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2001 STATE CONVENTION UPDATE

The 2001 State Convention of the Illinois Knights of Columbus will be held at the world class Adam's Mark St. Louis Hotel at Fourth and Chestnut Streets in St. Louis on the weekend of **May 25 - 27, 2001**.

The Adam's Mark Hotel is a craftsman's masterpiece built along the Mississippi River in the shadow of the famous Gateway Arch. There are several interesting sites within a short walking distance: The Old Cathedral, the Bowling Museum, the Old Courthouse, and if you want to shop, the St. Louis Centre mall. If you are up to a short ride on the bus or MetroLink, Union Station shops will certainly welcome your plastic or cash.

Our Convention Committee has put together a full weekend of activities to keep everyone in the family interested. We start off with a welcome party on Friday night with the theme "**Wizard of Oz**" at which there will be a costume judging contest for those inclined to dress up. There will be a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday and a Ladies Hospitality on Sunday morning. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a Mini Convention on Sunday with Chairperson Diane Kinyon. We are putting together some activities for the children, too.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A. Room Reservations: The total 2001 hotel rate for the convention is \$111.32 per night single or double. This total includes taxes and all surcharges that help defray some of the convention expenses.

B. Hospitality Suites: Hospitality Rooms are available in various sizes and amenities and cost \$185.00, \$195.00, and \$235.00 plus tax (14.766%) per night, which includes one bedroom. A second bedroom is attached to some Suites and can be reserved for an additional \$111.32 room charge per night.

If you have any questions regarding the rooms or suites, contact our housing chairman Ken Morr at (618) 281-8219.

C. Liquor Policy: The hotel contract allows you to bring in your own liquor: however, **they will charge a corkage fee of \$15.00 for each case of beer or bottle of liquor you bring into the hotel.** We have a special price list for purchasing liquor from the hotel for our convention. A case of popular beer runs from \$16.50 to \$18.00, wine is \$7.50 per bottle and most liquors are \$10.00 for house liquors and higher for name brands. **You must buy the liquor from a special liquor room to get these prices and all sales must be paid for prior to pickup.** All Hospitality Room reservations will be sent a liquor order form to use.

The Convention Committee wants you to enjoy the 2001 Illinois State Convention. If you have any questions, please contact any one of us. please get your reservations in as early as possible and plan on coming to St. Louis to have a great time at this convention. May God bless you and keep you safe in your travel to and from St. Louis.

Paul S. Havrilka, Jr.
State Convention Chairman
(618) 249-8269



Our State Deputy Speaks

As we come to a close of the 2000- 2001 Fraternal Year we focus on our attention in planning to the upcoming Illinois State Council Convention which will be held on May 25th - 27th, 2001 in St. Louis, MO. At this annual meeting of the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus, in which every council in Illinois is a member, we recognize councils for outstanding achievements during this past fraternal year and determine the future of the Illinois State Council. The Illinois State Council budget and Resolutions along with the election of the State Officers for the 2001- 2002 fraternal year are voted upon during this annual meeting.

Your council plays an integral part of this gathering of councils from Illinois: it is of the utmost importance that your council is represented at the State Convention. **Each council is allowed two delegates as representatives:** these delegates are the voice of the Brother Knights. **The Grand Knight and the Past grand Knight as per the By-Laws of the Illinois State Council, are the legal delegates,** if however, they cannot be in atten-

dance the council may vote an alternate delegate to represent either the Grand Knight or Past Grand Knight. The brother Knights that are the delegates to the State Convention have an awesome responsibility, they give their time and talent to insure that the good works of our Order will continue to serve the Church and communities across Illinois. Our responsibility as Brother Knights and as members of our respective councils is to make sure that your council pays some of the expenses of your delegates. I ask each council to make the necessary arrangements to fund the Brother Knights that will represent you and your council at this year's State Convention.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to a successful State Convention, and may we be "Knights... Guided by Faith".

**Fraternally,
Joseph Pietruszynski
State Deputy**

ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS

The final piece of business conducted at the 2001 State Convention will be the **election of State Officers for the coming fraternal year.**

In order to help you to make an informed decision at the election the following section of this newsletter is devoted to getting to know the candidates.

A picture and a short biography of each candidate known at this writing is presented.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE DEPUTY



WILLIAM A. SPAINHOUR

Bill has been married to Jeanie for 35 years and has 3 sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson. He attended Lanphier High School, Lincoln land Community College and Sangamon State University in Springfield.

Bill started his career in the US Army as a Combat Engineer in Anchorage, Alaska. He is a 25 year member of the Carpenter's Union in Springfield. Bill worked 22 years as a Building Construction Superintendent before joining the State of Illinois, Capital Development Board as a Project Manager.

Bill joined the Knights in 1972 at Riverton 3914. He transferred to Holy Family Council 4179 where he served as MR Chairman, Membership Chairman, Bingo caller, cook, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. Bill is currently a member of St. Jude 9640 and Bishop Griffin Assembly. He is a Past President of the Springfield Chapter.

Bill Spainhour has served the State Council for the last 15 years as a District Deputy, New Council Development Chairman, Membership Director, and Program Director. He has served as an elected officer for 2 years each as State Advocate, State Treasurer, and is currently your State Secretary. He has been honored with the State Deputy's Medallion and the State Squire's Medallion.

Bill has served his Church in the capacity as an usher, bingo worker, cook, Vice president of the Men's Club and Building Committee Chairman. He has served his community as a Precinct Committeeman and Vice President of the Home Association. He served the youth as a Little League coach.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE SECRETARY



LOGAN LUDWIG

Logan Ludwig is married to Ina and has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. He was born in Prairie Du Rocher and currently lives in Bolingbrook. He has a Bachelor's Degree from SIU, a Master's from the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. from St. Louis University.

Logan worked for the Dominican University as an Adjunct Professor and is currently the Associate Dean of Library and Telemedicine Services at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. he has authored 40 articles for major journals and written 3 books. He is the Government Relations Chair of the Medical library Association and received the Distinguished Service Award for the health Services Communications Association.

Logan join the Knights in 1972 in Louisiana, missouri. he transferred to Bonne Terre, MO. where he served as Chairman of several committees and established a Council Carnival. Logan served as Chancellor, Secretary, DGK and Grand Knight at Bonne Terre receiving the Star Council Award. He is currently a member of Bolingbrook Council 11092 where he has been a Trustee and Captain of the 1st Degree Team. He is a member of Thomas Dooley Assembly and serves on the 3rd. and 4th. Degree Teams. Logan started and chaired the Joliet Chapter Honors Night.

Logan has served 2 State Councils for 15 years starting off as a District Deputy in Missouri and Illinois. He was Newman Chair, State Convention Chair for 2 years, New Council Development Chair, Membership Director and Program Director. he has served as an elected officer in the capacity of State Advocate and State Treasurer. He has received the State Deputy's Medallion, State Squires Medallion, Master's Medallion and is a Joliet Chapter Honoree.

Logan has served his church as an usher, lecturer, CCD teacher: Chaired the parish Picnic and School Building Com-

mittees. He has also been on the Parish School Board and been President of the Parish Council. He has served his community as a High School Basketball Coach and on the Boards of the Public Library, Employees Credit union, and White House Conference on Libraries and been a United Way Chair.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER



PAUL S. HAVRILKA, JR.

Paul has been married for 25 years to Judy and has 1 daughter, 3 sons and a granddaughter. he graduated from Griffin high School in Springfield and Loyola University in Chicago earning a Bachelor's in Business Administration. He has successfully passed the CPA exam. His family currently resides in Southern Illinois in the Woodlawn area.

