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As we enter the final six months of the Fraternal Year, we as Knights of Illinois can be very proud of our accomplishments thus far. At the beginning of the Fraternal Year, I asked that you "**Open Wide the Doors to the Knights of Columbus in Illinois**" to all practical Catholic men. I asked you to open your hearts and your minds and invite these men to share the wonderful programs of the Knights of Columbus by offering them membership in our Order. I asked your assistance in making the Knights of Columbus available to all practical Catholic men by instituting new councils.

Your response to this request has been great. **You have opened the doors.** Illinois has 22 councils that have already achieved or exceeded 100 percent of their membership quotas. In the Chicago Archdiocese, Father Perez Council, #1444 is well on their way to the remarkable achievement of recruiting 100-plus members for the third straight year. In the Rockford Diocese, due to the combined effort of the councils and District Deputy Jim Shumaker, District #37 has attained 178% of their membership quota. Two new councils have been formed, Council #13038, Peoria, Peoria Diocese, District Deputy #53, Paul Flynn and as of January 14, 2002 a new council was formed in Hampshire, Rockford Diocese, District Deputy #38, Bob Thomas.

Councils serving more than one parish are establishing Parish Round Tables to assist our priests and to fulfill our #1 Obligation as Knights to serve and support our Church. More than 1000 Brother Knights and their families have participated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Marian Hour of Prayer Program. O'Fallon Council, #4239 is the sponsoring council of the New Squires Circle, #4682, District #80, District Deputy, Steve Cosner.

We are having a banner year in Charities. We have exceeded our goal for the MR/LD Drive. The Vocation Raffle recorded a record sale of \$73,000.00. A donation of \$90,000.00 was given to the Illinois Special Olympics. A pledge was made to donate \$250,000.00 to be paid out over period of five years to assist in funding the construction of the Darrell and Ursula Beck Special Olympic Training Center to be constructed at the State Special Olympics Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. Donations, totaling \$220,000.00 were distributed to the Newman Campus Ministries in Illinois.

If we are to continue these successful programs in support of our Church and Communities we must continue to strengthen our ranks. **Membership is our #1 Program.** In an effort to enhance our Membership Program in Illinois, I have appointed an additional Membership Director. I am pleased to announce that John Peters, PGK, FDD, will join Frank Ryan as State Membership Director. John is a member and PGK of Lafayette Council, #361, Chicago, Illinois. As a two man Membership Director Team, Frank and John will be able to provide services and assistance to all councils and districts throughout the state. Please be advised that this is not a North/South - Up-State, Down-State Directorship. Frank and John are available to assist any and all councils in the State of Illinois.

I thank you for opening the doors. If we are to continue the good works of our Order in support of our Church and Communities and insure a future for generations to come in our great and free nation, **we must keep them open.**

You should be very proud to be a Knight, especially a Knight of Illinois and with Illinois pride you have, **"Opened Wide the Doors to the Knights of Columbus in Illinois"** Vivat Jesus.

District Deputies Meet for the Mid Year Meeting

The Holiday Inn, Matteson (Rte. 30 & 57) hosted our District Deputies for their Mid Winter Meeting. A review of the past six months and a realistic look to the next six months were the key topics focused on. Special guest included, Bishop Roger L. Kaffer, State Chaplain, Leo Segalla Supreme Program Consultant, and a first time visitor George Haddad, Supreme Office Retention Director. This meeting had some new twists, which from the comments from the District Deputies were very helpful to them.

On Saturday morning the Membership, Programming and Charities Directors along with the State Officers met with the State Program Consultants (SPD'S) and the Diocesan Program Consultants (DPC'S) in small groups to cover the success of the first six months of the Fraternal year and to strengthen the plans for the last six month plans. After the opening session for the District Deputies they were released to meet one on one with the various Directors, SPD'S, and DPC'S so that they could go over the successes and strengths of their individual Districts.

Saturday began, with a Rosary Service for Peace led by Fr. Jim, and Confessions were available through out Saturday afternoon, with grateful thanks to Bishop Kaffer, Fr. Jim and Fr. Chuck for being there for our spiritual good. Mass was celebrated Saturday evening by Bishop Kaffer with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chuck concelebrating. Sunday Morning began with the Prayer service to out Lady of Guadalupe led by Fr. Chuck.

