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Harambee – ho!

There is a word in Swahili, *harambee*, which describes both a philosophy and an event. In the early days, when workers would join physical forces to pull down a tree, or to pull a boat to shore,

they would chant together “harambee – ho!” which literally means “pull together – OK!” The word also describes an event. In some countries, when there is a need for financial community support, a harambee is called. Neighbors gather together, identify needs, contribute money, and promise to spread the word.

The Illinois Knights of Columbus is a graphic illustration of *harambee*. We pull together to help those in need, to help our parishes and to help our communities. We have a long history of this and are very successful at it. All you have to do is read some of the articles in this newsletter or in the Columbia Magazine to get some sense of how successful we have been. If that doesn't convince you, attend some of the council anniversaries (like the 100th anniversary for Kewanee #734) or chapter honors nights (such as Rockford's Knights of the Round Table on September 24th), and you'll **TASTE AND SEE ...the Goodness of the K of C** that has been happening everyday of the year since Father McGivney founded the Order in 1882. Better still, just go to your next council meeting and volunteer for any one of the activities your council conducts.

Next month we are calling for a *harambee* – one to help ourselves! We're calling it a **BLITZ!** This too isn't anything particularly new, but it is a joining of

forces. It is both a philosophy and an event. All councils conduct, or should conduct, membership drives throughout the year. However, this year we want to target membership recruitment in October and March. All councils pulling together during these months will create greater visibility for the Knights, a greater sense of purpose, and help spread the word that the Knights are looking for good Catholic men and their families to join us in our cause.

A *harambee* requires several things to be successful. It requires:

Strategy: Set and keep your council membership goal in mind.

Collaboration: Build collaboration by communicating the **BLITZ** to your council members and by publicizing it in your parish.

Alignment: Determine the best way to get started and who will be assigned to staff your membership table. Grand Knights, District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Consultants and the State Membership Director all have key roles to play.

Resources: Order your Knights of Columbus information materials from Supreme.

Implementation: Connect people and processes. Just do it!

Results: Evaluate the results, follow up with First Degrees, and refine the program for the next time.

A *harambee* is also a partnership and all partnerships require mutual trust. We must come together to win together. All Knights, no matter where they are, must try to do their part. Each is a part of the big picture of Knights everywhere. If you are alone, you can't solve anything. But when you pull together, you can move the mountain.

Harambee-Ho?

Circle of Honor

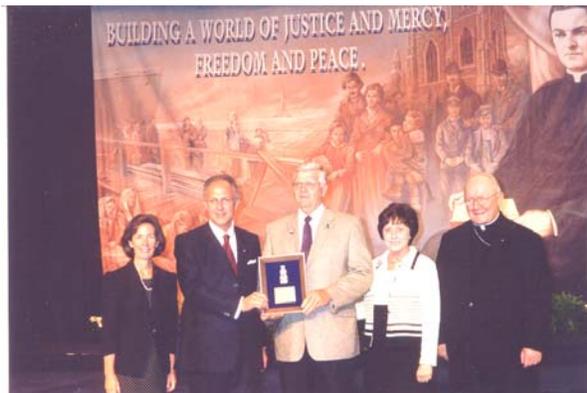


The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award recognizes State Deputy performance based on achievement of 100 percent of their net gain quota for the fraternal year. Winners of the Circle of Honor will be guest of the board of directors at the Moon Palace Resort in Cancun, Mexico.

Additionally, when State Deputies surpass their fraternal year quota they will receive a Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor championship ring based on their attainment level.

Past State Deputy Bill Spainhour had a percentage of 127% of quota. When he gets back from Cancun he will walking around with that ring, you will think he has a flash light in that hand, but it will just be the shine from the ring. What an outstanding job last year, now we have to get one for Logan.