Paul started his career for the State of Illinois as a Medicaid Auditor and currently has worked 25 years as a federal contract auditor for the Medicare program. He is currently working for AdminaStar Federal as the Coordinator of Quality Control and Training. He is a member of the Southern Illinois Chapters of the CPA Society and Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). He has chaired many committees in HFMA including Membership, Job Placement and the Board of Directors. Paul has also had input on National Committees working with Medicare cost reports and regulations.

Paul joined the Knights in 1978 in Mt. Vernon where he is currently a member. He has chaired many committees including MR, PRo-Life, Retention, Indoor Circus, Charities, Fiftieth Anniversary Night, Vocations Raffle and 1st. Degree Team. He has been Advocate, DGK Grand Knight, and Trustee. he is a member of the Blessed Virgin Assembly having been Purser, Trustee and Faithful navigator. he is on the Belleville Major Degree Team. Paul was Chapter President and Chairs the Southern Friendship Honors Dinner.

Paul served the State Council for the last 16 years as a District Deputy, Charity Coordinator, MR Chairman, Charitable Assistance Chairman, Retention Chairman, and State Program Director. he has been the elected State Advocate for the Last 2 years. He has received the State Deputy's Medallion and been a Chapter Dinner honoree.

Paul has served his Church as an usher and lecturer. He served on the Parish Council and was President of the Home and School Association. Paul and Judy are Pro-Life Chaircouple, and have worked on Parish Picnic committees, Parish Center Fundraising and Major Gift Committee for the Bishop's "Future Full of Hope" campaign. They were also Umbrella Ushers at Pope John Paul's Mass at the TWA Dome in 1999. In the community, both serve on the Crisis Pregnancy Center Board and

Red Cross Blood Drives. They have been involved with the Mt. Vernon Swim Team for 17 years making awards, and serving on the Board of Directors, as well as working as referee, Judge, and training new parents. Paul is also a volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE ADVOCATE



PHILIP J. BARONE

Phil Barone is married to Alice for more than 25 years and they have 2 daughters, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. They are expecting another grandchild shortly. Phil has an Associate's Degree in Marketing from Bernard Baruch College in New York and took additional Management classes at Illinois Benedictine University.

Phil worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 29 years as Accounting Manager, Customer Relations Manager, Information Technologies Manager and LAN Systems Consultant. He earned many "Quality Service Awards" and was named Employee of the Year. He is currently an independent Computer Consultant. He also works as an IHSA Official for Baseball, Softball and Basketball.

Phil joined the Knights in 1983 and has been the Chairman of Blood Drive, MR Drive, 1st. Degree Team and Membership in Fr. Gaffney Council 1555. He held the chair offices including Grand Knight when his council earned Star Council Award and 2nd. place Outstanding Council for small councils at the State Convention. He is a member of Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly where he has served as Faithful Pilot and Captain. He has been named Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and received the Charles Faust Award from the Assembly.

Phil has served the State Council as a District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Coordinator, Ceremonials Chairman, State Charitable Activities Director, Current State Membership Director, and was elected as State Warden. He is on the Dupage Major Degree Team and 4th. Degree Team. Phil is a Former Master of the Northern District in Illinois. He has received the State Squires Medallion, the State Deputy's Medallion and the Master's Medallion.

Phil has served his Church as Lector, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Picnic Chairman, 125th. Anniversary Committee, Finance Committee and Parish Council President. he has also served on the Bereavement Committee and the Worship and Service Commissions. He has served his community as Cub Scout Coordinators, School PTA, Coach and Chief Umpire for youth baseball, West Chicago City subcommittee on Planning, Winfield Township Town Hall Committee.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE ADVOCATE



JOHN P. LYNCH

John is single and usually travels with “Mom” Lynch to many K of C activities. He attended the University of Illinois earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.

John owned a fast food restaurant for 25 years and has managed a Video Store. he is currently the General Manager of the Columbus Clubhouse for Lansing Council.

John joined the knights in 1967 at Queen of Martyrs Council where he served as MR/LD Chairman, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Grand Knight and earned the Star Council Award. John transferred his membership to Lansing Council where he is currently a member and the Hall Manager. John is a member of Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly and has served as Faithful Purser and Ad Chairman. In the Chicago Chapter he has been Chairman of several committees including, CYO, Christmas, Golf Outing and Southside Friendship Dinner. he has also served as Executive Secretary and President of the Chapter.

John has served the State Council as District Deputy, Charities Coordinator, Squires Chairman, Youth Director, New Council Development Chairman, State Membership Director, State Charities Director, and been elected State Warden. He has received the State Deputy’s Medallion, Master’s Medallion, State Squire’s Medallion, Knight of the Year and was a Friendship Dinner Honoree and CYO Club of Champions Honoree. John has served his Church in the Man’s Club and is a Eucharistic Minister. he has served his Community on the Southside Irish Parade, Good Neighbor Day Parade and is a member of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE ADVOCATE



MICHAEL A. SVACH

Mike has been married to Kathy for 31 years. They have 2 sons and one granddaughter. Mike received a Bachelor’s Degree in speech education at SIU in Carbondale and a Masters in Pasto-

ral Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Mike and Kathy currently reside in Plainfield.

Mike’s career includes being a teacher for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Camera Store Manager and Owner, DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk, and working for the Diocese of Joliet as a Teacher Personnel Coordinator and Director of Diocesan Personnel.

Mike joined the Knights in 1983 in Glen Ellyn 5516 where he served as Program Director, DGK and Grand Knight and was named Knight of the Year. He was a Charter member in Council 9806 in Glen Ellyn where Kathy and he were named Family of the Year. He was a Charter member at 10575 in Wheaton where they were also named Family of the Year. Mike is currently a member at Plainfield 5573. He has been a member of the First DEgree team and is currently the Captain of the DuPage Major Degree Team. He is a 4th. degree member of the Joliet Assembly. Mike has served the Joliet Chapter as President and Chaired the Bishops Burse Dinner.

Mike has served the State Council as District Deputy, State Mini Directory Creator and Editor, Newsletter Editor, New Council Development North Chairman, Youth Activities Chairman, Newman Director and was the 1st. District Deputy Coordinator and 1st. Training Coordinator. Mike chaired the Chicago Supreme Convention-State Deputies Ball and the Illinois Delegation for the Papal Visit. Mike and Kathy were named the State Family of the Year and he has received the State Deputy’s Medallion and the Master’s Medallion.

Mike has served his Church as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Religious Education Teacher and Confirmation Retreat Director. He has served on the Building Committee and as Chairman of the Christian Service Committee. Mike has served his community as a President of the Teachers Credit Union, a Vice President on the Glen Ellyn chamber of Commerce, Membership Chair and Director of the Kiwanis, and is a Homeless Shelter Volunteer.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE WARDEN



RAYMOND BILISKOV

Raymond Biliskov is married to Janelle for 42 years and has 1 son and 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren. He attended 2 years of a specialty school in New York to learn about Blue Printing. He currently resides in Schaumburg.

Ray started his career in the Service in Korea and earned 4 Battle Stars and the Purple Heart. He then went to work for the Huey Company, a Chicago Blue Print Company where he will have 50 years of service in June, 2001 when he retires.

Ray joined the Knights in 1960 at Bishop Kettler Council 1628 where he was the Treasurer. he later transferred to St. Marcel-line 7694 where he served as Membership Chairman, MR

Chairman, Program Chairman and in several elected offices including Grand Knight. Ray is a 4th. Degree member having belonged to LaSalle Assembly, Bishop Hillinger Assembly and Bishop Bernard Sheil Assembly. he has been a Scribe, Pilot, Captain and Faithful navigator and served on the Exemplification Committee.

