



# Illinois State Council News

Open Wide the Doors to the Knights of Columbus in Illinois

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## Illinois Ranked Number 9 in the Circle of Honor



The members in Illinois have a lot to be proud of this year, especially for being recognized as the 9th top council in the Supreme Council Circle of Honor. Each year the Supreme Knight has the privilege of bestowing this high honor on 15 jurisdictions, that exemplify the principles of the Order. Illinois has received this honor on three other occasions over the last 10 years, once under the leadership of PSD Ron Ziembra and twice under the leadership of William Brown. So not only did we end the year with POSITIVE growth, but also with the recognition of being number nine out of the Top Fifteen Councils in the Order.

“Thank you my Brother Knights of Illinois for all you did to help us accomplish the Positive Membership Growth and achieve the Circle of Honor in 2000-2001.” Joe P.

## Fr. Perez Council 1444 Earns Century Award from Supreme

It is not often that a council achieves the coveted Century Award, for adding 103 new members in a single fraternal year. We were very fortunate this past fraternal year that Fr. Perez Council #1444, Chicago reached this milestone of 100 members **two** years in a row. This year the Council tied for this high honor but Fr. Perez was First in the United States. Fr. Perez was among only three councils world-wide this year that tied and achieved the Century Club status.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke about the outstanding job these Brother Knights have done this past year in his remarks to the Delegates at the Supreme Convention in Toronto. Anderson said, “Please accept my sincere congratulations on behalf of my fellow officers, the Board of Directors and the nearly 1.6 million brother Knights throughout the Order upon attaining this prestigious award”.

The State Officers, elected and selected **CONGRATULATE** Fr. Perez Council #1444 for this outstanding achievement. It shows that with a plan of action, a little hard work and a pocket full of determination, anything is possible. Special congratulations to **Grand Knight Bernard “BJ” Moonan, Jr.** for his leadership and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

## Discovery Drive Winners

The Discovery campaign that ran June, July and August 2001 produced winners from three of the six Diocese. These winners have won an array of prizes from Jackets, to Sport Bags to 6 Cub Tickets for next season (Cub tickets winner was the Grand Knight of Council 11874.) To qualify for the drawing the Councils had to bring in 5 members during those three months, be they new brothers or brothers they welcomed back, but most important the council and the District Deputy had to submit the paper work.

### Proposers:

**Chicago Archdiocese:** Bill Burnham, St. Florian 12911  
**Rockford:** Paul Gugerly, Dixon 690  
**Peoria:** Tony Arredondo, Mendota 2090  
**Grand Knight:** James Starr, St. Andrews 11974, Rock Falls  
**District Deputy:** John Cacciato, District 20

Congratulations, brothers.

## *From Your State Deputy, Bill Spainhour*



### **My Brother Knights,**

Today, America is in mourning. On our television screens we have all seen the terrifying destruction of some of our nations great landmarks. We know of the loss of thousands of lives; the lives of innocent people as they worked, traveled, and went about their everyday lives in our great and free nation. We all watched these horrible scenes as terrorists took advantage of our freedoms and used our own commercial airlines to destroy these great structures and take the lives of our citizens. Out of hatred of our great and free nation these terrorists used our freedoms against us in an attempt to destroy the American way of life.

As we watched these events unfold, we saw the great courage of rescue workers many giving their lives to save others. We saw the citizens of America assisting their neighbors. Our love of God and Country prevailed. The American people are united more than ever.

I have noticed that the greatest sign of a united America are the words: **IN GOD WE TRUST, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,** and **GOD BLESS AMERICA** as displayed on signs at gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores and other varied business establishments. Before this tragedy these businesses would have been forced to remove these words from their signs and most Americans would have shrugged it off as a normal happening in today's busy world. I hope that the American people now realize that various groups have been using our freedoms against us for many years in an attempt to destroy us from within. It is sad that it took the sacrifice of innocent American lives to wake us up to that fact, but throughout our history the loss of American lives has been the price of freedom. The Americans who lost their lives in this tragedy are heroes. They should and will be remembered along with those who gave their lives to found our great nation and those who throughout our history have given their lives to keep our nation free.

