



# Illinois Knights of Columbus



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## A message from our State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski

The past several months have proven to be very busy for many Brother Knights and councils across Illinois. The MR/LD Drive has concluded and early reports indicate that once again we will achieve our goal, not only in the dollar amount collected but being able to continue to assist those afflicted with mental retardation and learning disabilities. On behalf of all who will benefit from this program a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who gave of themselves to make this drive a success.

Also on the weekend of September 16th and 17th, Brother Knights participated in the "Way of Faith" celebration with Francis Cardinal George and the Bishops of the Chicago Archdiocese at The University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary. I want to recognize and say thank you to the Brother Knights who were instrumental on making this event a success, Vice Supreme Master, Joseph Kaltwasser PSD, and John F. Gecewicz for coordinating the activities involving the Knights of Columbus, Ray Biliskov assisting with the walking tours, John Peters in charge of parking and Stewart Tesnow 4th Degree Honor Guard and to all the Knights and their families who worked on making this weekend a truly prayerful experience for those attending this pilgrimage.

I am happy to report that this year's Newman donation to the colleges and university Newman Centers is **\$220,000.00**. This donation is made possible by the charity from Brother Knights in every council. All Brother Knights should have received their 2000 - 2001 Newman Solicitation. I encourage everyone to make an effort to help continue funding our Church and bringing our faith to the college students living on the college and university campuses throughout Illinois.

The month of October is Pro-Life month; every council should conduct an activity that will promote LIFE. In each community there are centers that work with women who choose life. These centers assist with helping women who have their baby, they help with the everyday needs of the infants. An excellent programming opportunity for your council is to make a donation of newborn baby items to the women's center in your area. We must continue to make Pro-Life an important issue in our daily

lives. We must continue to pray for an end in the killing of innocent lives, we must continue to peacefully demonstrate at abortion clinics and we must make our voices heard at the ballot box this election.

As we enter the second quarter of the fraternal year we have the responsibility to continue the good works of our Order. We have accomplished much this past few months, but much more needs to be done. The people whose lives our charities and programs affect continues to grow, we too must continue to grow in membership to address the needs of our brothers and sisters.

*Working together we will be  
"Knights Guided by Faith"*

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## STATE COUNCIL NEWS

Since the Illinois Blitz Campaign Weekends have been completed, it is now time to follow-up by reporting what happened. We encourage the Grand Knights to report their information to their District Deputy. DD's need to forward their information on to the Diocesan Membership Chairman. This is the only way we can tell how successful the Blitz was. If you have any ideas on how we can improve this campaign, please let us know.

In the next couple of months, we are going to try a few things that we think will help your councils. You should have received your former members list from Supreme by now. A good program to use with that is the Welcome Back Brother program. What better time than the upcoming holidays to ask a former member to come back to the Order. You might never know why he left if you don't ask him to rejoin. It might have been something little or something said that made him leave, but by asking him back he knows that he is wanted.

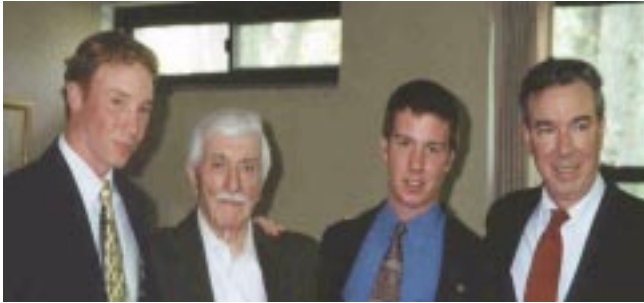
*There's No Place Like Home  
In-House Open House*

As people travel home for the holidays, sponsor in-house open houses at your council members homes to show prospects what the Order does and stand for. Utilize husband and wife recruiter teams at these informal events to show that membership is for the entire family. Have informational flyers, both Orderwide ones available from Supreme and ones you design for your council. Most prospective members want to know what your council does for the Church, Community and Family. Have that information ready for them. Be sure that you make prospects want to say, "Thanks for giving me the gift of membership in the knights of Columbus".

One other thing that we would like to see happen is, that every council have at least **ONE NEW MEMBER** by December.

*Phil Barone  
Frank Ryan  
State Membership Directors*  
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## A RECRUITING SUCCESS STORY



Supported by the Degree Team of Divine Word Council (Techny), the Lake Forest Council accepted four new members on May 21 at the Church of St. Mary. Among the inductees were brothers Robert and James Pasquesi, pictured on the left and second from the right. With them is their grandfather Sir Knight Carl Pasquesi, second from left, and their father, Sir Knight L. Robert Pasquesi, on the right. Sir Knight Carl Pasquesi, **age 93**, acted as DGK on the Degree Team on this notable family occasion.

### A Very Special Event

Council 324, Evergreen Park, is pleased to join **Dick Knight's** family and friends in wishing PGK Knight a happy **100th** birthday. Dick's big day was September 28, 2000. William Mckinley was president when Dick was born, so he has witnessed some tremendous changes in the world. PGK Knight is and has been a stalwart member of the council since January 1919, so he is and has been not only the oldest member in age but also in terms of years of membership. Dick is the **FIRST** member in the history of Council 324 to celebrate 100 years!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DICK FROM ALL OF YOUR  
BROTHER KNIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF  
ILLINOIS.**

### Knowledge Means Success

For years we all have heard the saying, "If we are going to be a success in life, get a good job, and have a better life, then you need a good education."

If this is the way that leads to success in life so should it not also be the way to bring success to your council? The more that your members know about the Order and the programs the more successful your council will be.

Often we wonder why our members are not as enthusiastic as the officers of the council are about programs or activities. More often than not, if you would poll your council members about various programs and activities you would find that they have a very weak grasp of what they entail or do. If they do not understand, why should they be enthusiastic?

Many times in my married life my wife Pat has suggested that I stop and ask for directions (sound familiar?) or if I had read the directions first before attempting to put together the swing set, Christmas toy or the new computer desk. How much simpler it is to find where you are going if you first read the map or ask for directions.

