

THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

MARCH 2008



From the Grand Knight

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS:

Before I go through the list of upcoming events that are Council will be involved in, I would like to tell you of the miracle that took place on Tuesday, Feb. 12. In case you have forgotten, our area got hit by another winter storm that dumped over 5" of snow on us. It was also the day our Council had scheduled for a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser. The proceeds were to go to the Gilstorf family to help offset the medical bills incurred from the treatment of their son Jake, who is afflicted by the disease Autism.

At 2pm, when I got to the hall, the snow was just starting. By 3pm, It was coming down at steady pace. By 4pm, it was a full blown blizzard.

Before the weather set in, we had hoped to get at least 100 people since we had put articles in the bulletins of four different churches and the News Herald. But with a blizzard blowing outside, our expectations were considerably lower, still, all we could was open the doors and pray.

That was when the miracle happened. At 4pm, the hall was empty. By 5pm, nearly every seat was full! Also, just like when Jesus blessed the loaves they multiplied, the people kept coming, and coming, and coming. Our hall stayed full until 7:30pm, on a night when driving was dicey at best. The final count at the door was over 200, (plus kids 12 yrs. and under), enabling us to raise a good deal of money for a family that can really use it.

So if you hear someone say that miracles don't happen anymore, you can tell them for me that through prayer, they still do!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER: I would like to thank all the Brother Knights and their Ladies who helped make the dinner a success. A special thanks to Tim and Shelly, our caterers, who worked so hard to keep the buffet line full. Also, the State Council said they would match the money we raised, although I don't think they were expecting us to be as successful as we were.

COMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: Our Council's next Blood Drive is scheduled for **Mar. 25th from 2pm to 8pm**. If you can give blood, give our chairman, Ken Laforet a call at 281-0148. We will also need workers to help set up and check people in.

ANNUAL DAY OF THE UNBORN ROSARY SERVICE: This year because of the Easter holiday, the Rosary Service will be held on **Mar. 31st, at 7pm**, at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven. The 4th Degree Color Corps will be there and we have requested the Icon, Our Lady of Charity, be present. Please mark this on your calendars and come and pray with us.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our next drive will be held on **Mar. 29-30** at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven. We will need help recruiting at the 4pm mass on Mar. 29 and the **8am, 10am, 12pm masses on Mar. 30**. Our Council needs to recruit 14 more new members to reach the goal assigned to us by Supreme, please ask someone you know if they would like to join the Knights of Columbus.

PALM SUNDAY TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: Once again this year we will be collecting money for the Mentally Impaired outside of **St. Joseph's and St. Timothy's** in Trenton, **St. Victor's** in Gibraltar, and **Our Lady of the Woods** in Woodhaven after the masses on Palm Sunday. If you can help, please call me at 671-9412 of our chairman, Tom Kasper, at 671-6984.

1ST DEGREE TEAM: Our Council is trying to put together a 1st Degree Team, we met twice in February. We still need help with this, if you are interested, call me at 671-9412.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT: This spring retreat is something our Council used to support and it is a good opportunity to re-center yourself in Christ before the Easter holiday. Check in is **Friday Mar. 14 at 6pm, all day Saturday Mar. 15, and till noon on Mar. 16**. Meals are provided on all three days and each man has his own room. The Passionist Brothers ask for a donation of about \$150 to cover expenses, but no one is expected to give more than he can afford. If you are interested in attending, contact me at 671-9412.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: As hard as it may be to believe, it is time, once again, to start taking nominations for Council Officers for 2008/2009. We will take nominations at the meetings in March, April, and May. We will elect officers during the meeting in May. Remember, this is your opportunity to determine the direction your Council will take through the Officers you elect.

FEBRUARY'S MEETING RE-CAP

- * We selected our Delegates to the State Convention on Mackinaw Island;
Delegates: G.K. Thomas Jackson, D.G.K. Leonard Hopkins
Alternates: Brother Knights Tom Kasper and Richard Denzel

- *We approve a motion to send St. Joseph's school \$150 for use of their gym for our Free Throw Contest
- * We approved a motion to send \$100 to Michigan Catholic Radio
- * We approved a motion to send \$100 to the Trenton Rotary Club to be a sponsor for their "Winter Beach Blast" fund raiser/dinner
- * We approved a motion to send \$200 to be a "sidewalk sponsor" for the Trenton Mid-Summer Festival
- * We approved a motion to send \$50 to the Trenton Historical Society for our annual membership
- * We approved a motion to sponsor a bowling team for a Right-to-Life fund raiser for \$70
- * We approved a motion to send \$50 to Morality in the Media

CORPORATE COMMUNION

May 18th at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven, 8am mass
WHEN WE ARE AT YOUR CHURCH, PLEASE PLAN ON PRAYING WITH US

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

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. You can also contact the K. of C. Insurance Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995, or Financial Secretary, PGK Ed Raczkowski.

