



# Illinois Knights of Columbus



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## A WORD FROM OUR STATE ADVOCATE

### **An article on tax returns:**

Knights of Columbus Councils are non-profit organizations under the Tax Code. However, if the Council grosses more than \$25,000.00 in revenue, they must file an informational 990 tax return with the IRS and an AG990 with the Illinois Department of Revenue. The IRS 990 should be filed by the 15th. day of the 5th. month after the fiscal year end of the council. An extension may be requested for up to an additional 6 months on the IRS 990. This means a council's return was due on November 15th. if they file on a June 30 fiscal year and on May 15th. if they file on a calendar year basis. The Illinois AG 990 is due 6 months after the fiscal year end and up to a 2 month extension may be requested. This means a council's state return is due by 12/31 on a 6/30 fiscal year basis and on 6/30 on a calendar year basis. Even though a council is a non-profit organization and does not pay income taxes with these informational returns, there are penalties and interest if you fail to file a timely return. Also, unrelated business income may be subject to taxes. There is a common misconception that councils do not have to pay sales taxes on items purchased unless they have specifically requested and received a sales tax exempt number from the State of Illinois. This is normally only given to charities, churches, schools and other governmental organizations. Knights of Columbus councils, while being non-profit, are not considered to be a charity.

Home Corporations may be taxable organizations depending on how they were set up and how much is involved in the business end of the home corporation. If you have a for-profit home corporation, you should be filing appropriate business returns and paying income taxes to the IRS and Illinois Dept. of Revenue. Home Corporations may also be liable for taxes on wages paid employees (hall managers, waitresses, bartenders, maintenance men, etc.) and state sales tax collected based on sales. If you have any questions regarding taxes, consult a local accountant or tax attorney in your area. They are your best resource in the highly complex area of taxes.

*Paul Havrilka  
State Advocate*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Now is the time to start planning for your Open House. In just six (6) weeks the State Wide Blitz will be held from March 24th - 29th., Founders Day. You should have the following done.

1. Appoint a committee, husband/wife teams to organize the event.

2. Set a date, time and location (if there is not a council hall); maybe change from Open House to something else.
3. Make sure it is published in all available formats such as newspapers, cable TV networks, church bulletins and council newsletters.
4. Order Open House supplies from Supreme. (allow 6 weeks)
5. Compile a list of prospective members possibly from previous membership drives and invitation programs.
6. Send invitations to prospective members and their wives or girlfriends.
7. Follow up with a telephone calling committee to make sure of receipt of invitation and availability to attend.
8. As the event approaches finalize all arrangements made to have a successful event.

Here is a list of reasons why we ask a man to join the Knights of Columbus.

So that we can continue to help within one's community: one's Parish and most of all, strengthen one's faith by the various programs that one's council supports, such as support to our Seminarians with financial aid. Other programs, which our local councils support, are God's special children through our MH/LD Drive and Illinois Special Olympics. To help our Holy Father Pope John Paul II in any and all endeavors that he asks of us. To continue to be the Right Arm of the Church. This is just a few of the reasons to join the Knights; we are ASKING YOU to go ASK someone if they would like to help us to continue these good works.

*God Bless*

*State Membership Directors  
Phil Barone and Frank Ryan*

## **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS Recruiting is a Family Affair**

During February, target former members of your Council, asking them to return to the Knights of Columbus family. Remind these one-time Knights of the benefits that renewed membership will hold for them and their families. Make sure your council is recruitment active by asking the members of your council family to look at qualified members of their own families as potential Knights. Conduct a Family Corporate Communion at a designated Mass during the month as a way of spreading the word about the Order to prospective members.

### Speaking of a Family Affair

On November 19th., 2000 Brother Lawrence McTaggart had the honor of knighting **five sons** as they joined St. Terese of Avila Council 4391 in Watseka.



Pictured from left to right: Back row: Conferring Officer Leonard Satkowski, March, Eric, Scott, Keith and Lawrence III McTaggart.  
Front Row: Proud father Lawrence McTaggart Jr. and Richard Arie, GK council 4391.

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### CHARITIES UPDATE

#### **Newman Apostolate Program:**

Newman campus ministry isn't merely a Catholic social club nor is it just a reminder to Catholics of Sunday duty-ism. Newman is the Church on the campus responding to the personal and religious needs of college students. The Newman campus ministry is a visible manifestation on the campus of the richness of Catholicism and the variety of its concerns. Newman is the people of God - community of Christians in campus life that promotes the well-being of higher education and society as a whole. Newman comes to the campus with dedication to truth, not propagandize but to contribute. It reaches out to alienated and inactive Catholics and to students struggling with the attractions of fundamentalism and cults, materialism and moral relativism. Newman has become the hub of communication on the campus.

Here's What You Can Do:

Give serious consideration towards making a contribution to the Newman Apostolate Program, **OUR NUMBER ONE CHARITY.**

Remember! your donation (any amount) will help support the campus Ministers so they can continue to help guide our Catholic college students when they are away from home.

Make Checks Payable to:

Illinois State Council K. of C. Charities Inc.

Mail to: Illinois State Council K of C (Newman)

P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, Il. 60901 (put council # on check)

Pictured below is Illinois State Treasurer Logan Ludwig presenting a facsimile of a check for **\$220,000.00** representing the combined contributions to ALL of the dioceses Newman programs to Cardinal George.

Pictured with Logan and Cardinal George is Brother John Dornbush who serves on the CCI as one of the Newman representatives.



Distribution of Newman funds went as follows:

**Belleville Diocese:** John Scarano, The Newman Center Carbondale.

**Chicago Diocese:** Mrs. Jan Slattery, Chicago, Dir. Ministry in Higher Education, Rev. Ken Simpson, Northwestern University, Sheil Catholic Center, Rev. Patrick Marshall, U of I Chicago, John Paul II Newman Center, Rev. Willard Jabusch, University of Chicago, Calvert house.

