

THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 2008



From the Grand Knight:

As I am writing this, we have just finished holding our 1st HCCS/Boysville Fund Raiser. First, let me thank all those Brother Knights and their wives that worked so hard and made the evening a rousing success. We raised at least \$2000, with over \$1400 coming from the Silent Auction. A special thanks to Lady Barbara Lambrix, Lady Doreen Herk and Lady Pamela Jackson for coordinating the effort on the Silent Auction. Several kids for HCCS/Boysville came and helped out and when they spoke of their experiences before they came to Boysville, you could not help but get a new appreciation for all the good that HCCS/Boysville provides. Lastly, congratulations to PGK/DD Richard Lambrix for the idea and leadership that made this Fund Raiser happen.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER: Our Council is holding an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 12th, from 4pm to 8pm, at our hall on W. Jefferson.

\$6 for Adults, \$3 for Kids 12 and under

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Salad, Rolls and Butter
Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee

The proceeds will go to the Gilstorf family to offset the medical expenses from their son Jake's treatments for Autism. No advance tickets, pay at the door.

RESTROOM RENOVATIONS: We are updating the men's and women's rooms, our contractor, A+ Construction is doing a great job. The work is about 75% done, if you get the chance stop by and take a look.

TRENTON CIVIC COMMISSION 38TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET: The banquet was held at our Council hall on Jan. 19th. Although the work on the bathrooms was not complete, the upgrade was apparent and there were no complaints. Also, at the Banquet it was announced that our Deputy Grand Knight, Leonard Hopkins, will be joining the Civic Commission. Congratulations Leonard!

FREE THROW CONTEST: Our Council's annual Free Throw Contest will be held on Saturday Jan. 26th, at St. Joseph School Gym in Trenton, from 2pm to 4pm. We need volunteers to help sign the kids in and rebound.

1ST DEGREE TEAM MEETING: We will be meeting at 7pm on Friday Jan. 25 at our Council hall. Anyone interested in helping us start our own Council's 1st Degree Team is welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP: On Jan. 19th we had two more gentlemen join our Council. This helps but we are still a long way from our goal for this fiscal year. Please ask someone this week, "Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus".

MAJOR DEGREE AT O'KELLY COUNCIL: The next major Degree is scheduled for Feb. 10, starting with mass and breakfast at 8am.

MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL OFFICER TRAINING: This year's training class is scheduled for June 21st . The class offers training in most officer positions and it is required that each Council send at least two members. If you are interested, let me know or come to the meeting in February.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our next blood drive has been scheduled for Mar. 25th at our Council hall from 2pm to 8pm. Our Red Cross Chairman, Ken Laforet, will be calling to ask each of us to give the gift of life.

4TH DEGREE MEMORIAL MASS: There is a memorial mass for those members of the 4th Degree who have recently passed away scheduled for Feb. 10 at 6pm at St. Constance Church in Taylor.

MEMBERSHIP TRIBUTE DINNER: The dinner honoring the State Deputy, Thomas Wegener, is scheduled for Feb. 24th at Robt. Jones Council. We still have two seats available at the table our Council purchased. If you are interested in attending, contact Ed Raczkowski at 676-0660.

JANUARY'S MEETING RE-CAP

- ⌘ We approved a motion to increase the amount to be spent on the renovation of the restrooms by \$8000.
- ⌘ We approved a motion to spend up to \$300 on the Feb. 12th Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser.
- ⌘ We approved a motion to purchase two tables for the HCCS/Boysville Fund Raiser for \$240
- ⌘ We approved a motion to spend \$87 on ads that will appear in the State Convention and 4th Degree Exemplification books. The ads will be from District #46 and we are splitting the cost with four other Councils.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

February 9th at St. Victor's Church in Gibraltar, 6pm mass

May 18th at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven, 8am mass

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

**FRATERNALLY,
TOM JACKSON, GRAND KNIGHT**

COMING EVENTS

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

Sun Feb 10th - MAJOR DEGREE AT O'KELLY COUNCIL: The next major Degree is scheduled for Feb. 10, starting with mass and breakfast at 8am.

