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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE FAMILY



My fellow Brother Knights, the wonderful season of Christmas is upon us, a time of love and peace shared with our family and friends. Many of you will be traveling great distances to be with family., Others will be making their homes a Christmas wonderland that will revel the best window displays “State Street” merchants can offer, welcoming holiday travelers to enjoy their hospitality. Children of all ages wishing for a white Christmas, enjoying a warm fire dancing in the fireplace, or being able to make a snowman in an open field. In any case, there are a few things we need to remember this Holy Season. Christmas is a time for Family. An ideal way to celebrate family is to support the gift of life by including in your family activities, the women whom despite all hardships and fears, bring into this world a child, just as Mary said yes and gave birth to Jesus. Supporting Crisis Pregnancy Centers with donations of baby gifts, monetary donations, and even with words of love and encouragement is a wonderful family activity not only during Christmas but all year through. Brother Knights now is the time to make a difference. Our support of “Life” needs every member and his family.

Christmas is a time for Faith. We believe in the birth of the Christ Child Jesus, this is the true reason for the Christmas Season. As we enter into the third Millennium may we open our hearts to be guided by faith. Let this holy season be the time we renew our lives, bringing us closer to God and one

another. The love and peace that is shared on Christmas day can be continually shared every day of our lives. Christmas is a time for Charity. Make this a special time of year for someone. Help a stranger in need, give of yourself, your time, talent, and treasure to those who have little. Even the small acts of kindness can brighten the day, hold open a door, smile a little more, greet everyone as friend. Give not until it hurts, but until it feels good. Christmas is Love. Let us all remember its true meaning throughout the year and let us be “Knights...Guided by Faith.”

Wishing you and your family,
The Spirit of Christmas, Which is Peace
The Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope, And
The Heart of Christmas, which is Love

**Merry Christmas
State Deputy
Joe and Theresa Pietruszynski**



WISHING YOU THE BLESSINGS OF OUR LORD

To our Brother Knights and their families. Jeanie and I and our family wish you a blessed Christmas Season filled with love and Joy. May the blessings of the Christmas Season remain with you throughout the year. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**State Secretary
Bill and Jeanie Spainhour**





St. Peter Chrysologus said, "The Lord opened his mouth in the assembly, and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and clothed him in a robe of glory." During this Christmas season, Ina and I pray that the Lord may fill you with wisdom and understanding and that you, your family and loved ones may be robed in His glory.

**State Treasurer
Logan and Ina Ludwig**



As we approach this Holy time of year we sometimes forget in the midst of all the gift buying and traveling, that we are celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

Mary and I, along with our children, son Tim, wife Denise and granddaughter Taylor and daughter Selena, husband John and granddaughter Rachael, extend our warmest wishes for a very Holy and Blessed Christmas to you and your families.

**Immediate Past State Deputy
William and Mary Brown and Family**



In the rush of the shopping season and parties, take some time to spend with your immediate family. Always remember that the real reason we celebrate Christmas is because of God's gift of his son to save all of us. Reconcile yourself with God and any family members you have become separated with over the years. We wish everyone a Very Blessed And Holy Christmas.

**State Advocate
Paul and Judy Havrilka**



My wife Linda and my Children Vanessa and Jason would like to wish each of you and your families a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

**State General Program Director
Bob and Linda Fuggiti**



May all the joy and the Peace of the Infant Jesus and the beauty of that peaceful Holy Night, as well as the Joy of His Blessed Mother be with all my brothers and their families this Christmas and make Your New Year healthy and bright

**State Warden
Don LaJoie**



We wish that all Knights of Columbus and their families have a most joyous and Merry Christmas, and that ALL experience the peace and comfort that this Holy Season brings.

**State Membership Directors
Phil and Alice Barone
Frank and Mary Ryan**





May the wonderful blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy, Holy and Prosperous New Year.

**State Charitable Activities Director
John and Mom Lynch**



As we celebrate the Holy birth, may you share the joy of the angels, the abiding faith of Joseph, and the peace and love of Mary.

You are remembered in our prayers, especially at Christmas.

**State Executive Secretary,
Joe and Rosemary Yaeger**



Pat and I send to all, Our Wish for a Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season and a Prosperous New Year. May God watch over everyone and guide you safely home as you and your family travel during this busy Holiday Season.

God Bless Everyone!

**State Education and Training Director
Jim and Pat Bednar**

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the visits, calls, cards, masses, donations and prayers for the family at the passing of our mother, Eleanor Bednar. A special thank you, to Fr. Jerry from St. Raymond's in Mount Prospect for the compassion shown and the most beautiful Funeral Mass said for our Mom.

From Pat, myself, Amy and Chris, my sister Janis, and brothers Dennis and Tom we say a humble thank you.



FROM THE STATE

“Lift High The Cross”

A message from our State Deputy.

