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**We Know that One Man
Can Make a Difference
for ONE already Has**

As we end one fraternal year and begin another there is much that the Illinois Knights of Columbus can be proud of.

IPSD Bill Spainhour, his membership team, and all the brother Knights of Illinois put together a great year. On June 30, 2003, Illinois recorded a plus 302 total membership gain! This is the highest net gain, the state has had in many years. Illinois also finished first among the U.S. jurisdictions with \$5,832,772 in charitable disbursements. We were second in the entire Order just behind Ontario and in front of Quebec, California, Texas, and Michigan.

This is a new era for the Order, the Church and society...and our potential is great! It is time to measure our growth success by our potential, not just by last year's performance. We have made great strides in the past few years, but the best is yet to come. We have a new membership plan that will focus on bringing back members through our Welcome Back Brother Program that councils will conduct in July, August and September. And we have a Membership Blitz campaign to recruit new members in October and March for Columbus Day and Founders Day. Exciting opportunities for Programming and Charitable Activities will keep our members active and interested and the Squires program will challenge our youth "to be worthy" and to become Knights of Columbus. Our KCLR Leadership Rallies in each diocese will help keep us positive and give our leaders the tools they need to be even more effective.

At the July Organizational meeting we could feel the energy! The 35 newly appointed District Deputies have new ideas and they, like our Grand Knights, take pride in their work and in the success of their councils. Taking pride in one's work is its own reward. Good work speaks for itself. It creates a healthy interdependence and keeps the wheels of society turning. Everyone can appreciate a lovely garden, a dependable car, a successful surgery, a safe airport, a good council.

Be proud not just because we're knights, but more important, because of what made us knights -- hard work, determination, discipline, loyalty, and teamwork. I hope each brother Knight will take that example into your communities and on into your lives. There are too many people in America who don't have the kind of hope you have; no one to push them forward or no one to cheer for them.

Tomorrow or the next day, someone will be inspired to work harder. Because of you, he or she will believe that they can do more with their lives, make more of themselves and make a difference. Never underestimate the impact of your achievements on other people, especially young people. President Kennedy once said, "One man can make a difference, and every man should try." This year will be better than the last, and next year will be even better. I look forward to working with you to make this the best fraternal year in the history of the great jurisdiction of Illinois. I ask you to try and if you do, you and others will

TASTE and SEE ... the goodness of the K of C



State Family 2003-2004



IPSD Bill Spainhour Installs new State Deputy Logan Ludwig



SD Logan Ludwig Installs new DD Jim Everett



SD Logan Ludwig gives opening address



New DD Listening to SD Logan Ludwig



1st year DD introducing themselves



Vocation Raffle tickets turn in.



State Officers 2003-2004



Mrs. SD Ina Ludwig introduces State Officer



Past State Deputies at banquet

Friday Night Get Together



Supreme Secretary Charles Foos asks what's with the hat?



Logan & Ina before the Elephant Dance



Do you remember how to line dance?



PSW Bob Fuggiti can make a Y



Part of the Trivia team that won 1st place Dawn Nolan, Dave & Ann Craft



Sue Love leading a group of young ladies



Lenny & Sue Schachtner cooking up some fun



The Line for soft drinks, I think

State Advocate

Jim Bednar

Brothers, the new fraternal year has begun, and I send a hearty fraternal Welcome to all the new Grand Knights and the returning Grand Knights. It is my intent to have a column in each issue of the State Newspaper that speaks to the legal issues of our Order, interpretation of the laws and rules of the Order through materials supplied to me by the Supreme Council and through contact with the Supreme Advocate.

Today I would like to point out just a couple of items that help make being a council officer a little easier. "What are my duties and responsibilities as the -----?" is a question I am asked over and over each year. You can find explanations of the duties and responsibilities of the council officers in the Grand Knights Handbook in the reference section starting on page 42 and continuing page 51. You can also find this same information in the Charter Constitution Laws, section 135 (page 57) through section 145 (page 62). What a better time of the fraternal year but the beginning to be able to share that information with our officers. This knowledge will strengthen your council officers by giving them the confidence to fulfill their role in the council and thus make the council strong.