Sun Feb 10th, 6:00pm, 4TH DEGREE MEMORIAL MASS: There is a memorial mass for those members of the 4th Degree who have recently passed away scheduled for Feb. 10 at 6pm at St. Constance Church in Taylor.

Mon Feb 11th. 8:00 p.m. Monthly Business Meeting @ Council 3615 Hall, Trenton. Proceeded by Rosary at 7:20 p.m.

Tues Feb 12, 2008 from 4pm to 8pm, SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER: Council Sponsored fund raiser for the family of young man with Autism who are members of St. Joseph's Parish. It will be an All-You-Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner, held at 3615 Hall.

Sun Feb 24, 2008 4 p.m.-8 p.m. MEMBERSHIP TRIBUTE DINNER: honoring State Deputy Thomas Wegener at Robt. Jones Council, proceeded by mass at St. Henry's Church in Lincoln Park at 4pm, Social hour at the hall at 5:15pm, dinner following.

Mon March 24th BLOOD DRIVE: Our next blood drive has been scheduled for Mar. 25th at our Council hall from 2pm to 8pm. Our Red Cross Chairman, Ken Laforet, will be calling to ask each of us to give the gift of life.

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 Larry Katus @734-341-5626, or Dennis Palm at (313) 382-3431 Ext.116. You can also contact the K. of C. Insurance Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995, or Financial Secretary, PGK Ed Raczkowski.

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



The officers went to Flint on Saturday January 12th. With a team average of 871, we were 100 pins under that the first game. At least we hit our average the next two We shot 2547 actual and 3029 with handicap.

We are all looking forward to going back on at the end of this month.
If anyone needs any info please call Steve Reno at 675-1749.

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.

Presentation of Young Man from Holy Cross Children's Services @ the Fund Raiser 1/19/2008

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Jxxx and I'm a resident at the Clinton Campus formerly known as Boysville. I would like to take this time to "Thank You" for what you have done for us.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I came from an abusive family and that is what I had thought as normal. Coming to Boysville gave me a new perspective on life and what family is all about. My family's support was limited and inconsistent. As the holidays approached at Boysville I thought I would be lonely; but, the Knights of Columbus brought us gifts and cards and showed us how a supportive family should be. I've heard people say they want to make a difference in the world. I've never seen it and I thought I never would. I was proven wrong! You have made a change in my life. I have learned that people can be caring even if they do not know us. I've learned different values of life while being at Boysville. I've learned about help, trust, respect and responsibility and now I apply these values to my life.

Once again, I want to "Thank You" for all your hard efforts. I want you all to know, they are not being overlooked.

Thank You,

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From the D.D. / Membership Director



Grow the Membership!

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There will be a **Major Degree held at Fr. Patrick O'Kelly Council #3860 on Sunday Feb. 10, 2008** with the First Degree commencing at 11:00 a.m. and the Second Degree at 12:30 p.m. If you have a prospective candidate to join our Order, this would be good time. There is a new incentive program for **Recruiting a Member**. Pope Benedict XVI is coming to the U.S. from April 15th through the 20th and the Supreme Office is to present the Holy Father with a book with the names of all new Knights that have joined the Order from the 1st of the year to Apr. 20, 2008 to take back with him to the Vatican. Additionally, the Proposer's of all new members during this time frame will receive a small medallion of Pope Benedict XVI as a memento of his visit. In addition, in this our 125th Anniversary year, you will receive 1,000 points to use in the purchase of items from the promotional gift catalog.

The council will conduct a **Membership Drive at St. Joseph in Trenton on the weekend of Feb. 2, & 3, 2008**. I ask that anyone interested in helping out please give me or your Grand Knight a call to assist. For us to have a successful drive we must have enough help to pass out information and to answer questions. We have prepared a (3) page fold out to give to prospects. All you will need to do is; introduce yourself, explain the Trenton Council is having a membership drive, hand out the information sheet, and let the man know you will be in the same location after Mass to answer any questions. It is really that simple. We need your presence to make an impression. Mass times Sat. 4:30 P.M., Sun. 8, 10, and Noon.