Past State Deputy Recognition



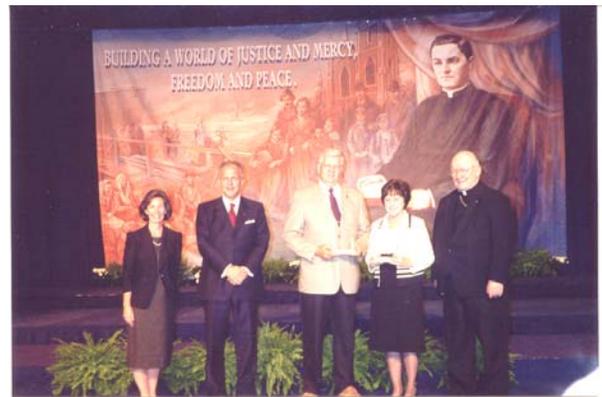
Pictured Above Supreme Knight & Mrs. Carl Anderson, Past State Deputy & Mrs. Bill Spainhour, Bishop Thomas Daily.

State Deputies work tirelessly to promote the principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As Past State Deputies, they

represent a valuable source of encouragement, wisdom and leadership for their successors and the Order as a whole. It is therefore only appropriate that the board of directors recognize the accomplishments of the Immediate Past State Deputies.

As they honor them, they also express their heartfelt gratitude to their wives. These women shared with their husbands most of the responsibilities of leading their State. Together, they helped to promote Columbianism and they are to be congratulated for their dedication to the task. Jeanie great job, see if Bill will let you wear the ring once in a while.

Columbian Squires Award



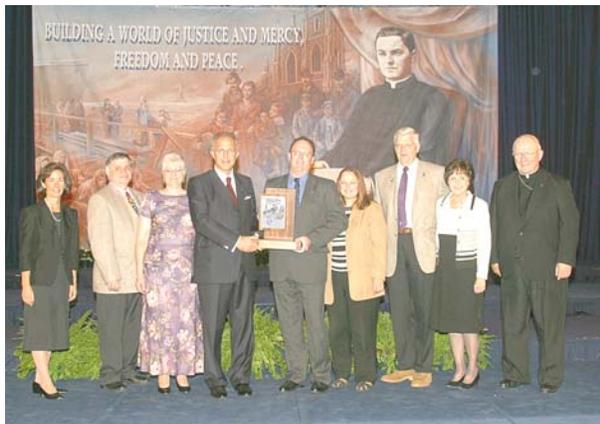
Though the "Celebrate Squires" campaign this past year our official youth organization, the Columbian Squires, grew larger in terms of both circles and members. Our Squires program here in Illinois led the Order in highest percentage of growth with 73.2 increase in Membership. For this exceptional growth, the Supreme Council recognizes Past State Deputy Bill Spainhour and his State Squires Chairman Joseph A Langhauser, for the great job they did this past year.

Pictured above our from left, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Spainhour and Bishop Thomas Daily.

Supreme Convention 2003



International Service Program Award Youth



Knights in St. Charles, IL, were recognized for outstanding service to youth when they were given an international program award at the Knights' annual international convention in Washington, D.C.

St. Charles Council 12487 won the K of C's International Service Program Award for Youth Activities for its role in sponsoring a vocations awareness retreat and concert at St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles called "Hear I Am Lord". The council's project, named the best in Illinois in its category, was chosen from among outstanding projects by Knights of Columbus councils in 70 jurisdictions, including all 50 U.S. states, Canada, Mexico, and a number of overseas countries.

Michael G. Safranski, grand knight of Council 12487, accepted the award Aug 6 from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the organization's CEO. Safranski and his wife were given an expense-paid trip to the convention in Washington by the Knights' board of directors. Current Illinois State Deputy Logan Ludwig of Bolingbrook and Past State Deputy William Spainhour of Dawson were also on hand for the awards presentation.

Council 12487 contributed about \$7,000 and an untold amount of manpower to a vocations retreat "Hear I Am Lord", held at St. Patrick Church. Knights provided parking and crowd control for a Friday night youth concert, and overnight security at two locations where young people spent the night. The next morning, council members prepared a free breakfast for participants and the 100 priests and religious who attended. The council donated more than 650 sets of rosary beads and rosary compact disks, and tote bags containing materials on vocations.

In photo, from left: Mrs. Carl Anderson, Illinois State Deputy, Logan T. Ludwig, Mrs. Ina Ludwig, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Grand Knight & Mrs. Michael G. Safranski, Illinois Immediate Past State Deputy William A. Spainhour, Mrs. Jean Spainhour, Bishop Thomas V. Daily, Supreme Chaplain.