Please, pray for these heroes and their families. Pray for the rescue workers and officials who have monumental tasks ahead of them with the clean up, identification of the victims and restoring some type of normalcy to our society. Please pray for our government and our leaders as they decide what action should be taken to deter this type of incident from ever happening again. Pray for the American people that they unite again as **ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.** God Bless America.

**Bill Spainhour, S.D.**

## *ACTIONS OF THE BOARD by Our State Secretary - Logan Ludwig*



One of the duties of the State Secretary is to serve as recorder of the minutes for the monthly meetings of the Elected and Selected State officers and the Charities, Inc. Board of Directors. The following is a partial list of actions taken by the Officers at these meetings during the first quarter of this fraternal year that are of special interest to councils.

### **Illinois Knights of Columbus State Council:**

Chicago O'Hare Hyatt scheduled for 2004 State Convention; Chicago Hyatt McCormick Place scheduled for 2005 State Convention

Directed State Advocate to send appropriate communications regarding sending of raffle tickets to out-of-state councils.

Discussed recommendations regarding Free Throw program date changes per State Convention resolution.

State Treasurer to prepare notice of Supreme Council actions regarding 2001 Illinois resolutions forwarded to Supreme

Voted to support/promote Supreme Council Poster Contest.

Named IPSD Joseph Pietruszynski as Father McGivney Guild Chairman

Reviewed and discussed District Deputy appointments and open districts.

Reviewed 5 various insurance policies held by Illinois State Council

Reviewed Membership, Programming, and Charitable Activities monthly progress reports.

Approved Aviston Council #11110 proposal to host 2002 State Horseshoe Tournament

Established schedule for Lady of Guadeloupe icon rotation

Established schedule for State Newsletter for FY2002.

### **Illinois K of C Charities, Inc.**

Approved request from Bishop O'Rourke Memorial Library at U of I Newman Center for assistance in purchasing materials for library. Approved \$500.

Approved Charitable Assistance Fund request for St. Irenaeus Parish for \$1,000.

Approved Charitable Assistance request to Teens Encounter Christ for \$500.

Approved Charitable Assistance request for Peoria First Presbyterian Church for \$3,000.

Approved \$2,000 Charitable Assistance request for family of PGK & FDD Jack Riebold.

Reviewed MR/LD Homes Documentation Checklist.

Approved date changes for MR/LD Fund drive for 14 councils who have conflicts with established state-wide date.

Approved adjustment to Allouez Council #658 MR/LD fund goal.

Approved MR/LD home loans to Pioneer Center (\$20,000) and to Cornerstone (\$200,000).

## TIMELY FILING OF FORM 990 AND RELATED FORMS

*Phil Barone, State Advocate*

Generally, tax-exempt organizations must file an annual information return. Tax-exempt organizations that have annual gross receipts not normally in excess of \$25,000 are not required to file the annual information return. In addition, churches and certain religious organizations, certain state and local institutions, and other organizations are exempt from the annual return filing requirement. For more information, see *Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization*.

### **Who Must File?**

*The Illinois State Council advises every council to file a Form 990 or a Form 990-EZ (short form) regardless of the amount of gross receipts.*

Tax-exempt organizations, other than private foundations, must file Form 990, of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, or Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. The Form 990-EZ is designed for use by small tax-exempt organizations and nonexempt charitable trusts. An organization may file Form 990-EZ, instead of Form 990, only if (1) its gross receipts during the year were less than \$100,000, and (2) its total assets (line 25, Column (B) of Form 990-EZ) at the end of the year were less than \$250,000. If your organization fails to meet either of these conditions, you cannot file Form 990-EZ. Instead you must file Form 990. All private foundations exempt under §501(c)(3) must file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation.

### **Are Home Associations Exempt?**

The Supreme Advocate notes that “the group extension ruling does not extend to home associations, or clubhouses, as many councils refer to them.” For councils with or without clubrooms, a file of Form 990s must be maintained for public inspection. For councils with clubrooms, this file should be maintained by the Financial Secretary. “Anyone may ask to view the form and must be allowed to do so”, according to the Supreme Advocate. This file must include copies of the forms for the past three years.