The Sunday morning meeting rap up featured the Illinois K of C version of the "IRON CHEF" where all the ingredients for a successful council were blended together with the greatest of care and seriousness (my sides still ache from the laughing), but the message was conveyed with to the District Deputies for their return to there Districts.

Conduct Fraternal Benefits "Knights"
2 New Members / First 2 Months / 2002

The Supreme Council Membership Department in conjunction with the Fraternal Benefits Department are encouraging Councils to focus on scholarships and educational funds for recruitment. With the events of 9-11 in New York and Washington, we should take a look at targeting police and firemen that can benefit from the Matthew Swift Scholarship Fund. These men's children would receive a full scholarship to a Catholic University of their choice if their father were to die due to a felony committed, causing his death in the line of duty. In the attack, on the WTC we lost 29 Brother Knights, of them 12 were either Firemen or Policemen. Their children will receive the Matthew Swift Scholarship Fund. Invite your field agent to present a Benefits Night at your council meeting; to explain the different programs that the Order has to offer, you may be surprised.

Consider inviting prospective members who have children that are juniors and graduating high school seniors. Showing them the financial aid that can be attained and is offered though membership in the Order. Focus on the financial assistance the Order has to offer. Maintain a **strong, friendly and fraternal atmosphere** throughout your council and among its members and families. Make sure new members feel welcome. Offer programs that create interest maintain enthusiasm and build pride in membership.

Councils are encouraged to recruit two new members during the first two months of 2002 through Fraternal Benefit Nights. Your field agents can help you sign up two out of three of the attendees.

The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2002
The First - International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child

At the most recent Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, a resolution was passed proclaiming March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, to be the International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child.

In a special New Year message, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said: "May the feast of the Annunciation be the occasion for all of us to witness to the sanctity of God's great gift of life and to further resolve to protect and defend it'. He went on to say: "These are times of conflict, of violence, and of armies. The Knights of Columbus is the size of a great army, and we must not flee from the great conflict that is around us".

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

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

Where Do Members Come From

How often do we hear, "we have asked everybody we know to join"? The Supreme Council with the help of the Diocese Chancery Offices have developed a very conservation estimate of the number of Knights vs. the number of men in the Diocese who are NOT Knights of Columbus. We are publishing the numbers for your information; only two Diocese can say in some instances that this is correct. Where does your Diocese stand, have we really, asked everyone?

The numbers of members / non members by diocese is as follows:

Diocese	Knights	Other Catholic Men/Potential Members	
Belleville	10,431	2,201	Where does
Chicago	17,399	268,681	your council
Joliet	7,519	61,051	fit, are you
Peoria	12,822	16,263	getting your
Rockford	6,510	35,998	fair share of
Springfield	16,730	3,679	
Total	71,411	387,773	new members?

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

As of January 1, 2002, there are 1,334 Guild members in the Illinois jurisdiction, with an order wide membership of approximately 48,000. If you would like information on the Guild, go to the Supreme K of C Web site and click on the Father McGivney icon and information will come up. There is no cost to join the Guild and no solicitation for funds are made by the Guild.

The spiritual heritage of Father McGivney is a precious gift to the K of C. We owe it to him and the church to share this gift with those we meet and with whom we work. Devotion to Father McGivney is an important part of the canonization process. Information can be obtained from Joe Pietruszynski, PSD, Illinois Father McGivney Guild Director.

CHARITIES UPDATE – Larry Smith

On behalf of all those who have and who will receive assistance and the State Officers, I want to thank all our Brother Knights, their families and friends for helping during what most surely is a banner year. We are told that "where there is Charity, there is God," and your work this year has been a true reflection of the love and grace of God. Wave the flag of Charity when you are asking a Catholic man and his family to join our order. Be proud of what we do here in Illinois for charity, we are the number one jurisdiction every year in the U.S.

MR/LD FUND (TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE)

Through December 31, over \$1.64 million has been collected and reported by the councils of Illinois. Four of the six dioceses have met or exceeded their goal, and there are still over 80 councils yet to report. Councils have been reporting amounts as much as 400 percent of goal. While there surely has been some bounce from the events of September 11, the hard work and perseverance of our K of C family has also played a significant part.

At the Mid Winter DD Meeting, State Deputy Bill Spainhour presented a check for amount of \$90,000 to Illinois Special Olympics for our 2002 sponsorship. In addition, the State has pledged \$250,000 payable over five years towards the Darrell (PSD) and Ursula Beck Volunteers Training Center for Illinois Special Olympics as well.