State Membership Director

Donald "Skip" Kinyon

Welcome brother Knights to a new fraternal year with the Illinois Knights of Columbus. To the immediate Past Grand Knights of Illinois a big thank-you to you and your membership staff for all of your dedication this past year. Thru your determination Illinois finished the year with a positive 302. Quite an excellent feat considering the past 18 of 20 years of negative growth. Illinois will be in the "Circle of Honor" this year finishing 2nd in division 1 having achieved a 127% of its Membership goal this year. Let's keep the positive numbers going with each active council **PLUS 3 IN 2003**. Yes each active council should strive for a **net plus 3** in membership this next fraternal year. State Deputy Logan Ludwig is offering to all eligible Catholic men the opportunity to "**TASTE and SEE.... the goodness of the K of C**".

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

I have been asked recently "who can inspect the Council financial records." The answer to this question can be found in the Charter Constitution Laws, section 243 (page 87). "**The State Deputy, the district deputy and the board of Trustees and Grand Knights of councils, or their representatives shall have access to and possession of the books, records and files of the councils for the purpose of examination at any time, and the officers of councils will permit such access to, and make delivery of such books, records and files upon request to any of the above officers, and members of councils shall deliver their council books, records and files upon request of any such officers for examination, provided that all such books, records and files of councils, officers or members shall not be demanded capriciously, but for legitimate purposes, and be returned with such promptness as will be consistent with the nature of the examinations**".

Have a great year brothers, let us "**TASTE and SEE the goodness of the K of C**" as well as share it with other Catholic men and their families.

The first 3 months of this fraternal year will be a chance to welcome back our former members. What better way to bolster our membership than with a former brother knight. He not only knows the good charitable acts and support of our Parishes and Priests, he also knows of the great benefits we have as members of the Knights of Columbus.

In July, August and September invite our former members back into the fold. We have certainly missed them in our ranks. Councils host open houses and information nights just for the former members and their families that show them how much they are missed. Personal visits from recruitment teams also show them how much they are missed. Host council anniversary or other festive events show them how much they are missed. Welcome our former members back with open arms and hearts and show them how much they are missed.

I look forward to a great year in membership growth in Illinois and for every Catholic man and his family to "**TASTE and SEE.... the goodness of the K of C**".

State Program Director

Irvin "Larry" Smith

Welcome to a new fraternal year! The members of the Programming team are ready and willing to help you make your Councils more active and alive in the Knights of Columbus, which in turn will help you bring in more members to our Order. As was said at the District Deputies Meeting in July, our number one program is Membership, with a goal of "Every Council at Plus 3 for 2003." This will help us all bring State Deputy Logan Ludwig's theme of "*Taste and See ... the goodness of the K of C*" to fruition.

To that end, the Programming Team wants you to invite the members and prospective members of your Councils to "Come to the Table... Share the Feast," this will allow them to "*Taste and See ... the goodness of the K of C.*"

Our respective Program Directors are ready and able to help you. They are:

- Gary Gunderson, State Council Activities Director;
- Ray Biliskov, State Church Activities Director;
- Dan Schaefer, State Community Activities Director;
- Joe Moore, State Family Activities Director; and
- Wayne Mitchell, State Youth Activities Director.

Other team members include State Squires Chairman Mike Nettekmeier and State Ladies Auxiliary Coordinator Romaine Badyniak.

"COLUMBIAN SPIRIT" AWARDS

This year, State Deputy Ludwig is introducing the "Columbian Spirit" awards, with criteria based on Membership, Programming and Charitable Activities. These awards are not to pick one Council and say it's the best; rather, they are to recognize Councils based upon their participation in the three areas mentioned earlier. Their purpose is to recognize well-rounded councils that are active, thriving and growing. In addition, Councils that complete the "Columbian Spirit" Awards should be well on their way to Star Council status.

There are four award levels, based on the number of activities completed and points earned. They are: "Illinois Best;" the Mariner's Award; the Discoverer's Award; and the Voyager Award.

Father Michael McGivney

A presentation by Father Gabriel O'Donnell, OP, Postulator for the Cause for Sainthood of Fr. McGivney entitled "Father Michael J. McGivney : Founder of the Knights of Columbus" will be given

Each Council is to file their respective "Columbian Spirit" proposal with their District Deputies by August 15. Grand Knights should have already received the proposal forms. As you complete your projects, review them with your District Deputies. The District Deputy will indicate the number of points earned, as well as any bonus points for levels of Council participation. A completed score sheet, signed by the Grand Knight and District Deputy is due to the State Program Director by May 1, 2004.