If our councils are to be successful then we need to share the directions for building a strong council with our members by sharing information and by making sure all of our members know about the Order, our Council and the programs. This can be done in a number of ways:

1. Informative programs at your council meetings,
2. Special columns in the monthly/bimonthly/quarterly council newsletters,
3. encouraging attendance at the Diocese Chapter meetings,
4. Encouraging attendance at your District Deputy Meetings,
5. Attendance at the State Convention,
6. Encouraging member attendance at State Council Sponsored Education Forums.

Knowledge breeds success, so share knowledge with your members for successful Councils. Watch the mail for announcements of Grand Knight Education Sessions in your area, and bring your members so that they can have the knowledge that leads to success.

After February 1st, 2001 watch for announcements of Financial Secretary Training sessions.

**Jim Bednar**

**State Education/Training Director**  
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## Charitable Activities News

### Newman Apostolate Program:

By now all of you should have received your flyer along with a pledge card asking for a donation for our #1 charity. I am asking all members to please submit any amount to help your council reach 100% participation for this most worthy program.

When you received your flyer and pledge card I pray that you did not set it aside. If you did, please take the time to read it once again, than fill out your pledge card with the amount you wish to donate. Please make out your check and use the provided envelope. **MAIL IT TODAY!**

Thank you and God Bless,

**William M. Muller,  
Newman Program Chairman**

### Charitable Assistance:



Pictured above is the presentation of a \$1,000.00 check to Fr. Pat Cecil, Pastor of St. Patricks Parish in Wadsworth. The

## ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

DIOCESE	DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	DD#	HOST	LOCATION
Belleville	SUN	11/5/00	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Jack Voracek	81	1334	Waterloo Council
District 2	SAT	11/11/00	4th	Degree	D. Kelch, MFD	x	xxx	Galesburg, Jumers Hotel
Rockford	SUN	11/12/00	NOON	1:30 pm	Robert Howell	38	735	Belvidere-St. James Ctr, 535 Caswell
Springfield	SUN	11/21/00	NOON	1:00 pm	Don Niebrugge	73	665	Effingham-Council 1501 w. Fayette Ave
Springfield	SUN	11/12/00	NOON	1:00 pm	Gary Doiron	76	1712	Collinsville-Council Hall
Belleville	SUN	11/19/00	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Douglas Holzhauser	85		Okawville-St. Barbara Parish
Joliet	SUN	11/19/00	NOON	1:00 pm	John Akai	32	745	Kankakee-Council Hall 187 S. Indiana
Chicago	FRI	11/24/00	XXX	6:00 pm	John Teschky	7	3731	Glenview-OLPH 1775 Grove St.
Springfield	SUN	11/26/00	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Randy Bauser	77	7804	Godfrey-Council

check was presented due to a fire that they had at the old church. Knights in the picture are: **Front:** Todd Benzschawel DD3, Fr. Pat, John Gecewicz, General Assistance Chmn., Bob Fuggiti, State Program Director, Stewart Tesnow, Diocesan Membership Chmn. North, **Back:** Dan Lasiewicz, State NCD Chair North and members of St. Patricks Council 12639.

One quarter of our Charities year has now passed and we are still making the plea, **PASS THE CAN.** The next important thing is, **TURN IN THE MONEY.** This has been a very active year so far for requests for funds. Since May 1 we have approved \$29,500.00 for eight requests. You can see your donations are at work. Please continue to pass the can. You will see below the Charitable Assistance returns as of September 1, 2000.

Belleville	Goal	\$11,475.85	Amt Recvd.	\$1,075.65
Chicago		\$17,187.90		\$1,392.96
Joliet		\$8,182.25		\$614.69
Peoria		\$13,633.25		\$1,930.75
Rockford		\$7,048.35		\$6.00
Springfield		\$18,291.90		\$1,856.63
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$75,819.50</b>		<b>\$6,876.68</b>

**John F. Gecewicz**  
General Assistance Chmn

### MH/LD 2001 Fund Drive

**A reminder:**

The Mental Retardation/Learning Disabilities **2001** Fund Drive will be held on Friday and Saturday, **September 21 and 22nd, 2001.**

This years MR/LD Fund Drive Report and Deposits are due **November 1, 2000.** Make checks payable to:

**Illinois State Council K of C Charities Inc.**  
**MR/LD Fund**  
**PO Box 681**  
**Kankakee, IL 60901**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Illinois State Council 2000-2001 Program Activities:

### State Softball Tournament

June 23rd and 24th. Host Council Bartelso #4745.

### State Horseshoe Tournament

August 25, 2001 Host Council Effingham #665.

### State Bowling Tournament

January 15 - February 20, 2001. Host Council Elmhurst #1911.

### State Basketball Tournament

March 24, 2001. Host Council Effingham #665.

### 2001 Family Baseball Outings.

### Other State Program Activities

Kamporee, June 8-10, 2001.

For the Fun of it-Family Week- August 2001.

Respect Life Week, October 2001.

Hunger Blitz, February 2001.

State Spelling Bee, April 21, 2001.

State Free Throw Contest at Parkland College, Champaign, April 21, 2001.

### Some Words on Retention

Retention involves each and every one of us. We should all strive to be aware of any Brother Knight that may have a problem, which may cause him to consider leaving the Order.

We prefer not to spend a lot of time or energy talking about retention. By far, the preference is to devote attention to recruitment, growth, and council development.

Recruitment and retention are exercised at the same time.

Retention begins when recruitment begins. Retention can and should be a proactive endeavor. Proactive retention is good membership management, good husbandry, good prevention, and good sense. There is also a reactive phase to retention which puts us at a disadvantage regarding the time and circumstances. It seems it is easier to persuade a member not to quit than it is to convince him to reverse his decision and be reinstated.