Ray has served the State Council as a District Deputy and Diocesan Recruitment and Retention Chairman. He was recognized as the illinois State Knight of the Year at the 1996 Convention and has received the Masters Medallion.

Rays service to Church includes being a Founding Father of St. Marcelline Parish, Pledge Drive Chairman, Project Renewal Captain and an usher. his service to community includes being a Tag Day Captain for both Little City and Misericordia and being involved in the Memorial Day Parade and Services.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE WARDEN



ROBERT J. FUGGITI

Bob has been married to Linda for 27 years and they have a son and a daughter. he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science at Northeastern Illinois.

Bob's career started with the US Army with one tour in Vietnam. Since then he has worked for the Chicago Police Department for 32 years where he is a Detective and a Hostage Negotiator. he has earned numerous Honorable Mention Awards and a Department Commendation.

Bob joined the knights in 1989 at Fr. Francis Ryan Council 5025 where he served as Council Director, Community Director, Membership Director, Warden, Program Director, Chancellor, DGK and Grand Knight.

Bob has served the State Council as a District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, and State Program Director. He has served on numerous State Convention Committees and is a member of the Holy Spirit Major Degree Team. Bob is currently the Web master for the Illinois State Council's website. He helped start a Council within the Chicago Police Department. he received the State Deputy's Medallion and the Columbian Boosters Award.

Bob's service to Church includes being an Usher and working on numerous committees at his parish. he also assists at the monthly mass for Chicago Police Officers at Mercy Mission Orphanage. his service to community include the President of Father's Club at High School, American Legion member, Cops for Kids program, and 25 years to the Forest Glen Community Club where he received the Good Neighbor Award. He speaks on Fraud Prevention and has appeared on FOX TV.

ILLINOIS STATE PROGRAMMING

The State Convention is quickly approaching and there are some things that have changed. First we are saddened by the recent and untimely death of Brother Knight Bill Miller, our State Blood Drive Chairman. In the last two fraternal years Bill has brought an increase to the number of Units of Blood collected. He has set an example of excellence that will be hard to follow.

CHANGES IN AWARD PROCEDURES

All **Blood Drive reports** and all **Senior Citizen of the Month reports** shall now be directed to:

Community Activities Director

Bob Bukowski

2548 N. Rutherford

Chicago, IL. 60707-2250

The most important program is coming up in May and that's our State Convention. Already the Convention crew is fast at work to make this the best convention ever. This also means that you too should be working on getting in your forms for the Awards available to you. you should have received the State Awards Program booklet. The forms that are in it must be filled out and returned by the deadlines.

In May we are asking all councils to participate in "The Pro-Life Baby Shower". Now is the time to get this program started. The Diocesan Chair couples will be sending out more information as the Month approaches. The information has been mailed and it is also available on the website.

Coming June 8-10 is the State Kamporee. Reservations must be received by May 19, 2001. Our Chairman Bob Maas tells me you better not wait or you'll be working on the leftovers. The reservation form is available for downloading from the website.

Spring has sprung and the baseball season is approaching. Tickets will be available for the St. Louis Cardinals games and also the Chicago Cubs games. Look for the Flyers and move fast because it's first come first serve.

A wealth of information can be found by simply getting on the computer and typing in the following website address:

<http://www.illinoisknights.org/>

Bob Fuggiti

State Program Director

MEMBERSHIP

Recruiting Converts - Invite and Ask

All over the State of Illinois the first week of lent, there were men taking their first steps to becoming Catholic. The annual rite recognizes persons who will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter upon completing the Rite of Christian initiation of Adults (RCIA).

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

DIocese	DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	HOST #	LOCATION
District 1	Sun	4/29/01	4TH. Deg.	xxx	Don Trent MFD	xxx	Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel
Chicago	Sun	5/6/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Stuart Murray	4977	Holy Ghost Council
Belleville	Sun	5/6/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Steve Cosner	592	Belleville_Msg Driscoll Council
Peoria	Sun	6/10/01	NOON	1:00 p.m.	Robert Hedrick	574	Bloomington Fr. Ring Council
Springfield	Sun	6/10/01	NOON	1:15 p.m.	James Enlow	868	Jacksonville Council

During this Easter season of spiritual renewal, focus on Recruiting Converts - Invite and Ask them to join. Target your parish RCIA classes as potential members. Explain to them that membership in the knights of Columbus is an ideal way for these converts to continue their personal exploration of our Faith. Consider sponsoring a celebration for RCIA classes as a way of familiarizing these people with the knights of Columbus.

Additionally, look into having senior members of local college councils transfer their membership into your council, thus keeping them active in the Order. Also look at Squires that will be turning 18 years old.

We are coming to the close of this fraternal year and if we don't have every council recruiting we will not have Positive Growth in the State of Illinois. You all have been working hard to reach this goal for the year, but with just a few months left we need all the help that we can get. Lets help State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski to have the POWER OF ONE in this fraternal year.

God Bless

State Membership Directors

**Phil Barone
Frank Ryan**

A NEW COUNCIL IS BORN

We are proud to announce that **Council 12886** has been assigned to Illinois newest Council located in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The council is made up of Chicago Firemen and Paramedics. Institution day was recorded as March 29, 2001. As you know, this is Founders Day and what better way to celebrate the founding of the Knights of Columbus.

FORMS, FORMS, FORMS

The end of the fraternal year is fast approaching and it is time to start preparing your Columbian Award Application (**SP7**), which can be found in your forms booklet sent to you by Supreme at the beginning of the fraternal year.

Every council, no matter if you are a small one to a big one has programs in each of the reportable five activities. The report is very easy to fill out and doesn't take a significant amount of time to complete. Just remember that all five activities must be reported, with 4 items in each activity.

It should be the goal of every council to receive the **COLUMBIAN AWARD**. This award will act as recognition for your council and the brothers who promote the various programs that benefit your Church, Council, Community, Youth, and your Families.

Remember to submit your application to reach the Supreme Council by **June 30th**. I suggest that it should be mailed no later than June 10th. Also, send a copy to your District Deputy, as well as the State Council.

If you need any assistance, contact your District Deputy or any State Officer.

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

CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As you may or may not be aware of the Charities year is coming to a close on **April 27th. at 12:00 p.m.** All Charities money must be in the Illinois State Council office in Kankakee by that time in order to be considered for awards at the State Convention. Charitable Assistance, Newman and Mentally Handicapped/Learning Disability money is imperative to continue to run these programs. Your District Deputy has all the current information as to your quotas and monies turned in by your council for all the Charities.

REMEMBER TIME IS FLYING

Fraternally,

**John F. Gecewicz
General Assistance Chairman**

VOCATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Today, my co-chairman and I would like to visit with you, your fellow Brother Knights and Sir Knights about one of the most pressing needs facing our Catholic Church. That need is the shortage of priests, sisters and brothers who will be our church leaders in the future not only for us but also for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Without their guidance

and encouragement most of us would have difficulty negotiating the stepping stones to our eternal reward.

At the beginning of this fraternal year you received a list of names of all the young men from all of the six dioceses in Illinois who are seminarians and who are making a commitment to dedicate their entire life to someday serving us as our parish priest. In return, it is our duty to offer them our encouragement with both financial and spiritual support.

It is our goal that every council and assembly in this great jurisdiction of Illinois to participate in the R.S.V.P. Program. Yes, better known as the "Adopt a Seminarian" program. If you have already sponsored a seminarian and have sent him the monetary donation, please don't forget to send in the paperwork to our Supreme Office and a copy to either one of us. For your support we thank you. For those of you that have done nothing or are thinking of what to do, time is running out. Our Cardinal and every Bishop in Illinois along with our State Deputy are encouraging you to show these seminarians that we care. Please speak to your membership at your next meeting and encourage them to find a few dollars in your budget to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. Please do it now. No contribution is too small and no contribution is too big. **Don't Wait Until It's Too Late.**

God Bless and VIVAT JESUS

**Fraternally,
Ronald A. Ziemba P.S.D.
William L. Brown I.P.S.D.**

The Illinois State Council Vocation Support Program invites you to join the Knights of Columbus on the following FABULOUS trips.