**Joliet Diocese:** Bro. John Dornbos, Diocese of Joliet.

**Peoria Diocese:** Rev. Stuart Swetland, St. John's Catholic Chapel, U of I Champaign/Urbana, Parkland College, Rev. Gary Caster, ISU, Bellarmine Newman Center, Rev. Dan Wilder, WIU, St. Francis of Assisi Newman Center, Congregation of St. John, Rev. Joseph Mary Brown Newman Foundation, Bradley University, Sr. Marilyn Ring, Augustana College-Campus Ministry, Rev. Frederick King, Knox College, Rev. Bailey Clemens, Monmouth College.

Pictured below are State Warden Don Lajoie and three Grand Knights presenting representatives of the Newman Programs at ISU and Illinois Wesleyan University with Newman Distribution Checks on behalf of the Brother Knights throughout Illinois.



Back Row: M. Tellman, GK 6498, A. Long, VP Catholic Newman at Wesleyan, D. Lawyer, GK 10967, and Don Lajoie.  
Front Row: H. Cotton, GK 574, Jen Dunphy, President Catholic Student Association, ISU, E. Gunpher, Sacristan CSA- ISU.

**Rockford Diocese:** Rev. Stephen Knox, NIU, Newman Catholic Student Center, Ms. Elaine Sharpe, Rockford College, Fisher Chapel.

**Springfield Diocese:** Mr. Roy Lanham, Newman Catholic Center, Charleston.

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## SPEAKING OF VOCATIONS



Pictured above, digging **DEEP** for winners were his Excellency Bishop George Lucas, and Associate State Chaplain, Rev. James McIlhone.

The Vocation Raffle winners were drawn during the Saturday Night Banquet at the Illinois State Council Midwinter District Deputy Meeting in January in Springfield.

*This years winners were:*

- 1st. Duane Anderson, Kankakee, Il.*
- 2nd. Dolores Steffens, Wheeling, Il.*
- 3rd. Doug Grupe, Arlington Heights, Il.*
- 4th. Myrtle Seitz, Park Ridge, Il.*
- 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Marc Fuchs, Springfield, Il.*
- 6th. F. Kettelein, Collinsville, Il.*
- 7th. Tom Krumholz, Eurika, Il.*
- 8th. Charles Mitzelfelt, Metamora, Il.*
- 9th. Deborah Cobb, Downers Grove, Il.*
- 10th. Vincent Cosmano, O'Fallon, Il.*
- 11th. Allen Hosticka, Schiller Park, Il.*
- 12th. A. Lynch, Rockford, Il.*
- 13th. Paul Whalen, Des Plaines, Il.*
- 14th. Ray Green, Dixon, Il.*
- 15th. Alexander Greco, Deerfield, Il.*
- 16th. William Gallagher, Mt. Prospect, Il.*
- 17th. St. Isadore's School, Farmersville, Il.*
- 18th. David and Linda Stehr, Belleville, Il.*
- 19th. K of C Council 11100, Sigel, Il.*
- 20th. Marilyn Shoffstall, Effingham, Il.*

### **Knights of Columbus Trip to Spain and Portugal**

Join the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus Vocation support program on a fabulous trip to Spain and Portugal! Visit Madrid and the Royal Palace. Visit Coimbra and Fatima, Altar of the world. Attend a spectacular candlelight procession. We will visit the Carmo Convent where sister Lucia still resides, the third child of Fatima.

Visit the highlights of Lisbon including the Royal Coach Museum, The Tower of Belem and St. Anthony's Church. Visit Sintra, one of the oldest and most beautiful places in Portugal.

Visit the 14th. century royal palace and the gardens of Monseratte. This trip is a 10 day trip leaving O'Hare International airport on October 21, 2001 and returning on October 30, 2001. For more information on this spectacular trip please call **PSD Ron Ziemba at (847)577-9269**.

The following is a short synopsis of the Illinois State Council Pilgrimage to Northern and Central Italy with his excellency Roger L. Kaffer, State Chaplain, and Fr. John Noga a member of council 10151.

Visits were made to Padua for Mass at St. Anthony Basilica. A full day was spent in Venice. On the way to Rome, stops were made in Bologna to visit the tomb of St. Dominic, passing through Ravenna and Florence. After two days in Florence, the next stop was Loreto and then on to Ancona on the Adriatic Sea. The next stop was Lanciano and then an overnight in Pescara, also on the Adriatic Sea. Arriving in Rome we had a Papal audience and received a blessing from his Holiness Pope John Paul II.

The final evening was spent at a dinner with all of the seminarians and clergy from Illinois who are either attending or teaching at the North American College.

If you have never traveled with a group of fellow Brother Knights before, please consider some of our up and coming trips.

**Fraternally,  
Ronald A. Ziemba PSD**

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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

During the Illinois State Council Midwinter District Deputy meeting, a presentation was made to the Illinois Special Olympics from Illinois Charities Inc. in the amount of \$85,000.00.



Pictured above making the presentation to the Special Olympics Committee are: From Left to Right, Ed Feeney, MR/LD co-chairman, Joe Pietruszynski, State Deputy, accepting on behalf of the Special Olympics Committee, Doug Snyder. At the far right is Alan V. Motz MR/LD co-chairman.

## CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE

Well, 7 months have now passed and we have only collected \$11,198.00. We have had a very active seven months with eight requests for funds. They are:

- St. Patricks Church in Wadsworth, fire, \$1,000.00.**
- Christ Temple Apostolic Church, Bradley, fire, \$5,000.00.**

**Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr., Rockford, Fire, \$5,000.00.**  
**SIU Newman Ctr, Carbondale, Roof Damage, \$2,000.00.**  
**St. Patricks Church in Rockford, water main break, \$3,000.00.**  
**St. Mary of the Woods in Princeville, wind damage, \$500.00.**  
**Bishop Joseph Gerry, Portland ME. \$2,500.00.**  
**Second Baptist Church in Frankfort, fire, \$2,000.00.**

The money your council collects by passing the can is being put to good use. "Lets continue to "PASS THE CAN".

