

THE KNIGHTLYNEWS



TRENTON, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 2008



From the Grand Knight

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS

Here is a list of the upcoming Events:

NOV.29: Bus Trip to Motor City Casino, sponsored by the L.O.T.A. Ladies of Assembly #2942. Nov. 29, \$15 per person, contact # 734-282-4917.

DEC. 6: 1st Degree Team practice, 9am at our Council's hall, if you would like to be part of the team, please come!

DEC. 6: Corporate Communion, St. Joseph Church, 4:30pm mass

DEC. 6: "Our Lady of Charity" Icon prayer service, during the 4:30pm mass at St. Joseph Church

DEC. 6&7: Membership Drive, at St. Joseph Church, after all the masses

DEC. 8: 1st Degree at our Council Hall at 7pm, monthly meeting to follow at 8pm

JAN. 12: Monthly meeting at 8pm, Rosary at 7:30pm.

JAN. 18: Free Throw Contest, at St. Joseph Church Gym, from 2pm to 4pm

JAN. 24: Holy Cross Children Services Fund Raiser, dinner and raffle, doors open at 6pm, \$15 per person

FEB. 17: "Spaghetti for Jake", fund raiser for the family of Jake Gilstorf, 4p to 8p, \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids.

In case you did not hear, this year's Spelling Bee was cancelled. It was a combination of an illness at one school, and communications with the others. The result was a lack of contestants, which prompted the cancellation of the Bee. We will work with the schools next year to re-establish the Spelling Bee.

BUS RIDE TO MOTOR CITY CASINO: Nov. 29, bus leaves the K-Mart parking lot in Southgate at 5pm, returns at 10pm. \$15 per person, for more info, contact Susan O'Keefe at 734-282-4917.

CORPORATE COMMUNION & ICON PRAYER SERVICE: Dec. 6 at St. Joseph Church, 4:30 mass, "Our Lady of Charity" Icon will be there, also the 4th Degree Color Guard. Please come!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Dec. 6&7 at St. Joseph Church, after all the masses. We would like to have at least 3 men at each mass. If you can help, especially if St. Joe's is your parish, call Rich Lambrix at 675-3732

FREE THROW CONTEST: Jan. 18 at St. Joseph Gym, from 2p to 4p. The competition is open to boys and girls from 9-14 yrs. We need about 8 members to handle the competition, if you can help call me at 671-9412.

HCCS FUND RAISER: Jan. 24 at All Saints Council in Taylor, doors open at 6pm, \$15 per person, dinner and a raffle. If you would like to donate something of \$50 of value to the silent auction call Lady Pamela at 671-9412.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Dec. 6 at St. Joseph Church in Trenton at the 4:30 mass

Feb. 22 at Our Lady of the Wood in Woodhaven at the 8am mass

NOVEMBER MEETING RE-CAP:

- Approved a motion to buy 10 tickets to the State Chaplain’s Dinner for \$270
- Approved a motion to donate \$100 to Oakwood Hospital “Tree of Light” program
- Approved a motion to buy 2 tickets to the “Right to Life” raffle for \$100
- Approved a motion to buy 6 tickets to the Pallottine Fathers raffle for \$50
- Approved a motion to spend \$480 for the Vocations pancake breakfast
- Approved a motion to spend \$60 on plaques for the Free Throw contest

**Fratenally,
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



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for November is Leonard Hopkins. Since coming to our Council from All Saints Council, Leonard has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Delegate to the state convention, and Public Relations Director. He recently conducted the first “Substance Abuse” poster contest for our Council in many years. The contest was a success and because of his efforts we received some excellent publicity through the local paper.

From the D.D. / Membership Director/Advocate



Grow the Membership!

Membership Director/District Deputy News

By the time you receive this newsletter the **Thanksgiving** holiday will have come and gone and I hope a pleasant memory for you and all. I pray you and your families had a great day and gave a Big Thanks to Our Lord and Savior for the gifts he has bestowed on you and your loved ones. I also want to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous and **Happy New Year**. Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

I want to thank everyone that donated monies to the "RTL Baby Bottle Campaign" this year. We were able to raise \$330.00 for various RTL causes. We sent \$275.00 to the MiCause to fight "Proposal 2" in October and \$55.00 to the RTL Office in Wyandotte in November. **God Bless you all 10 times over!** We were only \$4.00 short of doubling last year's effort.