Spain and Portugal October 21-30, 2001 for only \$2295.00 + (Air Tax) per person double occupancy.

Athens plus Cruise 2002, April 11-21, 2002 for only \$2495.00 + (Air Tax) per person double occupancy. (This trip is filling up fast so don't wait)

Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic in October 2003. Projected cost will be \$2995.00 per person double occupancy.

For more information please contact Ron Ziemba P.S.D. at (847)577-9269.

INSURANCE FIELD AGENTS REPORT

Family Fraternal Benefit Program.

I have been asked by many Brother knights what this benefit really is and what do they need to do to qualify for the benefit. Well here is an excerpt from a brochure I received from Supreme, which I think explains the program quite well. This program of the knights of Columbus makes available to eligible family members's five distinct types of assistance. To be eligible, the member must be in good standing with his

Council and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150.00 or providing at least \$5000.00 permanent life insurance coverage.

A. Life insurance benefits:

The Order's various life insurance plans are available through our agents for a healthy child. But what about children who are physically challenged or mentally retarded? In these cases, knights of Columbus offers:

1. A \$5000 life insurance plan, at standard rates for a member's uninsurable or rated newborn child provided the application is made before the child is 61 days old.
2. A \$5000 life insurance plan, at a rated premium for a member's uninsurable child between the ages of 60 days and 18 years.
3. Up to \$5000 life insurance at standard rates for a mentally retarded child otherwise in good health, between the ages of 3 years and 18 years.

To be eligible for these three benefits the member must be in good standing with his Council and at least one parent and the children not declined for insurance must be insured under individual Knights of Columbus certificates.

B. Death Benefits

The Knights of Columbus provides:

4. A \$1500 death benefit to the family when a child dies less than 61 days after birth.
5. A \$750 death benefit to the family when a child is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception. The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.

To be eligible for these two benefits, the member must be in good standing with his Council and at least one parent must be insured under a individual Knights of Columbus certificate.

Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program.

Since the founding of the Order, the Knights of Columbus has been especially concerned about the welfare of the child who loses both parents. With this program, the Order once again demonstrates this concern for the offspring of eligible families by providing the following two benefits:

1. An Orphan Fraternal Benefit of \$80 monthly is paid for the support of each eligible orphan until he or she reaches age 19, graduates from high school, enters military service, marries, discontinues Knights of Columbus insurance, or no longer attends school (except if he or she has a disabling illness). If the orphan attends college or vocation/technical school full-time, the Orphan Fraternal Benefit can continue to age 23.
2. The child may also be eligible for up to \$1750 each year in educational grants. The grants are based on financial need and will not exceed \$7000 over a four year period.

For a child to be eligible for these two orphan benefits the father must have been in good standing with his Council and at least one parent must have been insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate. The child must be less than 19 years of

age and be insured by an individual Knight of Columbus certificate.

Basically, what this says my fellow brothers is that if you have a policy on either you or your wife for a minimum of at least \$5000 and also cover each one of your children under a separate policy they would be eligible for this all important benefit.

Personally I find it hard to believe that every Knight doesn't have a policy with the Knights, as we have one of the highest dividend rates paid in North America and along with the insurance we provide both the Family and Orphan benefit.

Fraternally,

**John P. Blazeovich
(708) 534-2044**

LADIES AUXILIARY

Welcome and Congratulations to the **NEW** Ladies Auxiliary of Rev. Gordon Michel's of council 12014. Auxiliary officers are as follows:

- President: Catherine M. Berkos,**
- Vice President: Jayne M. Cassani**
- Secretary: Mary Agnes Maloney**
- Treasurer: Francis A. Seaton**
- Trustees: Dolores Gross, Michelle Lager, and Clara Schultz.**

I am looking forward to hearing of your many activities that the Auxiliary will be conducting to further the good works of our Catholic Faith and of the Knights of Columbus. I have sent out many information booklets concerning the forming of an Auxiliary and will be looking forward to many more new Auxiliaries in the future. Remember the State Convention is fast approaching and will be held in beautiful St. Louis ILLINOIS. The convention is shaping up to be a very exciting weekend. Thanks to ladies convention chairperson Judy Havrilka, Theresa Pietruszynski and the convention committee for the planning, to have this be a successful convention. Looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's convention

God Bless to all

**Diane Kinyon
Ladies Auxiliary Chairperson**

PRO-LIFE REPORT

This May the State Council is urging all councils to take part in a new program called the "Pro-Life Baby Shower". We need to unite and show that we are an organization that values life. Please have your council participate in this worthwhile program.

PURPOSE: A Pro-Life clothing and supply drive to benefit Mothers-to-be who might otherwise choose abortion and to also benefit the unborn who might not otherwise be given the "Right to Life".

WHEN: Throughout the month of May, 2001.

WHERE: At your councils home parish(s).

HOW TO CONDUCT:

1. Obtain your Pastor's permission to set up a baby bed or play pen in the entrance or flyer of your church.
2. Find a baby bed or play pen to use.
3. Beginning the 1st. Sunday in May, and continuing all throughout the month of May, ask your parish priest to announce to the congregation, or get permission for one of your council members to announce, during or at the end of each Mass, that your council is conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower with the proceeds to be given to the Pro-Life organization of your choice.
- Ask parishioners to donate baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, etc. Be sure to "seed" the baby bed with some nice articles of clothing and supplies as this always helps.
4. At the end of May take all of the items and donate them to the Pro-life center(s) of the Parish or Council's choice.
5. Please conduct this activity in addition to your regular Pro-Life activities held during the fraternal year. We would like to see 100% of councils across Illinois participate in this activity.

**Bob Fuggiti
State Program Director**

THE CARING INSTITUTE

Pro-lifers have long been aware of the power of television in our American culture so it was particularly exciting to learn that many areas of the country are successfully using pro-life television advertising in an effective public outreach. Messages have been researched to reach those who do not, or will not, consider our point of view, and thirty second television ads have been produced and tested for their effectiveness. With the encouragement of pro-life leadership in the Chicago area and with the support of Cardinal Francis George, The Caring Institute was incorporated in 1998 to make this television project a reality in the Chicago media market. Our first ad campaign in February and March of 2000 on Chicago network television generated 2061 phone calls to area pro-life agencies.

The enthusiastic support of a number of Knights of Columbus Councils in this area encourages us to bring this educational outreach to the attention of all the KC councils in this seventeen county area to ask for your participation in this outreach. The Caring Institute would welcome a direct grant or contribution to this effort. Brochures are available on request.

The possibility of reaching out with compassionate caring messages to all our friends and neighbors in this seventeen county media market area of 6.5 million adults is exciting to all of us in the forefront of pro-life activities. If you would like, the ads can be previewed by your council members by calling (847) 336-6270 to request a presentation. We need your support to make pro-life messages on local network television a reality on a regular basis.

Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration. And thank you for all that you do.

For Life!

**Mrs. Jean Synovic
Executive Director
The Caring Institute**

ONE MILLION ROSARIES TO END ABORTION

On Saturday May 12th, 2001 during one particular hour, it is hoped that one million people will pray the Rosary (Joyful Mystery) for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies.

Will you, on May 12th. pray the Rosary for an end to abortion? Praying your one Rosary can help make the goal of 1 million a reality.