Lets look at some proactive tools that influence retention:

An active, enthusiastic and instructive Admissions Committee whose function it is to allow the prospect to get to know the Knights of Columbus and to allow your council to get to know the prospect. Items to be included are council activities and programs available to him and his family. Also, how does your council support the parish, as well as the community as a whole?

Another key element in the retention process is involvement. It is essential for the council to get the new member involved as soon as possible, as much as possible and include the family. The same can be said for being informed.

It behooves the council to explain the workings of the Order to new members. Knowledge begets interest, interest generates involvement, involvement produces achievement, and achievement develops pride in being a member. A proud member is a committed member.

What makes a new member feel welcome? Feel comfortable? Feel accepted? The answer is being informed, being involved, being invited, being accepted, and sharing qualities with his family.

**Fraternally and God Bless,  
Donald Lajoie  
State Warden**

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**A Word from our State Ladies Auxiliary President**

I hope this finds you well. I would enjoy hearing from you. Drop me a note on the activities your auxiliary is doing and any special events that are planned. It is never too late to start planning a ladies auxiliary scrapbook to submit at the ladies Mini-convention this year at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis during the 2001 State Knights of Columbus convention. At this years summer District Deputy convention, Worthy State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski stated that we should devote more time and effort to the ladies who decide to keep their babies. Maybe that could be a challenge to come up with that special program of the year. He also urged and challenged each of us to be more aware of the **RIGHT TO LIFE**.

I am praying for each of your auxiliaries to have a happy, rewarding and successful year. If you have any questions, just pick up the phone or e-mail and I will be in touch. Your sister in Christ

**Diane Kinyon  
Ladies Auxiliary Chairperson  
(309)344-3924, kinyon@gallatinriver.net**

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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MARIAN  
HOUR OF PRAYER**

Shown below is the schedule for the traveling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Marian Hour of Prayer for the next two months, (November and December 2000). You will notice that each district will have the icon for either three or four weeks. The district deputy is to arrange a schedule within his own district for the Marian Hour of Prayer.

The District Deputy is responsible for moving the icon and prayer books from his district to the next district on the schedule.

Week ending	District	Councils
Nov. 4, 2000	13	1048, 1118, 1278, 1899, 1949
Nov. 11, 2000	13	1048, 1118, 1278, 1899, 1949
Nov. 25, 2000	13	1048, 1118, 1278, 1899, 1949
Dec. 2, 2000	9	517, 887, 1687, 3627, 7807
Dec. 9, 2000	9	517, 887, 1687, 3627, 7807
Dec. 16, 2000	9	517, 887, 1687, 3627, 7807
Dec. 23, 2000	9	517, 887, 1687, 3627, 7807
Dec. 30, 2000	7	922, 3731, 4338, 4836

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (630)985-5266 or e-mail at [tfricke@concentric.net](mailto:tfricke@concentric.net)

**Vivat Jesu!  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Fricke  
State Church Activities Director**

**P.S. If you are in possession of the Celtic Cross and its log-books or know where they are, please send them to the State Office in Kankakee.**

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**Pro-life Activities**

As we approach this great time of year, a time of harvest, a time of a celebration of Life, of frost on the pumpkins, grandchildren, "Respect Life Week" in Illinois and 'Respect Life Month' nationally, We felt it was appropriate to share with you, this letter we received from the Council of Catholic Women. Our prayers and best wishes are with you all.

**Larry and Marge Theriault  
Illinois State Council Pro-Life Couple**

"The September 14th edition of The Wanderer carried an excellent Pro-Life statement written by Archbishop Elden Curtiss of Omaha, nebraska. This message for Life is worthy of your serious consideration." *The following are excerpts from that letter.*

***WE ARE PRO-LIFE PEOPLE IN A PRO-LIFE CHURCH***

Archbishop Elden Curtiss  
The Catechism of the Catholic Church outlines the official teaching of the Church regarding the evil of abortion and the responsibility of Catholics to protect beginning human life. Article N. 2270. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you' (Jer. 1:5).

Article N. 2271 “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.” ‘You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish’ (Didache 2,2).

Article N. 2273: “The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation.” ‘The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents: nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state: they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin.

### **PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS OFFICIAL TEACHING**

To dissent against the official teaching of the Church regarding the serious evil of abortion creates a breach between Catholics and the Church and causes a serious scandal when it becomes public. Catholics who actually participate in a woman’s decision to have an abortion share in her alienation from the Church because they share in the destruction of a beginning human life, which is forbidden by divine law and the natural law.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

The Catholic Church is the main supporter of human life from conception to natural death in the world today. Despite public media, which for the most part support abortion as the right of women over their own bodies without any concern for the rights of their preborn babies, despite massive opposition from a multimillion-dollar abortion industry that has Planned Parenthood as a front, we Catholics must not cease our efforts to declare abortion a moral blight and a national scandal. We must not cease our efforts to confront the evil of abortion in our cities and neighborhoods. We must not cease our efforts to pray for an end to abortion on demand and the barbaric procedure called partial-birth abortion.

We must never give up on this sacred crusade to protect innocent human life in the womb. If we grow tired of the struggle or want to be free of the hassle, then the culture of death will continue to spread across our nation. It is up to us to make the case for the rights of babies based on God’s revelation to us about the sacredness of human life. It is a duty no Christian can shirk.



**Carl A. Anderson Appointed Supreme Knight:**

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

Carl A. Anderson, a 49-year-old attorney and educator was appointed Supreme Knight at a meeting of the Order’s Board of Directors in New York, Sept. 23-25. Anderson officially took over the insurance and fraternal operations of the Order on October 1. He is the 13th. Supreme Knight in the Order’s 118 year history. Anderson was serving as supreme secretary. Anderson succeeds Virgil C. Dechant who, at age 70, has reached mandatory retirement age. Dechant served as the Order’s chief executive for 23 years.

**Jean Migneault** was appointed to the position of deputy supreme knight. He succeeds Robert F. Wade, who chose not to run.

The board also appointed **Charles H. Foos**, current supreme master, to take over the post of supreme secretary. **Nestor V. Barber**, a supreme director from San Jose, California has been named the new supreme master.