The dates for the 2002 MR/LD Fund drive have been set: September 20-21, 2002. If you haven't already done so, please send the name of your council's MR/LD Fund Drive Chairman for 2002 to the State Office. Start making arrangements now for your locations. Many thanks go out to co-chairmen Ed Feeney and John Peters and to all our Brothers for their hard work.

VOCATIONS RAFFLE

This was truly a banner year for the Vocations Raffle. A total of over \$72,000 was reported at the Mid Winter DD Meeting. Co-chairman Ron Ziembra and Bill Brown extend there thanks to all for the great work in helping support our seminarians.

We will be supporting a basketball tournament being hosted by Mundelein Seminary in late January. Approximately 80 participants from eight seminaries across the country will be in attendance. The Order will be well represented through publicity and assistance.

NEWMAN PROGRAM

A total of \$220,000 has been presented to the 6 Dioceses in the State for support of their Newman Center programs. This program often called our Number One charity is a mainstay for providing a Catholic "home away from home" for our children in college. Chairman Paul Isherwood reminds everyone about the Century Donor Program and asks that you continue to support this wonderful program. Through the end of December, we have reached the halfway point of our goal of \$314,200. There is still time.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Chairman Rich Walk reports that there have been 11 requests for assistance so far this year; however, receipts through December have only been just under \$19,000, or less than 24 percent of our statewide goal. As a result, we have had to temper the zeal for supporting the many requests that have come in this year. But, the year isn't over, and we still have time to "Pass the Can" and help those who are in need of our help.

DEADLINES APPROACH

Remember, the end of the "Charities Year" is fast approaching; all funds must be in the State Office by noon on **APRIL 30** in order to be considered for awards that will be presented at the 2002 State Convention. This goal is for all programs: MR/LD Fund, Newman Program, Vocations and General Assistance.

Again, a big THANK YOU to all our Brother Knights, families and friends for their generosity! We are not finished; the finish line is just ahead. Please turn in your funds and reports by April 30. May God bless you all for your kindness! Vivat Jesus!



Consider a Parish Round Table for each of the Parishes you serve.



Insurance Beat - Knights of Columbus Annuities

Your Knights of Columbus Annuities Program is now paying 5.40% on deposits of \$10,000 or more, and 5.15% on deposits of \$300 – 10,000. These rates are guaranteed through December 31, 2002 on all deposits made prior to March 31, 2002, it makes sense to open or add to a Knights of Columbus Annuity.

Need flexibility and choice? Make one payment (single premium option) and select the age you want to begin receiving benefits, or, make periodic payments (flexible premium option) of as much as you want for as long as you want. Members who are not Insurance Members who purchase an Annuity Program help your Council reach it's Insurance quota.

You should be proud that your Knights of Columbus Insurance Program has over \$9 billion in assets and the highest possible ratings from A.M. Best (A++ Superior) and Standard & Poor's (AAA, Extremely Strong).

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS INFORMATION - Logan Ludwig

It is with the belief in the presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist that Knights and their families from throughout the Order will gather on June 22 and 23rd at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the Order's first Eucharistic Congress and at similar events throughout the nation.

Illinois Councils, Assemblies, Columbian Squires Circles, Ladies Auxiliaries, and Diocesan Chapters are encouraged to plan local Eucharistic Congress events to be held in conjunction with the congress in Washington, D.C. When planning local events: here are some elements to consider:

Masses: Consider sponsoring special Masses during this weekend to celebrate the Knights of Columbus' devotion to the Eucharist. Fourth Degree honor guards should be included at all such events.

Discussions on the Eucharist: Ask your bishop, chaplain or other qualified religious to offer a presentation on the Eucharist and the role it plays at the center of our Faith.

Prayer Sessions: Include prayer activities, such as praying the Angelus at noon and praying the rosary.

Reconciliation: Prior to Masses organize the sacrament of reconciliation for all participants.

Eucharistic Procession and Benediction: A Eucharistic procession (including hierarchy, religious, K of C leaders, a 4th Degree Honor Guard, and Knights and their families, and other participants) can be held prior to the Benediction with the Holy Eucharist. Prior to the Benediction, while the Eucharist is displayed on the alter while prayers are offered and hymns are sung; distribute Eucharistic Prayer cards (#4194).