Sate Treasure

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Audits, Audits, Audits

The Semi-Annual Audit for Councils and Assemblies for the period January 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2003 should have been completed and filed with the Supreme Council, State Council and District Deputy (Master for Assemblies). While the Audit Form is completed and signed by the Trustees, it is the responsibility of the Grand Knight (Navigator for Assemblies) to make certain that the form is completed properly and filed in a timely manner.

As of August 13, 2003 there were only 170 Councils that had submitted their completed audits. **The filing deadline is August 15, 2003.** There are 220 Councils and many Assemblies that have yet to file the completed Audit Form.

The Semi-Annual Audit is necessary to assure that Councils and Assemblies stay in a financially sound position and that the Assets and Funds are properly safeguarded. The Trustees have the very important task of reviewing the financial records to make certain that the financial balances are accurate and that the Funds and Assets have been properly accounted, distributed, and most importantly, are being maintained in the high standard that should be afforded the membership. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary should have their records ready for review in a timely manner; but more importantly, should demonstrate that the records are being maintained to the highest standard. If the Trustees find that the records are not being maintained to the highest standard, this should be reported to the membership at the next Business Meeting and the appropriate action should follow accordingly.

There are many important parts of the Semi-Annual Audit Form that should be reviewed by the Trustees for accuracy. I will stress an area that has been overlooked in the past that will have emphasis this year. Schedule C –Assets and Liabilities has an Asset item in regard to Dues from Members. This area will be utilized in the Suspension of Membership process to determine if any members were in arrears at the time of the audit. If no members were recorded on the form then it would be expected that no member could be suspended for non-payment of dues. (*next page*)

A properly completed audit should include a list of those members who have not paid their dues. This list should also be given to the Retention Committee (usually Trustees) for further action. It should also be recommended that the reporting of more than two years dues owed by any member is ineffective. The Retention Committee should be afforded the ability to offer a practical repayment option to bring members "up to date" and in "good standing".

As you are aware the Trustees are a vitally important tool that should be actively utilized by both Councils and Assemblies. The Trustees are leaders that have been through the process of "heading the organization" and have knowledge and talents that should not be "placed on the shelf". The active diligence of the Trustees and the coordinated teamwork of the Grand Knight with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary will bring assured success that every Council and their membership should enjoy.

State Advocate

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This month let's take a look a mildly abbreviated look at the TREASURER. What is his job and how does he interact with the other financial officers of the council? You can find his duties spelled out in full in the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus, under section 140.

- In brief he is the Custodian of the funds of the council.
- He receives these funds from the Financial Secretary of the council and promptly deposits them in the appropriate financial institution. He presents a written receipt to the Financial Secretary for all funds received and maintains a copy of the same.
- He pays to Supreme all monies assessed by it upon order drawn by the Financial Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Knight.
- He shall pay all other bills upon order by the Financial Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Knight. All bills will be paid by check or money order signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Grand Knight.
- He shall keep separate accounts of the monies placed in his hands and will do so in books supplied and approved by the Supreme Council.
- He shall retain all orders of the Grand Knight as his vouchers.

He is the keeper on the monies of the council and is responsible to the Council members to keep clear and clean records.

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During the last week I have received about 20 council newsletters, which I appreciate receiving. It is a great way to see "your" council in action. Keep them coming!

There was one main reoccurring item in almost each of these newsletters and it pertained to the "State B.B.Q". Upon reading these clips I contacted our State Deputy and asked him what the funds received from the "State B.B.Q." would be used for. Of course he burst my bubble of excitement and anticipation when he said, "that is the **DOWN**state B.B.Q."

Brothers, the Illinois State Council only sponsors and operates one Raffle and that is the, **ILLINOIS VOCATIONS FUND PROGRAM**, which is beginning now and ends December 31, 2003 with the drawing being held January 10, 2004. The proceeds of this fund goes "to support our Priests of Tomorrow".

Please use care when advertising raffles so you do not lead your members or those purchasing the tickets astray, the Illinois State Council only runs and supports one raffle, the VOCATIONS FUND PROGRAM.