**Kenneth N. Ryan**, supreme director from Braintree, Massachusetts, was appointed to the position of supreme treasurer.

**Pat A. Cipollone** was reappointed as supreme advocate.

Anderson had served as supreme secretary, assistant supreme secretary and vice president for public policy of the Order. He is also vice president of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D. C. The North American campus of the institute, where he taught from 1988 until assuming duties at the knights’ New Haven headquarters in 1997, was founded by the Knights. The Order is its sole supporter.

A native of Torrington, Conn., Anderson graduated from Seattle University in 1972 with a degree in philosophy and from the University of Denver in 1975 with a law degree.

From 1976 to 1983, he was a legislative assistant at the U. S. Senate and a legal adviser to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. He held various positions in the Reagan administration, including special assistant to the president and acting director of the Office of Public Liaison from 1983 to 1987.

### **Benedictine University Knights win International Award**

Benedictine University Council 11263, in Lisle earned international recognition at the 35th. Annual knights of Columbus College Council Conference held in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 22-24, 2000. The Benedictine University knights tied for top honors in the Outstanding Church Activity category. Sharing the honor were the knights of Georgetown University Council 6475 in Washington, D.C. In the annual competition, college councils vie for the top award in the programming areas of Church, community, council, family and youth as well as for the Outstanding College Council Trophy.

Benedictine University knights won the Church Activity award for their efforts to restore a Marian Shrine on campus. They cleaned the floors and walls to get rid of accumulated mold and mildew, scraped and painted the shrine’s ceiling and roof and restored the landscaping. The shrine is now used for occasional Masses, rosary devotions and private meditation. Accepting the award for the Benedictine University Knights was **Edward Gricius**.



## Illinois Family of the Month Awardees for the Months of July and August, 2000.

### July:

*Thomas and Maria Hopp*, Council 1853 Nauvoo.  
*Donald and Ernfride Erbach*, Council 3627, Des Plaines.

### August:

*Raymond and Eleanor Callahan*, Council 717, Dekalb.  
*Robert and Myrna Zalesny*, Council 4338, Niles.

### Supreme vocation Scholarship Awardees

**Robert W. Schultz, Jr.**, Mundelein Seminary.  
**Thomas G. Aschenbrener**, Mundelein Seminary.  
**Keith A. Walder**, Mount St. Mary's Seminary.



## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

### Southern District

You have got to remember November 11, 2000. You need to get all your candidates to Galesburg for the Exemplification. The early class size is estimated to be 70 new Sir Knights. All applications must be sent to Sir Knight Dean Salz, 28 Pine Crest Dr. Streator, Il. 61364 as soon as possible.

It was a rocking time in Granite City. The Alley Cats played till the feet could stand no more. There were 67 new Sir Knights provided by 11 Assemblies. A donation in the amount of \$915.00 was collected at the exemplification and will be presented to the Squires to help them in their work.

Exemplifications plans for 2001:

Clinton County Assembly has their eye on April 20 - 22, 2001.

Fairview Heights is looking for October 2001.

Bloomington Assembly settled on a November 2001 date.

Streator Assembly planning for February 6, 2002.

Williamson County Assembly in Marion planning on an April 2002 date.

Spalding Assembly, Peoria planning on a September 2002 date.

Collinsville Assembly, planning on a November 2002 date.



*Pictured above from left to right are Marvin Neal, Paul Early, Bishop J. Myers, Leonard Doyle, Jack Downes and David Ayres.*

Assembly 220, Champaign dedicated a monument to the unborn in St. Mary's Cemetery, Champaign. Officiating in the dedication ceremony with full honor guard was the Most Rev. John J. Myers, Bishop of the Peoria Diocese, assisted by Fr. Mark Meridian. In attendance were Msgr. Albert Hallin, Fr. Tom Royer, and Fr. Tony Trosley. Also present but not pictured, Sir Knight Dan Smith.

### The New Master of the Northern District is Named.

Congratulations are extended to Don and Rita Trent on Don's appointment as Master of the Fourth Degree for the Northern Illinois District.

Congratulations are also in order to Phil Barone for a very fine two years as Master of Northern Illinois.

**Donatus H. Kelch Jr.**

**Master, Illinois Southern District.**

**LaSalle Assembly 189** in Chicago will be hosting their Annual Seminarian Dinner/Dance on Sunday, November 12, 2000 at Pitzaferrro's Banquets located at 6755 W. Diversey Ave, Chicago. Cocktails begin at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Each year LaSalle Assembly provides financial gifts to each of approximately 20-25 Catholic seminarians studying for priesthood.



## SQUIRES NEWS

Congratulations to **VIRDEN SQUIRE CIRCLE 2321** sponsored by Virden Council 2321 which has been awarded the 1999-2000 **Brother Barnabas Award** in recognition of the circle's outstanding activity titled "Honor Guard for First Friday Adoration."

The Brother Barnabas Award is presented to a circle in recognition of an outstanding singular activity conducted by the circle during the program year. Only 25 circles are selected each year.

Illinois was honored to have two circles enter the final round of elimination for this prestigious award.



*Pictured above is the presentation to the members of Virden Squire Circle 2321 of the Barnabas award to Deputy Chief Squire for Virden Circle Mat Maynerich by Ahren Langhauser, State Chief Squire.*

Illinois is currently leading division I (225 or more Squires) with a 9.33% gain in membership so far this fraternal year. Thanks to Circle 2895, Evansville and 4507, Rochester who lead the state with membership increases of 7 members. The Annual Squires Bowling Tournament was held October 8th at King Pin Bowl in Springfield. Participants numbering 30 Squires from Streator, Virden, and Breese Circles participating. **Scott Becker**, Breese, was top bowler for the second year in a row and Breese circle teams will be awarded the first and second place trophies.

During October, Rantoul Council 4450 and Highland Council 1580 will hold an investiture of their candidates to start their own Squire Circles. Illinois has a goal to start 10 new Circles this year. We now have 2, only 8 to go.