Adoration: Following the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, consider holding an overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Illinois K of C Sports on the Move help bring New Members to Our Councils – Mike Gebke

Pana Council 896 will be the Hosts for the 2002 State Basketball Tournament to be held March 23rd and 24th. The entry fee for the tournament will be \$160 per team. Entries must be in not later than March 8, 2002 and are to be sent to: Mike Gebke, 1104 Cherry, Bartelso, IL 62218. If you have questions please contact: Mike Gebke (618) 765-2452 or Craig Deere (217) 562-2391.

What is more American than Baseball, only Apple Pie and a Picnic, make your Softball Team's games family affairs, bring the families out for fun and excitement. Bring you our squad of Cheerleaders. The 2002 State Softball tournament will be held in Highland council #1580 on June 22 and June 23, 2002. Entry Fee will be \$160 for the tournament. Contact people Mike Gebke (618) 765-2452 or Terry Zobrist (618) 654-3819. Let's, **PLAY BALL!**

The 2002 State Horseshoe tournament will be hosted by, Aviston Council #11110 on August 24. Entry Fee is \$8 per man. Qualifying starts at 11:00 A.M until 12:15 P.M. Tournament starts at 12:30 P.M. For more information or to make reservations contact Mike Gebke (618) 765-2452 or Jerome Rakers (618) 526-7579

Parish Round Table – Mike Svach

"We must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish!" Supreme Knight Carl Anderson First Address to State Deputies. All Parishes having **12** or more Knight Parishioners should be offered a Knights of Columbus Parish Round Table so that presence is in each and every Parish, thus we will truly achieve the dream of Fr. McGivney, a council (presence) in every Parish. The presence of the Parish Roundtable will also act as a springboard for recruiting new members and bringing back former members from the Parish. If you want more information contact Mike Svach, Parish Round Table Chairman, or your Diocesan Program Consultants.

John Peters - Illinois State Council Patriotic Incentives - Frank Ryan

Recruit - 9 to 11 New or Former Members

Each Council that signs up 9 to 11 new or former members from January 1, 2002 to March 31, 2002 will receive a 12" Walnut Crucifix that displays a 5" corpus based on Pope John Paul II Crosier. What better time to tell prospective members what the Knights of Columbus stand for? You can tell them about how the Order was the first organization to give funds to the families who lost a loved one in the great tragedy of September 11, 2001 and our war against terrorism. You can explain the Mathew Swift Scholarship Fund for the Policeman and Fireman that you ask to join the Order. Now is the time for the Knights of Columbus to come forward and invite every Catholic man to join our Order to continue the good works that we all do. We have so much to offer these men and their families that are looking for some way to help their fellow man. Get them involved in what your Council does in Programs that help the Church, Community, Council, Families and Youth. Now is the time to ASK that man to join.

Robert McLoughlin - NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT - Pete Schumacher

The Knights of Columbus in Illinois ended the 2000-2001 fraternal year with a positive membership growth of **39!** The eight new councils established in Illinois helped us to reach the Plus Side. Just think! If we only had 7 new councils, we probably couldn't have done it! This only proves that the Knights in Illinois can do it!

This year we need to continue our membership growth. As a DD, there is no greater Honor than starting a new council. And, to those DD's whose 4 years are quickly coming to an end, this would be a great way to go out shining - to know you are one of the top DD's who have helped the Illinois Knights celebrate positive growth and charter a new council. As a DD, you are the eyes and ears of your District. Illinois Knights rely on you to expand the order and present the opportunities of membership to eligible Catholic men.

Remember a new Council never hurts the surrounding councils, just the opposite, they do things others are not and this helps to build the visibility in all communities that the Knights are here and active in the community. Visibility invites positive thoughts in a catholic man when he is ASKED to join. Let's celebrate in 2002 with 2 new councils in each diocese. Your challenge is **2 FOR 2002!**

Plan Ahead – Squires Month

Start Planning today for Squires Month, which is observed during the month of April. If you have a Circle, plan an activity to recognize the contributions that they make to the Council, Church, Family and Community. Throw a Party for the boys and their families; organize a trip to a sporting event on the council for the boys.

If you do not have a Circle, contact your District Deputy and the State Squires Officers and begin developing one. Make April a Squires month to remember, recognize your existing Circle or develop a new one. The Squire makes excellent dedicated future Knights for your council.