Thank and pray for your Priests and Bishops, they need and deserve our support. Pray for our future Priests and Bishops, they also need our support as they study for the Priesthood and as they reach Gods desire for them to be Holy Leaders of His people.

Supreme Convention 2003



Delegates at Mass

State Membership Director

Donald "Skip" Kinyon Kinyon@gallatinriver.net

Brother's

The first 3 months of this fraternal year has been dedicated to welcoming our former members back into the order, I do not have all of the numbers yet but it has been successful endeavor. Our next membership program will be the Illinois Blitz. On Columbus Day weekend or any weekend during the month of October councils across our great state will be conducting the Illinois Membership Blitz. This is a chance to promote our order at the parish level by conducting a council information blitz before all Masses.

This fraternal year we in Illinois have set a personal goal of 3000 New/Welcomed back brothers. When we reach this goal. Illinois will again end the year with positive growth which is the key to all of our council's success. In order to reach this goal each council must have at least a net positive 3. With our Welcome Back Brother Program, the Illinois blitz and frequent 1st degrees Illinois will have a 2 peat in membership growth. Active recruitment = Membership Growth

How to conduct an effective membership recruitment Blitz in October.

A coordinated state-wide recruitment efforts is commonly known as a Blitz! This is an all out effort meant to maximize the effectiveness of your membership team's efforts by canvassing an entire local parish on one weekend, in the month of October, and then initiate new members two weeks later.

When the Knights of Columbus wants to maximize our recruiting efforts we need to call for a **BLITZ!**

Here are the 5 Phases to conducting a recruitment Blitz Program

Phase 1: The Preparation Phase

This phase begins with obtaining the pastor's permission to conduct a Blitz at the church during a specific weekend and to get the event advertised in the bulletin. This is also a great time to get the priest onboard as a membership recruitment assistant. The next portion of this phase is to order recruitment materials from the Supreme Council Supply Dept. (allow 4-5 weeks for delivery). Next begin lining up members to assist with the "Blitz". Be sure to inform the insurance representatives about the dates of the recruitment drive; they are professional salesmen and your greatest assets.

Phase 2: The Execution Phase

Before each Mass at the chosen parish, set up information tables at every door of the Church. Have plenty of prospect cards and pencils on hand to distribute to each man as they enter the Church. With the pastor's permission, arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made during Mass by either the priest or the council's grand knight. After Mass, have brother Knights on hand to answer any questions and to collect prospect referral cards as men leave with their families.

Phase 3: The Follow-Up Phase

Within 48 HOURS, personal contact must be made with every prospect that you collected during the second phase. Be sure to inform these prospects that you will be holding an informational seminar and give them the date, location and time. Offer transportation if that is a limitation and be sure to invite the prospect's family so that they can see the benefits that they receive as a family member of a Knight of Columbus.

Phase 4: The Orientation Phase

This phase begins with organization. Nobody is going to want to join the Order if your informational session seems unplanned or disorganized. Be sure to have plenty of recruitment brochures about the Order and your council on hand for prospects and their families to read. Request that your council's chaplain start the event with a prayer and some words about the Order and its mission. Consider showing one of the recruitment videos available from the Supreme Council Supply Department (a nominal shipping & handling fee is charged).

A member of the council should make the requirements for membership known to those assembled and then offer each prospect a Form #100 to fill out before the event's conclusion. Have brother Knights on hand to assist prospects in completing these forms. Conclude the event with some light refreshments and inform the candidates of the date of the next First Degree.

Phase 5: The First Degree

A First Degree should be scheduled no more than 2 weeks after your informational session. Be sure to contact the candidates to remind them of the degree date and insure they have transportation to the location. Be sure to order degree certificates from the Supreme Council Supply Dept, as a fitting way to recognize your new brother Knights. Don't let the new members leave the degree without getting them involved and explaining the **Shining Armor Award** program.

State Program Director

Irvin "Larry" Smith ufgrad84@aol.com

Brothers:

The **Columbian Spirit** is alive and well in Illinois! Councils are submitting their proposals to their District Deputies and it looks like it will be a banner year for Illinois! Make sure YOU have filed your proposal with your District Deputy soon, if you have not already done so. In addition, make sure to send your **State Council Rosary Program** form to me to indicate your participation in this program.

