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### **\*FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT\***

My Brother Knights,

The new fraternal year is upon us. I would like to thank all the officers who were able to attend our officer's installation. Our Worthy District Deputy Thomas Ketchum with the assistance of Fr. Tom Brown conducted the impressive ceremony. Before the Mass, we gathered together as a family and prayed the Rosary. As parishioners from Sacred Heart filed in for Mass, they joined in and recited the decades along with us.

The annual picnic and golf outing will be coming up on August 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there. The picnic has grown quite a bit since our first one and we would like to see all our members attend. The Knights of Columbus is a family organization, it would be a shame to deprive you and your family the opportunity to get to know your Brother Knights and there families better. The Council will be supplying the meat. You will need to bring a dish to pass and your table setting. We will be contacting you to find out how many will be attending. The Golf outing will start promptly at 9:00 AM at Fairway Farms with the Picnic starting at 1:00 PM at McGraft Park.

Sacred Heart Parish will host their Block Party on August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't had the time to participate in one of our events recently this will be a fun and easy project to participate in. We will need help in running the rosary and information booth, making popcorn and helping with the Tootsie Roll train.

We will also be getting prepared for the first Membership Blitz of this fraternal year. I plan to make membership a priority this year. We need to continue to bring in new members in order to continue to meet the needs of the parishes we serve, we need to get more participation from current members and we need to focus on programs that will give us incentive to remain active as members.

I will be personally involved in contacting members with regard to some observations I have made. I believe that the best leaders listen to their men. If there is anything that is bothering you about our council, or perhaps you may have some input on how to better our effectiveness as a council, please feel free to contact me. I have made many new friendships and that is free to all of our members but you have to show up and suit up to reap these benefits. Remember Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are not just words; they are the ideals that we strive for in the order.

Yours in Christ

Garret A. Kelenske  
Grand Knight





**\*AUGUST BIRTHDAYS\***

Joseph Tackx ..... July 26<sup>th</sup> Sorry Joe  
 Richard Eller ..... 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 John Stoner ..... 18<sup>th</sup>

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*  
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**BINGO Every Monday night**

**George J. McCarthy Council #2975 in Grand Haven  
 August 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Service Program Personnel  
 Form #365 is due**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Council Picnic 1:00 PM at McGraft Park  
 9:00 AM Tee Off at Fairway Farms**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Knight of Columbus  
 National Week of the Family**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Fr. McGivney's 156<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 August 12, 1852**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Rosary Committee meets 7:00 PM**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> ..... 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Fr.  
 McGivney's Death August 14, 1890**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Feast of the Assumption**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Semi-Annual Audit  
 Form #1295-1 is due**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Sacred Heart Parish Festival**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Council Meeting 7:00 PM**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30 PM  
 Frs. Rudy & Clem Council #13035 to host**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Labor Day**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cars for Cancer**

**Hosted by Frs. Rudy & Clem Council #13035**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Car Show 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**St. Thomas Church Apple Ave, Muskegon**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Membership Blitz**

**All Parishes – before and after all Masses**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Rosary Committee meets 7:00 PM**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Patriot Day**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Council Meeting 7:00 PM**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> ... Open House / Information Meeting**

**Sacred Heart Gymnasium 7:00 PM**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Fall begins**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Holy Rosary Council # 13579 to host**

*"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! "*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**\*COMMITTEE EVENTS\***

**Membership Committee**

**Total Membership YTD Change  
 07/01/2008 in Membership**

56

1

**Month to Date Year to Date**

	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
INS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Rosary Committee**

Anyone interested in helping to make rosaries for sale and to give to Fr. Benoit is invited to join the Rosary Committee on their regular scheduled meeting nights. Please Contact me for dates and times.

Mike Lewis  
 Rosary Committee Chair  
 231-780-8086



**Holy Cross Projects Committee**

Each year the various councils and auxiliaries are asked to collect sweatshirts to be donated to Holy Cross Children's Services at Christmas. Many of these kids come to these homes with little or no personal possessions. The sweatshirts serves two purposes, they are some thing of their own to have as well as providing suitable clothing for our winter climate.

