

# THE KNIGHTLYNEWS

TRENTON, MICHIGAN



AUGUST 2008



From the Grand Knight

## GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS:

### HERE IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR COUNCIL

**AUG. 9:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual K of C Downriver Family Picnic; 12 - 6pm, Lions Park, Southgate

**AUG. 11:** Monthly meeting at 8pm; Rosary at 7:30pm

**AUG. 17:** HCCS Annual Open House; 12:30pm, it's HCCS's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SEPT. 8:** Monthly meeting at 8pm, Rosary at 7:30pm

**SEPT. 20:** Social Night; dinner and a DJ, sponsored by John Paul II Assembly

**SEPT. 23:** Red Cross Blood Drive; 2pm to 8pm at our Council hall

**SEPT. 24:** K of C Tiger Day; Tigers vs. Kansas City; \$20 per ticket

As I am writing this, the Trenton Street Fair has come and gone, and our Bingo Tent was once again a success. It is true, that although we averaged over \$1000 a day, our totals were down from last year, but that is not how we measure success in our Council. We measure success by participation not dollar signs. I wish to thank and congratulate the dozens of Knights and their families who showed up each day to work the tables, call the numbers, and play the games. I would also like to give special thanks to Ed Raczkowski and Rich Denzel for all the extra time and effort they put into this event, you made the job easier for all of us. Finally, if you missed your chance at this fraternal fun, get involved in one of our Council's upcoming events and you too can share in the good time!

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL KofC DOWNRIVER FAMILY PICNIC:** Aug. 9 at the Lion's Park behind the Southgate Civic Center located on Dix Rd. The picnic will be from 12 to 6pm, tickets are \$5 per **family** and are available at our Council hall on Thursdays or at the park. Food is from 1 to 5pm and includes hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pop, water, chips, ect. The kid's games will start at about 1:30pm. Our Council is running the kid's games this year, if you can help with this or anything else, call me at 671-9412.

**SOCIAL NIGHT:** The John Paul II 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly is sponsoring a dinner and dance at our Council hall on Sept. 20. It is an evening of fun and music, no speeches or agendas. The cost is \$25 each.

**HCCS OPEN HOUSE:** Holy Cross Children Services, formerly Boys Town, will be holding its annual open house on Aug. 17 at 12.30pm. It is HCCS'S 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Knights of Columbus. The open house gives us a chance to tour the facility and see where our donations are going. The agenda includes lunch at 1pm, tour at 2pm and mass at 3pm. We need to RSVP by Aug. 4, So contact me at 671-9412 if you plan to go.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Red Cross has set Sept. 23 for our next blood drive to be held at our Council hall. The time will be the same as our last drive, 2pm to 8pm. We will be calling to get donors, please consider giving the gift of life at this time.

**K of C TIGER DAY:** The Michigan State Council is hosting an outing at Tiger Day on Sept. 24. The Tigers are playing Kansas City. The cost is \$20 person and there are 800 tickets available. Our council needs to send a request for tickets by Sept. 1. If you want tickets call DGK Tony Herk at 675-5443.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BUILDING ASSOCIATION:** We have two seats to fill on the Building Association; they make the decisions that affect the day-to-day operations of our Council. At the last meeting Herb Tarnowski, Jim Topper, and Louie Zanetti were nominated. We will ask for any further nominations at the September meeting and then have the election.

### JULY MEETING RE-CAP

- A motion was passed to send \$100 to Guest House to help with repairs to the elevator at their Minnesota facility
- A motion was passed to send \$100 to Special Olympics

- A motion was passed to purchase an ad in the “Trenton Trojans” 2008 football program for \$50
- A motion was passed to purchase an ad for the 2008 “Prep Bowl & Volleyball Championships” program for \$100
- Motion to go to Corporate by Richard Lambrix 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Hopkins, motion carried.
- Nominees for Building Association are: Herb Tarnowski, by Richard Lambrix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Vaught, Louie Zanetti by George Patrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Hopkins, and Jim Topper, by Richard Lambrix, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Hopkins
- Nominations will still be open at the next regular meeting if anyone would like to step up. We will ask for each ones acceptance or refusal and vote after that.
- Motion to move back to council by Larry Vaught 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Hopkins, motion carried.

**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

**Trenton Mid-Summer Festival BINGO TENT**

A great big “**THANK YOU**” to all the wonderful people who helped-out at our BINGO TENT. We were not quite so successful as last year, BUT the weather was good, your efforts were endless and we all had FUN.

Thanks again, we could not have done it without **YOU !!**

Ed R. & Richard D.



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for July is Ed Raczkowski. Ed has served our Council for many years as Financial Secretary, is the Hall Manager, runs the kitchen on Bingo Night and is responsible for mailing out these newsletters. Once again, Ed was the driving force behind this year's Trenton Street Fair Bingo Tent. He made the phone calls to line-up the workers and was there every minute for all three days to record the money that was taken in. Our success was due in a large part to Ed's dedication.