By the time you read this, the State Golf Outing, hosted by Newton Council #1704, will have been held. Many thanks to the host Council and to all Brother Knights, families and friends that participated in this great event!

Congratulations to our recent program of the month winners, including the following:

Church Activities

Robert P. Connelly Council #5918: The council purchased and installed a stained glass window in the Eucharistic chapel at St. Scholastica parish in Woodridge. The project involved many people, as the council had a contest for the wording on the window, which was designed for respect of life.

Council Activities

Belvidere Council #735 hosted an insurance information night for members to show what the Order has to offer. A strong factor in the selection is that the council has no field agent.

St. Irene Council #6710 participated in the Warrenville 4th of July Parade, with the Fourth Degree Color Guard receiving the Most Patriotic Award. The council also had a float with 11 members participating in the parade.

Knight of the Month: Brother Knight Tom Lawrence of Allouez Council #658 was selected as the Knight of the Month for June. He was recognized for his work in scheduling and coordinating roller skating outings for students at the parish Sunday school. All proceeds are gifted back to the Sunday school. In addition, he works on the grade school basketball tournament.

Brother Knight Ronald Slemer of St. Cecilia Council #13216 was selected as the Knight of the Month for July. He was recognized for his work in coordinating and conducting a "Roadside BBQ Fundraiser" for the council, raising \$350. He also is the council Advocate and a village trustee

(where he chairs the Police Commission). He is also very active in the parish.

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Remember, Brothers: Invite your Brother Knights, prospective members, their families and friends to **TASTE AND SEE ...the goodness of the K of C!**

Sate Charitable Activities

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Brothers In Charity,

I was casting about trying to write this newsletter's Charitable Director article. I wanted to write about the MR/LD Drive and urge all brother Knights to participate. I received the following email from Brother Phil Downey. He cuts to the bone, a great letter. Thank you, Phil, for allowing me to use your letter! Other news follows Phil's letter.

Br. Knights,

The Knights of Columbus of Illinois will conduct their 34th Annual Fund Drive on September, 19th to the 20th, 2003. for the "Mental Retardation & Learning Disabilities Programs." This is a statewide program in which the "Fr. Frank Anksorus" Council No. 6521, will again be participating in for this year's Fund Drive.

This is a very worthy cause and I am asking you, actually begging you for your cooperation. The entire amount of the donations we collect, are used to help God's special people live & lead a better, more enjoyable life. As you already know we only do this once a year in September, so let's forget about whose corner belongs to who, if no one is there, then staff it until the other Council comes to man it. Remember this is for the children, not the individual councils!

It is imperative that we get as many volunteers as possible to man the stores and corners, to collect donations for the children. Every year we leave almost half the city unmanned, and that is a crying shame on us. Remember, we only do this once a year for only two days, and God forbid any of you ever need help as these children do. So I know you will do the right thing, without some lame excuse on how busy you are, how you didn't know or forgot. I have given you plenty of time to prepare, so please show up! (next page)

For those who do not know me, I have been your Council "Advocate" for four terms. I have also been in charge of the "Church Committee," and now the "MH committee." And all along I have been paralyzed from the chest down as a quadriplegic. I have made every MH drive since I joined the Knights, and only missed two business meetings. (So if I can make it in my wheelchair, so can you!) So please contact me and let me know if you are coming to help us out? I look forward to working with everyone for not only this year, but for many years to come.

If I have come across a little course or offended you in any way, please accept my apologies. Through the years I have enjoyed working with you all, and hope to continue to do so. I am not only proud to be a Knight, I am also proud of the lives we have touched and the friends I have made. So on behalf of myself, and the Knights of Columbus, I wish to "Thank You" in advance for helping God's special people. May God Bless you, the children, and the United States of America!

Semper Fidelis--Tempest Fugit--Memento Mori!

**Fraternally,
Phil Downey**

Vocations Support Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon. Vocations Support Raffle is the only raffle run by the State council and supports our seminarians (your future pastors). Every council should pick a raffle chairman and sell those tickets. The Raffle is great low-risk (don't have to put money into it) and high-reward (send only \$6 of \$15 book back to state) program. And the \$6 per book you send to state counts as \$6 toward your Vocations support goal (your council really gets to use all \$15 of every book sold!).