**Fraternally,
 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



The two teams, that went to Flint to bowl on the weekend of January 26 & 27 had a somewhat good weekend. We borrowed PGK Bob Walters to fill in and he did well. He shot 679 and a new member Ken Cotton shot 671, both includes handicap. In doubles Herb Tarnowski and Bob Walters shot 1353 and Ken Cotton and Tom Jackson shot 1313. Both are good scores. The teams probably won't get money back. With a series total of 3196 team #1 will have bragging rights for the year, because team #2 only shot 3089. In all events Bob Walters has 2026 and Ralph Subastian has 1973.

The results are not up to date on the K of C bowling web site, so I don't know what is low in the money.

TEAM #1: Tom Jackson, Herb Tarnowski, Richard Denzel, Ralph Subastian and Bob Walters.

TEAM # 2: Dave Lambrix, Don Daddario, Tom Kasper, Chris Hurley and Ken Cotton.

We are looking forward to going up again next year in Lansing and will probably go again on the last weekend of January. Steve Reno

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.

From the D.D. / Membership Director



Grow the Membership!

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There is a **Major Degree scheduled for Saturday April 12th at Msgr. Eppenbrock Council #3615 in Trenton** with the First Degree commencing at 9:00 A.M. and the Second Degree at 11:30 A. M.. The candidate should be at the hall for registration (30) minutes prior. This will be the last opportunity for a prospective candidate to join our Order and have his name entered into the book that will be presented to Pope Benedict XVI, when he visits here at the end of April. The proposer will receive a small medallion of Pope Benedict for sponsoring the new member.

Welcome to our newest members **Kevin Barnyak** of St. Joseph Wyandotte and **Ken Cottin** of Christ the Good Shepherd Lincoln Park. Who joined our ranks at the major Degree held on Jan. 19th. **David Morrish** took his 2nd and 3rd Degrees of the Order. Also, welcome **Deacon Tom Murphy** of Our Lady off the Woods who was readmitted at the February meeting.

Again, I request that each of you make an effort to **Recruit (1) for the April Exemplification** here at John P. Eppenbrock Council #3615. As of this writing the council is still well short of reaching its goals in membership. We need to recruit (13) more individuals and time is running short. We have made up a nice tri-fold handout to present to potential prospects, so if you know of someone that would make a good knight contact me or one of the officers to obtain one. We really do need your help in this matter, if we are to reach our target.

The fundraiser for **Holy Cross Children's Services/Boysville** held on Jan. 19th, as most of you have probably heard was successful. Each council in the district will receive ¼ of the monies raised to donate under the council's name for their over quota amount to Boysville. I want to give a big thank you to all the Grand Knights for supporting me, when I brought the idea to them. I also want to thank all those involved with the planning and the items donated for the auction. For as successful as it turned out we could have raised more for HCCS, if we had additional support from our brother knights and families in the district. In our district alone we have nearly 1,000 members and their families and we should have packed All Saints Council hall. We plan on doing it again next January and I hope more of you will consider getting involved and that you will support it. We received great reviews! Everyone we spoke to said they enjoyed the evening; the guest speakers, the auction and the meal. Tentative date for next year is Jan. 24, 2009. To view some pictures and read the presentation by one of the youth go to www.kofctrentonmi.org

It is getting to be that time of year to think about the council **elections** and the upcoming **nominations**. Why not think about offering your talents to help better your council. God blessed us all with special gifts.

Vivat Jesus,
Richard Lambrix DD/PGK

Remember in Prayer: Brother Knight **Richard Gear** who passed on to Our Lord Feb. 7, 2008. Keep his family in your prayers as they mourn his loss, especially his wife Catherine. His son-in-law is a brother of this council Patrick Coakley. Remember too, all those on our sick and distressed list as well as pray for the end of abortion and the Sainthood of Fr. Michael McGivney.

[Obit from News Herald Papers]

GEAR, RICHARD JOSEPH; Age 77; of Trenton; February 7, 2008. Beloved husband of Catherine M.; loving father of Anne M. (Patrick) Coakley, John J., Richard D., and the late Robert M.; dearest grandfather of Patrick, Brendan, Elizabeth, and Daniel; dear brother of John, Helen MacMillan, Catherine (Van) Cudini, and the late Irene Whigham; also survived by her brother-in-law John Whigham; and many loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Gear was drafted into the Army and then became a member of the 101st Airborne Paratroopers. He also retired from General Motors after 32 years of service. Visitation Sunday 2 to 9 p.m. with a Rosary 7:30 p.m. at **R.J. Nixon Funeral Home**, 2544 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. Funeral Monday; In State 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 32451 Church St., Rockwood.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for February is George Patrick. George is one of the most active members in our Council. Whether it is the M.I. Drive, Free Throw Contest, Bingo, 1st Degree Team, or anything else, George will be there. He and his wife Rita attend most of the Council's social events, in fact if they aren't there, they are probably out of town. In February, our Council held a spaghetti dinner fund raiser, and although they just came to eat, when George saw how busy we were, he helped bus tables until the dinner was over.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for February is Dave and Jennifer Pietras. Dave is like many members of our Council, a young man with a young family. Still, he finds time to volunteer for events like our Spelling Bee, Free Throw Contest, M.I. Drive, etc. He and his wife Jennifer can't attend as many social events together as others, but without the understanding and support of his wife and family, Dave would not be able to volunteer his time. That is why they are our Council's Family of the Month.