Future Squire activities include: Retreat on November 12, at Urbana, Basketball Regionals - March 30 thru April 1, Park Inn International, Urbana. The State circle will be sponsoring a bus trip and tour to New Haven Connecticut and Washington D. D. in early June 2001 which will be open to Squires, Knights and Wives.

### **GLEN ELLYN SQUIRES RECEIVE CHARTER**



St. James the Apostle council 9806 in Glen Ellyn, celebrated with their newly formed squires group, "Squires of St. George the Dragon Slayers", as the boys received their charter on Sunday, October 15, 2000. Knights and squires joined efforts in the first of many joint Corporate Communion. State Deputy, Joe Pietruszynski, and Grand Knight Bob Nowakowski officially presented the charter to chief squire, Joey Spada during the fellowship that followed the 11:00 Mass. Chief Squire, Joey Spada addressed attendees reporting that the Glen Ellyn squires have already been busy in church and community activities. He announced that the Glen Ellyn Squires helped the Knights by collecting nearly \$300.00 to support this year's MH/LD drive. State Deputy, Joe Pietruszynski, congratulated the squires and underscored the significance of being a charter member and the history that it brings to it's sponsoring council and to St. James Parish.

If you have any questions, or need any help in pursuing the establishment of a Squire's Circle, do not hesitate to contact your State Squires Chairman: **Joe Langhauser at P. O. Box 5, Breese, IL. 62230 or e-mail: abacus@papadocs.com.**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**William Moore**, Council 5574, Chicago. 15 years of service

**Alphonse H. Niebrugge**, Council 2874, Teutopolis. 57 years of service.

**Edward J. Miller**, Council 6710, Warrenville. 25 years of service.

**Richard Long**, Council 690, Dixon. 35 years of service.

**Arnold Ribbing**, Council 2869, Breese. 42 years of service.

**Michael Meissner**, Council 2869, Breese. 16 years of service.

**Frank Hustedde**, Council 2869, Breese. 46 years of service.

**Joseph G. Thole**, Council 1580, Highland. 20 years of service.

**Paul T. Earnhant Sr**, Council 1580, Highland. 48 years of service.

**Ralph M. Long**, Council 1580, Highland. 50 years of service.

**Omer J. Luber**, Council 1580, Highland. 7 years of service.

**Paul E. Brady, Sr.**, Council 1268, Lake Forest. 68 years of service.

**Roman J. Stachnik**, Council 1456, Melrose Park. 70 years of service

**Bernard L. Klimek**, Council 5573, Plainfield. 13 years of service.

**Maurice J. Testin**, Council 5573, Plainfield. 36 years of service.

**Joseph G. Sebastian, Sr.**, Council 4836, Park Ridge. 70 years of service.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their Soul and all the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.*

*Amen.*

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

**Council 4977, Palatine:** Council 4977 has the honor of mentioning that on Saturday, October 14th at St. Theresa, a special Right to Life Mass in regards to Respect Life Month for Vicariate I was celebrated by Bishop Gerald Kicanas. A \$15,000.00 dollar bronze statue memorial, graciously donated to the Knights was dedicated to the church as a memorial for the unborn.

**Council 324, Evergreen Park:** The council will be holding their annual Halloween party on Thursday October 26 beginning at 7:00 p.m. for all of the children. The council held a successful golf outing with a meal at Senese's restaurant. We are

already 4 weeks into our bowling season with some pretty impressive series being rolled. Congratulations to Tony Whitney for his perfect 300 game in the National KC bowling Tournament held in February.

The council's annual retreat took place on the weekend of September 22-24 at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington. The retreat was attended by 48 men.

Congratulations to Dick Knight on his 100th birthday. (see article earlier in newsletter).

**Council 2874, Teutopolis:** Participated in the Membership Blitz by holding membership drives at area churches.

The Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Saturday evening November 4th. with his Excellency, Bishop George Lucas in attendance. This is a steak dinner with tickets going for \$12.50 each, preceded by a social hour at 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

The annual living Rosary was held on Wednesday, October 11th with the fourth degree in regalia. The annual MLRD breakfast and country store fund raiser was held on Sunday September 15th.

The Friday night buffets have started back up again as of September 15th. Serving is from 5 to 8 p.m. with chicken, fish, shrimp and all the trimmings.

The fifth Communion Sunday will be Sunday October 29th at Lillyville at 8 a.m. with Mass followed by breakfast.

**Council 8002, Winfield:** The results of the MH/LD drive are in and the council made our goal for the first time in about 5 years. Congratulations to all who participated. We held a First Degree Meeting on Monday Oct. 16.

We will be holding a Marian Hour of Prayer on Monday October 30 in the old church at 7:30p.m. as a program to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. This program features an icon of a mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe commissioned by the Knights of Columbus from the Vatican's Mosaic Studio. A Mass to honor our deceased brothers will be held at St. James Church in Glen Ellyn on Saturday November 18th at 5:00 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday September 10th.

**Council 1028, Belleville:** The council held a TRIVIA KNIGHT at 3810 N. Illinois (hwy 159) Swansea, Il. on Saturday October 21 with the doors opening at 6:15, and the festivities starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Council 690, Dixon:** The Tootsie Roll Drive was a great success again this year with probably more than \$5,000.00 collected. The fifth corporate communion was held on Columbus Day the 8th of October at St. Patricks church. A social followed at the hall. A steak fry was held on the 21st of October consisting of baked potato, vegetable, salad etc.

**Remember to get as many new prospects to join us at the major degree in Belvidere on Sunday November 12th.**

The family picnic was held Sunday September 24th at the Lions Pavilion at Lowell Park with a Mass said for deceased brothers prior to the start of the picnic.

**Council 6710, Warrenville:** Our membership team spoke from the pulpit on the weekend of October 14 and 15th as a part of our membership recruitment efforts. We are looking for 12 new members this year.