Wherever there is need, Councils should work with your DD to fill out the GAF request form and send request to Jerry Bevignani.

Your Brother In Charity,

**Newman Campus Ministry Program
Bill Linz**

In the next few weeks, millions of young adults will be returning to various colleges and universities throughout Illinois. For many of these young adults, this will be the first experience of "independence" away from the security of their families and homes.

We, as parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, want to ensure their success in this new environment. To ensure this success, we purchase folders, pens, paper, books, calculators, computers, refrigerators, bedding, stereos, televisions, phones, and etc. Surely with all the comforts of home, success is guaranteed, right?

The Illinois Knights of Columbus offer one more comfort from home to the thousands of students attending public colleges and universities; the comfort and security of our Faith.

Through the Newman Apostolate Ministries, thousands of students have a place to go to pray, celebrate the Eucharist, socialize, and become active members of their new communities.

The Newman Campus Ministry Program promotes love of neighbor, love of self, and the care and concern of all. The Newman Campus Ministry Program is Church and Family for all those who are in need.

The Newman Campus Ministry Program is one of our major charity funds for the Illinois Knights of Columbus. There are several ways a Knight can support this vital charity. With a donation of \$100, a Knight may become a Century Donor. Century Donors receive a plaque and a lapel pin. Also the officers of the council can donate smaller individual monies and have the council become a Century Donor or designate the Century Donor plaque to the memory of recently deceased Brother Knights. Still another suggestion to demonstrate support for the charity is to host a fund-raiser, such as a walk-a-thon or pancake breakfast or a bake sale.

On October 4, a 10k Walk-a-Thon will be hosted by Lansing Council # 3540 to support the Newman Centers throughout Illinois. All Brother Knights, their families and friends are invited to participate in this activity. The day will begin at 8AM with registration, health-screening, and stretching exercises. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded after the Walk-a-Thon. All monies pledged and collected in your name will be credited to your council's goal for the Newman Fund.

For more information regarding the Oct. 4th event or if your council and/or assembly are interested in hosting a Walk-a-Thon or any other type of fund-raiser for the Newman Ministry Program, please contact Bill Linz at 708-418-8255 or E-Mail w.m.linz@att.net
With a little imagination, the possibilities for success for your unique council and/or assembly are endless.

Each year, the charitable activities sponsored by the more than 400 Illinois Knights of Columbus councils; 4th Degree Assemblies and Columbian Squires Circles raise millions of dollars that are donated to hundreds of charitable and beneficial causes. In 2002, Illinois Knights of Columbus contributed over \$ 1.9 million to church groups such as parishes and schools to support religious education, seminaries/seminarians, vocations, and other faith related initiatives:

•Church Activities	\$ 395,000
•Catholic Schools	\$ 587,000
•Religious Education	\$ 101,000
•Seminarians/RSVP	\$ 215,000
•Seminaries	\$ 103,000
•Vocation Projects	\$ 113,000
•Misc. Church Activities	\$ 409,000

In 2002, the Illinois knights contributed nearly \$ 3.4 million for support of community activities such as programs for the elderly, those with disabilities, mental retardation, programs for the poor, disaster victims, pro-life activities, hospital and health projects, and miscellaneous civic projects:

• Elderly	\$44,000
• Physically Disabled	\$ 85,000
• Special Olympics	\$289,000
• Mental Retardation	\$ 2,123,000
• Human Needs	\$164,000
• Pro-Life Programs	\$142,000
• Victims of Disasters	\$118,000
• Hospitals/Institutions	\$42,000
• Health/Service Organizations	\$ 64,000
• Community Projects	\$202,000
• Misc. Activities	\$72,000

Donations to youth activities totaled over \$553,000. Columbian Squires (the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus), scouting and other youth groups, and youth welfare including programs on substance abuse, athletics and miscellaneous youth projects were among the recipients:

• Columbian Squires	\$ 22,000
• Scouting	\$ 50,000
• Youth Groups	\$ 90,000
• Youth Welfare/Services	\$ 35,000
• Athletics	\$101,000
• Scholarships/Education	\$182,000
• Misc.	\$ 73,000

In 2002, the Illinois Knights of Columbus members provided nearly 2.1 million hours of voluntarism as follows:

• Church	892,000
• Community	549,000
• Youth	372,000
• Misc.	290,000 hrs

Also, in 2002 total blood donations amounted 22,446 pints.

The Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus conducts four major state-wide charitable programs:

- General Assistance Program
- Mental Retardation/Learning Disabilities Fund Drive
- Vocations Support Program
- Newman Campus Ministries Program

Supreme Convention 2003



Delegates at Supreme Dinner

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our KofC family for their cards, phone calls, flowers and most of all their prayers since my surgery, which turned out to be wonderful, noncancerous. Bill and I are truly blest by all your love and prayers and we will always be part of the K of C Family.

Also, we want to congratulate all the State elected and selected Officers and remember always TASTE and SEE ..the goodness of the K of C Mary and Bill Brown PSD

Supreme Convention 2003



Logan and Jake getting ready for Chicago 2005

Major Degree Schedule

Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD

Date Time 1st Degree Location

09/28/03	12:00 PM	Bloomington #574
09/28/03	12:30 PM	Niles # 3627
10/11/03	12:00PM	Gurnee # 11112
10/12/03	12:30 PM	Alton #460
10/12/03	12:00PM	Peoria # 427
10/26/03	12:00PM	Decatur # 577
10/26/03	1:00 PM	Carpentersville # 6248
10/26/03	12:00 PM	Marion # 6210
11/09/03	12:00PM	Lincoln #1250
11/09/03	11:30AM	Joliet # 382
11/09/03	12:00PM	Loves Park # 4330
11/09/03	1:00PM	Effingham # 665
11/15/03	12:00PM	Chicago # 12926
11/23/03	11:00AM	Kankakee # 745
11/30/03	1:00PM	Glenview # 3731

4th Degree Exemplification

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

100th Anniversaries Chatsworth # 730



State Treasure Phil Barone presents Grand Knight Thomas Stadler with 100th certificate.



Members and guest at dinner.

Kewanee # 734



State Deputy Logan Ludwig presents Grand Knight John Kovach with 100th Anniversary certificate.



Mr. & Mrs. Knights of Columbus for Kewanee # 734 Tom & Theresa Naughtin.

Upcoming 100th Anniversaries

790 Msgr. George Dzuryo	Jan. 10 2003
845 Du Pontaris	Feb. 21 2003
854 Pontiac	May 01 2004
895 Odell	May 22 2004
887 Father O'Connor	June 15 2004

"Winter Romance"

Fashion Show and Luncheon

Saturday November 8th 2003

1:00PM

**St. Paul the Apostle Activity Center
Located at 18 Woodlawn – Joliet, IL
Tickets Adults \$25.00 Children \$15.00
Rev. Gordon Michel's Ladies Aux.
Council #12014**

State Ceremonials Director

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Every action we use in our order is some form of a ceremonial. One may ask why is ceremonials so important aspect of our order. Webster defines ceremony as: *A formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by custom, ritual, or etiquette. A conventionally polite act. Strict observance of etiquette or formalities.* History has shown that ceremonials are a primary importance in promoting the growth and strength of Columbianism. This is no less true today when men are searching for a "rite of passage", as it were, to a fuller life both as Catholic gentlemen, family men and community leaders.

The very first encounter a new members has when joining the Knights of Columbus is his First Degree. The Grand Knight is in charge of this degree, which should be conferred during a regular council meeting. The conferring officers need not be current chair officers. The degree team members serve at the pleasure of the Grand Knight of the council provided the District Deputy certifies them. They must be able to deliver their respective charges in an inspiring

- 1) Complete "Request for Major Degree" form. Mail this for directly to the State Ceremonial Chairman. These forms are available from the Executive Secretary, State Ceremonial Chairman or the Illinois State Council website.
- 2) After completion of the arrangements by the State Ceremonial Chairman, you will receive a letter advising you of the team and Conferring Officer assigned.
- 3) Contact the Degree Team Coordinator about one week in advance of the date of the degree to finalize arrangements.
- 4) Recruit sufficient number of candidates to insure a good exemplification. Contact neighboring councils and districts and invite them to bring candidates to the Major Degree. The State Deputy or the State Ceremonial Chairman will only cancel Major Degrees under exceptional circumstances. No degree will be cancelled within one week prior to the scheduled date.
- 5) Coordinate notification mailings to councils announcing degrees and arrangements with the executive Secretary eight weeks prior to the date of the exemplification.
- 6) If any problems arise concerning scheduling a Major Degree, or the arrangements of a scheduled degree contact the State Ceremonial Chairman ASAP.