The **Shining Armor Award** was presented to **Pierre (Pete) Dubé** at our Nov. 10th business meeting. Pete joined the council last Dec. 4th and earned the award by attending at least (3) business meetings, participating in (3) council activities, and by recruiting (1) one new member into the council in his first year of membership. Pete is the third member of our council to receive this award since the program started a few years ago. Pete sponsored our newest member **Mark Hill** of St. Joseph at the Major Degree held at Rob't Jones Council #3078 on Oct. 19th. When you meet Mark please make him feel welcome and congratulate him on joining the largest Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization in the world. And, please follow **Pete's** lead and ask those men you see at Mass each week to come and join us in our work in aiding Our Church and for the betterment of our society.

Regarding **Membership** in our council Mark is the first of this fiscal year to join our ranks in October, and was followed by **Ben Polak**, **Rich Homminga** and **Mark Straub** of Our Lady of the Woods, and **Mike Howarth** of St. Alfred Parish at the Major Degree held here at our council on Nov. 8th. **John Reidy** became a member of our council on Nov. 12th at the First Degree held at All Saints Council #4872. As you may know the goal for our council is (20) new members, currently we are at (6). I know we are capable of earning the **Star Council Award** from Supreme. Let's do it!

You should have received your **State Raffle** tickets in the mail along with your Michigan Columbian Newspaper recently. I ask every Knight to sell one page (8 tickets), if possible. The Michigan State Council uses the monies raised to help various needy charities in our State, CYO, Michigan Special Olympics, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, etc. A list of the many charities was included in the mailing sent to you. Remember too, the council will receive a rebate from the tickets sold by its membership, so please be sure to include your council number **#3615** on the ticket stub you return to the State Council.

Holy Cross Childrens' Services Calendars are still available and would make a perfect Christmas present that has the chance of giving throughout the year. The calendars cost \$25.00 and you have a chance to win 370+ times from \$50 every day, \$500 a month and \$6,000 at the end of the year. Plus, you will be doing a lot of good for those that need it.

The "**Culture of Life Fund**" that was set up by a vote of the representatives attending the convention in Quebec this past August will affect each council as each will be assessed a fee of \$3.00 per member. I know you may have received a mailing from Supreme explaining the fund and requesting that you consider making a personal donation. We here in Michigan are under a big financial strain, so do what you can as every dollar will help to fight for the values we believe in as Catholics.

Promote the Order with those you know. Have you got a "Form 100" handy?

Vivat Jesus,

Richard Lambrix
District Deputy

Are You Creative? The Council Needs You!

The council is in need of someone to take over the editing of our newsletter. Due to a heavy workload and other commitments our current editor is asking to be relieved of the duty for a time. The newsletter is important to the council as it keeps our membership informed on council activities. If you think you may be interested in helping out please contact **G.K. Tom Jackson or Bill Temple** to offer your services. The only requirement is that you have some knowledge of MSWord and have an e-mail address.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Family of the Month for November is Ed and Cathy Umin. Ed serves our Council as Worthy Warden and as Vocations Director. He also helps out at the Thursday Nite Bingo. Ed and Cathy have been at a number of social events including the “Desert Meal” on Nov. 4. They also worked hard to make the pancake breakfast for Vocations on Nov. 16 a success.

PANCAKES FOR VOCATIONS



Religious Vocation Breakfast Report OLOW November 16, 2008

What a great show of Unity and Fraternity for Charity! This was my first project with the council and I was overwhelmed with the support you gave, new Knights to our council, families and about 21 brother knights working together for a common cause. Pat O’Hara and the Youth and Young Adults about 12 also supported our project.. God is Good!