### From the D.D. / Membership Director/Advocate



**Grow the Membership!**

#### **Advocate/Membership/District Deputy News**

#### **Membership Director/District Deputy News**

I attended the Tree Tops Seminar for all the State of Michigan District Deputies and Directors on the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The purpose was to allow our new Worthy State Deputy John R. (Bob) Moody to roll out his programs for the coming year. As you may already know most of the programs are aimed at new membership & retention, as well as promoting the various fund raisers to support charitable organizations throughout the State of Michigan.

Our representatives from the Archdiocese of Detroit, who are on the State Board, Tom Marcetti Secretary, and Mike Malinowski Treasurer., have asked that Detroit lead the State in membership recruitment this year by achieving a 5% growth rate. This would make Detroit a **"Star Diocese"**. Over the last 10 years Detroit has lost more than 4,000 members due to deaths and suspensions to stand at 30,000, at one time we were 34,000 strong. If Michigan is to reach the lofty goals our Worthy State Deputy has set at 80,000 in the next few years, Detroit is needed to lead. Currently state membership is near 70,500; 10 years ago we were at 73,000+.

It has been requested that we do a better job of promoting our **State Raffle** and that each council appoint a raffle ticket chairman. This is a huge benefit to the charities we support throughout the state as 100% of all proceeds go to charity. It has been suggested that we think of ways to sell the tickets or possibly give them as gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. Last year we raised \$319,000 with 70,000+ Knights in Michigan we can do better.

As your Membership Director I ask that each of you make a concerted effort to ask Catholic Gentlemen to join our ranks. We have a quota from the Supreme to recruit (11) new men into the Order this year, however, your G.K. and I know we can do better and have set our goal at (20). Tom and I cannot do this alone and we need you to do your part. If you know of a man that would make a good knight, but you feel ill prepared to tell him about all we do, give us his name and we will contact him. I know you are tired of hearing about recruitment, but with no new members this council and the dreams of Fr. Michael J. McGivney will die.

**Do you have a Form 100?** If not - get some from your council officers so you are able to sign up those men you invite to join. We need all our members to help the Detroit Archdiocese achieve "Star" status.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Rich Lambrix PGK, DD**



### FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for June is Herb and Carole Tarnowski. Herb currently serves as our Council's Building Association President and is our Thursday Night Bingo Chairman. Carole is there every Thursday night to call numbers at Bingo and handles the Big Money Bingo. Herb and Carole are at every event that our Council sponsors and, when there is work to be done on our building, Herb is working and Carole is bringing the refreshments. In fact, the nurses who work the Blood Drive at our hall request Carole's "Tomato-Basil Soup". My job as Grand Knight is easier because I can count on Herb and Carole.



### Knights of Columbus Squires Circle # 1359

The Columbian Squires Circle #1359 of Taylor, Michigan will be hosting informal meetings every Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the K of C All Saints Council Hall. This invitation is open to all boys ages 10-18. The meeting agenda will be an informational session on all squires programs and events. These informal, meetings are informational only and the format will remain the same up to the time we get enough enrollees to qualify for an Investiture Event. All Squires Counselors are also encouraged to attend. Please spread the word to all youngsters you know and inform them of these meetings. Please feel free to contact me at below phone number for any questions regarding the Columbian Squires.

**SK Tim Faremouth**  
**313-550-8609**  
**timstalfredyouth@aol.com**



### POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY # 2942

#### 4th Degree Assembly News



**Our distinguished colleague Bill Downing has reminded me REPEATEDLY that his new title is PAST Faithful Navigator. I think he's trying to tell me something.**

**Seriously, he knows that I value his opinion and will call on him from time to time. And I know that after he barks at me a little, he will give me good advice. His new job as Faithful Marshal is very difficult and will keep him quite busy. August 9<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual K of C Downriver Picnic at Lions Park in Southgate, behind the Southgate Civic Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and food will be served from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.. The cost will be \$5.00 per family and there will be games for the kids. It's a good opportunity to meet and enjoy families from other assemblies.**

The Detroit river cruise, being sponsored by St. Cyprian Council aboard the "Diamond Jack" is coming up on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.. We will board at 6:30 p.m. from Bishop Park in Wyandotte. Hors d'oeuvres, music, Cash Bar for \$35.00 a person. Call S/K Richard Lambrix at 734-675-3732 or S/K Gary Patrick at 313-295-2399.

Next is the installation of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers and Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Alfred's Church and followed by a gourmet dinner, installation, awards, and entertaining in the hall. The Charter Officers and Ladies of the Assembly will also be installed.

This leads up to the Fall Exemplification and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Exemplification Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Msgr. Eppenbrock Council in Trenton. More later about this important day.

God's Blessings,  
Gary Patrick FN, PGK



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.