Tax-exempt organizations must make their last three annual information returns and their approved application for recognition of exemption with all supporting documents available for public inspection. Pursuant to changes enacted as part of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2, the organization will be required to provide copies of these documents upon request without charge (other than a reasonable fee for reproduction and copying costs) once regulations under the new provisions are issued and become effective. Penalties are provided for failure to comply with these requirements. For more information, see *Publicity and Disclosure of Form 990*.

### **What is the Deadline for Filing?**

Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your organization's accounting period. The instructions for these forms indicate the Service Center to which they must be sent.

### **What is the Penalty if We Don't Comply?**

A tax-exempt organization that fails to file a required return is subject to a penalty of \$20 a day for each day the failure continues. The same penalty will apply if the organization fails to give correct and complete information or required information its return. The maximum penalty for any one return is the lesser of \$10,000 or 5 percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year. If the organization has gross receipts in excess of \$1,000,000, the penalties are increased to \$100 per day with a maximum penalty of \$50,000.

### **How is Unrelated Business Income Treated?**

Even though an organization is recognized as tax exempt, it still may be liable for tax on its unrelated business income. An exempt organization that has \$1,000 or more gross income from an unrelated business must file Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. The obligation to file Form 990-T is in addition to the obligation to file the annual information return. Tax-exempt organizations must make quarterly payments of estimated tax on unrelated business income. An organization must make estimated tax payments if it expects its tax for the year to be \$500 or more. The Form 990-T of a tax-exempt organization must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the tax year ends. An employees' trust must file Form 990-T by the 15th day of the 4th month after its tax year ends. A tax-exempt organization's Form 990-T is not available for public inspection. For additional information, download Publication 598, Tax on Unrelated Business Income of Exempt Organizations.

Every employer, including a tax-exempt organization, who pays wages to employees is responsible for withholding, depositing, paying, and reporting federal income tax, social security taxes (FICA), and federal unemployment tax (FUTA) for such wage payments, unless that employer is specifically excepted by statute from such requirements or if the taxes are clearly inapplicable. For more information, refer to Publication 15, Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide, Publication 15-A, Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide, Form 940, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return and Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return.

Councils are also reminded that they must comply with the Social Security Law in connection with compensation to the Financial Secretary. The annual grant from the Supreme Council to the FS must be included in his reportable compensation. The IRS has ruled that an employer-employee relationship exists between the local council and the FS.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Marian Hour of Prayer

Illinois knights will again have an opportunity to participate in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Marian Hour of Prayer program. While the Supreme Council sponsorship ended effective September 8, 2001, Illinois prepared to continue the program through September 2002 when another Supreme Council Marian Prayer program will be announced.



Also, Illinois is dedicating this year's participation to the victims of the recent terrorist acts in New York and Washington D.C. All councils are urged to include this program in their menu of program activities. This year, we also ask that you provide us with feedback on the program and how it travels from district to district and diocese to diocese. Please look at the schedules that were released and start planning for the date you are scheduled to receive it. Remember that some parishes require that the Worship Committee consider a formal request before the program can be scheduled. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Bill or Mary Muller at 708-596-3850.

## Parish Round Table

Councils that serve multiple parishes are urged to set up a Parish Round Table. Essentially, this program provides a structured means of communicating with the pastor about how best to serve his needs in the parish. A committee is formed within the council to meet with the pastor and discuss a project that is outside of the council's regular activities. The committee reports back to the council and planning continues to completion of the project. This approach has given councils considerable credibility in working with parishes to recruit members that in turn better serve the parish. The effort goes full circle, thus the name *round table*. If you need more information about starting a round table, contact Mike Svach at 815-577-0073.

## Free Throw Contest

It is time to prepare for the International Free Throw contest. Councils should already have ordered their kits from Supreme Council using the order form in the Council Report Form booklet. This is a great opportunity to provide a meaningful program activity to keep your members interested and to attract new members. Ask your district deputy for more details about how to plan this youth activity and advertise, advertise, advertise!

