Malinowski, found a \$28,000 savings in having the tickets printed in this manner. Please do your best in attempting to sell at least (1) one book. If every Knight in the State of Michigan sold one book, the Michigan State Council would generate income of 1.4 million and the councils' would net 350,000 to donate to charitable causes. We again will be collecting hooded sweatshirts and toiletries for the children at HCCS in the fall. I will take all gift wrapped packages with me to the winter State Council meeting held in December in Kalamazoo. In January, our State **RTL Chair Couple Paul and Sue Thorn** have set up a bus trip to Washington D.C to participate in the March against the Roe vs. Wade decision allowing abortion. If you are interested there is a bus leaving from Fr. Saylor Council in Allen Park on Monday Jan. 21, 2008. Cost for bus is approx. \$92.50 per person and Hampton Inn accommodations are \$136.00 for single, double, triple & quad occupancies. Contact Paul Thorn Tel. 248-852-1758 for information or your G.K.

Finally, there will be a **Major Degree in our District on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton Council #3615 K of C** hall. The 1<sup>st</sup> Degree will commence at 9:30 A.M. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at 11:00 A.M., please have the candidate and sponsor here at least a ½ hour before. Preferred dress is a coat and tie. So get out there and grow the Order by recruiting one new man this quarter. If you need a Form 100 let your G.K. know.

Vivat Jesus,  
Richard Lambrix DD  
District #46



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the month for August is Richard Denzel. Where do I start to describe the contribution that Rich makes on a daily basis. He is the Treasurer of the Council. He handles the monthly lottery tickets. He is the go-to guy when something is needed with technical hook-up for our weekly bingo. He was a key member of the paint crew that just finished repainting the outside of our Council hall. To sum it up, he is a tireless worker who's humor and enthusiasm makes any task a little easier to bear.

## Prayer for Peace

*Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,  
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;  
that where there is wrong,  
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;  
that where there is error, I may bring truth;  
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;  
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;  
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;  
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.*

*Lord, grant that I may seek rather to  
comfort than to be comforted;  
to understand, than to be understood;  
to love, than to be loved.  
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.  
It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.*

*St. Francis of Assisi*



*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.

09-01	Robert Bovitz	09-18	Chester Taurence
09-07	Thomas Neubecker		Jerrold Jbara
09-08	James Darin	09-20	Rev. Walter Ptak
09-09	Frank Cameron	09-22	Jerry Kehoe
	Louis Frebes		John Porreca
09-11	John Olle	09-23	David Archer
09-12	Stephen Bird		John Cherpak
09-13	Thomas Kasper	09-27	Adam Golba
09-14	Charles Kittle	09-29	Paul Beaudrie
09-16	Antonio Tirado		Jerome Pavlov

**PAYING THE TOLL TO CROSS THE GROSSE ILE BRIDGE**

**IS A TOKEN GESTURE.**

## Did You Know...?

In his July 7, 2007 letter to bishops on the Tridentine Mass, Pope Benedict XVI made a statement regarding the divisions in Christianity that remain with us today. His message deserves to be shared by the bishops with all Catholics in our parishes and with all Christians

“Looking back over the past, to the divisions which in the course of the centuries have rent the Body of Christ, one continually has the impression that, at critical moments when divisions were coming about, not enough was done by the Church's leaders to maintain or regain reconciliation and unity. One has the impression that omissions on the part of the Church have had their share of blame for the fact that these divisions were able to harden.

The humility and honesty of our Holy Father in making this statement is remarkable, something not noted in the past. Let us all pray and work for the unity that Christ desires.



### Latin Lesson: Apostles' Creed

Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae. Et in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum, qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus, descendit ad inferos, tertia die resurrexit a mortuis, ascendit ad caelos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis, inde venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam catholicam, sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 **18<sup>th</sup> of the month**, via phone (734) 675-0568 or E-Mail **templew@comcast.net**.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF FAITH IN ACTION