I have just returned from the State Deputies Meeting in New Haven where our new membership campaign for the next six months was unveiled. Its theme is “Lift High The Cross.” Under this banner our goal in Illinois is to recruit 3600 new members and to institute 18 new councils.

It is not an unreachable goal. It represents only a **5%** increase in membership and **4%** increase in the number of councils. Certainly we have a vast opportunity for recruiting members and developing new councils. Currently only three percent of eligible Catholics in Illinois are members of the Order. Additionally we have 670 parishes, which do not have or are served by a Knights of Columbus council. Our goal is to make sure a Knights of Columbus council or a Round Table serves every parish in Illinois.

In Illinois we have an outstanding record of service to our parishes and our communities. To continue that record well into this new millennium we must grow. It is through membership recruitment that we will draw the energy and ideas needed to keep our Order alive, thriving and vibrant.

Pope John Paul II hopes the onset of the third millennium will usher into the world a “new Christian age.” We can help ensure that dream by our commitment to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. And by the example of our daily lives as Catholics standing in solidarity with the Holy Father, our bishops and our priests. In that way we will “Lift High The Cross.” Our challenge, yours and mine, is to make the Order more easily available to all Catholic men and to work to recruit them. As we move into a new calendar year, let us renew ourselves so that the Cross may be lifted ever higher in the months, years and decades ahead, by increasing our membership activity.

**Joe Pietruszynski
State Deputy**

Welcome Back Brother

Every Knight of Columbus council has old friends - former members who shared the aim and ideals of the Order and who helped work toward reaching the council's goals. Though they may have left the Order, for some unknown reason, circumstances change and they may now have time and desire to be part of the Knights of Columbus again. They simply need to be asked!

The “Welcome Back Brother” program is one phase of total recruitment efforts by local councils.

“Tis the Season for Recruiting”

Help light up your council’s membership efforts by inviting prospects to “Be Our Guest” at a council holiday celebration. Also consider sending out religious - theme Christmas cards that include an invitation to a council event to your prospects. Be sure to ask prospects and their entire families to your council’s “Light Up For Christ” tree lighting ceremony to show that the Order holds dear the true meaning of Christmas. The best gift you can share with a qualified Catholic man this Christmas season is membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Phil Barone

Frank Ryan

State membership Directors

Some recruitment Success Stories.



On November 12, 2000, Teutopolis Council 2874 welcomed **five Huber brothers** into the Order. A sixth brother couldn’t make it, but will join the order in March, 2001. Charlie Huber Sr. the proud father has been a member for 40 years and had the privilege of knighting his five sons.

Pictured left to right are: Jason, Philip, Andy, Tim and Charlie Jr. Seated is the proud father, Charlie Sr. Also pictured is CO, Greg Sullivan.

Congratulations to Charlie Sr. are sent from all of the State Officers.

Century Award.

It is not very often that a council has an intake of **100 new members in one year**. We were very fortunate this past fraternal year that Fr. Perez Council #1444 Chicago reached a milestone of 100 new members in the year 2000 and received the Century Award, which was presented by State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski at the South Side Friendship Dinner on October 26th.

The State Officers would like to CONGRATULATE Fr. Perez Council #1444 for this outstanding achievement. It shows with hard work an determination that anything is possible.

We would also like to thank Grand Knight Bernard “BJ” Moonan Jr. and the members of his Council for their hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

A Man We All Know

CHARITY to the underprivileged
UNITY of Catholics in support of our Church and Clergy
FRATERNITY of our members to help one another

There’s a man we all know, who’s rather odd,

*His actions reveal his faith in God.
His devotion goes next to his children and wife,
For they are his purpose in this human life.*

*This man is hard to understand,
He puts so much faith in his fellow man,
He knows that nations may rise and fall,
But man must love man to endure it all.*

*This man we know still believes, you see,
That America is the land of opportunity.
He knows that men are still free to rise,
Through just economy and free enterprise.*

*This man is special in his service to all,
The handicapped, the widowed, the unborn and the small.
This man is the type we all need to be
God bless this Hero.*

Take advantage of these gifts given us or at least share them with another by proposing a new member for the Order.

Don LaJoie

State Warden

A REAL nice thing to do this holiday season is to go to the hunger site at the United Nations. All you do is click on a button and somewhere in the world a hungry person gets a meal to eat, at no cost to you.

The food is paid for by corporate sponsors.

The site URL is: <http://www.thehungersite.com>

Larry and Marge Theriault

Illinois Pro-Life Couple



NEWS FROM SUPREME

A message from our Supreme Secretary Charles H. Foons

Greetings to all Illinois Knights and their Families:

As we draw near to the most joyous season of the year, Pat and I send you our sincerest wishes for a happy, holy and joy-filled holiday. As this Christmas celebration comes upon us the Jubilee Year is nearing its close and reflection on the past year fills us with gratitude for many blessings received. Primarily, we are grateful for the greatest gift of all, the birth of our Savior 2000 years ago. May we let this Jubilee Year be a pivotal point in our lives. Let this Christmas begin a season when we join together with our Brother Knights and families, indeed all Catholics to begin anew the vision of peace on earth and good will to men.