**We are asking that during the next few months, each member purchase (1) new sweatshirt (sizes medium to 3XL) to be donated.** The sweatshirt should be plain or have a sports team logo (i.e. Spartans, Wolverines, Tigers ... etc.) **Sweatshirts should be gift wrapped, and have a note identifying the size and whether it is for a male or female.** Sweatshirts can be dropped off at the regular council business meetings.

**We have also been asked to donate a basket of personal care item for the girls who at HCCS.** Items can be purchased for as little as \$1.00 each from a dollar store. **\$10.00 - \$15.00** of items will fill the basket. Suggested items are scented shampoos and conditioners, body lotions or sprays, shower creams or gels, body scrubs and bath poufs. **We are looking for donations to pay for these items and someone to purchase them.** Please contact Mike Lewis if you would like to volunteer to do this. Sweatshirts and personal care items will be collected by the District Deputy at the November business meeting and taken to the Winter DD's meeting in December.

**\*KNIGHT OF  
THE MONTH\***



**August ..... William Forton**

William (Bill) Forton has been chosen as the Knight of the Month for August 2008. Bill has been a Knight since November 2007. He has helped with the Younkers coupon sale, pancake breakfast at St. Mary's and St. Jean's. He also helped with the removal of the old carpet at St. Jeans Rectory.

Bill married his wife, Louise, at St. Jeans in February 1981. They have two boys, Brian age 24 and Kyle age 21. Bill and Louise have attended St. Jeans all their lives. He has been an usher for the last several years.

Bill dropped out of high school at 18 with just a few credits to go. He worked for a Janitorial service, which he later purchased and ran as Forton Janitorial Service from 1983-1985. Bill received his High School diploma in 1982, and his Associate Degree in 1984 from Muskegon Business College. In 1985 he started working at Muskegon General Hospital. He took Advantage of tuition assistance from his employer and went on to get his Bachelor of Business Administration from Grand Valley State University in 1991. Bill continues to be employed by Mercy Health Partners, as a Senior Financial Analyst.

Bill's participation as a Knight has helped him to get to know more about his Catholic faith that has been a part of his entire life. We welcome Bill and know he will be of great value to the Knights.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Tackx

**\*FAMILY OF  
THE MONTH\***



**August ..... Michael and Jennifer Lewis**

The Michael "Mickey" Lewis Jr. family has been chosen as the family of the month for August 2008. Mike is married to Jennifer and they have one child, "little Mickey" who is two months old born.

Mickey met his wife in late 2002, and they were married on January 26, 2005. He graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1987 and spent four years in the United States Army in the Infantry. Mickey has worked at Quality Tool and Stamping since 1997 as a laser operator. Jennifer graduated with a Bachelors degree in business management from the University of Mindanao. She has been with Kohl's for one year as a sales associate.

Mickey has been a Knight for a little over two years. He has been the Inside Guard, Warden, and is now the Chancellor for our council. He became a Knight of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree in April of 2008.

As a family the last K of C activity they went to was when Mickey became a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight. He feels the Knights gets him to think of his family first, which makes his family stronger. When you help people less fortunate than yourself, you appreciate what God has given you. A year ago Mickey made a trip to the Philippines to bring Jennifer home after she finally received her clearance to do so.

Again, it is a pleasure to name the Lewis' the family of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Tackx



**\*FROM THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE\***



The officers of the Bishop Frederic Baraga Assembly will be formally installed into their elected office on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Shelby. If you have ever been curious about becoming a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of our Order, you are invited to come worship with us and stay to watch Installation of Assembly Officers as well as the Honor Guard in all their colors march and perform the Drill and Ceremony routine as a part of their certification by the Worthy Master of Michigan District # 2.