The **District Free Throw will be Sunday Feb. 10th** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph in Trenton. If you are able to help out that day your DD would appreciate it. We will need assistance at the registration table, retrieving basketballs, and in the overall running of the operation. This event should last no more than an hour to an hour and a half.

Please continue to support the **Michigan State Council Raffle** and remember to include your council's number on the ticket stubs when you return them. The proceeds from this raffle go to the many charities we support in the State. You have until Feb. 22, 2008 to get the ticket returns back to the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 1011, Dearborn Hgts., MI 48127.

As you most likely know **Holy Cross Children's Services/Boysville** is the Knights of Michigan's #1 charity and this is our 60th year supporting HCCS. Each council is assessed a per capita fee of \$3.00 per member in support of Boysville. To further the cause the State Council encourages a friendly competition for bragging rights between the council's and each Diocese in the State by having an over quota contest each year. The council and Diocese achieving the highest percentage over quota is recognized at the State Convention and the winning council receives a nice plaque to display. New this year the Michigan State Council will recognize donations made by individuals of the subordinate council to HCCS. All that is required is when remitting your donation to HCCS that you mention your Knights of Columbus Council No., and the amount will be applied to your council's over quota amount. Your council Financial Secretary should be able to direct you.

Vivat Jesus,
Richard Lambrix DD/PGK



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for January is Chris Hurley. Although, Chris has only been a member for a few years, he has the support of our Council and serves as Trustee. He has volunteered his expertise to establish and maintain the Council's website. Chris takes part in many of the Council's social events and is bowling in this year's Knights of Columbus Tournament. Chris has also recruited several new members for our Council.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for January is Steve and Lorrie Reno. Steve serves our Council as Recorder and organizes the teams for the Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament. Steve and Lorrie can be counted on to participate in every social event our council promotes. Lorrie is very active in the local American Legion and Steve collects aluminum pull tabs to raise money for veterans. Steve and Lorrie also attend our Council's Corporate Communion, and Steve is a member of the Rosary Chain and often leads the Rosary himself. Steve is also an accomplished carpenter and is called upon whenever we have a special project at our Council's hall.



POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY # 2942

4th Degree Assembly News

Our Membership Drive is going very well for the March 8th Exemplification. To our Candidates and their Sponsors; It is important that you get all of the Form 4 Applications to Stan Silka or myself so that they can be read and approved at our February 6th Assembly Meeting. Information packets are still available for potential Candidates and for Sir Knights and their Ladies who plan on attending the Exemplification. In either case, all Candidate fees and dinner ticket monies must be submitted to me on or before February 20th. The Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights still has rooms available for Friday March 7th and Saturday March 8th. Reservations can be made by calling 586-979-1400 or 800-953-1400. Be sure to ask for the for the Knights of Columbus rate. We have already secured two hospitality rooms on the first floor for both nights.

We are purchasing two full page ads for the Exemplification Program Booklet. One is an Assembly Ad and the other is a Patron Ad that will contain all of the names of our Assembly Members. A \$2.00 donation from every member toward the Patron Ad would be appreciated.

Beginning on Saturday February 16th, SK Terry Cauley is forming a Pinochle Night to benefit our Assembly and increase business for the All Saints Lounge. It will continue on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Please support us by participating in both our 3rd Saturday pinochle and our Monday euchre nights.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Bill Downing F.N. / PGK
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downing53@sbcglobal.net

Our Assembly meets at 7 P. M. the first Wednesday of every month except July.
Our meetings last about an hour and attire is business casual.