May you have the most blessed and joyous Christmas yet.

Charles H. Foons

Supreme Secretary



Pictured above are some of the Illinois College council participants in the College Council Conference held in New Haven, Conn., in September.

Benedictine University Council 11263, in Lisle, earned international recognition at the Conference for their Church Activity.

(Note: See article in November Newsletter)

Family of the Month awards:

September, 2000:

Pat and Libby Riggs, Council 1352, Olney.

David and Donna Latter, Council 9167, McHenry.

October, 2000:

Herbert and Dorothy Durbin, Council 1580, Highland.

Year-End "VIP." Club and Recruiter Reports.

Illinois has 2,052 "VIP" recruiters as of October 1, 2000. Report of Recruiters by Number recruited from 07/01/2000 thru 09/30/2000.

Name	Council	No. Recruited
Colley, Joseph C	6165	7
Toney, Richard L.	665	5
Sedlock, Daniel J.	634	4
Arredondo, Tony	2090	4
Schwartz, Frank J.	5573	4
Kalinowski, Eugene	9770	4
Cirimo, Andrew M.	10025	4

During the period of July 1, 2000 thru October 1, 2000, Illinois had 182 proposers that recruited 251 members.

The following are "VIP" Club 100-Level Recruiters for the jurisdiction of Illinois as of October 1, 2000.

Peter Schumacher, Council 2932, with 107.

John E. Busch, Jr. Council 4977, with 110.

Jos Bush, Council 7580, with 133.



IN MEMORIAM

William Brady, Council 574, Bloomington. 12 years service.
Ellis L. Leritz, Council 574, Bloomington. 56 years service.

Theodore A. Richards, Council 665, Effingham. 38 years service.

Pater A. Kammes, Council 690, Dixon, 32 years service.

John P. Allsopp, Council 2164, Herrin, 44 years service.
Al Phillips, Council 2164, Herrin, 36 years service.
Angelo L. Calcaterra, Council 2164, Herrin, 46 years service.
Robert H. Calcaterra, Council 2164, Herrin, 8 years service.
John A. Calcaterra, Council 2164, Herrin, 58 years service.
Charles E. Deere, Council 2164, Herrin, 13 years service.
Jesse G. Cash, Council 2164, Herrin, 23 years service.
Guido L. Zanzattera, Council 2164, herrin, 25 years service.
Robert E. Ryan, Council 2164, Herrin, 14 years service.

Brian R. Williams, Council 2164, Herrin, 23 years service.
Charlie C. Vansaghi, Council 2164, Herrin, 58 years service.
Randy A. Camarato, Council 2164, Herrin, 25 years service.
Paul J. Cerniglia, Council 2164, Herrin, 23 years service.

Edward A. Huelsmann, Council 2869, Breese, 46 years service.
Paul Huels, Council 2869, Breese, 30 years service.

William R. Dahm, Council 3243, Skokie, 43 years service.

David Redman, Council 4688, Bethalto, 1 1/2 years service.

Richard A. Aronian, Council 6090, Lombard, 30 years service.

Walter E. Mazur, Council 7331, Techny.

Remember in our prayers our deceased brothers. May they rest in peace.



SQUIRES NEWS

Three Circles in Illinois are currently tied for first place in new membership with 7 new members each. Congratulations to Evansville, Virden and Rochester Circles. The two newest Circles in Illinois, Rantoul and Highland, are busy with adding new members and working on their activities.

The state retreat was held at the Park inn International in Urbana on November 12th. Breese, Evansville and Rantoul Circles participated.

The next state wide event for the Squires in Illinois will be the annual Basketball Tournament. The north and South regionals will be played the weekend of March 11. The Finals will be

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

DIOCESE	DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	HOST #	LOCATION
Peoria	SUN	1/14/01	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	John Replogle	4194	Morton Council
Joliet	FRI	1/26/01	XXX	6:00 p.m.	John Akai	9770	Frankfort
Chicago	SUN	2/4/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Thad Stewart	4483	Holy Rosary Council
Peoria	SUN	2/11/01	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Robert Hedrick	574	Bloomington Council
Chicago	SUN	2/11/01	1:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Paul Adamowski	1899	Fr. Breen Council 7750 W. Montrose
Rockford	SUN	2/11/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Kenneth Olsen	3880	Crystal Lake St. Thomas Apostle
Peoria	SAT	2/17/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Doug Gimbal	792	LaSalle Council
District 1	Sat	2/17/01	4th	Degree	Don Trent, MFD	XXX	Lisle Radisson Hotel
Springfield	SUN	2/18/01/	NOON	2:00 p.m.	George Murphy	2321	Viridin Council 1320 N. Dye
Rockford	SUN	2/18/01	12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Gerald Knuth	2191	Batavia Council 1117 N. Washington

played the following weekend in Champaign. Because the minimum age to become a Squire has changed, the age requirements for the divisions have been adjusted. **Please note that a player must be a member prior to February 1, 2001 in order to participate.**