Here are some of the details: We had 237 participants which gave us \$848 as well as 2 of our youth take donations after mass that netted an additional \$380.75. The 50/50 raffle took in \$186. We also had some other donations \$40. for a total of \$1454.75!

After all expenses were paid and reimbursements made we were left with a profit of \$1062.52. It is suggested that we donate \$200.00 to OLOW youth and Young Adults for the Mission projects and \$200.00 to OLOW for the use of Kitchen and hall utilities..

This will leave us about \$662 for Religious Vocation projects.

Some of the feed back was Waffles were too hard. Some people that came before mass from St Tim’s did not know where to go since we did not have signs out, and they thought we cancelled the breakfast. Good feed back for the next project in March at St Joe’s. Need to have the Knights at St Joe’s take the lead to organize the breakfast.

As in the Gospel reading today to all that helped and supported (council 3615); “Well done my faithful Servants”

Jesus is Alive!

Rich Lambrix District Deputy

Ed Umin Vocation Director for council 3615



FROM THE PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR:



Focusing on FOCA

With the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States, prolife people will again deal with the issues presented when a pro-abortion president occupies the White House. This fact sheet will explain one of the most dangerous issues facing the unborn: The Freedom of Choice Act.

What is the Freedom of Choice Act and what would it do?

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is federal legislation which would enshrine abortion on demand as a “fundamental right” in federal law. It would repeal any federal, state, or local government law, regulation, policy, or action that would “deny or interfere with” a woman’s access to abortion or which would “discriminate against the exercise of” this newly created right in the regulation or provision of any “benefits, facilities, services, or information.”

FOCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to “codify Roe v. Wade.” This is misleading because the sponsors and supporters of the bill have acknowledged that it would go far beyond Roe v. Wade and eliminate many lifesaving laws which have been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. If passed and signed by the president, FOCA would void every local, state and federal law which restricts abortion including laws regulating tax-funded abortions, limits on abortion in public or military facilities, informed consent/waiting period legislation and bans on partial-birth abortion. It would also invalidate all laws requiring parental notification or consent for abortions performed on minors, laws which permit health care providers to opt out of participation in abortion on conscience grounds and laws prohibiting non-physicians from performing abortions.

Barack Obama and FOCA

While in the U.S. Senate, Barack Obama became one of only 19 U.S. Senators to co-sponsor the Freedom of Choice Act (S. 1173) introduced by Barbara Boxer in April of 2007. To further show his support for FOCA during the Democratic primary election campaign, Barack Obama said the following in a speech to the Planned Parenthood Action Fund on July 17, 2007:

“The first thing I’d do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act.
That’s the first thing that I’d do.”

While it is impossible that signing the Freedom of Choice Act would be the first thing President Barack Obama would do in office, his advocacy for abortion and his promise to pro-abortion groups have shown that he would happily sign FOCA if it passed both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. In the 111th U.S. Congress, both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House will be controlled by pro-abortion leadership. Prolifers will need to strongly voice their opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act and educate their fellow citizens about the tragic ramifications which would occur if this legislation passes.

Helpful Web Sites Dealing with FOCA

<http://nrlc.org/FOCA/index.html>

<http://www.fightfoca.com>

<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/index.shtml>

Produced by: Right to Life of Michigan • PO Box 901 • Grand Rapids MI 49509 • www.rtl.org

George Patrick, 676-1560
Pro-Life Director



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.

12-03	Edward Raczkowski	12-15	Aldo Gerbi
	James Forsythe		Richard Lyons
12-04	Joseph Valade Jr.	12-17	James Labell
12-05	James Raj	12-18	Antonio Torrice
12-07	Michael T. McNally	12-21	Ralph Grabowski
12-08	Patrick Flanagan	12-24	Gary Ennis Jr.
12-12	John Bostek Jr.	12-26	Ronald Bridges
12-11	John Lloyd		Thomas Jackson
12-13	Thomas Laginess	12-29	W. Reichelderfer

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



DECEMBER 2008

General:

That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission:

That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world..