**John F. Gecewicz**  
**General Assistance Chairman**

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### **BLOOD DONOR REPORT**

Summer and outdoor events are over and we are entering the last six months of the program year. I am writing to thank you for participating in the blood drive program this year. Should this be your first year or a long time tradition in your council, I beg you to keep up the good work.

As of December 1, we are running at a rate of 600 plus units over last year. There are many blood drives not reported that have taken place.

I would ask that council grand knights check with their blood donor chairman to make sure all drives are reported. Charles A. Roth of Lawrence, Council 7579 is reported to have donated his 100th. unit of blood. Bill Miller your state blood donor chairman, reports he has received his 100th unit of blood.

Blood is always in great demand and in season. "Let's keep it coming in".

**Fraternally,**  
**Bill Miller State Blood Donor Chairman**

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### **STATE PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES**

#### **BASKETBALL**

The annual State Basketball Tournament will be held on March 24th. and 25th, 2001 at Effingham council 665. The entry fee is \$160.00 per team.

The games will be played at St. Anthony Grade School and the Sacred Heart Grade School Gymnasiums.

#### **GOLF**

It is time to find a council that is willing to host the 2001 state golf tournament. The state golf tournament should be held on any Saturday in September 2001, except for September 1st or 22nd. The preferable date is September 8, 2001.

For more information, please call Jim Michel at (618)656-4027.

#### **CENTENNIAL KAMPOREE**

The centennial year of the annual Illinois State KC Kampers will be held on June 8th. - 10th at the luxurious Fox River Resorts in Norway, Il. (west of Aurora).

Information can be had by calling Robert Maas at (847)288-0973.

#### **LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS**

Letters have been sent to all of the presidents in regards to the awards for the Auxiliaries that will be presented soon. I am

looking forward to seeing all of your creative scrapbooks in May at the State Convention.

During these past few months, I have handed out the Ladies Auxiliary Handbooks to possibly 6 new Auxiliaries. That is exciting and lets keep them in our prayers. Our Country Store will be open again this year at the State Convention.

**Diane Kinyon**  
**Ladies Auxiliary Chairman**

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### **NEWS FROM SUPREME**

#### ***Family of The Month***

#### **November, 2000:**

Hillard and Donna Roznowski, council 574, Bloomington.  
Wayne and Sandra Decker, council 6710, Warrenville.

#### **December 2000:**

Jeff and Susan Bivens, council 4175, Springfield.

The final report of the statistics on the 1999-2000 "*Holy Family Hour of Prayer for the New Millennium*" Celtic Cross Program for Illinois are as follows: Illinois had 52 programs with some 943 participants.

The final report for the 1999-2000 Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) for **Illinois** show the following: 121 Units participating, \$128,567.00 in donations, \$25,320.00 in refunds going to 250 Males and 5 females.

In the USA, 2,012 Units, \$1,915,528.00 in donations, with \$393,980 in refunds.



### **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

*A memo from Nestor V. Barber, Supreme Master:*

"As Supreme Master I am continuing the 6-month requirement for eligibility into the Fourth Degree until December 31, 2001. The only exceptions to the 6-month rule are:

1. Illness - A person who has a life-threatening illness.
2. Clergy - A priest or member of a religious community.
3. Military - A person in uniform who will be out of the country for a long period of time".

From the Southern District:

Assemblies having reached or exceeded membership quota for 2000-2001 are:

212 Galesburg, 224 Granite City, 225 Edwardsville, 230 Monmouth, 232 Ridgeway, 1922 Rock Island, 2030 Metropolis, 2345 Macomb.

#### **Upcoming Exemplification Plans 2001, 2002.**

Bishop Althoff Assembly, April 29, 2001.

Belleville Assembly, October 5, 6 2001.

Olney Assembly, October 26, 27 2001.

Bloomington Assembly, November 9, 10, 2001.

Streator Assembly, February 9, 2002.  
Williamson County Assembly, Marion April 26, 27 2002.  
Spalding Assembly, Peoria September 13, 14 2002.  
Collinsville Assembly, November 15, 16 2002.

**Upcoming Exemplifications' - Province.**

February 17, Lisle, IL.  
April 21, St. Cloud MN.  
April 21, Appleton, WI.  
April 29, Breese, ILL.  
April 29, Park Ridge, ILL.  
June 9, Western WI.



**SQUIRES REPORT**

The Columbian Squire Circles in Illinois are busy preparing for a very busy month of March.

The next state wide event for the Squires will be the Annual Basketball Tournament. The North and South regionals will be played the weekend of March 11 in Lisle and Breese respectively. The finals will be played the next weekend, March 18 in Champaign.

The 29th Annual Squires Convention will be held on March 30, 31 and April 1st, 2001 at the Park Inn International, Urbana.

The Squires have completed the plans for a tour of Washington D.C., Philadelphia and New Haven CT from June 9 - 16. This tour is open to Squires, Knights, wives and families.

**PRO-LIFE REPORT**

At the most recent Illinois State Knights of Columbus convention, a resolution was passed to make the Feast of the Annunciation the number one Knights of Columbus Pro-life Days in the State of Illinois.

This day is not intended to replace any of the existing Pro-Life days. We live in a time when dependable roll models are sadly lacking and many of those that exist are morally corrupt in themselves. This day we see Mary, a single young woman, unmarried, poor, and engaged to marry a common worker being told that she is going to have a child! By today's standards, many people would say it was a problem pregnancy and she should have an abortion!

This resolution is another example of the very special relationship that Knights have with Mary, the Mother of God. We urge everyone to use this day for special prayers and services that any woman experiencing a pregnancy, will see Mary as the roll model she is. That they will repeat the words that Mary used so long ago: "Thy Will be done."

*With prayers and best wishes for life.  
Larry and Marge Theriault  
right to Life Couple*

**The Culture of Life people getting it done.**



Pictured above are Steve Thomas, a fourth degree Knight, with his wife Ginny and their family.