***Ask a catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus, it will make you feel good!***

***Carry a form 100 with you at all times.***

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Our Church Activities Director, Bill Muller, and his wife Mary urge you to think Christmas! Members should start planning now to order material that is available through the Supreme Council to plan for various related activities. Also, start planning for the *Light Up for Christ* event to be scheduled for December 6, 2001.

While retail shops and shoppers are preparing for gifts, lets remember the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ our saving Lord and Redeemer.

To receive more information concerning Keeping Christ in Christmas, contact Christ Is Christmas at PO Box 20716, Roanoke, VA 24018 or Call/Fax #1-800-722-5032 or e-mail them at: [V\\_Can\\_CIC@aol.com](mailto:V_Can_CIC@aol.com)

## State Horseshoe Tournament

Our State Horseshoe Tournament was held on August 25, 2001. The boys in Effingham Council #665 were kicken' up some great horseshoe stew this year. In all there were nearly 60 participants from 12 councils participating in the tournament. Trophies were awarded as follows:

<b>Class A:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lester Dumstorff, Carlyle</b> <b>Fred O'Conner, Springfield</b> <b>Jerry Dumstorff, Breese</b>
<b>Class B:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Ed Young, Evansville</b> <b>Dave Young, Evansville</b> <b>Fred Rakers, Aviston</b>
<b>Class C:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Glen Steibel, Evansville</b> <b>Norm Keeps, Mt. Carmel</b> <b>Joe Rieken, Cahokia</b>
<b>Class D:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Charlie Hilmes, Breese</b> <b>Dave Radake, Cahokia</b> <b>Ray Jevitt, Chicago</b>
<b>Class E:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Jim Althoff, Sigel</b> <b>Paul Duker, Evansville</b> <b>Gilbert Birk, Evansville</b>
<b>Class F:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Jim Wesselman, Breese</b> <b>Rich Niebrugge, Effingham</b> <b>Steve Hess, Evansville</b>
<b>Class G:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Wally Eilers, Breese</b> <b>Wilbert Kinkelaar, Effingham</b> <b>Dennis Isley, Effingham</b>

Participants were from the following 12 councils: Aviston-11110, Breese-2869, Cahokia-4596, Carlyle-1382, Chicago-887, Effingham-665, Evansville-1952, Mt.Carmel-1343, Sigel-11100, Springfield-4179, Teutopolis-2874, and Trenton-2932.

State Council Activities Director, Don Niebrugge, awarded 12 Trophies to the top three winners in seven classes.

## Membership Means Success

Brothers, here we are going into Fall in full force. Are we recruiting in full force!? The Columbus Day Drive activities kicked off on September 1st and run through the end of November. By this time you should have conducted your September Family Corporate Communion. If you have not, it is never too late to hold one. These are excellent ways for the parish to see the Knights in Action with Church and Family. Your Council should have planned and held a First Degree. Again, if you did not it is never too late to hold one.

Along with the Family Corporate Communion you should plan a Church Drive, followed by a First Degree. Remember Church Drives are not meant to be the time and place you sign up members, it is the time you explain briefly about the Knights to the Parish and gather names and addresses of eligible men to visit one on one. Family Reunions are great ways to open your Council to men and their families who are not or had been members. Ask your catholic brother to join, someone asked you.

For information on how to conduct Open Houses, Family Reunions, Church Drives and other recruiting topics check your Surge for Service books. They are a *GOLD MINE* of ideas and helpful tips. Don't try to reinvent the wheel.

**BE POSITIVE !**

## OUR SQUIRES

Gather your members together and bring to the Squires Retreat, December 1 & 2, 2001 to be held in Rantoul, IL. What a great time to gather your thoughts and cleanse your heart just before beginning the busy holiday season. To recharge and power up your Christian batteries at this time of the year will keep Christ in your hearts and minds all through the season.

Try not to come alone, ask another squire to come along with you, in fact bring your whole circle.

## A Retreat is Good for the Soul!

### New Circle Formed

O'Fallon Council 4239 hosted the first investiture for their new Squire Circle on Thursday 9/13/01. There were 14 new Squires invested that evening with the help of the Breese Circle Investiture Team assisted by a transfer to the new Circle. The Investiture was witnessed by State Squire Chairman Joe Langhauser, State Youth Director Bernie Mennemeyer, and Breese Circle Chief Counselor Mike Niemeyer and about 20 brother Knights from O'Fallon Council. O'Fallon treated all in attendance to a fantastic spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings after the Investiture.