Other requirements for consideration include the following:

- Participation in the State Council Rosary Program, where your Council prays at least one decade of the Rosary prior to the business or social meeting each month. Grand Knights have a form that they will submit where they promise that their Council will participate.
- Timely filing of all reports with the Supreme Council, including Officer Reports, Service Program Personnel Reports, Audits and Fraternal Activities.
- Timely payment of per capita charges.
- Hold both a Columbus Day (October) and Founders Day (March) Membership Blitz/Drive. Councils should bring in at least two new members in each half of the fraternal year.
- Hold and report at least one program in each of the five program areas each month.
- Participate in all charitable fund activities and achieve quota in at least two of the four Charitable Assistance Goals.
- Participate in the "Family of the Month" program.
- Submit a complete Columbian Award Form (SP-7) to the Supreme Council and the State Council by May 1, 2004.
- BE POSITIVE IN NET MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 1, 2004.

Brothers, by going forward together as brothers and friends, we continue those journeys started long ago. By inviting other strong Catholic men and their families to "Come to the Banquet ... Share the Feast," we invite them to join our Order and become stronger in their faith and families, as well as to make our jurisdiction and Order stronger; we invite them to "*Taste and See ... the Goodness of the K of C!*"

Tuesday September 9, 2003, Cathedral of St. Raymond, 604 N Raynor, Joliet 7:00PM. For more information contact: Fr. Joseph Siegal (815-722-6653) or E-Mail jmcs@lightfirst.com

State Charities

Terry Hoelting

A Word On Charity.

There are four (4) major charity funds for the Illinois jurisdiction. The funds are the Mental Retardation / Learning Disabilities Fund, Newman Campus Ministries Program, Vocation Support Program, and General Assistance Fund.

I encourage all councils to participate in all four of the major charities. The funds donated cover a wide range of needs over a wide range of people. From disaster recovery to seminarians to college students to "special" kids, the four major Charity Funds give the Knights of Columbus in Illinois pride in our past contributions (and expectations for future contributions). Please, contribute to all the charity funds so we all may contribute to a well-rounded division of the population.

100% of the Illinois Councils Participating in 100% of the Charities. 100/100.

Vocation Support Programs

PSD Ron Ziemba & PSD Bill Brown

RSVP Program: Supreme rules state that a council must donate \$500.00 to one seminarian in order to receive the \$100.00 rebate. This is a worthwhile program. These seminarians will not forget what you have done for them. Last year councils in Illinois donated over \$142,000.00 to the seminarians. A new list of seminarians enrolled for the academic year 2003-2004 will be issued in mid September.

Illinois State Council Annual Vocation Support Raffle: In order for us to run a successful program on **your behalf** we need a means of revenue. This is why we need your support in participating in this raffle. We will supply the raffle books and prizes. The cost of the raffle book is \$15.00. The seller may keep \$3.00 for selling the book and the council keeps \$6.00 for each book sold (nice fund raiser for the council). The finale \$6.00 is to be sent to the Illinois State Council.

Current events –

MR/LD Drive is coming up in September (Bill Muller & Ed Feeney, Chairman



Vocation Support Program Raffle is starting (Ron Ziemba & Bill Brown)

Questions or comments, contact me or the charity directors of any of the charity funds.

Jthoelting@hotmail.com

Advertising Our Yearly Vacation Trips: Each year the Illinois State Council Vocation Support Program sponsors a vacation trip. These trips are moderately priced. For every person that joins us on a trip, the travel agency gives us a monetary refund. This year we have a trip planned to Branson, Missouri for the Christmas Shows in November.

Branson Christmas Spectacular: November 14-17, 2003. 5 Great Shows, Osmond Brothers, Dino's Christmas Show, Lawrence Welk Theatre, Jim Stafford Theatre and seating at Broadway. Private Deluxe Motor coach, 3 Dinner meals, Continental breakfast, all for the very low price of \$685.00 per person Double Occupancy. There will 2 pick-up stops in Chicago, 1 in Joliet and 1 in Springfield, come join us on this great weekend package.

**Cardinals / Reds in St. Louis September 7, 2003
Contact the State Office for more information.**

K of C Academy

Rich Spada

Welcome to the first in a series of **Training Tid-Bits** that the KC Academy will regularly release in this column. As director or headmaster of the academy, it is my privilege to first introduce our esteemed faculty.