Vitae Corporation, made up of a Catholic family of eight, as well as several volunteers, made their most recent check presentations at the Pandoras Pillbox Conference held in Rosemont.

Steve Thomas, a fourth degree Knight, with his wife Ginny, founded Vitae March 25th. of 1996. The Thomas's both agree the hurdles and roadblocks were worth it. They have literally taken a concept, (affinity marketing) and no money in the bank, to form a modestly successful company. They will achieve their goal of raising \$100,000 annually in their first five years of business. Steve says the next step will be much more challenging. "We need to take our business to the next level. Our hope is to raise \$1,000,000 for the culture of life in the next two years. We've gotten most of the bugs out by now so I feel we are poised to accomplish our goals."

Vitae offers two programs, the "Culture of Life" long Distance and Credit Card. Both programs are supported by large, morally conscious companies that believe in what the Thomas's are trying to achieve. 100% of all proceeds are given to worthy groups.

Steve remarked "what a great feeling it is, to place a check in the hand of someone who has given their heart and soul to promote the culture of life." Both teachers of Natural Family Planning and chastity in the Joliet Diocese, Steve and Ginny admit their preference is to assist group dedicated to promoting the sanctity of marriage and family life.

For more information, write, call or E-mail:

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Ben M. Slaski**, council 887, Chicago. 47 years service.

**Norbert Lambert Sr.**, council 2601 Wheaton. 70 years service.

**Ralph G. Reis**, council 2164, Herrin. 70 years service.

**ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE**

DIOCESE	DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	HOST #	LOCATION
Springfield	SUN	3/4/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Lawrence Carie	2874	Teutopolis-council S. Pearl St.
Rockford	SUN	3/4/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Clifton Wise	690	Dixon council
Springfield	SUN	3/11/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Gary Doiron	1580	Highland council
Peoria	SUN	3/11/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Fred Luckenbill	716	Silvis Our Lady Guadalupe Parish
Peoria	SAT	3/24/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Hank Martin	780	Streator council
Peoria	SUN	3/25/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Paul Flynn	6707	Washington council
Joliet	SUN	3/25/01	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Joseph Lopez	9893	Glendale Heights St. Matthews
Springfield	SUN	4/1/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Bill Sullivan	896	Pana council
Peoria	SUN	4/1/01	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Robert Dowd	556	Galesburg council
Belleville	SUN	4/8/01	12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Cyril Athmer	2869	Breese council

**Robert Fichter**, council 690 Dixon. 28 years service.

**Ezekiel E. Farmer**, council 1268 Lake Forest. 33 years service.

**Joseph F. Leahy**, council 11981 Inverness. 4 years service.

**James Godar**, council 6707 Washington. 25 years service.

**John F. Hudetz**, council 6710 Warrenville. 39 years service.

**Raymond L. Wells**, council 2034 Chicago. 55 years service.

**Joseph Prachar**, council 6090 Lombard. 8 years service.

**Joseph J. Rauch**, council 6090 Lombard. 18 years service.

**S. K. Pierre Martin**, council 3243 Skokie. 9 years service.

**Anton Kampf**, council 3243 Skokie. 48 years service.

**Melvin Ratermann**, council 2869 Breese. 58 years service.

**John Von Hatten**, council 2869 Breese. 34 years service.

**Robert Klostermann**, council 2869 Breese. 29 years service.

**Harold L. Edwards**, council 5574 Chicago. 8 years service.

**Everett A. Sands**, council 5574 Chicago. 29 years service.

**Herbert Feuerborn**, council 665 Effingham. 62 years service.

**Leonard Repking**, council 665 Effingham. 59 years service.

**Donald Raney**, council 665 Effingham. 50 years service.

**Carl P. Koerner Jr.** council 665 Effingham. 44 years service.

**Ralph L. Arnold**, council 665 Effingham. 10 years service.

**Fr. Ron Conro**, council 10212 Elizabeth. 11 years service.

**Donald Buyers**, council 10212 Elizabeth. 54 years service.

**Clement E. Kass**, council 10212 Elizabeth. 3 years service.

**Joseph T. Porter**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 66 years service.

**Walter W. Fox**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 60 years service.

**Rev. John Boreczky**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 51 years service.

**Dominick Andriacchi**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 47 years service.

**Joseph Illanich**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 46 years service.

**Robert Joppek**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 46 years service.

**John O'Sullivan**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 45 years service.

**Dennis F. Mannix**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 44 years service.

**William M. Fitzgerald**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 43 years service.

**Thomas McCaffrey**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 43 years service.

**Henry J. O'Neill**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 40 years service.

**Richard F. Collis**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 37 years service.

**Martin Byrne**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 37 years service.  
**Harold Zimmerman**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 32 years service.

**John ("Bud") Reed**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 25 years service.

**Msgr. M. Edward Roche**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 18 years service.

**Mathias A. Gilles**, council 324 Evergreen Park. 15 years service.

*May their Souls and the Souls of the Faithfully Departed through Christ our Lord rest in Peace.*

**AMEN.**

**COUNCIL NEWS**

**Columbian Boosters Honor Night:** Your presence is requested by the Columbian Boosters committee to honor four distinguished members of our order. These men have proved themselves as worthy of the honor as recipients of the Colum-

bian Booster Award. They are: John O'Brien, council 3954, Allen Hoppe, council 1567, Ed Willer, council 517 and Emilio Scalzitti, Council 537. These men will be honored on March 22, 2001 at the Wellington of Arlington. More information can be obtained by calling Bob Fuggiti at (773)736-8738, or Bob Bukowski at (773)889-3257.

**The Knights of Williamson County:** The Knights of Williamson County are again sponsoring their "Bowl for Charity." Since 1976 this event has raised \$78,550. Presently the profits of this event are helping pay for the air conditioning in the large room where Mass is celebrated at the Newman Center in Carbondale. This year the event will be held on February 24th. and 25th. at S. I. Bowl in Carterville, Il.