The 29th. Annual Illinois Squires Convention will be held on March 30th., 31st., and April 1st., 2001 at the Park Inn International, Urbana. Please plan to attend. The State team is planning an action packed weekend with the costs expected to be the same or lower than last year!

The Illinois Squires are completing the plans for a tour of Washington DC and New Haven CT from June 9-16th, 2001. A complete itinerary is being finalized and will be mailed very soon. Please encourage your Circle members to take advantage of this educational experience and help close the 75th. Anniversary Celebration of the Columbian Squires.

**Joe Langhauser
State Squires Chairman**



FOURTH DEGREE



Greetings to all Illinois Knights, their families and friends. May they always keep the spirit of the season in their hearts as taught to all by the small child of Bethlehem so long ago. The lessons are as true now as then.

**Master of the Fourth Degree, Southern Illinois District
Pat and Donatus Kelch**



Dear Brother Knights,
Remembering you at Christmas time and wishing you a New Year of happiness in 2001.
May all that Christmas really means, It's Peace, It's Joy, It's Love be Yours.

**Master of the Fourth Degree, Northern Illinois District
Rita and Don Trent**

The 1999 - 2000 Civic Award Assemblies Listings

These awards are awarded to assemblies successfully conducting and reporting a minimum of four (4) varied patriotic programs during the fraternal year.

The Illinois winners were:

Marquette Assembly 188, Aurora and Vicinity.

Mary Queen of Heaven Assembly 196, Teutopolis.

Bishop Griffin Assembly 201, Springfield.

Joliet Assembly 204, Joliet.

Spalding Assembly 206, Peoria.

Bishop Raymond P. Hillinger Assembly 1595, North Cook County.

Father Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly, 2174, Tinley Park.

Bishop Bernard J. Sheil Assembly 2330, Palatine.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

The Galesburg Exemplification is now history. The planning team and the Exemplification team were very proud to accept and welcome 72 new Sir Knights to our Order.

Bishop Althoff Assembly will be the host of the next Southern District Exemplification. They have asked to host a degree on Sunday, April 29, 2001.

The World War II Memorial fund raising is half way to achieving the goal of \$500,000.00. There has been \$215,500.00 contributed through Supreme and \$70,000.00 contributed directly to the fund.

The Annual Picnic of the Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas Assembly held in September was a success. Installation of officers was held with Southern District Master Don Kelch doing the honors.

The Exemplification that took place on September 23, hosted by the Tri-Cities Assembly of Granite City, took in 67 new members with 31 members coming from the Granite City council.



La Salle Assembly #0189 held its Annual Seminarian Dinner/Dance to help support 20-25 seminarians from their Seminarian Fund Program.

Pictured above are Master of the Northern Illinois District, Don Trent, State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski, speaking is Seminarian Ed Pelrine from Mundelein, and president of Mundelein Seminary the Very Rev. John Canary.

Joliet Assembly #0204 Held its annual Memorial Mass for Brother Sir Knights at St. Bernard Church in Joliet November 6th.

The Assembly Held its Annual Open House on December 4th. at Council 4400 in Joliet.

The Joliet Assembly Annual Charity Ball is scheduled for March 10, 2001 with Bishop Joseph Imesch. There will be a silent auction again this year.



CHAPTER NEWS



On September 27th., The Knights of Columbus **Rockford Diocese Chapter**, held their 16th. annual "Knights of the Round Table" Recognition Dinner.

The three outstanding Knights honored that evening were; Edward McMahan, St. Rita Council #7624, Rockford, Rev. Stephen J. Knox, Rockford Chapter Chaplain, and member of Northern Illinois University Council #5572, Dekalb, Robert J. Howell, Woodstock Council #776.

Pictured above from Left to Right:

Logan Ludwig, State Treasurer, Robert J. Howell, Edward McMahan, Bill Miller, Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill, Rev. Stephen J. Knox.

The Springfield Diocesan Chapter held its annual Bishop's Dinner and Hall of Fame induction on Saturday, November 4th. at Teutopolis Council 2874. There were over 225 Knights and ladies attending this event to honor our Bishop and to pay tribute to the five brother Knights that were selected to be inducted into the hall of fame.

The new hall of fame members are:

William Cullimore, Council 4179

Michael Sahr, Council 4630

John Straubinger, Council 1098

James Wagnorn, Council 1712, and

Richard Walk, Council 2874.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council 382, Joliet: The Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 17th., from 12:00 until 2:30 p.m. Children 12 years or younger are invited to participate.