Logan Ludwig, PhD.
 State Deputy
 Leo Segalla Sr.
 Supreme Council Regional Program Consultant
 Reverend Father James McIlhone
 Associate State Chaplain
 Reverend Father Charles Tuttle
 State Squires Father Prior
 Reverend Father David Turner PhD
 College Council Development Coordinator
 State Advocate James Bednar
 Grand Knight Training Consultant
 John Lynch
 PSW and Financial Secretary Training consultant
 Eugene Giudice
 District Deputy and training consultant
 Anthony Giordanno
 Joliet Chapter Vice President, FS training consultant

Getting started—You can help get your new fraternal year started on the right path with the following suggestions:

1. Review the guidance given at the beginning of the *“Surge With Service”* booklet with your council leadership and district deputy. This booklet provides some tried and proven steps to successful appointments and planning activities.
2. Complete Forms 185 and 365. These forms allow Supreme and State Council communication of helpful information. A complete schedule of p.m. Wrap up; Questions and Answers forms and actions to be completed is given in the *“Surge With Service”* booklet.
3. Financial Officers should prepare for completing the semi-annual audit and

- the audit should be completed and submitted even if it is past the due date.
4. Plan to attend the nearest KCLR in your area!

Coming Up KC Leadership Rally (KCLR)!
 Don't miss the KCLR coming to your area beginning August 16th!

What is it?

- Guidance for council activities
- Training for grand knights
- Coordination by district deputy
- Opportunity for questions and answers

Who should attend?

- Grand knights, deputy grand knights
- Council _____ officers, membership/program chairmen
- All members welcome!

AGENDA:

1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Presentation by State Deputy and State Officers, Membership, Programming, Charities, Awards, KC Academy
 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. GK Training by Leo Segalla, Supreme Council Representative
 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. District Deputy Meeting-Break Out Sessions-DDs meet with councils
 3:30 p.m.-4:00

Date	Location
Saturday, August 16, 2003	St. Marceline Church Schaumburg
Sunday, August 17, 2003	Lansing Council #3540
Sunday, August 24, 2003	Kewanee Council #734
Saturday, September 6, 2003	Benedictine University #11263
Sunday, September 7, 2003	Council 13123
Saturday, September 13, 2003	Breese Council #2869
Sunday, September 14, 2003	Springfield Council #364

Belleville Southern Friendship Dinner 2003

Date: Saturday ----- September 13,2003

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center in Mt. Vernon
Mass, Chapter Officer Installation and Honors Dinner

Honorees: Fr. Wilbert J Iffert of Msgr. James Burke #2964 Mt. Vernon
Gary Doll of Olney # 1352
Leo Doll (deceased) of Olney # 1352
Donald Kieffer of Mt. Carmel # 1343
Charles "Chuck" Roth of Lawrence County # 7579

Contact Paul Havrilka Jr. for ticket information: 618-249-8269

Calvert Council # 792 LaSalle 100th Anniversary



SA Jim Bednar presents 100th Certificate to GK Tim Wojciechowski



Pat Dooley presents award to Fr. Horzen



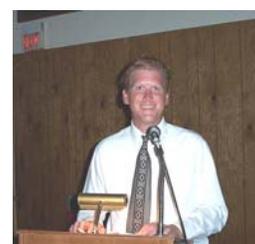
Past Grand Knights with Father Bernard Horzen, Chaplain 21 years



Members who had attended LaSalle 50th
William Schlosser, John Cawley, Dr. James
Rooney with Fr Horzen



PGK Larry Foley present Dio Rios with Award



GK Tim Wojciechowski

State Public Relation Contest 2002-2003



L to R Frank Ryan SPRD Mike Driscoll #634
John Hoffman # 6993 and Raymond Moore # 7694

Winners:

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| 1st Place | St. Mary's Mokena Council # 6993 |
| 2nd Place | St. Marcelline Council # 7694 Schaumburg |
| 3rd Place | Starved Rock Council # 634 Ottawa |

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| 1st Place | Glen Carbon Council # 13216 |
| 2nd Place | St Marcelline Council # 7694 |
| 3rd Place | Msgr. Gryzbowski Council # 7580 |

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| 1st Place | St. Irene Council # 6710 |
| 2nd Place | Belthalto Council # 4688 |
| 3rd Place | Evansville Council # 1952 |

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| 1st Place | Effingham Council # 665 |
| 2nd Place | Allouez Council # 658 |
| 3rd Place | Msgr. Thomas Driscoll Council # 592 |