**Council 1496, Monmouth:** Welcomed six new "Sir Knights" to the Fourth Degree. A lot of work was done at the Hall with remodeling, blacktopping and a new sound system. Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends this year are: June 8 - 10th., and November 16th. - 18th. at King's house in Henry. The lenten Fish Frys will begin again on March 2nd.

**Council 3914, Riverton:** Held a ballroom dance in November, and a New Year's Eve Dance. A great Anniversary Breakfast was held in November with a special guest from the Indianapolis Racing League, Donny Beechler. A special thanks to the members that signed Christmas cards that were sent out to Widows. The Ladies had about 85 attendees at their Breakfast with Santa. One of our Ballroom dances had to be cancelled because of bad weather, but the New Years Dance went on as scheduled. Held a Chili Cook-off on Superbowl Sunday.

**Council 8002, Winfield:** Held a pancake breakfast on January 7th., and again on January 27th. About 100 people were served. Held the Free Throw contest on January 14th. Held a Dinner Night Out on January 15th. Masses were held honoring Knights on January 14th, and February 11th. We are looking for some help to hold a Bingo at the DuPage Convalescent Center on March 8th.

**Council 7624, Rockford:** A First Degree will be held on March 1st., along with the saying of the Rosary and a Newman Card Party. Held a blood drive at St. Rita's on January 15th., collecting 27 units of blood. The Rosary will be said at the April 5th. meeting with another Newman Card Party to be held. On February 17th. and 18th. the Newman singers from the University of Iowa were at St. Rita's singing at all the masses and a Sunday afternoon performance. The Knights of Columbus put on a pasta dinner for the group. The annual family swim night was held on February 11th. at the Dolphin Swim Club. There was two hours of swimming followed by pizza. We had one winner from the State Vocation Raffle.

**Council 8596, Dundee:** A First Degree was held at the council on February 13th. at the council meeting. A Parish Family Breakfast was held on February 11th. Collected 35 pints of blood at the November Blood drive. Held a teen dance on December 1st. The council's annual Retreat at Bellarmine House will be taking place March 2nd - 4th. March 17th. is the day for the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance.

**Council 2191, Batavia:** During January, we sponsored both the Free Throw and a Spelling B contest. The food bank continues to provide food for the needy. Help sort and pack on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The location is 600 industrial Drive in St. Charles. Your brother Knights are available to give you a ride to and from the monthly meeting. If you need transportation call: Troy Gower 232-9250, Lance Mitchell 232-7289, or Dennis Daffy 232-0129.

**Council 364, Springfield:** Held the annual Christmas party on December 22nd. Congratulations to all of the ticket sellers in the 79th annual Bar-B-Cue raffle. The top three sellers were Bob Bartlett with 75, Andy Homa with 30.2, and Lee Buhman with 18.

**Council 5574, Chicago:** A Family Retreat was held at the Franciscan Residence on Saturday, January 27th. Congratulations to PGK Rudolph Thomas for having recruited 70 new members, ranking 7th. in the State. The latest M.R. drive was the most successful we've had in recent years with over \$5000.00 collected.

**Council 3507, Pekin:** The Archbishop Schlarman Council and the Fourth Degree Assembly No. 210 placed a "Memorial to the Unborn" on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish Center in Pekin. The dedication ceremony was held on November 5th.



**Shown above,** and participating in the dedication were Fr. Tim Nolan, Pastor in the red vestment, Fr. James Kruse, Associate Pastor in the green vestment, Deacon Charles Murray, in the white vestment, plus altar servers and third and fourth degree members. Held our Free Throw contest on January 14th. Held a blood drive on January 13th.

**Council 1143, Edwardsville:** The annual Christmas Shopping Spree was held on December 16th. for needy children. Again,

thanks to K-Mart for opening their doors for this purpose earlier than normal opening hours.

A total of \$1,924.00 was collected during our Trivia Night which was held on November 18th. This money was in turn donated to the Metro Soccer Association.

Held a Pasta/Chicken Dinner on January 12th.

The free throw contest was held on January 13th.

A First Degree was held at our meeting on February 12th.

The Lenten Fish Fry will begin on Friday, March 2nd, and be held every week during lent.

**Council 696, Galena:** The council provided Bishop Doran's Honor Guard for St. Mary of Galena's 150th. anniversary Mass.

Held a Catfish fry on November 3rd to raise money for Nativity B. V. M. Catholic Elementary School in Menominee, IL. which needs to install a new furnace system. We served over 200 people and raised \$700.00 for the school.

Participated in the K of C "Light up for Christ" program by setting up and lighting our Nativity Scene.

Over 20 members of the council attended and presented awards to the athletes of the Illinois Special Olympics. on January 23rd. - 25th.

Held a First Degree at our February meeting installing two new members.

Will be handing out Rosary Rings to parishioners of both St. Marys and St. Michaels's parish just before lent to help people and families say the Rosary.

**Council 324, Evergreen Park:** Thanks to all who worked on the Christmas Party.

Our next First Degree is planned for March 8th.

Keep Friday, May 4th. open as this will be the evening of our Dinner Dance at the Martinique. Chairman DGK Jim Mckeever reminds us the number to call for tickets or reservations is (773)445-3704. The cost is \$30.00 per person. This Dinner Dance is being dedicated to the memory of PGK Walter Fox. In the past year C.O.U.R.A.G.E., the council's number 1 charity helped more than 80 expectant mothers bring life to their unborn children through education, counseling, financial support and other emotional support

Our Candlelight Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 24th., 7:30 p.m. at Eagles Bowl, in Blue Island. The cost is \$12.00 per person for bowling, pizza, shacks and prizes

**Council 6707, Washington:** Held a Euchre party on January 2nd.

The Free throw contest was held on January 13th. The District Free Throw was held at St. Pat's gym on February 3rd.