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR 2008

The Knight of the Year for 2008 is Jim Topper. Jim serves our Council as Worthy Outside Guard, a member of our new 1st Degree Team, and is a valued member of the Thursday Nite Bingo. When there is work that needs to be done around the hall, Jim can be counted on to volunteer. He helped with our Blood Drives, M.I. Drives, the Bingo Tent, and the Downriver Picnic. He was at the prayer services and the Corporate Communion, and he was at most of our Council's social events. Jim also helps the community through the Food Bank and with the Lion's Club.

Prayers for the sick have been requested for:

Brother Knights

Bernard Bonk
Jim Forsythe
Mike Karney
Paul Mazur
Walt Reaume

Dennis Borche
Robert Gawenda
Ken Laforet
Danny Menna
John Walters

Steve Fleszar
Ralph Grabowski
PGK Howard Lambrix
Joe Olson

Wives

Martha Erdman
Cheri Lee Kehoe

Dorothy Gawenda
Wanda Sawicki

Beverly Hasselbach
Mary Ann Sturba

Relatives and Friends

Evan Banas	Grandson of the late Raul Robledo
Aaron Blanz Jr.	12 year old son of Larry Vaught's friend
Mike Chadwick	Friend of Larry Mehrhof
Mike Denzel	Son of Richard
Paul Domagalski	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Bart Dwenger	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Lydia Goble	Cousin of Gary Ennis
Michelle Grabowski	Daughter in law of Ralph
Mary Jo Griswold	Sister of Tom Kasper
Xaiver Hattie (baby)	Grandson of Jim & Gloria Kraft
William Hornig	Usher at O.L.O.W.
Linda Hudson	Daughter of Bob Foldi
Helen Hurley	Mother of Chris Hurley
Colleen LaBell	Grandaughter of P.G.K. Elton
Connie Laforet	Sister-in-Law of Ken Laforet
Chuck Lambrix	Nephew of Howard (REMOVE)
Kathlene Lambrix	Mother of GK Richard Lambrix
Maria Lambrix	Aunt of DD Richard Lambrix
Rose Mariano	Mother of Joe
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
John Szymanski	Friend of Howard Hammes
Barbara VanDelin	Friend of Larry Vaught

Deceased

Chuck Lambrix

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.

PEOPLE WE PRAYED FOR IN NOVEMBER 2008

November being the month we remember those that have died in the last year. Lloyd Lambrix, Geraldine LaBell, Jeffery Hill, Richard Gear, Theresa Olson, Rose Baksa, Richard Pack, Jackie LeBoff, Ron Milligan, Richard Horvath, John Laub, James Broughton, Bill Truczinski, Regina Voss, Bob Czaikowski, Margaret Ptak, Donald Hedke, Sister Mary Temple, Mary Dusincki, Helen Miller, Yvonne Bru and Anna Guerro

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

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 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.

K of C BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The State bowling tournament is being held in Battle Creek, Michigan in 2009. We will be bowling the Officers tournament on January 10th probably at 1:00 p.m. There is one Officers team: Tom Kasper, Herb Tarnowski, Tom Jackson, Chris Hurley, and Richard Denzel.

Our regular tournament weekend is March 14th & 15th. The teams in the regular tournament will bowl singles and doubles on Saturday and team event on Sunday.

The teams are #1 Tom Jackson, Herb Tarnowski, Jim Forsythe, Ralph Subastian, Dan Whaley.

Team #2 Dave Lambrix, Don Daddario, Tom Kasper, Chris Hurley, Ken Cotton.

Please contact Steve Reno at 734-675-1749 if there are any changes.

Council Officers for 2008/2009

Chaplain	Fr. Steven Wertanen	676.9082	
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	Gary Ennis (Annette)	676-1569	
Outside Guard	Francis Topper		
Trustees-			
One Yr	Ken Laforet (Sue)	281-0148	mrfrog52@wowway.com
Two Yr.	Chris Hurley (Michele)	362-0157	
Three Yr.	Dennis O'Brien (Barbara)	671-9132	gizob@wowway.com
Bldg. Assoc. Pres.	Herbert J. Tarnowski (Carole)	675-1726	
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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.