We will hold the family Hayride, and bonfire and cookout on Saturday October 21st. at 6:00 p.m. at the Galusha Farm 27W271 Galusha Road. We will be featuring hamburgers, hot-dogs, brats, hot chocolate and apple cider. If the weather is inclement it will be moved to Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. We will be sponsoring Our Lady of Guadalupe Marian Hour of Prayer on Thursday Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Irene's Church. The blood drive held on September 5th. resulted in 33 pints of Blood collected.

**Council 6707, Washington:** The council will pray the "Rosary for Life" during the month of October prior to all 8:30 a.m. masses at St. Patrick's Church.

On October 29th, at the KC hall the council will host their annual Halloween Party from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come with families in costume. Food will be furnished.

**The Fr. John Menco Council 6707 in Washington, celebrated their 25th anniversary on September 30th. The council was chartered on July 7th., 1975. The Council has 347 members to date**

**Council 382, Joliet:** The Tootsie Roll Drive was once again a great success. Many thanks to all who participated in the event. The Family picnic was held on September 17th. There was plenty of food and fun.

There were 24 golfers that participated in the golf outing this year.

The childrens Halloween Party will be held Saturday October 28, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Food, drinks and games for the children will be provided.

A "Feather Party and Bunco Party" will be held on November 19 at 2 p.m. until? There will be poker, Euchre, Wheel, Bunco, Turkey's, Food, Raffles. Come and win your turkey before Christmas and Thanksgiving. Rumors have it that there may even be a Polka dance later.

Remember the Fish Frys on Friday's from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Council 11091, Algonquin: (<http://www.dis.net/~dj754tt/kofc/>)** The council will be having an Open house on Monday December 11th. Talk to and ASK other eligible men to join our order.

A first Degree was held on Monday Oct. 9th.

We will be holding our next blood drive on November 12 with our goal this year of 500 pints for the year. So far we have collected 320 pints leaving us 180 pints to meet our goal.

We will be participated in the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation run held October 15th., serving a pancake breakfast at Jacobs High School. A Candlelight bowl was held at liberty lanes in Carpentersville on Saturday September 30th. with profits going to the bible fund.

The council is planning a night out watching the Chicago Wolves hockey team on November 18th. Call Mike at 815-444-9485 or Dan at 847-854-1821 for information.

**Council 1496, Monmouth:** the Galesburg Postal MDA dinner was a huge success thanks in part to all of the ladies for the cakes that were baked for the occasion. The annual tootsie roll drive was a success, as well as Stag night. We held a membership BLITZ at the church on October 14 and 15th.



**Council 9893, Glendale Hts:** The first Columbus Day Dinner Dance was held on October 14 in Hurley Hall.

Council 9893 earned a Star Council Award for the past fraternal year.

A golf outing was held on August 25th at Glendale Lakes Golf Course with 13 golfers participating. Lunch was held at the John Vasquez home adjacent to the 18th. hole.

Participated in the Glendale Heights parade on August 26th. with 4 Sir Knights and other council members passing out tootsie roll midges to promote the upcoming MH/R drive.

**Council 5573, Plainfield:** The council is looking for members that have e-mail capability to reduce postal expenses. Held the K of C Annual Summer Bar-B-Que with grilled pork chops, chicken breasts, baked potatoes, corn and tossed salad, with country dancing as entertainment for the evening.

Held a blood drive on August 16th.

**Council 7254, Wayne:** Participated in the Bartlett Summer Fest on August 12th. Held the Annual Family Picnic on Sunday September 17 at Apple Orchard Park.

**Council 1911, Elmhurst:** Visitation-I.C. Bowling League started its 2000/2001 season on wednesday September 6. Our council will be hosting the 2001 State bowling tournament. Participated in the Elmhurst fourth of July parade followed by refreshments at the clubhouse.

We need members e-mail addresses to set up an "E" tree, an electronic network of Knights who have e-mail capability. Please e-mail your address to 'KOFc@mediaone.net' and make the subject of the e-mail K of C.

**Council 11358, Manteno:** The golf outing was attended by 72 golfers, all of whom had a good time even though it rained. The 2000 car raffle tickets (700) were all sold out thanks to Robert Clodi and Dave Snyder. The church portion of the profit this year will amount to about \$15,000.00. The jamboree had another great weekend and was successful.

Some coming events: On Friday, November 17th, the council is sponsoring a bus trip to the Countryside Christmas Tour of Long Grove, leaving St. Joseph Church at 9:00 a.m.

**Council 12005, Aurora:** Held a blood drive on Saturday September 9th at Mercy Hall. Held Bingo on Sunday September 10th at Century Tile Mall on route I55 and 53. Held a first degree on September 26th in Mercy Hall.

Our Adopt-A-Road program was held on September 30. Held the annual Spaghetti dinner on Saturday October 21st at the Eola Community Center after the 4pm Mass.

Held a golf outing on Saturday October 7th at Fox Valley Country Club in North Aurora.

**Council 3880, Crystal Lake:** Remember to bring canned food items to the business meetings. This is part of our continuing food drive. If you have e-mail addresses please send them along to tony951@yanoo.com. The council sponsored 6 PADS dinners last year and will continue to do so this year from October thru April.

Ran booths at the Camcar Picnic on September 24th as a fund raiser for the council. Held the annual Columbus Day Pasta

dinner Saturday, October 7th at the St. Thomas community center.

**Council 7331, Techny:** Held a hayride on the 29th of September.

Said the Rosary before the general meeting on October 12th.

**Council 1143, Edwardsville:** Celebrated our annual Columbus Day observance with a Corporate communion and banquet. The guest speaker for the night was Logan Ludwig, Illinois State Treasurer.

There will be a Trivia night on November 18th. Tables of 8 for \$80.00 is the going rate. Held a First Degree during the regular meeting on October 9th. The recent Golf Tournament netted \$1,148.00 which was split up between Alzheimer's fund, American Heart Association., and the M.H. drive.