A first degree was held on January 17th.

A fish fry was held on January 19th.

The regular blood drive was held on the 30th. of January.

Congratulations to **Walt Cary** on receiving the "**Illinois Blood Donor of the Year**" Award. He is the blood drive director for the council and also a **100 pint** blood donor.

Held a Catfish dinner on February 2nd.

The "Wives Appreciation Dinner" was held on February 3rd at the hall with cocktails and dinner.

**Council 583, Quincy:** A major degree is scheduled for February 25th., with sign-in starting at 11:00 a.m. The First Degree will start at 12:00.

The Valentines Dinner was held on February 14th., serving prime rib and shrimp. A strolling violinist provided entertainment.

The K. C. Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00.

The K. C. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 25th. Annual Card Party on Sunday, February 25th. in McGivney Hall from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The World War II Memorial Fund Raiser was held Sunday, February 11th.

**Council 887, Chicago:** The Columbian Booster Award has been given to the following four distinguished members of the council: The recipients are John O'Brien, Council 3954, Allen Hoppe, Council 1567, Ed Willer, Council 517 and Emilio Scalzitti, Council 537. These men will be honored on March 22, 2001 at the Wellington of Arlington.

Get your foursomes together for the 10th Annual Golf Outing at Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett which will be held on Sunday, August 12th.

The Free Throw contest was held on January 13th.

**Council 4688, Bethalto:** We had 263 RSVP's and 57 children received gifts from santa at our annual Family Christmas Party. We received a thank you from OLQP on our paying for signed Masses for the deaf community and a signer for Wednesday's RCIA class.

Held a Blood Drive on November 30th.

Our free throw contest was held on December 16th.

**Council 3627, Des Plaines:** Congratulations to Paul Whalen who won a prize in the Vocations Raffle held in Springfield on January 5th.

The Annual Retreat was held at Bellarmine Hall on January 26th. - 28th.

A trip is being planned to see the Chicago Wolves Hockey team again this year. It is planned for March 3rd. and will cost \$11.00 per person. This is a family outing. Contact K. Grimshaw at 815-385-9582 for information.

The Free Throw contest was held on Friday February 9th. at Notre Dame gym.

**Council 690, Dixon:** Held a Mass on December 31st. with refreshments following at the KC hall.

***We will be hosting a Major Degree on Sunday, March 4th. with the first degree starting at NOON.***

A Chili night was held on January 20th. with Jerry Farley preparing his world famous chili.

Will hold an Italian Nite on Saturday February 17th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**Council 6090, Lombard:** Held a blood drive in January. Held a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 24th. at St. Pius Church.

We will be having two outings this year to Kane County Cougars baseball games. The first on May 2nd. at 6:00 p.m. and again on August 22 at 7:00 p.m. There are only 35 tickets per game. The cost is \$10.00 for tickets to both games or \$7.00 for



one game. Tickets must be purchased prior to the May game. Contact Paul Warda at 629-0154 for further information.

**Council 6710, Warrenville:** Held the KC Super Bowl Raffle and Party on January 28th.

Held a KC/VFW Blood Drive on January 27th., collecting some 56 units of blood. A KC/St. Irene Blood Drive at St. Irene Parish Activities Center will be held on February 26th.

Held a First Degree at the council meeting on January 11th.

The next First Degree will be held on March 8th.

Held a Chili cook off on February 10th. at the St. Irene's Activities Center.

A Memorial Mass for deceased members was held on Sunday, January 7th.

**Council 7804, Godfrey:** Held a Mass for our departed brothers on November 12th.

Held the council and Fourth Degree Christmas Party on December 9th.

**Council 790, Streator:** The Squires Circle meets on the 3rd Sundays of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Remember our Steak Stag nights on the first Tuesday of the month, and our Family Steak nights on the third tuesdays of the month.

Held a K of C Trivia Night on Saturday, January 13th.

**Council 470, Rockford:** Held an Advent Morning of Recollection on Saturday, December 2nd following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Our speaker was Rose Malaralti who enriched us spiritually to start the Advent season.

Held a trip to a Luxury River Boat on December 2nd. and a good time was had by all.

Held our 100th anniversary celebration dinner after the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Edwards on January 6th.

**Council 11358, Manteno:** A Blood Drive was held on December 20th.

Sixty One families received Christmas Baskets as a result of the Manteno Christmas Basket Program.

The Free Throw contest was held on January 6th. with 72 participants. The district competition will be in Mokena on February 4th.

Sponsored the Junior High School Show Choir to entertain at the Manteno Veterans Home on January 19th.

Held an appreciation dinner for members and wives on January 25th.

**Council 776, Woodstock:** Thanks to everyone for their work at the County Fair Corn Booth this past year. Along with council 1288 it was a great fund-raiser for both councils. Our M.H. drive this year was a big success, with over \$6,000.00 raised.

**Council 1952, Evansville:** Remember our fish fries every Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This activity is a major fund raising event for the council. The weather is now moderating and the crowds are beginning to increase.

The James D. Knott memorial Scholarship to SWIC for the fall semester 2001 are now available for family members of the Knights of Columbus.

Held annual Council Smoker on January 14th., with card games, free food (fried turtle and brats), and drink.

The annual Retreat was held on January 12-14th. at Kings House in Belleville.

A Memorial Mass was held on February 11th.

The January winter barbecue was a great success with a large crowd attending.

**Council 3880, Crystal Lake:** At the last business meeting several brother knights joined the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Please fill out the enrollment form.

Get ready for the council Appreciation dinner which will be held on April 28th. There will be a Luau, so dust off your Hawaiian shirts. More information will be forthcoming.

Held a Blood Drive on January 6th. at St. Thomas the Apostle Community Center.

**Council 6964, Schaumburg:** Held the annual Memorial Service to honor and remember our deceased brother Knights on January 13th., at the Hughes Center. This was followed by a Pasta Dinner.

Held the Free Throw contest on January 13th.

