

DISTRICT DEPUTY – GOIN’ FISHING!



The planning for membership, programming and charities in the Knights of Columbus of Illinois is a lot like planning for a fishing trip. One would need to check on what is biting; determine what bait to use, artificial or live; what will be the daily limit; and would this trip be for one day, a week or two or if you are lucky for a month.

You have spoken with others about your plans and all is well and necessary items are at hand, so here it goes.

What's biting: Prospects have filled out cards; Candidates filled out Form 100's, but have not had any contact since then. This man supports the council by attending functions that are open to the public and you know he is Catholic, because you have seen him at church. So what do you do?

Select your bait, either call them (artificial) or better yet, make personal contact (live).

Daily limits can be made when contacted by phone, but live presentation is best, so invite them to the council for a social event and have plenty of information available and have members available to answer any questions. There are NO daily limits in membership.

There are many Catholic men in each diocese in Illinois that would join if they were asked. So look at your prospect lists, decide on your bait of social events or fundraisers, take enough fishermen to have a good day and lastly fish as long as you like. One caught is better than none at all and top off your good works with at least a 1st Degree held in a timely manner after fishing.

Length of the fishing trip is not hard to answer. **Go every day!** A new member may be at your work place; the guy you sit next to on public transportation every day: maybe that guy who is married to the lady whose flat tire you changed or the family down the street that you shared fish with from your last real fishing trip. **There are no daily limits on membership.**

ONE MEMBER—PER COUNCIL—PER MONTH

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