Congratulations to O'Fallon Father Prior Carl Scherrer, Chief Counselor Jim Awerkamp, Grand Knight Ted Stites and the rest of the officers and members of the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus on your new Circle.

### Three Circles Achieve Corps d'Elite

This past fraternal year three Illinois Circles achieved the Corps d'Elite Award, which is awarded by the Supreme Council. To achieve this award the Circles had to conduct and report four activities in each of the following categories: Spiritual, Services, Circle and Membership. Along with this they met the requirements of completing and submitting all required reports and attaining their membership quota.

Congratulations to the Circle officers of the 2000-2001 fraternal year and the members of: Circle 2895 - Evansville, Circle 3115 - Breese, and Circle 3971 - Virden. Keep up the good work, we are proud of you.

### Circle in Reactivation Formation

On Saturday, 9/15/01 South Holland/Dolton Council 1659 hosted an Investiture for the first 6 members in their quest to reactivate Fr. James Naughten Circle 2533. The Investiture was conducted by the Officers of St. George the Dragon Slayer Circle 4591, Glen Ellyn and witnessed by members of Council 1659 along with the State General Program Director Rich Spada, State Community Activities Director Jerry Bevigani and District Deputy William Linz. Pray for the success of the reactivation of Circle 2533.

## THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**My name is Old Glory.** I used to fly atop the world's tallest buildings before today.

I have flown at half-mast in honor of those Americans who were taken from us. I will continue to stand watch in America's halls of justice. I will continue to fly majestically over institutions of learning. I will continue to stand guard with the power of united strength.

Look up and you will still see me. Those who attack our shores, cannot make me fall.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one! I am recognized all over the world. I am saluted. I am loved - I am revered. I am respected - and I am feared. I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me, I was there. I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me And I was proud. I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible. I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of my country by those who would tear me asunder. But I shall overcome - for I am strong. I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come. When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

**I am proud. MY NAME IS OLD GLORY but my strength is in the American heart. LONG MAY I WAVE.**

## Star Council Awards

At the Supreme Convention held in Toronto, the Supreme Council announced that there were 1,326 Star Councils throughout the Order. The Illinois jurisdiction was in third place in the order, with 66 Star Councils. The following is a list of councils that, through hard work, earned the Star Council status.

**Peoria Diocese :** 574 985 1047 1853 2090 4007 5034 5752 6707 7580 7817 11223 11361 11977 12083 12407

**Chicago Diocese:** 1030 1278 1444 3674 4338 4456 4483 4535 4836 4977 8699 11112 11981 12173 12824

**Joliet Diocese:** 4393, 5573 , 6710 6993 7254 8002 10325 11027 11092 11358 12014

**Rockford Diocese:** 654 735 1288 7247 9628 10678 11091 11666 11874 12302

**Springfield Diocese:** 1026 1098 2120 10366 10556 11707

**Belleville Diocese:** 3936 4476 4688 6165 7118 12152

Best wishes go out to the above Grand Knights and brothers who worked hard to achieve the award. Job well done!

## Wisdom, Bits and Pieces

**Last year again Illinois was #2 in Charity for the Order and #1 in the United States.**

Together our Illinois brothers gave **\$5,271,427.00** to the many charitable causes we support and contributed **1,682,062 man-hours** of service to charitable works. Great work brothers.