The Veteran's day parade will be held on November 11th. with participation by both the third and fourth Degree.

**Council 2869, Breese:** Had about 50 members that spent the day at Busch Stadium on August 20th. Unfortunately, the Cardinals lost.

A good time was had by all at the state horseshoe tournament held August 20th at St. Rose Park. We had 9 throwers participating.

Netted 55 units of blood at our July blood drive.

**Council 7804, Godfrey:** Sponsored a Family outing to the Cardinals and Phillies game at Busch Stadium on Sunday August 20. The council softball team went to Marion to participate in the State Tournament.

**Council 460, Alton:** The council will be hosting chicken dinners on the first friday of each month starting October 6, November 3, and December 1. The cost is \$6.00 for adults. Held a BBQ pork steak dinner on September 23rd for the fall BBQ.

**Council 1567, Chicago:** Our arts and crafts days were very successful, with about 150 exhibitors.

The celebration for the Council's 90th anniversary has been changed to Friday May 4, 2001. The site remains the same: LaVilla Restaurant and Banquet Hall.

We will treat all members, ladies, children and grandchildren to an evening of halloween fun and festivities at The Haunted Forest on Thursday October 26th at 7:00 p.m. sharp. The family picnic was held September 10th. at the Bunker Hill Forest Preserve.

**Council 790, Streator:** The council raised over \$6300.00 in this year's Tootsie Roll Drive.

A tail gate party is being planned this year for Sunday December 10 to see the Chicago Bears vs. New England leaving the KC hall at 7:30a.m. Call Hank Martin at 672-1576 for more info. The KC stag was held on Tuesday September 5th. The Altar Servers Appreciation dinner was held on Monday, October 9th. The Halloween party will be held on October 28th.

**Council 470, Rockford:** Hold a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday October 29th at St. Edwards Social Hall on 11th st. in Rockford.

The year end KC Golf Stag was held on October 8th in Stillman Valley.

The KC bowling league is in full swing at Wetmore Bowl. A Breakfast will be held at St. Edwards on November 26th. The September 24 breakfast was attended by 212.

**Council 736, Aurora:** Held a Pool Party on Saturday August 12th. at the Phillips Park Aquatic Center. The KC - 5 Council picnic was held on August 13th. at Batavia

**Council 282, Palos Heights:** Congratulations to Meghan Fogarty, who was the recipient of the Council's At-Large scholarship drawing in July.

Fourth Degree members participated in 86 separate "Step Outs" during the year, including the Cook County Cheetah's first annual Knights of Columbus Night at Hawkinson field in Crestwood on Friday, July 14

**Council 583, Quincy:** The MH drive this year was a success. The Sunday Breakfast Buffets have started again from 8:30 to noon.

The K of C Memorial Mass for the 21 members that have died during the past year will be held in St. Dominic's Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, on All Souls Day.

Held the annual Golf Stag at Cedar Crest beginning with a mass and breakfast at the club on October 1.

Every Wednesday beginning October 18, is Euchre Tournament night. Play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Names are still being taken for the Mall of America Trip planned for December 2 and 3. The cost is \$95.00/person which includes transportation and lodging.

**Council 11092, Bolingbrook:** Held a pancake breakfast on Sunday September 10th.

**Council 3627, Des Plaines:** The council had a winner in the Cooperative Bar-B-Que. The council realized some \$793.00 profit from the raffle for youth activities. Held a Major degree on September 17th which netted our council 14 new members out of the class.

Our annual spaghetti dinner was held on September 23. The second Fish Boil was a big success.

**Council 6248, Carpentersville:** The MH drive has netted about \$4500.00 at this time.

If you are a third degree member and want to join the Fourth Degree, there is a Fourth Degree Exemption at the Ramada Inn in Elgin on Sunday October 29.

**Council 887, Chicago:** Held a membership drive on October 21 and 22 at all masses at I.H.M.

The annual corned beef and cabbage dinner and Turkey Shoot will be held on Saturday, November 11th. The cost for this event is \$24.00/person which includes a cocktail hour starting at 6:30 p.m.

Over \$8,000.00 was collected for the MH/LD drive by our Council.

A successful golf outing was held on Sunday, August 13. 69 golfers participated.

**Council 8596, Dundee:** The Irish Fest was a great success. The MH drive goal was reached and surpassed this year with at least \$12,000.00 already in.

Our blood drive was held on September 17th with 25 pints collected. The next blood drive will be on November 19th.

The Knights co-sponsored a Pro-Life baby shower on September 29th at the McKinstra Center.

**Council 2191, Batavia:** September 9 was the last cleanup of the year on our Adopt-A-Highway program on our section of route 31.

The blood drive was a success again with 35 donors participating.

Scholarships for Catholic education will be awarded for school programs starting after January 1, 2001. Applications are now available.

The Family picnic was held on August 13 and a good time was had by all.

The Friday fish fries are back on a once a month schedule. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy great fish at the Club on Fridays, Oct. 6, Nov. 10, and Dec 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Northside Grand Knight and Past Grand Knight Club, Chicago:**

Visit our website at: "[www.chicagotribune.com/link/northsideknights](http://www.chicagotribune.com/link/northsideknights)"

Upcoming events include: Memorial mass on November 1 at the Club. Seminarian Dinner/Dance - La Salle Assembly, Pitzaferrero's Banquets at 4 p.m. November 12.

December 12 is the Adult Christmas party - Gen. Sherman - St. Cyr at 7 pm.

a Candlelight Cosmic bowl on January 20, at the River Grove Bowl at 3:30 pm.

**Council 7624, Rockford:** The Newman card party kicked off events for September. October had the Special Olympics bowling at the Cherry Bowl on October 7, October 14 was the final adopt-a-road cleanup for the year.

On November 18th. our 20th anniversary dinner will be held at Lino's.

On November 19th. we will have a Memorial Mass for our deceased members.

We will have a first degree at our December meeting.

**Council 4688, Bethalto:** August 20th saw 40 members, wives and guests travel to Busch Stadium to see Britt Rheams in his major league debut.