Held a membership drive on February 4th., with a First Degree scheduled for February 8th. before the regular meeting.

Some coming events: On March 17th. will be St. Pat's Party at St. Matthew's Hughes Center.

A blood drive will be held at St. Huberts in late March or April.

**Council 1098, Granite City:** Held the Marion Hour of Prayer in December.

Held a dinner/dance for the handicapped on February 3rd.

**Council 1567, Chicago:** Held a First Degree at our January meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas meeting and dinner took place on December 6th.

Held the 5th annual "Christmas Caroling to feed the needy" at Dominick's on December 23rd.

**Council 460, Alton:** Please stop by to look at the engraved bricks and stones that were installed in the front of the FourSixty building. The new patio area in front is a reminder of our FourSixty family and Friends.

Held the Annual Toy Drive to help area charities.

**Council 1574, Braidwood:** A big thank you to all who helped in the bi-weekly fish fries during the past year.

Our next Communion Breakfast will be held in South Wilmington on April 29th.

Fish Fries will be held every week during lent.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on February 17th. at the Lisle Radisson Hotel.

**Council 12005, Aurora:** We collected over 75 units of blood at our Blood Drives this year.

A letter was received thanking us for our gift of school supplies that were delivered to St. Therese of Jesus School.

Held annual Free Throw contest on January 11th. The District competition will be sponsored by our council on February 17th at Steck Grammar School.

**Council 4400, Joliet:** Congratulations to council 4400 as they have earned **STAR** council accolades.

It is great to see so many of our members enjoying a meal at the restaurant on Friday and Saturday. We have been serving the best fish and chicken dinners in town for over 40 years. Our annual Christmas party was the largest in recent memory, with about 125 children in attendance to see a magician, be entertained by a clown, and of course have a visit with Santa Claus.

Held our annual Pro-life Prayer Service at the beautiful OLA Chapel. to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion.

**Council 1444, Chicago:** Remember that on Palm Sunday, April 8th, we will be having another Major Degree. Will be having a St. Pats Parade Party at the club house. The Kids Christmas Party was again a great success with about 40 kids in attendance to see Santa and his Elves. The Father Perez K of C Basketball team took the floor January 4th. for the start of their season.

**Council 5573, Plainfield:** Preparations are underway for the annual Lenten Fish Frys beginning on March 2nd. The December 14th. Blood Drive collected 98 units for area hospitals. Twenty-eight Knights from our council contributed. We will be hosting 3 Blood Drives during the year. Our next Blood Drive will be held on April 17th., with the goal being 100 pints. Held a Family Fun Night at Marion Lake on January 27th.

**Council 1949, Chicago:** The 49er Group held its 48th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, February 18th. We are still looking for donations for our Pro-Life Monument. The Ladies Auxiliary will be manning the St. Joseph Table at St. Cyprian's Auditorium in River Grove on March 18th., from after the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 2:30 p.m., and asking for donations such as cakes, food and prizes.

**Council 5918, Woodridge:** Held a Retreat at Mays Lake in Mundelein on January 19th. - 21st. Please help us welcome our 3 newest members to the council having recently completed their degrees. Our council held our 1st. annual Substance Abuse Contest. We had over 45 students submit art work from St. Joan of Arc. thirty scouts received their Light of Christ medals and 13 scouts earned their Parvulie Dei medals which were presented at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc on February 25th.

**Council 2874, Teutopolis:** A Night of Fun was held on February 24th. with a Members Dinner and Dance. Music was supplied by Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. The annual Free Throw shoot was held on January 14th. The K of C Spelling Bee was held on January 21st.

**Council 7331, Techy:** Held our council's first-ever Cigar Bar outing on January 26th. at the "Sea Gars" Cigar Bar in the Radisson Hotel, Lincolnwood. Held our Free Throw contest on January 27th. Our annual hayride, barbecue, bon fire, and marshmallow roast was held at Patch 22. A good time was enjoyed by all who attended this harvest moon event.

**Council 11223, Granville/Hennepin:** Pictured below is the presentation of the STAR Council award to Fr. Peter Delo Council No. 11223 by our State Warden Don LaJoie. Pictured with Don are Doug Gimbel, DD 55, William "Mike" Gunderson, Immediate PGK of 11223, and Dennis Dylo, GK of 11223.



This is the second consecutive year that this council has won this honor and is on its way to win a third. Every council in the order's ultimate goal is at the end of the fraternal year to achieve the STAR COUNCIL award.

**Council 1580, Highland:** The Highland Knights of Columbus conducted their annual fund-raiser for Vocations, Newman and Right to Life on Sunday, February. 25th. beginning with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Lucus was the principal celebrant. A buffet dinner and a short program on each of the worthy causes was conducted.

**Northside Grand Knights and Past Grand Knights Club:** Thanks to PSD Ron Ziemba for being our Special Program presenter at December's meeting. The topic focus was Vocations.

Upcoming events from the 'Members' calendar of events. February 25, 2nd and 3rd. Degree at Fr. Ryan #5025, Chicago. March 11, 2nd and 3rd. Degree Sheridan-Carroll 537, Chicago. March 13, St. Joseph Table General Sherman St. Cyr, 7:00 p.m. March 18, 2nd and 3rd Degree at Sheridan-Carroll 537, Chicago.

A Lenten Retreat for men will be held on Saturday March 10th. at St. John Cantius Church, Chicago.

**Council 4338, Niles:** For the past 5 years, members of the council have provided drivers to transport the young adults of misericordia home for disabled individuals, in Chicago to a special religious and care providing program at St. John's Brebeuf School in Niles. A big Thank you to all of the Knights who have participated in this program.

More than 350 people attended the council's Special Memorial Mass for deceased members. Immediately following the Mass, Turkey night Chairman Irv Blaszyński provided another outstanding event, as Irv lived up to his promise in providing a massive amount of prizes along with the traditional turkey give-away.