Supreme Program Consultant works with our Councils

The following schedule is for own Supreme Regional Program Consultant Leo Segalla, Sr. PSD. He has been all around the State visiting with the Council Officers and is continuing on with this schedule. Brothers who have already attended these gatherings will tell you that Leo has a laid back way that blends well with the brothers here in Illinois. Check with your District Deputy as to the location of these gatherings.

March 4, (Mon.) District 23, John Reuss District Deputy & District 22, William Linz, District Deputy
March 5, (Tue.) District 19, Dick Everett, District Deputy
March 6, (Wed.) District 17, Tom Love, District Deputy
March 7, (Thur.) District 20, John Cacciato, District Deputy
March 18, (Mon) District 35, Don Lajoie, District Deputy
March 19, (Tues.) Districts 56, 55, 57, George Martin, Ray Aubry & Roger Petri, District Deputies
March 20, (Wed.) District 58, Robert Wefer, District Deputy
March 21, (Thurs.) District 59, Steve Lovell, District Deputy
April 1, (Mon.) District 51, Mark Schwartz, District Deputy
April 2, (Tues.) District 49, Robert Dowd, District Deputy
April 3, (Wed.) District 62, Richard Flavin, District Deputy
April 4, (Thurs.) District 60, Hy Rosnowski, District Deputy

Blue Mass

What is a “Blue” Mass? Is it a newly discovered lost Elvis song? No, it is a Mass dedicated to honor the men and women who wear Police, Fire and Para-Medic Uniforms. The hero’s, those who serve and protect, those we so often take for granted, who like the rescue personal in New York who gave their lives trying to get to those who were hurt when the planes did their dastardly deeds to the World Trade Towers.

Talk with your Pastor and plan a Blue Mass to honor all who work to keep out communities.

Seminarian in need of our help!

Sometimes we have to step back and place ourselves into someone else’s place. Following is a letter sent to our State Vocations Co-Chairman Ron Ziemba from a seminarian, who is far from home, with limited funds and income and no family here to fall back on.

“My name is Pawel Zemczak. Fifteen months ago, I came here to the United States from Krakow Archdiocese Seminary in order to continue my study for priesthood in Seminary of Saint Mary of the lake in Mundelain. First time I came here to Bishop Abramowicz House where I was learning English.

Few months ago I came to Mundelein Seminary and now I am first year student of theology. I would like to finish my studies here, and to be ordained as a priest for Chicago Archdiocese in 2005.

I left my family in Poland and I do not have any income except two hundred dollars per month from Mundelein Seminary. I have to pay health insurance, which costs four hundred fifty dollars. I must also pay for my books (about two hundred sixty dollars each semester), which are very important in studying. That is why I am asking you for financial support for my expenses. I do not have any family here so I cannot ask somebody for help.

I hope that you will be able to help me with my financial problems. I promise to keep you and all Knights of Columbus in my prayers. Please, consider my request.”

A side bar: I (Jim Bednar, your newsletter editor) had the opportunity to meet Pawel last fall, at Saint Mary of the Lake, and what a refreshing but scared young man he was. Away from all family, now located in the middle of a big new country having to learn a new language to read, speak and write. I encourage my brothers in the Chicago Archdiocese to contact Ron Ziemba who will be glad to coordinate contributions to Pawel and some of our other foreign born seminarians who might also need help.

Hero's Fund

The Knights of Columbus were the first organization to bring financial aide to the families (over 335) of the Police, Fire, and Medical Responders who lost their lives trying to save and aide the victims of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center. This aide distribution began within 48 –72 hours of the heinous action against the free world, checks for \$3,000.00 began reaching families long before other organizations even began collecting and long before any other aide distribution was even planned.

There is still need and funds are still needed, Illinois has been fantastic as always in responding to a call for financial need, so if your council has still desire to help, send your monies to the Supreme Office in care of the office of Nestor V. Barbour, Supreme Master.

Ladies Auxiliary – Diane Kinyon

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold our annual mini-convention at the 2002 Knights of Columbus State Convention (May 24th – 26th, 2002) to be held in Springfield, IL, on Sunday morning, May 26th. All ladies are invited to attend, and we encourage ladies from councils that do not have an active auxiliary to come, listen and ask questions. The Ladies from active Auxiliaries and myself will be happy to assist you in formulating a plan of action to establish an Auxiliary in your council.