## 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	675-1566	(cell-313-244-9097)
Financial Secretary	Edward Raczowski PGK(Nancy)	676-0660	
Chancellor	Thomas J. Kasper (Nancy)	671-6984	tnkasper@wowway.com
Recorder	Stephen B. Reno (Lorrie)	675-1749	sbreno5@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Richard C. Denzel (Janet)	379-2425	denzel37@hotmail.com
Advocate	Richard J. Lambrix (Barbara)	675-3732	gkrich@wowway.com
Warden	Larry Vaught (Marlene)	671-1080	
Inside Guards	Jack Potestato	671-1905	
	Anthony R. Herk (Doreen)	675-5443	anthonyherkassociates@netzero.net
Outside Guard	Larry Mehrhof		
Trustees- One Yr	William O. Taurence (Cindy)	671-1523	
- Two Yr.	Ken Laforat	281-0148	mrfrog52@wowway.com
- Three Yr.	Chris Hurley	362-0157	Hurleyc@comcast.net
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



### FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for August is Herb and Carol Tarnowski. Herb and Carol have been selected many times in the past, but once again they have earned the thanks of everyone in our council. When we were painting the outside of the hall, Herb made sure we had everything we needed and Carol would take time out each day to bring us lunch. Recently our Council has joined the Big Money Bingo run by the state of Michigan. The higher jackpots generated by this move have made it possible to show a profit in Bingo because of the larger crowds. However we would not be able to handle the increase if Herb and Carol had not been there to offer the time and expertise. So, on behalf of Council #3615 I would like to thank them for work they do.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayers for the sick have been requested for:*

### Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk  
PGK Howard Lambrix  
Bill Truzcinski

Steve Fleszar  
Paul Mazur  
John Walters

Jim Forsythe  
Walt Reaume

Dave Howarth  
Jose Tocis

### Wives

Martha Erdman  
Gerry LaBell

Dorothy Gawenda  
Hellen Miller

Beverly Hasselbach,  
Theresa Olson

### Relatives and Friends

Evan Banas  
Mike Denzel  
Lucille Durfee  
Bart Dwenger  
Michelle Grabowski  
Xaiver Hattie (baby)  
Colleen LaBell  
Chuck Lambrix  
Kathlene Lambrix  
Andrea Masynski  
Ron Milligan  
Amelia Pack  
Marie Pawlowski  
Mike Pepin  
Lisa Pompa  
Denise Riley  
Joyce Turner

Grandson of the late Raul Robledo  
Son of Richard  
Cousin of GK Richard Lambrix  
Usher at O.L.O.W.  
Daughter in law of Ralph  
Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft  
Grandaughter of Gerry LaBelle  
Nephew of Howard  
Mother of GK Richard Lambrix  
Friend of Jerry Kehoe  
Brother in Law of George Patrick  
Godmother to Tony Herk  
Sister of Steve Fleszar  
Friend of Dave Roussey  
Daughter of Jack Potestato  
Relative of Bob  
Niece of Larry Vaught

### Deceased

Ed Stankiewicz

### Military Personnel

Nicholas Benyo  
Daniel Watson  
Nicki Tocis

In Iraq, Grandson of Roger Benyo

Daughter of Jose

**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.**

## *IN MEMORIAM*

*On July 30, 2007*

*Our Council suffered a loss*

*Ed Stankiewicz passed away*

*Please keep him and his family in your prayers*

DOWNRIVER / WAYNE CO. AFFILIATES OF RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL

**2007 CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

CRYSTAL GARDENS - 16703 FORT STREET, SOUTHGATE, MI

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. - DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 P.M.



**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL E. FLORES AUXILIARY BISHOP OF  
DETROIT**

*Please join us for a wonderful evening of great prolife fellowship, wonderful food,  
and truthful and informative prolife information.*

**\*\* CLIP AND RETURN PORTION BELOW \*\***

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR RSVP TO RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN 1638 EUREKA, WYANDOTTE, MI 48192 BY**

**OCTOBER 11, 2007**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

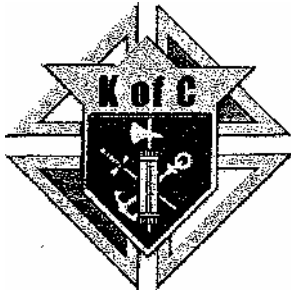
\_\_\_ **YES**, WE WISH TO HOST A TABLE, ENCLOSED  
PLEASE FIND \$ **230.00** FOR ONE TABLE OF 8  
GUESTS. **NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

\_\_\_ **YES, WE PLAN TO ATTEND,**  
ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS. **\$30.00** PER  
TICKET - **NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

\_\_\_ **YES, WE WISH TO BE A DINNER  
SPONSOR, PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED OUR  
DONATION OF \$500.00. INCLUDES RESERVATIONS  
FOR A TABLE OF 8 GUESTS, AND A TAX DEDUCTION  
OF \$270.00.**

\_\_\_ **WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND,  
PLEASE FIND OUR GIFT OF  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE PHONE CHRIS AT  
734-282-6100 RESERVATION DEADLINE IS  
OCTOBER 11, 2007**



**HolyCross**  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## Feasibility Study

Council Number\_\_ encourages Brothers of Holy Cross and the Michigan State Council to assume the responsibility formerly entrusted to the Children's Home of Detroit to educate and care for exceptional children.