**Major Degrees:**

**October:**

10/7/01 - 427 Spalding Council, Peoria - 1st Degree - Noon, 2nd/3rd - 1:00 PM Paul Flynn D.D. 53 (P)

10/14/01 - 1250 Lincoln Council, Lincoln - 1st Degree - 1:00 PM, 2nd/3rd - 2:00 PM Hy Roznowski D.D. 60 (P)

10/14/01 - Herrin Council 2164, Herrin - 1st Degree 12:30 PM, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:30 Tom Conaughty D.D. 89 (B)

10/14/01 - Riverton Council 3914, Riverton - 1st Degree - Noon, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:00 PM B. Lowery D.D. 65 (S)

10/21/01 - East Dubuque - St. Mary School - 1st Degree 1:00 PM, 2nd/3rd Degree 2:00 PM, LaVerne Green D.D. 45 (R)

10/21/01 - Decatur 577, Decatur - 1st Degree Noon, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:00 PM, Roger Shepard D.D. 66 (S)

10/28/01 - Fr. McDonald 1911, Elmhurst - 1st Degree 1:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree 2:00 PM, 3rd Degree 3:00, James Halama D.D. 26 (J)

10/28/01 - Albers/Damian 9768, Albers Gr. School - 1st Degree 12:30, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:30 PM, Jerome Rakers D.D. 83 (B)

**November:**

11/10/01 - St. Daniel the Prophet 12926, Chicago - 1st Degree Noon, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:00 PM, Tom Love D.D. 17 (C)

11/11/01 - Effingham Council 665, Effingham - 1st Degree Noon, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:00 PM, Bob Jansen D.D. 73 (S)

11/11/01 - Cahokia Council 4596, Cahokia - 1st Degree 12:30 , 2nd/3rd Degree 1:30 PM Stephan Dressler D.D. 79 (B)

11/18/01 - Kankakee Council 745, Kankakee - 1st Degree 11:30 AM, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:30 PM, Dave Lager D.D. 34 (J)

11/18/01 - Tri-Cities Council 1098, Granite City, 1st Degree Noon, 2nd/3rd Degree 1:00 PM, Stephen Connolly D.D. 77 (B)

11/25/01 - Glenview Council 3731, OLPH Parish. 1st Degree 1:00 PM, 2nd/3rd Degree 2:00 PM, John Teschky D.D. 7 (C)

**Gary Nolan, says, "We have room for more Major Degrees". Contact him soon to schedule your date.**

**Fourth Degree Highlights:**

**Northern District,** October 27, 2001, Rock Falls. Contact Master Don Trent (815-288-6265). Don't be afraid to bring out your candidates. The exemplification team will bring them in with perfection.

Up coming Northern Exemplifications: February 16, 2002 Wyndham Hotel Lisle, April 28, 2002 Holiday Inn O'Hare International, Rosemont.

Master Don Trent announces 2000-2001 Civic Awards for the following Assemblies: Joliet 204, Bishop Raymond Hillinger 1595, Father Joseph T. O'Callahan 2174, Bishop Bernard J. Shell 2330. Congratulations on a deserving recognition.

**Southern District,**

November 9,10,11, 2001 in Bloomington. Contact Master Don Kelch, Doyle Tjarden at doyle41@aol.com, or Gary Nolan, PSD at nolan.gary@verizon.net Friday Night Sock Hop, Ladies Luncheon and our own Charles and Pat Foos at the Banquet. Plan on attending and bring your candidates.

**VICE SUPREME MASTER REAPPOINTED**

Supreme Master Nestor V. Barbour has announced that our own Vice Supreme Master Joseph G. Kaltwasser, Huntley, IL has been reappointed for his second term as Vice Supreme Master. **Congratulations**, Worthy Vice Supreme Master.

**HEROES FUND:**

The Supreme Office announced the Heroes Fund to assist the families of the firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians who lost their lives in the devastating attack in New York, an attack that was to destroy the spirit of the American people, but instead drove the Spirit of Love and Caring to new heights. In a matter of 11 days Illinois Councils, basically from word of mouth added \$9000 to help build the fund beyond the amount already pledged by Supreme Council of \$500,000.00.

Our Worthy State Deputy William Spainhour is asking each and every council to dig into their pockets and send some amount to help this fund grow and to prove again that Illinois **IS** number one in charities and caring. Donations are being collected and processed

through the office of the Supreme Master.  
Donations should be sent to:

“Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund”  
C/O Supreme Master’s Office  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510-3326

Msgr. Dzuryo Council 790, Streator reported that on Thursday October that over 450 people came to the club for a chicken and spaghetti fundraiser for the “HERO’S FUND”. The council supplied the food and workers and all of the \$3200.00 raised will be sent to Supreme for the fund. Good job, keep the money coming in.