Check out the Illinois Web Site

Do you want to know what is shaken’ in the Illinois Knights of Columbus, check out the web site: www.illinoisknights.org. To enter the members only section contact Joe Yaeger at the Illinois State Council Office for the passwords. Education, what’s new and what’s due, links and forms all for you. Give the web site a try, today.

Diocese of Springfield Begins Planning for 150 Year Jubilee

From now until the opening of the 150th anniversary celebration, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 9, 2002, the people of the Springfield Diocese Church will be deep in planning for this great and historic event. Some of the activities associated with the jubilee celebration are: Opportunities for eucharistic adoration coordinated for each of the seven deaneries, increased opportunities for spiritual renewal and reconciliation, recognition of individuals clergy and religious and lay for their outstanding witness to the diocese. There will be planned pilgrimages to both Rome and to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

You can help the Diocese of Springfield Diocese celebrate by marking your calendar for June 28, 2003 and attend the all day celebration at the Illinois State Fairgrounds with inspirational speakers, food, music, games, etc. that will culminate with a Mass at the fairgrounds.

NOW YOU CAN RECEIVE THE Illinois State Council Newsletter

Now every member can receive the Illinois State Newsletter for the low subscription price of only \$8.00 per year. The Illinois State Council will be 104 years old in 2002 and it will be an exciting year. The best way to stay informed of the celebration is by reading the State Newsletter. Why not give it a try?

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The 4th Degree, our Patriotic Degree

Are you a member of the 4th Degree, if not why not. Better yet, why should you be a member of the 4th degree? Why, because being a member of the 4th Degree rounds out your advancement in our order. The 4th Degree is the Patriotic Degree of our order, the most visible sign of our Columbian-ism. While the Third Degree is the backbone and strength of the order, our 4th degree answers the call to be our visible sign, at Masses, at funerals, parades, at Flag Day celebrations and other noted national holidays. Here are the dates of the remaining opportunities for you to join the 4th Degree, for more information contact the Faithful Navigator or Master Don Trent, District 1 or Master Don Kelch, District 2.

District 2 – Exemplification February 9, 2002, Streator Assembly 2109, Streator, IL FN Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
- Exemplification April 27, 2002, Williamson County Assembly 2212, Marion, IL, FN Harrel S. Lerch
- Exemplification May 5, 2002, Effingham Assembly 214, Effingham, IL, FN Harold Bushur
District 1 - Exemplification February 16, 2002, Joliet Assembly 204, at Lisle, IL, FN Paul J. Scehovic
- Exemplification April 28, 2002, LaSalle Assembly 189, at Rosemont, IL, FN Edward J. Simola

Consider joining the 4th Degree, Today.

Thirteen Folds of the Flag

Submitted by a brother Sir Knight

Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? Did you ever wonder why?
Well here is why:

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust". After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

New Father McGivney Guild Items Available

Father McGivney Guild Lapel Pin An attractive bronze-cast pin featuring a full-color portrait of Father McGivney plus the emblem of the Knights of Columbus. Measures 1 ¼” in diameter, **Price \$7.50**

Father McGivney Spoon A “collector’s spoon” crafted in pewter by Fort USA. Features a full-color portrait of Father McGivney resting atop a winged dove of peace. A cross, Irish “claddagh” or friendship knot, and Knights of Columbus emblem are also incorporated in the design. Measures approximately 5”. **Price \$11.00**

To purchase any of these items and quantities, send your check for the total noted amount(s) to: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326

To join the Guild, no dues, no cost, no hassle, send your name and address to the same address above. Join, today!

Degree Schedule

State Ceremonials Director Gary Nolan has informed the newsletter that there are still many dates available for scheduling major degrees before the end of the fraternal year. As of this printing we are still well behind the numbers of scheduled degrees as compared to last fraternal year. Bro. Nolan says that he has six (6) of the best degree teams in the order who are looking for more degree work, and besides that we have twelve (12) Conferring Officers who are looking for more degrees to work, also. Bro. Nolan advises that a council set a date, plan a degree and go out and get new members to fill the degree, if you wait for enough men you will never schedule a degree and chance to loose many new members.