If we conduct as many or more Major Degrees in Illinois as last year, we will have a successful year in membership. Last year's positive numbers in membership was a direct result of the over 60 Major Degrees exemplified.

manner, and from memory. It is preferable that the conferring officers leave their stations to deliver their charge in front of the candidates. All degree team members shall robe for this degree. I encourage you to make sure that your council follows these guidelines with enthusiasm; it will make a lasting impression on the new members.

District Deputies are responsible for scheduling and making the arrangements for the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Major Degrees when exemplified correctly will encourage candidates to become active members within their councils and excellent recruiters for new members.

When planning a Major Degree in your District, you should follow these steps:

Set a date. Coordinate with both the host council and the Regional Membership Chairman.

1. Degree Staff. If you have a preference for a particular degree staff, please contact the staff coordinator to determine if the date is available. If no preference is made the State Ceremonial Chairman will appoint a degree team. The Conferring Officer will be appointed by the State Ceremonial to insure a rotation of CO's working with all degree teams.

The most frequent and important ceremony in the Knights of Columbus is the monthly council business meeting. A meeting agenda is provided by the Supreme Council, it completely details every item a Grand Knight must cover thus insuring a successful business meeting. The prescribed customs the council must follow concerning actions of the council can be found in "Roberts Rules of Order", on how to conduct a meeting. The council chambers must be set up according to the outline as set by Supreme Council. A business meeting that is conducted in a professional manner will impress not only the new members, but also all who attend. Councils who conduct their meetings with strict observance of etiquette and formalities are the councils who you will see attaining all of their goals, these are councils receiving the awards at State Conventions; they achieve the Star Council status. This is a proven recipe for success!

Every officer either at the council level, 4th degree assembly meeting, or State Council activity must follow protocol in their writing of letters or introduction of dignitaries at K of C functions. Always addressing dignitaries of the Church, Knights of Columbus Officers, or the general public in a polite and courteous manner.

Our State Deputy has challenged us to "make the elephant dance"; we will have a dancing elephant when we pride ourselves with impressive ceremonials. Impressive ceremonials and degrees inspire active membership. Active membership will mean new heights attained in charities, programming and new members recruitment.

Knights in Action



At noon on Saturday August 9, 2003 the 4th degree members of Starved Rock Assembly provided a hamburger/brat cookout for the residents of the LaSalle Veterans Home. Approximately 40 happy and elated residents and staff were involved. Various businesses in LaSalle Co. supplied the meat, beverages and desserts. THANK YOU Veterans and "God Bless America".



*Into Your Hands We
Commend Their Spirit*

Name	Council	Years
Paul J Gross	Alton 460	39
John Watson	Bloomington 574	59
James Scallon	Dixon 690	14
Gerald Stensrud	Belvidier 735	6
Robert Voellinger*	Belleville 1028	54
Msgr. Urban Kuhl	Belleville 1028	
Theodore Kwiatkowski	Tri-Cities 1098	11
Gene Loboyko	Chicago 1899	48
Edward Tyika	Chicago 2034	45
Peter Obycki	Chicago 2789	
William Factor	Bethalto 4688	45
Donald Dimais	St. Anne 5081	22
Gerald Bovie	St. Anne 5081	17
Joseph Pommier *	St. Anne 5081	39

* Past Grand Knight

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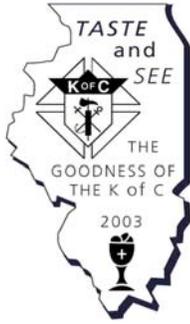
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September 24, 2003
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Dinner 7:30PM
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