**MR/LD QUICK UP DATE:**

MR/LD Program collections are showing mixed reviews this year, but for the most part the majority of Councils have collected well above last year’s amounts and this year’s goals. It just continues to prove the point that ILLINOIS IS NUMBER ONE in charities. Thank you brothers for standing on those street corners, in front of the banks and stores, thanks for caring. Even with the heart wrenching tragedies that we have experienced in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania and the out pouring of relief money, people dug a little deeper knowing that, even with tragedy, the needs of those with Mental Retardation and Learning Disabilities continue.

**Golfers from Around the State Gather at the Dwight Country Club**

Over 100 golfers gathered under a picture perfect sky with ideal temperature at the Dwight Country Club in Dwight, IL for 18 holes of fun golf. Brothers both novice and seasoned, strutted their stuff. Some went left and some went right and a few even down the middle. State Deputy Bill Spainhour, State Secretary Logan Ludwig and State Warden bob Fuggiti along with PSD Bill Brown, PSD Gary Nolan, State Membership Director Frank Ryan claim to have counted every stroke and never swayed right or left. But the ringer in the group was State Program Consultant Skip Kinyon. When asked how they played, he laughed for over two hours. Is there a story here?

**BE POSITIVE, ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN OUR ORDER!**

**Supreme Convention 2001**

The State Officers, Delegates, and brothers along with their ladies from Illinois traveled north to Toronto, Canada for the Supreme Convention in August. What a fun week, meeting new friends, seeing old friends, seeing the sights of Toronto and learning more about what we the Knights of Columbus are all about. Some of the Illinois Jurisdiction traveled by car, some by plane and some by train and some via bus from Streator to Bolingbrook to Lansing and then on to Canada for a long but no driving hassle trip. Sunday found us touring the City and enjoying the sights on Monday a group loaded up the bus and visited Niagara Falls, from the Canadian side. WOW, what a sight! Some of the group took the tour under and behind the falls, some went on to take a ride on the Maid of the Mist to the base of the falls and then went on to take pictures and see the Canadian side sites via the People Mover bus system.



Then there was the PIN trading, a jumble of people from all over vying for special pins to complete their collections, or just to get another consecutive year from a specific jurisdiction. Looks crazy, but when you jump in, the spirit of the event takes over, and guess what else? You start meeting new friends so that next year you have a ready-made alliance to help get that special pin you want.

On Tuesday the Business began with the Opening Mass concelebrated by more Priests, Bishops and Cardinals then you can imagine. After that the business of our Order begins. At the end of the day Tuesday, everyone gathers for the Supreme Council Banquet amid white Tux Jackets and evening dress, to feast, sing the theme songs of all the jurisdictions and enjoy. This again is one more time to show new and old friends from all over the world our fraternal support by joining them in singing their theme song.

Wednesday morning it was back to business and a chance to personally greet the new Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. That evening the Illinois Jurisdiction climbed aboard the bus in two seating to enjoy the evening together at the Medieval Times Restaurant. The group ate and cheered, and booed a little for our Knight and the Knight that challenged him. Alas, our Knight was not the victor that evening even though he came close.

Thursday brought the close of business and the trip back to Illinois. Next year is California, but NO BUS. Consider coming along. Once you do go you will want to go back as often as you can.

### Rockford Diocese Announces a November Retreat

The brothers of the Rockford Diocese are holding a Retreat for Knights of Columbus, November 2,3,4, 2001 at the Bishop Lane Retreat House in Rockford. The retreat will start at 7:30 PM on Friday the 2nd. The Retreat Leader will be our own State Chaplain, Bishop Roger L. Kaffer, Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet.

The weekend is designated as a Quiet but not silent retreat. Dress is casual, and a charge of \$85.00 will cover all your meals. For more information contact Brother Ed Conroy at 815-288-4757.

Brothers of the Rockford Diocese, what a great chance to recharge your Spiritual batteries. Call Ed today to reserve your spot for the weekend.