We recommend the school be renamed the Michael J. McGivney School for Exceptional Children. We further recommend the new logo include the statement "supported by Michigan Knights of Columbus."

We agree to pledge a percentage of our "Tootsie Roll" monies raised to support this program.

This resolution of support having been voted on this date and passed by a majority vote of Council Number\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. Attested to by signature of the Grand Knight and Recorder.

\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Knight	Date	Recorder	Date

Grand Knight's Email address.\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Knight's Phone number\_\_\_\_\_

**We would like this document returned in the attached envelope by November 10, 2007.**

## Foundation for Exceptional Children

The Foundation for Exceptional Children was founded in 1954 by a group of parents who had a desire to provide life experiences for their children with special needs. It has grown into a daily, almost year-round program for children with mental and/or physical impairments, such as autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities, many of which are classified as mental retardation (now known as intellectual disabilities). The Foundation is recognized by the state as a non-public school, meeting all the requirements as such.

The Foundation's special education teachers work on social, academic and behavioral skills designed to provide the children with the ability to become valuable members of society. The Foundation's philosophy is aimed at the total development of the student with disabilities and their families. The program is unique in offering an alternative to the public schools for children who are severely impaired. Every attempt is made to include all children who could benefit from the Foundation's services, regardless of the family's race, religion or financial situation. Half of the children served come from impoverished homes and receive the Foundation's services free of charge. The Foundation receives no government funding and relies on the generosity of the community to be able to continue its work.

In June 2000 the Foundation became a program of the Children's Home of Detroit in order to expand its services and further meet the needs of the children and families served.

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- November 14, 2006      Holy Cross Children's Services and Knights of Columbus are asked to consider assuming responsibility for the Foundation for Exceptional Children by the Children's Home of Detroit.
- February 15, 2007      Due Diligence study is completed. It is determined that the mission of the Foundation is compatible with the mission of Holy Cross Children's Services and Michigan Knights of Columbus.
- March 15, 2007      Brother Francis shares the information resulting from the Due Diligence study with Holy Cross Children's Services' Board of Directors and Michigan Knights of Columbus State Officers.
- April 4, 2007      State Treasurer Thomas Marcetti, Sr. and State Advocate Michael Malinowski, representing the State Council, visit the school. They agree that the mission is compatible to the Knights' commitment to caring for children with mental retardation. It is suggested at this time that the request be presented to the Archdiocese of Detroit's delegates at the Michigan State Convention for their feedback.
- May 25, 2007      State Treasurer Thomas Marcetti, Sr. and State Advocate Michael Malinowski share the proposal with the delegates at the Detroit Caucus Meeting at the State Convention. Delegates are asked if we should pursue this proposal and if they believe it is feasible for each council to designate between 15 and 20 percent of "Tootsie Roll" money to fund this project. The delegates' support for this project is overwhelming.
- It is also suggested the school be renamed the Michael J. McGivney School for Exceptional Children. It is also suggested the new logo should include the statement "supported by Michigan Knights of Columbus." (This would be subject to approval by the Supreme Knight.)

It is recommended that an update on the status of this project be presented at the Diocesan meetings.

- June 10, 2007      Holy Cross notifies the Foundation that it will accept the responsibility for the school by 2010, with the collaboration of the Michigan Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus of the Archdiocese of Detroit need to be the primary benefactor if this project is to succeed. Approximately 100,000 private dollars will be needed each year in addition to tuition dollars for this program. This represents about 17 percent of the "Tootsie Roll" monies raised in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- June 20, 2007      Board of Directors of Children's Home of Detroit passes a resolution authorizing transfer of Foundation to Holy Cross Children's Services.
- July 16 & 17, 2007      Update to be given to councils in the Archdiocese.
- December 2007      A final report will be given at the Winter District Deputies' meeting.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT** **of Council No. 3615, Trenton Michigan** *Adopted April 10, 2006*

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- 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.