The Fourth Degree held a Fall Golf Classic at the Alton Rock Springs Golf Course on Saturday, September 9.

Some other council activities include a Marian Hour at St. Anthonys Chapel on October 25th, at 7 pm, a Halloween Party for Children on October 28th at the KC Hall., collected some 26 units of blood at a blood drive held August 21. Ran a 1 foot long Chili Dog Stand during the Labor Day weekend for a fund raiser.

In August also, the youth groups of St. Mary's, Alton and St. Ambrose of Godfrey and Our Lady of Peace of Bethalto held a

co-ed round robin softball tournament on August 12, on the ball grounds behind the KC hall. On August 19 the council held a benefit dance with members of the Bethalto School District to raise funds for the Clarkston family. A total of \$27,500.00 was raised

**Council 3914, Riverton:** A very successful Chicken Dinner was held on August 20. Approximately 250 dinners were served. A profitable Ballroom Dance was held in August. A community blood drive was held at the hall on August 12 which netted 50 units of blood.

A Rosary/Benediction program was held on August 27 with several Knights, and Fourth Degree Honor Guard in attendance.

Held a Major Degree Oct. 22.

A Halloween Party will be held on Oct. 29.

Upcoming events include: An anniversary breakfast on Nov. 5 with scheduled guest Donny Beechler. A new event, a Scavenger Hunt will be held on Nov. 9. The Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 10.

**Council 3507, Pekin:** The Family Holy Hour which was held on August 21st, with the Celtic Cross, was very well attended with about 125 people. The K of C 5K race was held at our Council on July 22nd was a great success.

**Council 10958, Carol Stream:** The Council will hold a First Degree at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14th. at Corpus Christi Rectory in Carol Stream.

The Council recently released the results of their Jubilee Year 2000 car raffle that included the grand prize of a 2000 Dodge Neon. The council raised \$12,900 that was distributed to local charities at a ceremony October 10. The winner of the new car was Tony Rickert.



*Shown left to right above are Sam Emrich of the Bartlett Learning Center, Bob Alder of the Corpus Christi Parish Youth Ministry, and Julia Grigsby of Cupertino Home being presented the proceeds from the Jubilee Year 2000 Car Raffle.*

**Council 5574, Chicago:** The MH/LD drive has netted close to \$5,000.00 at this point with help from over 90 volunteers. On Sunday, November 5 we will be having our Memorial Mass and Corporate Communion at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 12:30.

The Council will hold its annual family Christmas Party on Sunday December 17 at holy Angels Parish Hall at 1:00 pm.

**Council 6090, Lombard:** Over \$6100.00 were raised in the MH/LD drive this year with thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort

Will be holding a Memorial Service following the 7 pm mass on November 2 (All Souls Day).

Annual Turkey Shoot will be held on Friday November 17.

**Council 7694, Schaumburg:** Our Honorary Life Knight Jack Spellman celebrated his 90th birthday at the September meeting. He cottoned his 72 years of service by participating in the MR/LD drive on both days. A record amount of over \$18,000.00 was collected by more than 100 Knights.

We continued our 17 year participation in Schaumburg's Septemberfest with the sale of our "Cheesy Italian Beef Sandwiches. Hundreds of pounds were sold.

Warden Ray Prokop's son Dan developed and presented a graphic demonstration at a full Schaumburg H. S. assembly on the dangers of D. U. I. as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

**Council 364, Springfield:** On Friday, October 27th a halloween Party for children was held at the K of C.

This year's Memorial Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

The council is again trying to sponsor monthly teen dances in the council hall.

The Bar-B-Que was held on Sunday, August 27 from noon to 8:00 p.m. and was a big success. The Sunday event included bands, food, drinks, raffles, games, drawings, and of course, the awarding of prizes, including the \$10,000.00 first prize which was won by Mark Kabat of Scheller, II.

**Council 634, Ottawa:** Held a Major Degree on September 10 at the council.

A men's stag was held on September 14th and October 12th.

A Family dinner was held on September 23 and October 28th.

**Council 4400, Joliet:** October 8, a Communion was held at St. Cyril at 10:00 a.m.

On November 5, a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members will be said at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's followed by dinner at the council at 2:00 p.m.

On December 10, the Annual Children's Christmas party will be held.

**Council 2944, Wood River:** The Fourth Degree held a 3 man scramble Golf tournament on Saturday, September 9th.

The Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. on November 28th.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 17th.

**Council 1574, Braidwood:** The council met their membership goal for the last fraternal year and are looking forward to meeting it again this year.

The council will be having a New Years Eve party this year with a DJ, dinner, and theater show

Had a Communion breakfast on October 29th. in Coal City at the 8 a.m. Mass.

**Council 6964, Schaumburg:** ([www.geocities.com/council6964](http://www.geocities.com/council6964)) Participated in the Septemberfest Parade on Labor Day. Manned the annual Water Booth.

The Fourth Degree Club held their Annual Steak Fry on September 16th. at St. Matthew's Hughes Center. The profits from this event will help fund the World War II Memorial.

Held a blood drive on Sunday October 15th. at St. Hubert's Church.

**Council 1098, Granite City:** Held a First Degree on August 22 and netted 9 new members and a readmission.

October 28th was our Halloween party, and October 29th was the fifth Sunday of the month Mass and Communion with breakfast immediately afterwards.

During the past year over \$108,000 has been raised for Charity by the 3rd degree.

**Council 2034, Chicago:** The St. Rita Council and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 3 at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer Ave., Chicago. Open at noon, with dinner at 1:00 p.m. Donation of \$10.00 with a cash bar. For information, call Matthew Steven PGK at (773)778-4508.

The council exceeded their MH/LD goal and collected over \$5,000.00. A big thank you to all who assisted.

A Memorial Mass and Commemorative service in memory of deceased Brother Knights and Ladies will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at the American Legion Hall, 4352 W. 63rd St. Chicago. The services begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Mass beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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