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## The 24 Hour Knight

There are **8760 hours in a year**. Just by giving **24** of those **8760** hours (less than point 3 percent), every man can be a better Catholic, a better father, a better husband and a better man. If you can pay your dues and give the following you have fulfilled your obligations as a Knight:

- **4 hours a year** reading the monthly newsletter, the State Council *Michigan Columbian* and the Supreme Council magazine *Columbia*.
- **2 hours a year** volunteering on the council's annual Tootsie Roll drive weekend
- **4 hours a year** attending a council corporate communion
- **4 hours a year** on a council sponsored church, community, council, family, or youth project.
- **4 hours a year** attending one council meeting.
- **6 hours a year** attending a council social function. This means coming to the Council Picnic and Golf Outing or Council Picnic and Christmas Dinner will cover this obligation.

## A Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, Our father Protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of the Christian family life and to lead the young to generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant F. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor now present (here make your request for intercession). Through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Then say the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.



## 212°.... Man that's HOT!

I was recently given an opportunity to watch a short video that was supposed to be a motivational thingy. It was supposed to inspire me to do better ... to want more for myself ... and to give me personal incentive to go that extra step. Normally, I would look at this an opportunity to close my eyes and steal a few short minutes of rest.

BUT ... this time was different. This time I knew I would be sharing this with someone ... maybe you, or maybe someone else, this time I didn't close my eyes ...

We all remember from our high school chemistry that at 211° Fahrenheit water is hot, but at 212° Fahrenheit water boils. That one degree makes all the difference, and at 212° the boiling water can create steam and steam can create enough power to drive an engine and that engine can create enough power to pull a train! Just ONE ... 1° difference is all it takes. **That 1° difference separates the "good" from the "great."**

- The margin of victory in all major golfing tournaments combined for the last 25 years was **less than three strokes**
- In the 2004 Men's Olympic 800m race the difference between winning a Gold medal or not winning a medal at all was **.71** seconds.
- In the last 10 Indy 500 races, the margin of victory was an average of **1.54** seconds.
  - **On average the winner took home \$1,278,813.**
  - The average 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner took home **\$621,321.** (Less than half of 1<sup>st</sup> place)

**It is your life and you are responsible for the results ...**

**Don't you think it is time you turn up the heat?**

Are you the best Husband you can be? Are you the best Catholic you can be? ... Are you the BEST Knight you can be???

Get active in our council's projects and programs. Our projects help us to constantly form ourselves in our faith, our programs are geared to help strengthen our families and our programs help us to better serve within our parishes.

I would suggest if you get a chance to go online you go to this web link: [www.212movie.com](http://www.212movie.com). If you are not motivated to commit yourself to turning up the notch one degree ... then I know you closed your eyes and slept through the video.

Thomas F. Ketchum DD, PGK, PFN  
Membership Director



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**\*PICTURES FROM  
 OUR PROJECTS\***



Richard Eller and Bill Forton man the Knights of Columbus information table and rosary booth at St. Jean's Fiesta



PGK Mike Lewis, Richard Eller and Bill Forton hand make rosaries to sell during the fiesta.



Seminarian David Gross and Fr. Tom Page pose for a picture during the Fiesta



DD Thomas Ketchum begins the Installation of Officers after the Corporate Communion held at Sacred Heart Church

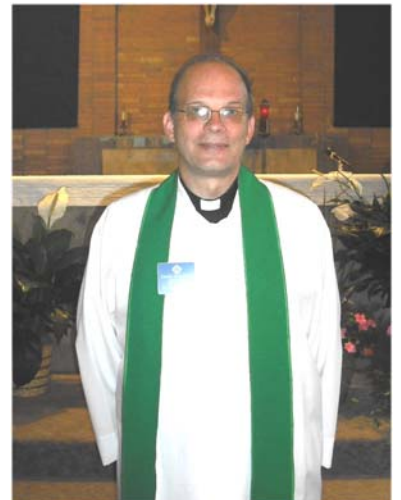


Jhen Lewis places the Jewel of Office on her husband Mickey Lewis



(Left)  
 GK Garret Kelenske lead a decade of the rosary as the Holy Rosary Council # 13579 gathered before the corporate communion to pray the rosary together with the parishes of Sacred Heart Church.

(Right)  
 Fr. Tom Brown, the Chaplin of our council, poses for a picture after the Installation of Officers ceremony.



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