The council Christmas party will be held on December 16th. A buffet and entertainment will be provided.

The New Year's eve party with "Band X" providing entertainment will be held on December 31. The doors open at 8:00 p.m., food served from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. and the band plays from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person and only 200 tickets will be available.

There will be NO fish fry on December 22nd. and 29th.

Council 1952, Evansville: Held our annual Christmas Party on December 3rd.

The Men's retreat will be held at Kings House in Belleville on the weekend of January 6 - 8th., 2001. Contact the Financial Secretary for more information.

The James D. Knott Memorial Scholarship to Belleville Area College for the Fall Semester 2001 are now available for Family Members of the Knights of Columbus. Applications are available from GK M. McConachie or at the council home. Held a "Workers Appreciation Day" on October 29th. to thank everyone for their great support and help throughout the year.

Council 887, Chicago: Along with IHM parish, sponsored a public prayer service on December 12th as part of an international "Marion Hour of Prayer". The prayer service honored the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

Will be holding our Christmas Party on December 18th. Plans for the Free Throw competition are progressing for January.

Held a first Degree on December 4th.

Held annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on November 11th for 120 participants.

The statue of Our Lady of the Millennium was on display from November 6th. thru November 13th.

Council 1899, Chicago: Held an Honor Night for our PGK **John "Rizz" Lapo** at LaVilla Restaurant on Thursday November 16th. John has worked very hard for the Knights and has fostered all the principles of our order and has been the main reason for Father Breen reaching Star Council status.

Council 6707, Washington: A highway trash pickup was held on October 14th.

A Memorial Mass was held on November 8th followed by a dinner of soup, breads, and dessert.

Held a first Degree before the regular meeting on November 15th.

A reception for Monsignor Swaner, Sister Mary Ann Schmitz and Rose Raheer was held November 26th at St. Patrick's gym.

A blood drive was held at the KC hall on December 11th.

Our Corporate Communion will be held on Sunday December 31 at 8:10 a.m. (Rosary), 8:30 a.m. (Mass) at St. Pat's Church.

Council 6090, Lombard: Held the Children's Christmas party on December 2nd.

The Knights basketball tourney will be held on December 27 - December 30th at Montini High School.

A blood drive will be held in January.

Held a Memorial Mass on November 2nd. at St. Pius Church.

The Annual Turkey Social was held on November 17th.

Council 690, Dixon: Held a "South of the Border" night with a choice of tacos, burritos and enchiladas on November 18th. Celebrated a Special Mass for deceased priests who served both Dixon parishes on November 16th.

The Council collected over \$5,000.00 on the MH drive this year.

A blood drive will be held on December 19th. from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Free Throw Tournament was held on December 3rd. at St. Mary School gym.

Held a First Degree on December 4th.

Council 324, Evergreen Park: The council had its most successful Tootsie Roll Drive in its history.

The annual Communion breakfast was held on November 12th at Queen of Martyrs Church. The breakfast followed in the Beverly Woods Restaurant.

Our annual Memorial Mass service was held on November 30th.

Held a membership drive on November 12th. at the church.

Welcomed 2 new members from our first degree held on October 12th.

Council 583, Quincy: The Memorial Mass was held November 2 at St. Dominic Church with a fine luncheon served after the Mass.

The Children's Christmas Party was held December 2nd, and the adult Christmas Party will be held on December 17th.

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner will be held on December 19th.

The Friday and Saturday Buffets are still being served from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. serving catfish, carp, buffalo, pollock, chicken and a variety of homemade side dishes.

The 12th. Annual Soup Cook-off is being held on Sunday, January 14, 2001 from 3 to 5 p.m. There is a \$1.50 charge to eat and vote for your favorite soup. Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to enter the contest.

Council 11091, Algonquin: The council is selling Christmas Trees until December 23rd or until all trees are sold. The hours are from 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekends.

A first degree was held on December 11th.

December 22nd. will be the council's Christmas Party at McDonnell Hall, from 5 - 9 p.m. The council will provide the main dish and those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. The Rosary will be prayed in the St. Margaret Mary Chapel following the 7:30 a.m. Mass Sunday January 7th., 2001.

A Hayride and bonfire was held on November 11th, in Sterne's Woods in Crystal Lake.

Council 2874, Teutopolis: Held a living Rosary October 11th. Hosted the 17th Annual Bishop Hall of Fame dinner on November 7th. A social hour was held with dinner served afterwards.

Congratulations to the Honorees: William Cullimore - # 4179, John Straubinger - #1098, Michael Sahr - #4630, James Waghorm - #1712, and Richard Walk - #2874.

Held the annual Christmas Party on December 3rd.