The St. John Brebeuf Parish Athletic department presented a special gift to the council upon the 35th. anniversary of the sponsorship of the holiday basketball tournament. Some of the alumni of the tournament include Dave Corzine of DePaul, Isaiah Thomas and Jim Les of the NBA.

**Council 12824, Cary Grove:** Sponsored a Breakfast with Santa. 24 brother knights and their families prepared and served breakfast for over 650 families. Other members sang Christmas Carols. This event also netted the council some new members.

**Council 2191, Batavia:** At the January meeting scholarships were awarded to help students with Catholic education. A total of \$3,000.00 was awarded to 8 students.

The Free Throw contest was held on February 3rd., along with the Spelling Bee which was held the same day.

Thanks to all the Knights that contributed a total of about \$4000.00 to help six families in 3 parishes to have a better Christmas.

On February 18th. we will hold a first, second and third Degree at the Columbia Club in Batavia, with the starting time at 12:30 p.m.

Do something different on Sunday, February 25th at 9:30 a.m. and attend the Knights Mass at St. Gaul's in Elburn. There will be donuts and coffee after Mass.

**Council 6993, Mokena:** Pictured below are, From Left to Right, Larry Jourdan, Tom, Gill, and Tony Putman who erected the crosses as a memorial to the unborn. The crosses were erected at Mt. Assisi Girls Catholic High School in Lemont.



**Council 1278, Forest Park:** Held a Pot Luck Social dinner in the St., Bernardine School Cafeteria on January 25th.

We would like to encourage each member to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. The Knights of Columbus established this guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

"The goal fo the guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of god"

**Council 11091, Algonquin:** You are invited to visit our web site at: <http://www.dis/net/~dj754tt/kofc/>

Our winter Luau was held on February 3rd. at St. Margaret Mary School Basement, serving Kalua Pork or Chicken Teriyaki.

Our first blood drive of the year was held on February 4th. Our goal for this drive was at least 125 units.

On March 10th. we'll be holding our 8th. Anniversary Council gala celebration. This is a special event for our council where we recognize individuals for their contributions of time, talent and treasures.

Our next Breakfast with the Knights will be February 25th. Thanks to all who helped build the Nativity sets. This project was a big success. All Nativity sets have been sold but we are

taking orders for next year. Any questions should be addressed to Cliff Sherwin at 658-6235 or [Sherwin@dls.net](mailto:Sherwin@dls.net)

**Council 2034, Chicago:** A memorial Mass and Commemorative services was held on November 15th.

St. Rita Council year 2001 Dinner Schedule is as follows: September 23rd., our 82nd Anniversary dinner at the Summit Banquet Hall.

Our annual Christmas dinner on Sunday December 16th.

We would like to offer our congratulations to our former St. Rita Chaplain Rev. Ronald R. Turcich O.S.A. who celebrated his 50 years in the priesthood this past October.

Members having access to a computer can send e-mail messages to St. Rita Council using the address of

**StevenUofC@msn.com**

The council's and Ladies Auxiliary Annual St. Pat and St. Joe Party will be held on Tuesday March 20th., at the Midway Banquet Hall. Contact PGK Matthew J. Steven at 773-778-4508 for more information.

**Council 6248, Carpentersville:** The council distributed MH checks at the february meeting.

Our Lenten Fish Fry is tentatively scheduled for April 6th.

Details will be forthcoming.

**Council 665, Effingham:** The council held a Major Degree on November 12th. Pictured below are the 17 gentlemen that joined the Effingham council out of a total of 32 that took the Degree.



**Council 4977, Palatine:** The council celebrated its 40th. anniversary by celebrating a banquet honoring St. Theresa's pastor Fr. John P. McNamara, council Chaplain.

In October, Bishop Kicanas presided over Vicariate I's annual Right-to-life Mass. A statue honoring all life, born and unborn, was dedicated after the mass.

The council raised over \$25,000.00 during the Tootsie Roll drive.

We have gained 9 new members over the past 13 months, along with 6 brother knights becoming Sir Knights.

**Council 8021, South Beloit:** A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the January pancake breakfast, the Free Throw competition and the pot luck dinner.

There were a total of 24 kids participating in the Free Throw competition.

Our M.H. Dinner will be held on March 22nd. This is where we distribute the money that we raised during our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

We held a First Degree on February 8th., given by undoubtedly the BEST Degree team in the State of Illinois, perhaps the country.

**Council 1911, Elmhurst:** The council is the proud host of this years State Bowling Tournament, being held at Lombard Lanes in Lombard. It is taking place each weekend beginning January 20th. until February 25th. Squad times are as follows: Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Held our first corporate communion of the new Century on January 14th.

Saint Patrick's Day is almost upon us. We have started preparation for the parade.

Held a Corporate Communion on January 14th. with 35-40 Knights and their families present. The next Corporate Communion will be held on April 22nd. at the 8:30 Mass.

**Council 382, Joliet:** Some of the members donated their talents to the club this year. Bob Kobe for donating \$150.00 from the Friday night country western dance to the club. Bill Schmitt, Larry Wolz, Ed Meyers and Dan Moroni, a.k.a. BAND X for playing on New Year's Eve and helping the council raise more than \$1100.00.

Held a First Degree at the February 11th. meeting.

It's been almost 2 years since the last "garage sale". In October or November we will be doing it again. Save items that you are thinking of throwing away.

**Council 8366, Richmond:** At their monthly meeting in February, the council presented Peggy Feyen of McHenry's Pioneer Center with a check for \$2500.00. Pioneer Center is a not-for-profit agency that has been helping under-served children and adults with developmental, cognitive, and mental disabilities for over 40 years.



Pictured next to Ms. Feyen is DGK Randy Karls. Behind them are Larry Geinosky and Ken Miller, Chairmen of the Tootsie Roll Committee, and GK Al Schroeder.

**Council 12152, Red bud:** Council 12152 presented a check for \$881.52 to the Red Bud Elementary School to be used for its special education program. The funds were collected through the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive.

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