### Round Table Honors Three

The Rockford Diocese Knights honored three long time and hard working brother Knights, September 26, 2001 at the Hoffman House Restaurant in Rockford. The dinner Program Chairmen were Bob Flinn and Ed Froning and they did an excellent job putting together the program. The Honorees were: **Rev. Bernard J. Mullane**, (who could not be with us due to health problems, please, keep Father in your prayers), **Greg Wurzer** and **Jerry Wedge**.

If you see these brothers congratulate them on the hard work they have done and continue to do for the order.

The Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran, D.D, J.C.D. Bishop of Rockford was the featured speaker and he offered his congratulations to the honorees and words of comfort to the assembled in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 tragedies.

His words made evident why we the Knights must continue our fight for the Right To Life, decency and strong Catholic families and our continued support of our members who make us what we are.

State Deputy Bill Spainhour also addressed the assembly with words of praise and support and current information on the Orders progress of support for those effected by the tragedies.

**Congratulations Fr. Mullane, Greg Wurzer and Jerry Wedge.**

### Seminarian Raffle Underway

If your Council has not received their supply of the Vocations Raffle books for 2001-02 contact the State Office and order then now. State Vocations Chairmen, Ronald Ziemba, PSD and William Brown, PSD are very excited this year with the increased number of men studying for our six Diocese, but the excitement brings the worry if we are going to have enough funds to spread around. This raffle assures that the Illinois Knights of Columbus can give to each Seminarian a monetary gift for his birthday and at Christmas. That there are funds available to honor those soon to be Ordained at dinner and supply a Roman Missal for each along with a monetary gift to help them along. The hard work and worry all pays off for Ron and Bill, who love helping the Seminarians in any way possible, following is a letter that tells it all.

**Dear Brother Knights,**

**8 August 2001**

**I would like to thank you for all of your prayers and support during my five year preparation for the priesthood at Mundelein Seminary. I knew very little about the Knights before I entered the seminary, but while I was there I learned, principally by your example. what an incredible group of Christian men the Knights are. Your generosity to seminarians is incredible, not only financially, but also the time you take to meet them and verbally encourage them to continue the journey. I was also impressed by the dedication that you have to Jesus Christ and the mission of the Church. Hearing of your own lives and the how deeply you desire to follow Jesus Christ reinforced the idea that the Knights truly are laborers for the Kingdom.**

**I would like to explicitly thank you for your thoughtfulness in taking my classmates (from Illinois) and me from the ordination class of 2001 out to Dinner at Jimmy's Char House back in May. I had a wonderful time and appreciated the sentiments of appreciation you expressed for us. Please allow me to express my sentiments of appreciation for all that you do. Additionally, I would like to thank you for your generous check and the one-volume Roman Missal that you gave to me. The gifts were greatly appreciated, and the missal in particular has already been very useful. (In my post-ordination travels I used it in order to celebrate mass.)**

**I am proud to say that from all my contact with the Knights during my time in the seminary, that I decided to join the Knights myself. I am a member of the Council at St. Marcelline Parish in Schaumburg.**

**Please continue your good work, and may the Lord bless you and all of the work you do.**

**In the Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Paul C. Stein**

## Comments for Our Newspaper Content

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*Joseph Ruddy, Pontiac Council 854, 22 years of service*  
*Herbert A. Johnson, Madonns della Strada Council 5574, 15 years of service*  
*Richard Jarrett, Modonna della Strada Council 5574, 1 year of service*  
*Charles J. Davis, Modonna della Strada Council 5574, 27 years of service*  
*Fontaine Lynch, FDD, St. Ambrose Council 8377, 20 years of service*  
*George Kole, Glenview Council 3721, 28 years of service*  
*Sidney Robertson, Msgr. Dzuryo Council 790, 16 years of service*  
*Richard E. Pouk, Msgr. Dzuryo Council 790, 18 years of service*  
*Gregory H Beumel, Msgr. Dzuryo Council 790, 45 years of service*  
*Thomas R. Breen, Msgr. Dzuryo Council 790, 58 years of service*  
*Lewis Trent, brother of Master Don & Rita Trent*

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*Good Luck!!*