The times are:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EASTERN

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. CENTRAL

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. MOUNTAIN

6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. PACIFIC

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his/her existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a **PERSON**- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270.

SUPREME REPORT

The list of prize winners for the January and February 2001 “Family of the Month” contest is printed below. A random drawing was conducted at the Supreme office to select the winners from among the many “Family of the Month” nominees submitted by councils throughout the Order.

Illinois “Families of the Month” for **JANUARY 2001**:

Arnel and Julia Garcia, Council 2932, Trenton

Gary and Stephanie Deiters, Council 6707, Washington.

Illinois “Family of the Month” for **FEBRUARY 2001**:

Richard and Patricia Nielson, Council 1456, Melrose Park.

Carl A. Anderson was officially installed as the 13th. supreme knight in the 119 year history of the knights of Columbus in ceremonies at the conclusion of a concelebrated Mass at the Basilica of Our lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, February 3rd. Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera, Primate of Mexico and Arch Bishop of Mexico City, was the principal celebrant of the Mass. Anderson received the supreme knight’s jewel of office and his formal charge from past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant. Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn, N. Y., blessed the jewel of office. Supreme Knight Anderson then gave each of his fellow Supreme Officers their jewel of office and charge.

The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. officially opened its doors to the public the weekend of March 9-11th. Several years in the making, the arrival of the new multi-story, 77,000 square foot facility was celebrated at a formal reception and dinner for more than 200 invited guests on March 9th. Weekend visitors were drawn to the museum in part by the extensive media coverage its opening received. The museum will be open free to the public for its first year.



SQUIRES REPORT

April is Squire’s Month and the Illinois Squires started it off with their 29th. Annual Convention at the Park inn International in Urbana, March 30,31st and April 1st.

Seven Circles were represented as Streator Circle #341, Rantoul Circle #1239, Evansville Circle #2895, Breese Circle #3115, Bolingbrook Circle #3549, virden Circle #3971, and Glen Ellyn Circle #4591.

The weekend began with an investiture where 13 candidates joined the Squires. A pizza party and a movie or games completed the evening.

Bishop Kaffer, Illinois State Chaplain celebrated the Mass on Saturday, assisted by State Squire Father Prior South, Chuck Tuttle. Southern Master Donatus Kelch with Sir Knights representing three assemblies led an honor guard.

The following awards were presented.

State Bowling Tournament: 1st. Place - Breese, 2nd. Place - Breese

State Retreat: Participants: Breese, Evansville and Rantoul.

State Basketball Tournament: 1st. Place *Senior Division* - Lisle, 2nd Place *Senior Division* - Breese. 1st. Place *junior Division* - Breese, 2nd Place *Junior Division* - Evansville

Spiritual Activity of the year: Virden Circle

Service Activity of the Year. Evansville Circle

Membership Activity of the Year: Breese Circle.

Membership Gain: Evansville circle.

Circle Activity of the Year: Breese Circle.

Circle of the Year: Msgr. Francis Tecklenburg Circle #2895, Evansville.

State Deputy Joe Pietruszynski awarded the following:

Squire of the Year: Matthew Maynerich, Virden Circle #3971.

Councilor of the year: Paul Quinn, Rantoul Circle #1239.

The Squires in Illinois have enjoyed a net gain in membership so far this **Diamond Anniversary Year** of 68 new members, or over 30%.



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

As we conclude this season of Lent and look forward to the season of renewal, let us all remember the joys of the Easter new life and the meaning of the lessons learned. May each and every one have not only a happy but also a most holy Easter season. May the new life of spring rejuvenate your life spiritually and emotionally and may the joy of summer be warm upon your face always.

Happy Easter

Donatus and Pat Kelch

Joliet Assembly 204 held its 28th. annual 4th. Degree Charity Ball on Saturday March 31st., starting with Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Imesh at St. Mary's Church. Profits from the Charity Ball go to support the Charities of Birthright of Joliet, Catholic Charities, Deaf Apostolate of Joliet, and the Guardian Angel home of Joliet.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly No. 2410 of Arlington Heights held their Fifth Annual Padagonian Auction to benefit seminarians and encourage religious vocations. More than 120 people enjoyed the dinner and auction which produced more than \$3000.00 for these purposes.

LaSalle Assembly no. 0189 introduced its new quarterly newsletter.

January 26th., LaSalle Assembly held its annual Seminary/Clergy night in the St. Bernardine school hall. A group of 100 + members, spouses and guests, were on hand to help support and show their appreciation for clergy members and seminarians.

On June 22, 2001 the assembly will host a Ladies Night in the St. Bernardine School Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Ed Warble Show. The cost is \$10.00 per person. For more information contact Vincent P. DeRosa, P.O. Box 410847, Chicago. 60641-0847.

On April 29th, Sir Knights and their Ladies will assemble in Breese for the purpose of welcoming many Sir Knights and their families into the greatest degree of our order. This is a one day event by design.

Upcoming Exemplification plans are:

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.

Burial Services for Patrick and Sarah Victims of the American Abortion Holocaust

The Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in the placement of Memorials to the Unborn in almost every city in the United States, especially here in Illinois. On March 17, 2001 the councils and assemblies of the greater Joliet area went on step further by helping to bury 2 unborn victims of abortion. Burials of the unborn have been done in a few other areas but this was the first time the Knights have taken such an active roll.

The donation in full, of the Grave Markers for Patrick and Sarah was solely a K of C activity. The tiny unborn were given a full Ecumenical Wake Service, Catholic Funeral Mass and Public Burial with Knights of Columbus active at all services. 250 people of all ages and religions were in attendance.

As Pro-Life chair for Council 4400 and a member of the Burial Committee I would like to say thank you to the following:

*Good Shepard Council 5573, Plainfield,
St. Mary Council 6993, Mokena,
Knights of Columbus Council 382, Joliet,
Fr. Gordon Michael Council, 12014, Joliet,
Holy Trinity Council 4400, Joliet
Knights of Columbus 10926, New Lenox,
St. Anthony Council 9770, Frankfort, and
Joliet General Assembly 4th. Degree 204.*

Thanks also to Faithful Friar of the Joliet General Assembly, Rev. Louis Roggee, The 4th. Degree Color Guard and Brother Knight REv. Dennis Paul.

John Egizio

Pro-Life chairman, Joliet area

State of the Art Catholic Band Competition

Twenty Catholic High School Concert Bands competed at Loyola Academy, Wilmette, Illinois on Saturday, February 17.

This was the twenty first Annual State of the Art sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The competition brought nearly 1000 young student musicians from 20 schools in the Chicago area!

Each band performed two compositions of their choice and were judged by three eminent music educators from the University of Notre Dame, Roosevelt University, and VanderCook College of Music.

The winners were: Marian Catholic Cadet Band in Class A, St. Viator in Class AA, and the Loyola Academy Wind Ensemble in Class AAA which was named **Grand Champion**.

The Marian Catholic Symphonic Band, Grand Champion and **United States Champion Band in 2001**, concluded the day with an exhibition performance.



Pictured are the Ouilmette Council 922 4th. degree honor guard: From left to right, Richard Krause, Ed Barys, Paul Daugerdas, Javier Medina, Bob Hillinger, Charles Kopp and Bernie Thalman.

Support for the State of the Art Band competition was supplied from Councils 650, 922, 1268, 5573, 5732, 5918, 9770, 10325, 10575 and 10884

IN MEMORIAM

William E. Miller, Illinois State Blood Drive Chairman

Harry H. Sonnemaker, Past State Deputy

Raymond Vincent, Council 690, Dixon. 5 years service.

Otto, Council 2869, Breese. 46 years service.

Dr. Francis Ketterer, Council 2869, Breese. 55 years service.