Springfield	SAT	2/2/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Randy Bauser	76	4688	Bethalto – Council
Chicago	SUN	2/10/02	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Thad Steward	5	4483	Arlington Hts - Holy Rosary Council
Belleville	SUN	2/10/02	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Steve Cosner	80	6996	Fairview Hts-St. Albert Church
Rockford	SUN	2/17/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Kenneth Olsen	39	3880	Crystal Lake - Fr McCormick Council
Springfield	SUN	2/17/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Lynn Clarke	68	2321	Virden – Council
Peoria	SAT	2/23/02	Noon	1:15 PM	Ray Aubry	55	792	LaSalle - Calvert Council
Peoria	SUN	2/24/02	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Hy Roznowski	60	574	Bloomington - Fr John D Ring Council
Chicago	SUN	2/24/02	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Eugene Giudice	10	5025	Chicago - Fr. Ryan Council St. Theca Par
Rockford	SUN	3/3/02	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Clifton Wise	46	690	Dixon – Council
Peoria	SUN	3/3/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Mark Schwartz	51	4333	Peoria - St Jude Council
Springfield	SUN	3/3/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Lawrence Carie	74	2874	Teutopolis – Council
Springfield	SUN	3/3/02	Noon	1:00 PM	James Waghorn	75	1692	Jerseyville – Council
Springfield	SUN	3/10/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Gary Doiron	78	1580	Highland – Council
Peoria	SAT	3/23/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Hank Martin	56	790	Streator - Msgr Dzurjo Council
Chicago	SUN	3/24/02	Noon	1:00 PM	Daniel Schaefer	4	3954	Barrington – Council
Belleville	SUN	3/24/02	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Cyril Athmer	82	2869	Breese – Council
Chicago	SUN	3/24/02	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	William Linz, Jr	22	1366	Chicago - Blue Island Council
Peoria	SUN	4/7/02	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Rich Flavin	62	4450	Rantoul – Council
Joliet	SUN	4/7/02	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Wally Johnson	30	9893	GlenDale Ht-St Matt-Hurley Hall
Joliet	SUN	4/7/02	Noon	1:00 PM	David Lager	34	12014	Joliet - Rev Gordon Michels

Put your thinking cap on

Here is a little riddle for you to go figure. If you know the answer then send the answer, your name, council and address to: ilknightnews@hotmail.com. The first person (determined by time stamp on the email) that submits the right answer in to the address shown will win a prize. Here goes:

“In marbled walls as white as milk, lined with a coat as soft as silk, Within a fountain crystal clear, A golden apple doth appear.

No doors there are to this stronghold, yet thieves break in and steal the gold.”

And your final answer is?

Vocations Raffle 2002 a Success

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

The State Vocations Raffle drawing was held January 12, 2002 at the Mid-Year District Deputy meeting. The winner's list has gone out and prizes awarded, and the winners were well distributed around the state.

1 st	J. Butler, Chicago	11 th	W. Marisch, Hoffman Estates
2 nd	S. Brutcher, Rantoul	12 th	G. Boerner, Bethalto
3 rd	C. Smith, Chicago	13 th	R. Gilleo, Dunlap
4 th	M. Licwinko, Rockford	14 th	M. Breer, Teutopolis
5 th	R & M Byerley, Columbia	15 th	K. Olsen, Woodstock
6 th	M. Schneider, Mt. Carroll	16 th	K. Strandemo, Mundelein
7 th	M. Cook, Wood River	17 th	G. Viti, Highland Park
8 th	B. Petry, Highland	18 th	J. Hiller, Champaign
9 th	R. Bolem, Trenton	19 th	J. Schur, Chicago
10 th	M/M F. Positano, Saint Charles	20 th	J. Simonds, Bethalto

Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets, this means a lot to our seminarians.

Over heard at the Mid-Winter Meeting

Tad Stewart after receiving his second “STAR DISTRICT AWARD” was asked, “what are you going to do with that” his reply “make room for next years award” A District Deputy with a definite vision of success.