Scrapbook

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| 1st Place | Breese Council # 2869 |
| 2nd Place | Highland Council # 1580 |
| 3rd Place | St. Paul the Apostle Council # 11232 |

Major Degree Schedule

PSD Joe Pietruszynski

Date	Time	1 st Degree	Location
08/10/03	1:00PM		Kewanee # 734
09/14/03	12:00PM		Chicago # 537
09/21/03	12:30PM		Freeburg # 13197
10/01/03	12:30 PM		Alton #460
10/11/03	12:00PM		Gurnee # 11112
		10/12/03 12:00PM	Peoria # 427
		10/26/03 12:00PM	Decatur # 577

4th Degree Exemplification

10/18/03	Tri-Cities Assembly, Granite City
10/18/03	Rockford

Knights in Action



FATHER PETER DELO COUNCIL 11223
GRANVILLE/HENNEPIN

Father Peter DeLo Council 11223, held a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at St Patrick's Parish Center in Hennepin. This event proved very successful. It was the first such breakfast to be held at St



Patrick's. Grand Knight William Gunderson made his famous Maple Breakfast Sausage. The event was in conjunction with a Bake Sale put on by the ladies of the St Patrick's Parish's Holy Rosary Society.



In celebration of Waukegan Council # 731 100th Anniversary, with the help of the Franciscan Friars at Marytown in Libertyville, they designed a pro-life sculpture, "Our Lady of Tears". The sculpture was carved out of Bianco Duro marble. Pictured left to right is PGK Al Belgrado, FS, PGK Joe Synovic, Pro-Life Chairman Father Paul Cull, Council Chaplain and GK Joe Lecessi. At the dedication on May 11, 2003 The Most Reverend Roger L Kaffer, Aux Bishop of Joliet and Illinois K of C State Chaplain and the most Reverend Jerome E Listecki, Aux Bishop of Chicago, along with Fr, Cull and Father Patrick Greenough co-celebrated the Mass.

The Illinois Camporee was held on June 6-8, 2003 at Fox River Resort. A wine and cheese tasting party was held for the 23 units & 8 cabins on Friday night along with registration. Games and Crafts were held on Saturday for the children, the day was concluded with Mass, Pot Luck Dinner and campfire songs where enjoyed by all. Sunday election of Officers where held. Pictured at Right are Officers for the coming year. Kneeling L to R John Hoffman, Pres (Wagon Master), Tom Washington, Ken Suroviec, Roland Bowker. Standing L to R Bob Merfeld, David Tressel, Allen Baldrige and Leroy Loos.



Ladies Auxiliary Aurora Council # 736 held a Spring Luncheon to honor a 50 year member at the Gaslight Manor in Aurora.

Pictured L to R are President Joan Moder, Rosemary Bohn 50 year member, Maureen Flinn and Secretary Dolores Mendoza

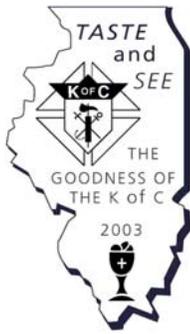


Into Your Hands we commend their spirit

Ray Leady	Alton # 460	55 years
Harry Cooney	Decatur # 577	
Edward Neimeyer	Effingham #665	66 years
Ronald Schmidt	Effingham #665	21 years
Floyd Kurtenbach	Chatsworth #730	66 years
Msgr. Joseph O'Dea	Streator #790	60 years
John Matas	Streator # 790	
Arthur Dell	Streator #790	65 years
James Holland	Tri-Cities # 1098	48years
Paul Worthen	Tri-Cities # 1098	14 years
Elmo Bury	Tri-Cities #1098	11 years
Joseph Nardi PGK, FDD	Washington # 1456	
Bernard Koch	Highland # 1580	13 years
Anthony Cerrone	Chicago # 1899	32 years
George Merkert PGK	Chicago # 1899	42 years
Vincent Teresi	Chicago # 2034	47 years
Harold Barkow	Lansing # 3540	51 years
John Marczewski	Lansing # 3540	21 years
George Metzger	Westmont # 3738	23 years
Lawrence Malo	Park Ridge #4836	43 years
Dr. Andrew Perez	Chicago # 5574	13 years
Ed Dec, PGK	Northlake # 8070	
Joseph Mersinger	Troy # 9266	61 years

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Check out the Illinois Website at: www.illinoisknights.org
Lots of helpful information.

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