Wilbert Kruse, Council 2869, Breese. 40 years service.

Joe Biesk, Council 2869, Breese. 42 years service.

Ambrose J. Thoele, Council 665, Effingham. 38 years service.

Cletus A. Koester, Council 665, Effingham. 49 years service.

George Larash, Council 6707, Washington. 10 years service.

Warren Null, Council 6707, Washington. 18 years service.

J. Kenneth Bane, Council 6090, Lombard. 36 years service.

John T. Parkinson, Council 6090, Lombard. 58 years service.

Steven D. Schurko, Council 2034, Chicago. 50 years service.

Eugene A. Jany, Council 7989, Johnston City. 18 years service.

Mathais G. Klemp, Council 1268, Lake Forest. 36 years service.

Eternal rest grant onto them O' Lord, and may Perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. AMEN

COUNCIL NEWS

On January 1, 2001, two parishes in Springfield were merged into one, and given the name of St. Katherine Drexel Parish (St.

Katherine was recently canonized). Rev. John Renken, administrator of the new parish and pastor of St. James Parish in Riverton, asked Marian Council 3914 if they could help him. The new parish was in need of chalices, as the others had either been stolen or were in poor shape. Well, the word was spread around, and on March 3 (which was also the first feast day for the St. Katherine Drexel as a saint), a total of 6 chalices (with either the 3rd. or 4th. Degree emblems of the Order) were presented, blessed and used at St. Katherine Drexel Parish. An honor guard was provided by Bishop Griffin Assembly, based out of Springfield. Fr. Ranken expressed his gratitude over and over to the 5 councils and 1 Assembly that donated the chalices, as well as to the Knights of Columbus for their support of the Church. The donors were as follows:

Marian Council 3914, Riverton
Father Ernest Burtle Council 4175, Springfield
Holy Family Council 4179, Springfield
Father Lupton Council 4446, Kincaid
St. Jude Council 9640, Rochester

Bishop Griffin Assembly #201, Springfield.

Council 8596, Dundee: Held a Knight's Mass with a good turnout of family and friends.

March 17th. brought St. Patrick's Day and with it the annual dinner dance sponsored by the K of C.

The blood drive on March 18th. netted 40 pints. An award was given to Fred McCarthy as a 3-gallon donor.

The Altar Server's party will be held on April 27th. in the Fr. McKinstra Center.

The next Parish Family Breakfast will be held on Sunday May 6th. This will be the last one until the Fall Season.

Council 324, Evergreen Park: Congratulations to the 6 new members that have joined our council.

There will be a Mass held for all Knights and their families at 8:30 a.m. on April 29th. at St. Christina's Church, with breakfast following at the Beverly Woods Restaurant on 115th. and Western, Chicago.

Fr. Tom McCarthy held a morning of prayer and reflection on April 7th.

We were honored to have Ed Derwinski as a guest speaker at our April 19th. meeting. Mr. Derwinski is presently the Honorary Council General of Iceland, and was a member of Congress from the Fourth District in Il.

Council 8021, Rockton: March was a very busy month with a First Degree on the 8th., a pancake breakfast on the 11th, Fourth Degree members dinner on the 20th, and the M. H. dinner on the 22nd. which was attended by 70 people Our First Degreee held on March 1st. netted us four new members.

Council 3914, Riverton: Ron Jagodzinski ran a Chicago style Chili Cook-off for Super Bowl Sunday, with the Silver Spoon Award going the Tregonings. The proceeds went to the Disaster fund.

Fish Fries are going strong, with fries 4 out of 5 weeks during Lent.

A KC social dinner was held on February 23rd.

The council web site can be found at:
<http://www2.fgi.net/~goff>

Council 5918, Woodridge: The 2nd Annual Super Bowl Bingo went well,
Provided some Knights to help out at the District Free Throw contest which was held at Benedictine University on February 3rd.

The annual Scouts Blue and Gold was held on February 25th. beginning with Mass followed by Scouts receiving the religious medals provided by our council.

The Council hosted an Easter party and egg hunt on March 25th. for the children of St. Scholastica and St. Joan of Arc along with K of C members children and grand children.

Council 382, Joliet: The council is planning on sponsoring a Lake Erie Fishing Trip on July 6, 7 and 8th.

The council will be going to see the Chicago Cubs play baseball on Saturday, June 16th. The tickets will be \$40.00 per person.

The Ladies of Columbus sponsored their monthly Spaghetti Dinner on April 4th. The cost is only \$5.50 per serving.

The Council will be hosting the Annual Joliet Chapter Honors Night Banquet on Saturday, April 21st.

Council 1496, Monmouth: Wednesday April 11th. was the quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive.

Our June stag which will be held on the 25th. will be hosted by Raritan.

Council 1444, Chicago: The Council held the St. Pats parade party at the Club, with corned beef sandwiches, refreshments and good company on March 11th.

A Major Degree was held on Palm Sunday, April 8th. at Mother of Sorrows Campus in Blue Island.

About 40 members and friends attended a Daytona 500 party at the clubhouse on February 18th.

Congratulations to the 16 new Sir Knights who took the Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 17th.

The Annual Scholarship examination will be held on May 19th. at the Clubhouse. One scholarship to be awarded for each five participants.

The young and old of Fr. Perez enjoyed a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Party on March 12th.

Council 4688, Bethalto: Held a blood drive at the KC hall on February 12th and collected 24 units of blood. Another was held on April 16th.

Held our K of C Essay Contest. There were 41 entries this year. The winners went on to the Chapter judging level.

A mortgage burning party and catered dinner/dance will be held on April 28th. commemorating the last payment of the loan for the K of C building. Come and enjoy the bonfire. It will start at 6:00 p.m. until(?)

The annual Chili Cook off was held on March 26th. with 10 chili cookers vying for trophies. The winners were Carl Morin, first, Jerry Graham, second and John Platter, third.

Five new members were welcomed to the order on February 26th. when our council held a First Degree.

Council 1580, Highland: Welcomed 6 new members on March from a Major Degree held at the council.
Held an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. at the hall.
The Knight Time Singers performed on April 16th. at the Aviston Countryside Manor.

Remember the Euchre Tournament every Thursday night starting at 8:00 p.m.

Remember Bingo every Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m.

A Corporate Communion was held on April 8th. at St. Gertrude's Church.

Council 5574, Chicago: A Day at the Races will be held on May 20th. or 27th., details later.

Received a thank you letter from our Seminarian, Jerome Parish in part thanking us for the council's gift in support of his studies at the seminary.

A Retreat with an excellent turnout was held on January 27th. at St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory, with the theme of "Discipleship in the Knights of Columbus."

Council 583, Quincy: Held a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on March 4th.

The Memorial Mass and breakfast was held on Sunday, March 11th.

Our Fourth Degree Law Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 29th, in the North room, South building.

The 2001 K of C Bar-B-Que is in full swing with preparations being made to see that we have another successful event.

A breakfast was held on March 11th. where 50 year and 25 year members of Council 583 were awarded a pin. The attendance numbered about 100.

Council 887, Chicago: The Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 14th. at the IHM Social Center.

A Family Communion Mass and breakfast was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 22nd.

A First Degree was held on April 2nd.

A Communion Mass and Breakfast in memory of August Klimek and all deceased members of the council will be held on April 22nd.

The council held its annual St. Pat's and St. Joe's party on March 11th.

On Sunday August the 12th. the council will be sponsoring its 10th. Annual Golf Outing at Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett. The fee is \$85.00, which includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes.

Council 3627, Des Plaines: We raised almost \$500.00 for our Seminarian fund with our second French toast breakfast of the year.

The annual Retreat was held on January 26, 27 and 28th. It was a great success. We had 22 men from Fr. Linden Council in attendance.