08-01	Rev. William Pettit	08-16	Anthony Herk
08-04	Edward Horvath	08-21	David Stephenson
08-07	Bernard Bonk	08-23	Samuel Hiuser
	Steven Sipos	08-24	Anthony Arminiak
08-09	John Dingell III		John A. Miller
08-10	Joseph Taurence	08-26	Kevin Barnyak
08-11	Gerald (Jerry) Pensler		Roger W. Benyo, Sr.
08-12	Michael Vogel		Terrence Cameron
08-13	Edward Nykiel	08-28	Howard La Bo
		08-30	David Portelli



**FROM THE PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR:**



From Right to life Michigan:

It's official! Proponents of embryonic stem cell research have hit the streets of Michigan with a petition drive. They have collected over 500,000 signatures. This forces this life and death issue to a public vote on Election Day, Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

First, our opposition brought their corrupt plans to the Michigan Legislature. They had their sights set on overturning a pro-life law that has been in effect for 30 years! However, because of our

intense pro-life lobbying effort, they couldn't even get their bill out of committee! And even if they did, we would have crushed it on the House floor.

They are on the streets collecting signatures to advance their deadly agenda. They are not satisfied with overturning a 30-year old law in Michigan. They want to ensure virtually unrestricted experimentation in the laboratory by embedding the right to destroy unborn children in our state Constitution.

Once beyond the smoke and mirrors, you will realize that the proponents of embryonic stem cell research want patents. Patents mean money. And the love of money is the root of all evil.

The trap has been set:

- Proponents of embryonic stem cell research want to rewrite our state Constitution.
- They want to allow virtually unregulated experimentation on unborn children in the laboratories of Michigan.
- They have camouflaged their true intentions behind empty promises and "cures" and "saving human lives".

For further information on this and other topics visit RTL Michigan on line at [WWW.RTL.ORG](http://WWW.RTL.ORG). you will be able to sign up for LIFELINK that will allow you to receive timely, concise information on key pro-life, browse merchandise, and other educational materials.

**George Patrick, 676-1560**  
**Pro-Life Director**



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

**AUGUST 2008**

**General:**

That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

**Mission:**

That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling to holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisms and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation

## Prayers for the sick have been requested for:

### Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk	Steve Fleszar	Jim Forsythe
Ralph Grabowski	Ken Laforet	PGK Howard Lambrix
Paul Mazur	Danny Menna	Joe Olson
Walt Reaume	John Walters	

### Wives

Mary Daddario	Martha Erdman	Dorothy Gawenda
Beverly Hasselbach,	Cheri Lee Kehoe	Hellen Miller
Susan Temple		

### Relatives and Friends

Evan Banas	Grandson of the late Raul Robledo
Mike Chadwick	Friend of Larry Mehrhof
Mike Denzel	Son of Richard
Bart Dwenger	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Stephanie Horvath	Niece of Janet & Richard Danzel
Michelle Grabowski	Daughter in law of Ralph
Mary Jo Griswold	Sister of Tom Kasper
Xaiver Hattie (baby)	Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft
Stephanie Horvath	Niece of Janet & Richard Denzel
Linda Hudson	Daughter of Bob Foldi
Colleen LaBell	Grandaughter of P.G.K. Elton
Hazel Ladanyi	Mother of Janet Denzel
Connie Laforet	Sister-in-Law of Ken Laforet
Chuck Lambrix	Nephew of Howard
Kathlene Lambrix	Mother of GK Richard Lambrix
Maria Lambrix	Aunt of DD Richard Lambrix
Carl Mehrhof	Father of Larry Mehrof
Dorothy Orzol	Aunt of G.K. Tom Jackson
Amelia Pack	Godmother to Tony Herk
Marie Pawlowski	Sister of Steve Fleszar
Mike Pepin	Friend of Dave Roussey
Lisa Pompa	Daughter of Jack Potestato
Peter Potestato	Son of Jack Potestato
Robert Rahle	Uncle of GK Tom Jackson
Mary Jo Sullivan	Cousin of Barb Lambrix, wife of PGK Richard
Barbara VanDelin	Friend of Larry Vaught

### Deceased

Margaret Ptak	Mother of Rev. Father Walter Ptak
Donald R. Hedke	Friend of Leonard Hopkins
Edward Truskowski	Friend of Larry Vaught
Sr. Mary Alfred, RSM	Aunt of Bill Temple

### Military Personnel

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

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

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

**Thoughts from your agent.....**

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Larry M. Katus  
734-225-1726

**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**.

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

## Council Officers for 2008/2009

Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Robert Shafer	676-5115	
Grand Knight	Thomas F. Jackson (Pamela)	671-9412	tfjack5063@yahoo.com
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Inside Guards	Jack Potestato	671-1905	
	Gary Ennis		
Outside Guard	Francis Topper		
Trustees- One Yr	William O. Taurence (Cindy)	671-1523	
- Two Yr.	Ken Laforat	281-0148	<a href="mailto:mrfrog52@woway.com">mrfrog52@woway.com</a>
- Three Yr.	Dennis O'Brian		
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	<a href="mailto:gkrich@wowway.com">gkrich@wowway.com</a>

## Moral Duties Concerning Voting

**We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue—or lack thereof—is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest.**

*[Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics 34, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 1998]*

**For a complete guide and aid to voting as a faithful Catholic go to:**

**<http://www.ewtn.com/vote/index.htm>**

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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.