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. **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.**

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Bill Downing F.N. / PGK
313-291-6544
downing53@sbcglobal.net



Columbian Squires

There will be an informational meeting tonight for the Columbian Squires Circle #1359. The meeting is set for 7pm in the K of C All Saints Hall on Brest Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph Rd. All catholic boys ages 10 - 18 are invited to attend. This meeting is for informational purposes only to give an overview of the Squires programs. We should wrap up everything by 8 o'clock. Please call me for any questions.

Esto Dignus (Be worthy !!)

SK Tim Faremouth, Chief Squires Counselor- JP II Assembly #2942
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.

03-01	Howard Lambrix	03-20	Frederick Gravel
	George Bellino		Leonard Daddario
	John Wright		Duane Keck
03-07	Thomas Kopacko	03-23	Joseph Jakunskas
03-10	Mark Bodrie		John Viecele
03-11	James Evangelista	03-24	David Lambrix
03-14	Robert Gawenda	03-26	Chris Hurley
	Christopher Neubecker	03-29	James Kraft
03-15	Patrick Thompson	03-30	Troy Golba
03-16	Terry Michaels	03-31	Lewis Thieman
03-17	Daniel Harvey		
03-18	John Mac Donald		
	Francis (Jim) Topper		

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.

Calling all courageous companions of Christ!
Put Out into the Deep VI- MENS CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting their 6th annual Men's Conference at University of Detroit-Mercy Calihan Hall on Saturday April 12, 2008. "**Put Out Into The Deep VI**" is an all-day event and is the perfect renewal experience for men of all ages. This event is a wonderful way to connect with the faith we share and gain a deeper understanding of what makes us unique as followers of Christ. Doors open at 7:00pm. Welcome at 8:00am. Box lunch will be provided. Six dynamic speakers will offer their testimonies to the power of the Call of the Holy Spirit. A youth breakout session with Fr. Timothy Whalen will be available for those interested. Confessions will be available throughout the day. Eucharistic Celebration at 2:30pm; homilist Bishop Daniel Flores. Day ends at 4:00pm. If interested, please contact Bill Temple 675-0568.

Thoughts from your Insurance Agent

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Larry Katus, Field Agent -734-2251726

FROM THE PROLIFE DIRECTOR:

Bowlers are wanted for the Downriver Right to Life Affiliates 3rd Annual "Bowl for Life" to be held **Sunday March 30th, 2:00pm to 4:30 pm at Indian Lanes, Wyandotte**, 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Our Council is sponsoring one, five (5) person team. Bowlers are to solicit pledges in any matching amount for the combined scores of the two (2) games that they bowl. The prepaid registration includes the two games, shoe rental, pizza, drinks, and mystery games with prizes to be awarded. Bowlers must register **no later than March 26, 2008**. No skill is needed, just the desire to have fun and help to raise money for this worthy cause affirming the work of Right to Life of Michigan. If you would like to participate, please contact George Patrick @ 676-1560

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

Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk	Steve Fleszar	Jim Forsythe
Ralph Grabowski	Richard Horvath	Ken Laforat
PGK Howard Lambrix	John Laub	Paul Mazur
Joe Olson	Walt Reaume	Jose Tocis
Bill Truczinski	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
Mary Jo Griswold	Sister of Tom Kasper
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
Robert Rahle	Uncle of GK Tom Jackson
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

Richard Gear

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.

MSGR. JOHN EPPENBROCK COUNCIL #3615
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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.

Council Officers for 2007/2008

Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Robert Shafer	Inside Guards	Jack Potestato
Grand Knight	Thomas F. Jackson (Pamela)		Anthony R. Herk(Doreen)
Dep. Grand Knight	Leonard Hopkins	Outside Guard	Larry Mehrhof
Financial Secretary	Edward Raczkowski PGK(Nancy)	Trustees- One Yr	William O. Taurence (Cindy)
Chancellor	Thomas J. Kasper (Nancy)	- Two Yr.	Ken Laforat
Recorder	Stephen B. Reno (Lorrie)	- Three Yr.	Chris Hurley
Treasurer	Richard C. Denzel (Janet)	Bldg. Assoc. Pres.	Herbert J. Tarnowski (Carole)
Advocate	Richard J. Lambrix (Barbara)	Hall Caterer	Tim's Catering
		District Deputy	Richard J. Lambrix (Barbara)
Warden	Larry Vaught (Marlene)		