Council 8002, Winfield: Held a Pancake Breakfast on November 5th. and December 3rd.

Held a dinner out at the Oakfield Restaurant on November 6th, for Brother Knights and their families.

Held a First Degree on November 13th.

A Memorial Mass to honor deceased brother Knights was held on Saturday November 18th at St. James Church in Glen Ellyn. Masses to honor Knights were held on November 26th, and December 10th.

Northside Grand Knight and Past Grand Knight Club, Chicago:

A reminder: One of our primary charitable activities is to help contribute to the support of the St. Stanislaus Kostka soup

kitchen. We provide assistance both financially and by collecting canned goods.

Upcoming events:

Candlelight Cosmic Bowl on January 20, 2001.

Seminarian/Clergy Night on January 26th.

Council 6248, Carpentersville: Held a First Degree on December 11th.

Remember to get the Vocations Raffle books turned in as soon as possible. The drawing will be held in Springfield at the District Deputy meeting in January. The drop-dead date is January 3, downstate.

We have entertainment books for sale at \$25.00. The book provides lots of discounts in the area.

Council 8596, Dundee: Held the following events in November and December. Parish family Breakfast on November 5th. Rosaries on both November 18th and 19th. A blood drive on November 19th.

For December, a Teen dance was held on December 1st, and our Christmas party was held on December 8th, followed by the K of C Mass on December 10th.

Many thanks for the donations in support for the Pro-Life Baby shower.

Council 12152, Red Bud: The first Sunday of every month, the Knights of Columbus choir sings at Mass.

Led the Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville.

We collected \$1,300.00 at our Tootsie Roll collection.

Held a K of C Communion day followed by a donut and coffee reception.

A fall potluck dinner was held at the lake of one of our members.

The club had a Family Bicycle ride and food stand at a local town celebration.

Council 3507, Pekin: A Pizza party was held at the club in September.

Took a trip to Chicago to see a Cubs/Cardinal baseball game.

Hosted a major degree in October.

The fourth degree sponsored a spaghetti and chicken fundraiser in October.

Council 6710, Warrenville: Sponsored the Annual Mentally Handicapped Christmas party on December 9th. 86 residents from Alden Village, Bartlett Learning Center, Cupertino Home, Philip rock Center and Diecke and Havercampf Homes were treated to fun, games, food, drink, clowns, toys and gifts, and of course Santa Claus. This event was co-sponsored by Winfield council, West Chicago council and St. Irene's council. The Christmas Party was held on December 10th. with an evening of good food, music, and fun, and YES Santa Claus. A KC Mass was held on December 3rd.

The ladies Auxiliary is again co-sponsoring the Illinois State vocations raffle. Time is running out so get your tickets as soon as you can.

Held a first degree which increased our membership by four members.

The fifth Annual KC Super Bowl Raffle and Party will be held on January 28th., 2001. This event is a major fund raiser for the council.

Council 3627, Des Plaines: Held the first French Toast Breakfast of the year in November. All proceeds go to the Seminarian/Church fund.

The council purchased the scout religious awards for Boy Scout Troop 107 as part of the councils youth programming.

The council will be holding its annual retreat on January 26th - 28th, 2001. Please contact Alan Motz at 827-7489 for further information.

The Annual PGK honor night was held in October. In attendance were nine PGK's. District Deputy Motz also presented the council with the STAR COUNCIL award for 1999 - 2000.

Council 7624, Rockford: The October membership blitz went well with 8 names for potential new members and 2 transfers. Held a first degree on December 7th.

October 14th. was the final Adopt-a-Road clean-up for the year.

The Annual Christmas Breakfast will be held on December 17th. We will be looking for toy donations to hand out to the children.

Celebrated the Council's 20th anniversary with a Gala Dinner at Lino's on November 18th.

There will be a Blood Drive held in January, 2001.



Council 8366, Richmond: The council began the week containing the National Night of Prayer for Life with a dedication service. A memorial to the unborn was placed near the entrance to St. Joseph's cemetery in Richmond. The Reverend Joseph Kaiser conducted the dedication on December 3rd. The dedication service is pictured above.

Council 790, Streator: On October 9th, the council sponsored their 9th. annual altar servers appreciation dinner. One hundred thirty-six boys, girls and adult Altar Servers along with their parents and/or guests attended the banquet. During the course of the evening, a talk centered on vocations was presented to all in attendance. The evening was a huge success



Pictured above are Andrew Missel, 13, and his sisters, Kerstie 10, and Maria, 11, all from SS. Peter and Paul church in Leonore. They were among the 136 altar servers honored October 9th.

The Fourth Degree held a dinner meeting on November 15th. The Christmas Formal Party will be held on December 16th. at the Pines.

Council 1496 Monmouth: A Marriage Encounter was held November 17th. thru the 19th. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held on November 19th.

