



A Guide to Star Council

May – 2016
State Charities



Greetings Worthy District Deputies and Grand Knights



As we wind down this fraternal year with only 1 month remaining it would be wise for us to again review the progress our councils have made thus far. Although the time is now short, there are still opportunities to finish the year strong! How close are we to completing our council goals in membership, programming and charities? How about making a final month push to achieving the Star Council Award or at least the Columbian and the Spirit of Illinois Awards, and to complete our charities goals!

Remember that donations to Illinois Charities Inc. are tax deductible.

In the past I have heard some Grand Knights say that they personally are not interested in awards. The hard working members of your councils deserve the recognition of their achievements and accomplishments making it vitally important that Grand Knights and District Deputies verify all the award applications are completed! Motivate your council members for next year by recognizing their achievements this year! Remember the Illinois SP-7 form is due at the State Office by June 15th and the Supreme Columbian Award form SP-7 is due by June 30th.



ID Drive - Plan now for success! Has your council begun planning for the 2016 ID Drive collection Sept. 16/17/18? Has your council submitted an ID Drive Chairman Form? The ID Information mailing should arrive soon at the council ID Drive Chairman address (if council ID Chairman is filed with the State Office) or to the council GK. Please see the attached White Sox Flyer and support Special Olympics!

Newman Apostolate – Your contributions to support Newman Programs throughout the state have helped thousands of students maintain and grow their Catholic faith on campus. Think how important this is in a time when the increasingly secular worldview of our culture threatens religious faith each day. There is still time to make a Newman Century Donation this fraternal year! See the attached Newman flyer.



Pro Life Support - This Memorial Day it is important that we pause to honor those who have sacrificed their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy in this country! Did you know the Illinois State Council has “patriotic themed” puzzles available from now through Flag Day and Independence Day which can also help your council fulfill its Pro Life goal for this fraternal year?

Remember that \$5 of each puzzle purchased is applied to the council Pro Life Goal. See the attachments or the State Council Website at <http://www.illinoisknights.org/mary/programs/Life/PuzzleOrderPatriotic.pdf>

Vocations Support - Please remember to support our seminarians with the RSVP program! Be sure to submit your RSVP Form #2863 to Supreme Council by June 30th and send a copy to Vocations Co-chairman Ron Ziemba. How can your council raise more funds to award to seminarians? How about working to increase your council Vocations Raffle Tickets sales or beginning participation in the Vocations Raffle if you have not yet done so! Remember that your council keeps \$9 from every \$15 ticket book sold! Every council should participate!



Fraternally,

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