The council is holding an essay contest for all students in 8th. or 12th. grade. Winners will receive a \$100.00 savings bond and their school will receive a plaque.

Council 6090, Lombard: March 15th. was the K of C Pro Life Vigil held at St. Michael's Church.

The council will once again sponsor outings to the Kane County Cougars. We will have 35 tickets available for each of

2 games. The dates for this year are: Wednesday, May 2nd. at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 22 at 7 p.m.

Received a thank you letter from the Village of Lombard for all of the assistance provided to the Village of Lombard Blood Drive.

The annual Track Meet will be held on Saturday, April 28th., with the 29th. as the rain date. The meet will be held at Glenbard South high School in Glen Ellyn.

Council 6710, Warrenville: The annual M. H. Easter Party was held on April 7th. at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School.

Troop 514, which is sponsored by our council, sponsored a Pancake Breakfast on April 8th. with the proceeds going towards Summer camp in July.

The K of C and VFW of Warrenville are co-sponsoring their quarterly blood drive on April 28th.

A KC Corporate Communion was held on April 1st.

Congratulations to the 8 new members that took their First Degree on January 12th.

Council 3731, Glenview: Fr. Dussman Council held 2 Rosary Prayer services with the Virgin of Guadalupe Icon. On January 23rd. at St. Catherine Laboure, and on January 25th. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, both in Glenview. Pictured left to right are: Fr. Leo Hotze SVD, Chaplain, PBK John Sverth, SK James Mann.



Council 690, Dixon: A Founder's Day Mass was held on March 25th. at St. Patrick Church.

Held our Corporate Communion on April 22nd. at St. Anne Church, with a pancake breakfast at the KC Hall afterwards.

Held a Major Degree on March 4th. with 53 candidates.

Held a gourmet deep fried turkey dinner on Saturday April 21st.

Our first Annual Draw Down will be held on May 28th. at 3:00 p.m. 250 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 with 52 winners and a payout of \$7,200.00.

Northside Grand Knight and Past Grand Knight Club:

A thank you to Jim Bednar, Illinois State Council Education and Training Director for being our Special Presentation program presenter.

Next Month's program will focus on Charitable Activities.

The By-Law's committee presented proposed changes at the March meeting.

Council 8002, Winfield: Held a Pancake Breakfast on April 1st.

April 16th. a First Degree was held in Sebahar Hall.

Help is needed for the Misericordia Candy Days drive on April 27th. and April 28th.

Council 1278, Forest Park: Council members shared their time for the following programs: P.A.D.S Shelter, Cub Scouts Pine wood Derby Seminar, 19th. K of C Annual Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee had 30 students from five schools registered to compete.

Remember the next exemplification of the Fourth Degree that will be held at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare on Sunday April 29th.

Council 11091, Algonquin: The month of March was a very busy one with our 8th. Anniversary Dinner being held at the Milk Pail in West Dundee, which celebrated the founding of our Council and the K of C order.

Our next Confirmation honor Guard is on April 29th. at 4:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary.

We are accepting essay applications for this year's Joseph A. Nava Memorial Scholarship Award. The scholarship will be awarded to a son or daughter of a member of St. Mary Parish. Our second blood drive of the year will be Sunday, May 6th., with the year's goal being to collect 500 pints of blood. We need 125 pints of blood at each drive to reach this goal.

Council 7331, Techy: A St. Joseph's Table was sponsored by the Fourth Degree, for donations to the World War II Memorial Fund.

Our Past Grand Knight was honored at a dinner on April 22nd. in Buffalo Grove.

The council has been honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe by having the Icon travel each night to houses of willing Knights where prayer services for evangelization have been held. In addition, the general intentions of the Order, promotion of the Culture of Life, vocations, youth, public morality, and Catholic Education have been dedicated. During the Marian Hour of Prayer the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin, other prayers, the rosary, and songs for the intentions mentioned above were given.

Council 1952, Evansville: The annual Smoker had one of the largest groups in attendance over the past few years. Over 60 members and prospective members enjoyed a day of activities. The Winter barbecue was a big success.

The council Memorial mass was held on February 11th.

Council 634, Starved Rock: Held the annual steak and lobster dinner on February 10th.

Euchre tournaments were conducted on January 21st. and February 18th.

Council 11358, Manteno: Our last pancake breakfast of the season was held as a benefit for the American Cancer Society. A profit of \$1,010.00 will be presented to them on June 15th. Good luck to Tiffany Fullerton who will represent the council at the State Free Throw finals in Champaign.

A recognition night will be held in the parish hall on April 26th. for individual accomplishments to the council, parish or community.

Our fifth Annual Car Raffle Fund-raiser will be started by Early Bird letters to be sent May 1st. In the past 4 years, a profit of \$109,685.89 has been realized of which 50% has been given to the parish for improvements. Last year 700 tickets were sold with a profit of \$30,816.12. The Knights use their portion for charitable works in the community.

Council 3880, Crystal Lake: Our council will again be participating in the P.A.D.S. program by providing an evening meal and sack lunch to the Homeless. This will take place at the two P.A.D.S. sites in Crystal Lake, IL - Bethany Lutheran and First-Congregation Churches - on a monthly basis. The Knights of Columbus are encouraging students entering high school in the Fall of 2001 to apply for a four year scholarship to Marian Central High School. The scholarship is for a total of \$1,500.00. The first year, the Knights will assist at a level of \$750.00. After the first year, the student will be required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in order to receive \$250.00 in aid for the following three (3) years. visit our web site at: www.kofc3880.org

Council 2944, Wood River: The Seniors Club sponsor a meeting and a potluck every fourth tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish, as meat is provided. Held a Chicken Fry on January 21st., February 25th, March 25th. and April 22nd.

Council 1567, Chicago: Held a First Degree on March 1st. and welcomed 10 new members to the council. The council's 90th. anniversary dinner will be held Friday May 4, 2001 at LaVilla Banquets, on Pulaski just north of Addison. Tickets are \$25,00 with a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by the Bob Centano Band. On March 17th. we held our Roman Holiday Raffle which was won by our own Sir Knight Paul Posch.

Council 1143, Edwardsville: The board has set May 20th. for an all you can eat buffet style Chicken Dinner. The profits will be used for capital improvements and help pay bills. A Flea Market will be held on Saturday April 28th. from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Held a Good Friday fish fry on Friday April 13th. A food drive was held on April 21st. to collect food for the Glen Ed Food Pantry.

Council 2869, Breese: We celebrated Fat Tuesday on February 24th., with beads et. al. while making approximately for \$1,000.00 for Newman. Held a First Degree on March 8th. Held our Annual Lenten Fish Fries every Friday evening during Lent. Participated in the Marian Hour of Prayer held at St. Dominic on March 29th. The icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe was present. Our January Blood Drive was a great success with 88 units of blood collected, which exceeded our goal of 75 units.

Council 470, Rockford: Held a card party April 19th. at St. Edwards Community Center, with prizes donated from merchants and club members.

Our May Banquet is being planned for Tuesday, May 8th. at LaMere's. There will be more information forthcoming. The Breakfast Buffet will be held again on Sunday, April 29th. from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in St. Edwards Social Hall. On Monday April 30th. we will hold our 10th annual Religious sisters Appreciation Banquet. Our Honored guest speaker will be **Bishop Thomas Doran**. In August, our council is hosting the Regional Golf Tournament.

Council 1334, Waterloo: Our council's celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe attracted 63 people with an honor guard of 8 4th. Degree members. The council donated \$442.00 to the Gibault Pep Band to compete for the state title in Peoria.