Columbian Squires

The Columbian Squires Circle #1359 will hold informal information meetings on consecutive months up to the Investiture Event. The meetings will occur every Third Wednesday at 7pm within the Council Hall beginning Wednesday, January 16, 2008. These meetings are informational only in nature and will address all questions and concerns about the Columbian Squires and its programs. Parents and prospective student squires are encouraged to attend. Squires Counselors will be on hand as well. All boys between ages 10-18 are invited to be part of a wonderful Catholic youth tradition and revival of Ted Gronowski Columbian Squires Circle #1359 in Taylor, Michigan.

Please do not hesitate to call me for any questions.

Esto Dignus (Be worthy !!)

SK Tim Faremouth, Chief Squires Counselor
Office for Youth Ministry
Saint Alfred Catholic Church
Ofc (313) 291-6464 ext. 152
Cell (313) 550-8609



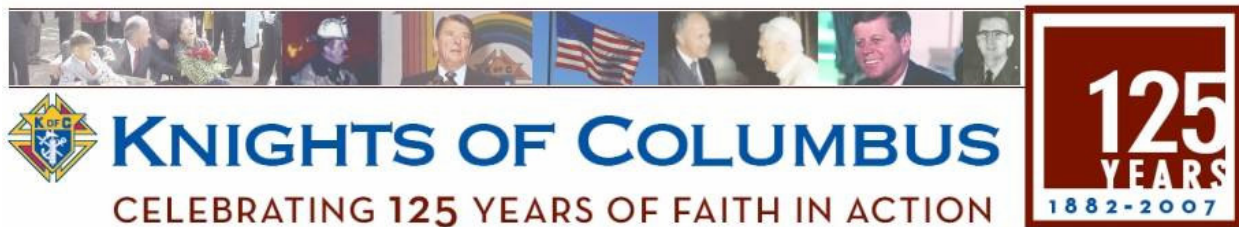
Best wishes to the following Brother Knights! Give an old friend a call and congratulate him, or better yet, be a sport and take him to lunch.

02-07	David Petras	02-15	Pierre (Pete) Dubé
02-08	Joseph Rolecki	02-23	Christopher Dingell
02-12	Michael Sieg Jr.	02-25	Robert Riley
02-13	Kenneth Ryan	02-28	Shawn MacDonell

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 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 Raczkowski 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
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	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@woway.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

Thoughts from your Agent

"I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Prayers for the sick have been requested for:

Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk	Steve Fleszar	Jim Forsythe
Richard Gear	Ralph Grabowski	Ken Laforat
PGK Howard Lambrix	John Laub	Paul Mazur
Walt Reaume	Jose Tocis	Bill Trzcinski
John Walters	State Advocate Michael Malinowski	

Wives

Martha Erdman	Dorothy Gawenda	Beverly Hasselbach,
Cheri Lee Kehoe	Hellen Miller	Theresa Olson

Relatives and Friends

Andrea Baker	Friend of Richard & Janet Denzel
Evan Banas	Grandson of the late Raul Robledo
Glenna Bommer	Friend of Lorrie & Steve Reno
Mike Chadwick	Friend of Larry Mehrhof
Bob Czaikowski	Brother in Law of Fred Faiman
Mike Denzel	Son of Richard
Lucille Durfee	Cousin of GK Richard Lambrix
Bart Dwenger	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Michelle Grabowski	Daughter in law of Ralph
Xaiver Hattie (baby)	Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft
Linda Hudson	Daughter in Law of Bob Foldi
Colleen LaBell	Grandaughter of Gerry LaBelle
Chuck Lambrix	Nephew of Howard
Kathlene Lambrix	Mother of GK Richard Lambrix
Maria Lambrix	Aunt of DD Richard Lambrix
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
Mary Jo Sullivan	Cousin of Barb Lambrix, wife of PGK Richard
Joyce Turner	Niece of Larry Vaught
Jackie LeBoff	Mother of Past State Chaplain Gerard Le Boeff

Deceased

Jeffery Hill, Grand Nephew of Ed Raczkowski

Military Personnel

Nicholas Benyo	In Iraq, Grandson of Roger Benyo
Daniel Watson	
Nicki Tocis	Daughter of Jose
Michael Howarth	Brother of Dave Howarth

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.

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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.