Council 1444, Chicago: Congratulations to the Council for all of their hard work which resulted in receiving the Star Council Award, the Contest of Champions Award and the Century Club Award.

The annual Memorial Mass was held on Thanksgiving Day November 23rd., followed by a continental breakfast. A bus trip to Western Michigan for the Western Michigan vs. Northern Illinois game was held on October 21st. John Welch's son, a graduate of Mount Carmel and quarterback for WMU, scored three touchdowns. There was a good turnout for the DePaul Women's Volleyball game on November 10th.

Council 11758, Sandoval: The MH goal for the council this year was exceeded making the drive a success. The holiday bake sale was held on November 18th.

Council 1143, Edwardsville: Logan Ludwig, Illinois State Treasurer addressed the annual Columbus Day dinner on October 8th, with the theme being "The Power of One". There were 55 people in attendance. Held a First Degree on October 9th. and received 2 new members. Participated in the annual veterans day parade on the 11th. of October. A trivia night was held on November 18th.

Council 7694, Schaumburg: Two of the Seminarians we help support, Paul Stein and Michael Novick were ordained Deacons on October 28th. The ceremony was attended by Lou Schutt and John Hammer of our Council. Our third Seminarian Ha Nam Thann Dao was ordained to the priesthood in May. Corporate Memorial Communion and breakfast was held on November 5th., with over 40 Knights and family members attending. Three wives of departed Brother Knights joined us for breakfast.

Provided an Honor Guard for the Special Appreciation Mass at St. Marcelline for Deacon Couple Ed and Val Boggio October 28th.

Council 5573, Plainfield: The annual Christmas Party was held on December 9th. at Council 382's Columbus Hall in Joliet. Plans for the year include sending Christmas Cards to each of the Joliet Dioceses seminarians. The council is planning a trip for 8th. grade boys to the Mundelein Seminary. We plan to take all altar servers to the Kane County Cougar Game again, and the council will pick a seminarian again to receive a special gift in the council's name. Don't forget the Vocations raffle again this year.

Council 3914, Riverton: Congratulations to the council on receiving the Columbus Award recognizing all of the work in our programming areas of Church, Community, Family, Community, and Youth. Held the Mother /Daughter Breakfast on October 8th. Thanks to all who helped and to the Ladies for sponsoring the breakfast. The Halloween Party was very well attended. The kids cooked marshmallows, broke the pinata, and went through a very scary haunted house. Some like the hay ride so much, they went twice. The JFL awards banquet included a successful fund-raiser for the Knights as we catered and served a Rigatoni meal. Don't forget the upcoming Christmas Party, and New Years party.



Council 7804, Godfrey: Held a Memorial Mass for our deceased members on November 12th. Donut sunday was observed on October 29th after all masses at St. Ambrose Church. The Knights from Alton, Wood River, Bethalto, and Godfrey announced a Marion Hour of Prayer which was held on October 25th. at the St. Anthony Hospital Chapel. The Fourth Degree halloween Dinner/Dance was held October 27th. The Fourth Degree Christmas Party was held on December 9th. from 6:30 - 12:00 a.m., and the Third Degree Christmas Party was held from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. The council held its first Major Degree on November 26th. Don't forget the New Years Eve party to be held on December 30, 2000 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Council 11358, Manteno: An appreciation spaghetti supper was held on October 26th.

Held the Long Grove Countryside Christmas Trip which was filled to capacity on November 17th.

Held a pancake breakfast in the parish hall on December 3rd.

Held a blood drive at the Hassett community center on December 20th.

Council 6165, Columbia: On October 14th, the council sponsored its annual Hayride open to all parishioners. A Living Rosary was held prior to the hayride. The council used Cahokia council's large rosary made out of rope with knots tied for each Hail Mary and Our Father which were painted black with a wooden cross attached. Each of the 5 hayrides that went out lasted about thirty-five minutes. Pictured below are some of the 200 people in attendance.



There was plenty of hot dogs, chips, brownies and drinks for every one including hot chocolate and hot apple cider. a bon fire was going all evening and used for socializing and roasting (burning) marshmallows.

Council 4688, Bethalto: Looking forward to the St. Pat's Dance Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show, and Chili Cook-off in March 2001.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 16th.

In September we donated \$1000.00 in scrip to Our Lady Queen of Peace food pantry.

Held a spaghetti dinner on November 30th.

On October 28th, the council held a halloween party for school children at the KC hall.

On November 20, the council fried 43 turkeys for a fund raiser. The event was a huge success.

The council held a blood drive on November 30th.

Council 3880, Crystal Lake: A successful Columbus Day dinner dance was held on October 7th.

Held a first degree in conjunction with our brother council at E.A.S.

Held the Marion Hour of Prayer in November.

The council received the Star Council Award during their October meeting. The award was presented by District Deputy Ken Olsen who said "Only about 10% of all councils in the Order achieve this honored distinction. We should all be very proud of our accomplishments."