Council 12005, Aurora: Held a Blood Drive on March 17th. Held the council's 2nd annual Free Throw Contest at Granger Middle School. Manned the Bingo Hall on February 4th. at I55 and Route 53 for our council.

Council 364, Springfield: Held a Major Degree on Palm Sunday at the Council. Low impact Aerobics Classes are held Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the K of C banquet hall. Call Marsha at 793-1708 for further information. Held an open house for prospective new members on March 25th. This was part of the "Lift High The Cross" new member program. The program was a success as eight prospects turned in applications. Council 364 will do the cooking and serving for the 2001 annual BBQ on August 26th. 2001. The annual K of C golf outing will be held on Friday May 18th at the Edgewood Country Club in Auburn Ill., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Dinner and prizes immediately following the outing at the council headquarters.

Council 7804, Godfrey: The fish fries have been the best in recent memory. Our 3rd trivia night was a fun filled evening. For all of this could not be done without the members help. A big thank you goes out to all. The council hosted the Regional Spelling Bee on February 26th. The finalists will go on to Champaign for the State Finals on April 21st. In promoting the Pro-Life Baby Shower, a box will be available at the Hall on Fish Fry nights for donations of baby, maternity clothing, pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, etc.

Council 460, Alton: Council 460 is planning to put up a granite bench on the front patio as a memorial to the unborn who were slaughtered by abortion, and are now accepting donations for this project. The council is looking for Pall Bearers to provide a valuable service to the local parishes when we get a call from a pastor or funeral director needing pall bearers for a funeral. Had a Corn Beef and Cabbage plate dinner in the Lounge on March 17th.

Council 282, Palos Heights: A First Degree has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 1st. at Incarnation beginning at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Retreat on May 4th. thru the 6th. for Married Couples at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein. For more information call PGK Frank Wyzinski at (708)389-3254.

Council 790, Streator: Held an old fashioned Sock Hop on February 2nd. with dining from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were prizes for the best 50's and 60's outfit/costume.

Held our Euchre tournament on February 12th.

Held our K of C Trivia night on Saturday, February 17th.

The Auxiliary held a "Got Cabin Fever" night on February 19th. with helpful hints on spring gardening by Arlette Salata of Danchris Nursery.

Our trip to Drury Lane was held on February 10th. and 11th.

Held a First Degree on February 13th. in the Streator Club Room.

Held a Major Degree on March 24th.

Council 10151, Palos Park: We will be holding a council fishing trip on Saturday, August 25, 2001, leaving from Winthrop Harbor on the Illinois Wisconsin border. This will be a 6 hour trip of fishing for really big fish. For information call Ron Pavilonis at 448-0746.

The Ladies evening out was held on March 10th. This included a Dinner Theater at Drury Lane in Oak Brook.

Council 4400, Joliet: Council 4400 earned Star Council status, indicating the hard work of the members.

Beginning with the first meeting in April, the steak fry will return at the first meeting of the month.

We will be getting our softball team back together. Play is usually on Friday nights.

Council 4483, Arlington Heights: Held a PGK appreciation dinner and Roast for PGK Phil Krueger on February 17.

Held a First Degree for three new members on March 1.

A pancake breakfast was held on March 4.

A good time was had by all who attended the St. Patrick's Party and Dance on March 10.

Thanks to the efforts of Rob Adams, the council's insurance rep., a check for \$3000 was presented to Rob Komosa who was injured in a football practice and is now paralyzed from the neck down. More fund raisers are being held to improve the living conditions for wheel chair bound Rob.



Ten members of Boy Scout troop 175, received special catholic religious scouting medals at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. Four brother knights of council 4338 had dedicated their time to assist in the scout religious medal program for the troop.

Council 6707, Washington: Hosted a Lenten Fish Fry on every Friday night during lent.

Held a KC East Egg Hunt on April 8th. The party started with an egg hunt by age group, followed with drawings for prizes and refreshments.

The Fish Fry Workers party was held on April 13th., as a thank you for all who helped with the Lenten Fish Fry.

Held a K of C breakfast "all you can eat" buffet on March 11th. Sponsored the "Regular Blood Drive" on March 12th. at the KC hall.

Held a Major Degree on March 25th.

A Corporate Communion was held on March 25th. at St. Patrick's Church that started with a "Rosary for Life".

A Spaghetti dinner was held on April 21st., with the proceeds going to benefit Monsignor's "Cigar box fund".

April 28th. will be our fir highway cleanup for 2001.

A clergy appreciation dinner in honor of the religious whoserve our council, parish and school will be held on April 28th.

On Sunday, April 29th. the council will have a corporate communion starting with a "Rosary for Life" prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Council 1949, Elmwood Park: The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the St. Joseph Table at St. Cyprian's, with a Corporate Communion Mass just prior.

Thanks to all who attended the 48th. annual corned beef cabbage dinner on February 18th.

We are actively working to fund a Pro-Life Monument.

Council 1911, Elmhurst: Held the final Corporate Communion of the year on April, 22nd.

Upcoming event, May 15th., the christopher Club/Ladies Dinner, and on May 28th., the Memorial Day parade.

Council 7694, Schaumburg: On March 3rd., 40 Knights and family members attended a Wolves game at Allstate Arena.

Our pancake breakfast on March 11th. was a success with the proceeds donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Appalachian Service Project.

Three new knights were inducted at our February 12th. meeting.

During 2000, our council disbursed over \$21,000.00 to charities.

We now have 3 seminarians we support.

The Boy Scout Troop we sponsor won a Quality Unit Award in February.

Council 11666, Huntley: Participated in a Blood Drive for the Friends of the Library that raised over \$1400.00 for Huntley Library.

Sponsored a church picnic for over 800 families of St. Mary's in July.

Held a Christmas party for 40 Knight families.

Sponsor a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop both of which are new to the area.

Held a Super Bowl Party at St. Mary's church.

Council 6248, Carpentersville: Held the annual Fish Fry on April 6th.

Remember our council picnic will be held on July 22nd. on the Upper Level at Tyler Creek Forest Preserve.

Council 776, Woodstock: Held the St. Patricks Day Dinner Dance on March 17th. at the Elks Lodge. Also distributed the M. H. money collected.
Prayed the Rosary at all meetings during Lent.

Council 1098, Granite City: The Ladies Auxiliary held an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14th.
The Fourth Degree will participate in the Mass at Holy Family on April 22nd. Breakfast will be served immediately following.
The council had a First Degree on April 10th.
Applications for scholarships are available for Catholic High School.
Celebrated a Communion Mass for all Knights and their families on April 22nd.
Our Spelling Bee contestants placed 1st in the regionals.

Council 3507, Pekin: Funds from the MH/LD campaign were distributed prior to the regular council meeting on March 26th..
Checks went to Tazewell County Resource Center, Schramm School and the Ann Benjamin Camp.
The 27th. annual Knights of Columbus Charities Fund Spagnetti Dinner was held on Sunday, March 11th. At last count 575 meals were served.
Held a 1st Degree at the April 23rd. meeting.
The first annual Rummage Sale was held on February 20th. and 21st. The sale was a huge success.
The club sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Supper on March 17th.
Reservations are being taken for a "Happy Holidays In Branson" trip scheduled for November 14-17th, 2001. The tour includes Deluxe motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, baggage handling and several shows.
Contact E. Scott Harris 347-4009 for more information or reservations.

Council 7624, Rockford: Held our annual candy hunt at St. Rita's on April 8th.
Our annual Mother's Day breakfast will be on May 6th. in the cafeteria.
The annual golf play day will be held on June 3rd at Silver Ridge Golf Course in Oregon.
Other upcoming events include Adopt-a-road cleanup, Cub Foods Brat Stand, The Council Picnic etc. Details later.

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