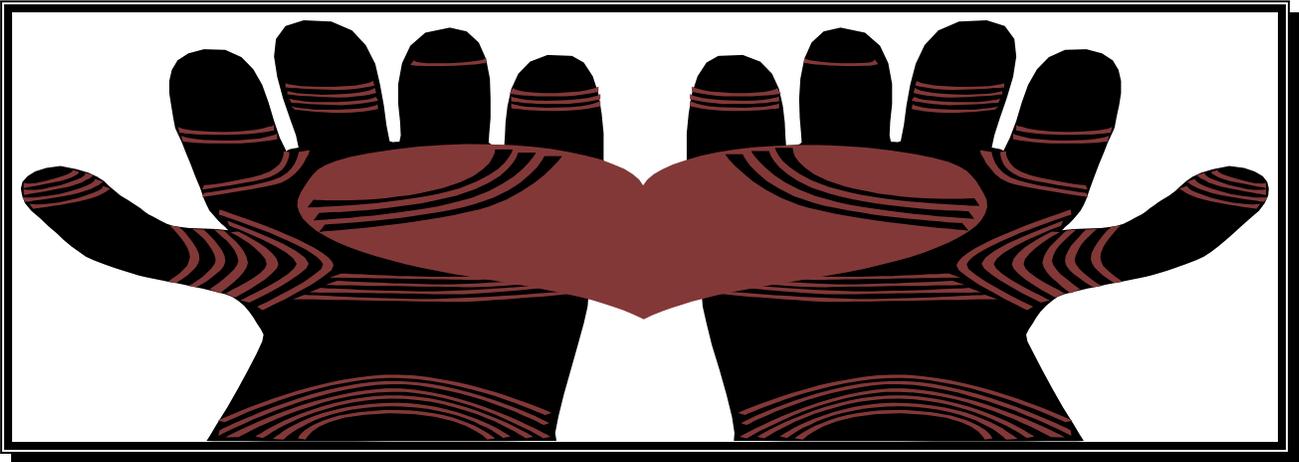
If you would like to know what makes Tads District buzz with success drop him a note and I am sure he will share some of his “secret” systems with you. I do know that Tad encourages all of his councils to create a Tri Fold pamphlet outlining what their council does and how it works with the Order.

District Deputy Tom Love to State Deputy after receiving his recognition plaque for New Council Development, I will bring you another new council before the fraternal year ends.

Past State Warden Don Lajoie (and District Deputy 35, and State Retention Chairman) when asked what is he doing since he retired from Government Service, “a little farming and assistant sausage maker with Mike Gunderson and a whole lot of Knights of Columbus stuff.” Now the question that remains is, what kind of farming, he always claimed he was a “Boston Baked Bean” farmer before, so tell us Mike, do you raise “Boston Baked Beans”?

Have you asked a Catholic Man and his family to become a part of the Knights of Columbus?

I not, do so today.



Into your Hands we commend their

Spirits

Leonard Crubaugh, Council 427, Peoria - 41 Years of Service
Clarence F. Braun Effingham Council 665 - 45 Years of service
James H. Bushur, Council 665, Effingham - 16 Years of Service
Thomas J. Bryant, Council 665 in Effingham - 41 Years of service
. George C. Willenborg, Council 665 in Effingham - 58 Years of service
Stanley Tadel, Council 1268, Lake Forest, 41 Years of service
Mike Kane, Council 2164, Herrin - 1 Year of Service
Terry L. Jones, Council 2164, Herrin - 9 Years of Service
William J. Puricellio, Council 2164, Herrin - 18 Years of Service
Frank Legrady, Council 2164, Herrin - 24 Years of Service
Ed Quaglia, Council 2164, Herrin - 26 Years of Service
James L. Dunnigan, Council 2164, Herrin - 27 Years of Service
Bernard "Bud" Dunnigan, Council 2164, Herrin - 40 Years of Service
Philip Trapani, Council 2164, Herrin - 42 Years of Service
Julius "Poncho" Bione, Council 2164, Herrin - 54 Years of Service
Martin Johnson, Council 2869, Breese, 24 Years of Service
Raymond C. Kuper, Council 2869, Breese, 55 Years of Service
Kenneth Shobe, Council 7560, East Peoria - 15 Years of Service
Anthony A. Lokotich, Council 7989, Johnston City, 24 Years of Service

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed
rest in Peace.

News Letter Contact and Interest Submission Information

You can Email the names of your deceased member(s), his council name and number and his years of service to:
Illinoisknightsnews@hotmail.com - or - you can send by US Mail to: The in Memoriam Column, Illinois State Council Newsletter,
P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681.

So that we can keep the information current and informational to all who read this we ask that you submit information that is current and of interest to all. Share your most recent award winning success stories in Membership, Programming and Charities.

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Form 1728 (Fraternal Survey) Due January 31, 2002

Semi Annual Council Audits Due February 15, 2002

Has the Financial Secretary submitted NEW MEMBER Form 100s to Supreme Council?

**ALL CHARITIES MONIES ARE DUE IN TO THE STATE OFFICE NO LATER
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AWARDS**