The council appreciation dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2001. The theme will be Hawaiian complete with hawaiian dancers.

Council 282, Palos Heights: Retreats were scheduled for the weekends of November 3 - 5th, and January 19 - 21st., 2001 at

Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on the wooded grounds of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein.

Donated a tree to Brookfield Zoo for the Holiday season to help support the zoo.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on December 10th.

The council sponsored a prayer service on December 12th. as a part of an International "Marian Hour of Prayer" program.

Held the Annual Memorial Mass on November 21st.

Council 470, Rockford: A breakfast buffet was held on November 26th. at St. Edwards Social Hall.

The Christmas party was held December 9th. with dinner and dancing.

Held a bus trip to the Quad cities boat.

A reminder that on January 6th., there will be a 100 year Mass and Dinner at St. Edwards Church in the Parish Hall.

Council 2869, Breese: Held a memorial Mass on November 5th., for members that have passed away since November 1999. The Mass was followed by a breakfast at the KC hall. Held a First Degree on November 9th.

Held a Port Sausage and Beef Dinner on November 19th.

Collected \$6436.60 for the MH drive which was more than \$900.00 more than last year.

The council prepared and delivered turkeys to the Newman Center at SIU, Carbondale on November 21st.

Council 1567, Chicago: Held a day of tribute to our PGK, Tony Mangiaracina on October 19th.

Three members of the Council marched in the Annual Columbus Day Parade.

The annual Memorial Mass was held on November 19th. at St. Mary of Providence Chapel with a reception following.

Council 1098, Granite City: A membership drive was held in October.

During the past year the third and fourth degrees gave to our community over \$200,000.00, due mainly to our Bingo efforts. Welcomed 11 new Honorary Life Members.

The Ladies Auxiliary held a Craft Show and Spaghetti Luncheon on November 4th.

The Fourth Degree held its annual Memorial Mass on November 5th.

Council 12315, Lake Villa: Highway clean ups were held on August 5th. and October 14th.

The pasta dinner was held on November 4th. at the Parish Hall.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 16th. at the Parish Hall. The party is open to the children and grand children of brother knights.

The Fourth Degree members worked at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake for the Cardinal's Open House. They provided the Honor Guard for the Blessed Sacrament, and escorts for the walking tours of the university grounds.

Council 634, Starved Rock: Held a Major Degree in September and welcomed 8 new members to the council.

The Children's Christmas Party was held December 10th., and the council's Annual Egg Nog party will be held on December 16th.

Council 6964, Schaumburg: A First Degree was held on November 9th.
Our Children's and Adult Christmas parties were held on December 10th. "Sparkles" the clown entertained the Children as well as an appearance by Santa. The children of St. Mathew's SPRED program were in attendance.
Held a successful Blood Drive at St. Huberts.
A breakfast with Santa at St. Mathews is scheduled for December 17th., from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Council 460, Alton: The council welcomed 4 new members. The MH goal was met this year with a successful drive.
Council 460 Hosted the Marquette H. S. Homecoming 2000 again this year. About 300 Alumni and friends filled the Hall. Celebrated the council's 101st. birthday on November 12th.
Held a Dart Tournament on November 11th. at the clubroom.

Council 12005, Aurora: A total of 30 pints of blood were collected at the council's drive on September 9th.
We welcome 4 new brother knights that took their first degree on September 26th., also a transfer from Virginia.
The annual free throw contest will be held on January 11th., 2001 at Granger Middle School from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
We will also host the District finals this year on February 17th. at Still Middle School.

Council 1334, Waterloo: Held a Major Degree on November 4th. in Waterloo.
A bowling tournament to benefit the Newman fund in Cahokia was held on November 25th.
The annual Christmas party was held on December 9th. at Gibault.

Council 2944, Wood River: The K of C and D of I Annual Communion breakfast was held on November 12th. at St. Kevin's Church with a breakfast following Mass.
Two members of the council were inducted into the Fourth Degree on September 23rd. at the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Granite City.
Remember the upcoming Chicken Fries on January 21st., February 25th., March 25th., and April 22nd., 2001 served from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00, 6 - 12 \$3.50, and under 5 are free.
The New Year's Eve Party will be on December 31st. at the KC Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Kirstan Gray.

Council 7247, Oswego: The council has been busy gathering toys for the less fortunate children in the area. The Knights hope to bring some smiles on their faces Christmas morning after collecting over 450 gifts for all ages.
The Christmas Hors D'oevres party to benefit charities is preparation. This tradition was started many years ago and has become an annual event on the first Saturday in December.

This being the season of love and good will to our fellow man, we find a n inner sense of peace in sharing our blessings with

*others. How wonderful if this would continue throughout the entire year.
A very blessed and happy holiday to everyone.*