

# Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



## Illinois Knights News



Logan Ludwig, State Deputy

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### State Deputy Logan Ludwig



The first quarter of the fraternal year is now history! We have made a good start and I am optimistic about what the next quarter and the first half of the fraternal year will bring. Council

reporting indicates that we are using many programs to help current members and potential members to **"TASTE AND SEE...The Goodness of the K of C"**. A few highlights follow.

**Council Reporting:** The majority of councils have filed their June 2003 Council Audits in a timely manner; however, many have not. This is a vital form that must be on file with Supreme for many reasons, but most importantly it provides information that helps the Illinois State Council detect councils that may need some assistance. Only 28 councils have not filed their Report of Elected Officers (Form 185) and councils are doing a good job with filing the Council Personnel Report (Form 365). All of these forms help Supreme and the Illinois State Council know who to send information to. Remember, if these required forms have not been filed, the Supreme website [[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)] offers you an easy way to file them.

**Education and Training:** Knights of Columbus Leadership Rallies [KCLR] held in each of the dioceses have been well received. The turnout has been strong and feedback indicates these rallies have

been very helpful for those in attendance. Many appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues in an open forum with the Elected State Officers. Another series of KCLR events focusing on membership and financial officer training is being planned for February and March 2004.

**Programming:** As reported elsewhere in this month's newsletter [see Knights in Action] councils are conducting a great variety of church, community, council, family, and youth programs. District Deputies are reporting great success with the new Columbian Spirit Award Program. Many councils have completed this form and are using it as a planning tool for their fraternal activities this year. DDs will be using this form to review their councils' progress with elected and selected state officers at the January Midwinter DD meeting in Bloomington (January 9-11, 2004). A big thanks should also go out to the Chicago Archdiocese councils who are conducting a diocese-wide effort to provide rosaries to all confirmants in the diocese this year. Also, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program has recently been completed with the transfer of the Silver Rose to Missouri on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 1,500 Catholics participated in this program at parishes along the route that it traveled from Lansing to St. Louis, bringing attention to our concern for human life in all its stages.

**Charities:** Early reports indicate that we will have another successful year for the MR/LD Fund Drive. Unfortunately, two minor accidents were reported this year. (next page)

With the MR/LD Fund Drive nearly completed councils are beginning to focus attention on two other important charitable activities – Vocations Raffle and the Newman Fund. The Charities Inc. officers have again allocated \$225,000 to be distributed to Newman programs and checks should be issued soon to the various Newman centers and programs.

**Membership:** Key to the success of our programming and charities activities is membership. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois jurisdiction is not doing as well as we did last year but we are well ahead of where we were two years ago. Peoria Diocese leads the other dioceses by achieving 6% of its membership quota. 51 councils are already reporting net gains in membership and only 15 councils have reported net losses. 67 major degrees have already been scheduled for the fraternal year. Order-wide Illinois trails Texas and California in Division I net gain, but we have been steadily gaining on California and it looks like these three jurisdictions are pulling away from other Division 1 jurisdictions. October and the BLITZ should help focus attention on membership and I believe by the end of October we will have a new council in Sandwich, a police and firemen's council in Joliet, and the college council at UIC will be re-activated.

## State Treasure

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**FRATERNAL SURVEY – FORM 1728**  
**The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Form 1728 is to be completed and filed with the Supreme Office, State Council and District Deputy by January 31, 2004.** The survey is a report of both the Charitable Financial Activities as well as the Fraternal Program Service Activities that a Council or Assembly has performed for the calendar year 2003. The form is to be signed by both the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary but requires the active input of the Financial Officers and Service Program Directors.

While it may seem early to contemplate the completion of this form it is not because of the time, effort and most importantly cooperation of various members of the organization that is needed to complete this report by the

January 31, 2004 DEADLINE. The report is one of the most important forms your council is required to complete. It is an essential item required by the IRS – Treasury Service for the Knights of Columbus in retaining Charitable Corporation Status each year. **The form is a requirement for Star Council.**

The Financial Secretary typically completes this form utilizing the financial data that is contained in the semi-annual audits while gathering the fraternal service data from the Program Directors. While we would expect the data to be true and accurate it is understood that some estimations of member service hours and activities may be necessary. Last year's survey should be used as a guide but realize that there can be significant differences between calendar years. The data used to complete the form is a "team effort" and should not default to one person. The Grand Knight has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the Form 1728 is completed as accurate as possible before the January 31, 2004 deadline. Remember that "the job isn't done until the paperwork is complete" is not simply a slogan but a real truth.

If your council needs assistance with the completion of this form, please seek the advice and guidance of the District Deputy. The State Council has resources that can be utilized to help your council with this form or any items that require assistance. Please contact the State Office in Kankakee or any of the State Officers as noted in your state directory. We are all looking forward to your council success in achieving Star Council and being able to "**Taste and See the goodness of the K of C**"

## State Advocate

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Does your council have a council home? Then this portion of my article this month is very important to you because deals with 2002 Senate Bill 15 (Fraternal Organization Assessment Freeze). This Bill froze fraternal organizations (Knights of Columbus and Loyal Order of the Moose) affiliated property assessments to a value of 15% of the final assessed value of the property commencing with the 2002 taxes.

This should be of significant savings to many of the councils that own their facilities. This will NOT affect those councils that currently rent facilities or utilize Church owned property. Home associations affiliated with the Knights of Columbus must file Illinois Department of Revenue form PTAX-765 with the County Assessor where your property is located by December 31, 2003 for all Illinois Counties except Cook County, which requires this form as soon as possible. The form can be obtained through the Illinois Department of Revenue Offices.

You will be required to furnish documentation as to the affiliation to the Knights of Columbus. Knights of Columbus letterhead may suffice but a copy of your council charter may be necessary. It will vary by the various counties as to actual documentation needed. If verification of Illinois State Council documentation is needed, please contact the State Office (815) 935-2262 for assistance.

If you could use some special assistance because you're not too sure, Mary Ryan (wife of Frank Ryan the editor of the State News Letter) Township Assessor would be glad to answer questions and help you. You can call her at her office at 815-673-2215

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It's that time again so here is another form that is very important, it is the **FORM 990**. Generally, tax-exempt organizations must file an annual information return the 990. Tax-exempt organizations that have annual gross receipts not normally in excess of \$25,000 are not required to file the annual information return. In addition, churches and certain religious organizations, certain state and local instrumentalities, and other organizations are excepted from the annual return filing requirement. For more information, see **Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization**.

#### **Should my council file?**

**The Illinois State Council advises every council to file a Form 990 or a Form 990-EZ (short form) regardless of the amount of gross receipts.** Tax-exempt organizations, other than private foundations, must file Form 990, of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, or

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

#### **I thought that our Home Association was Exempt?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return and Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return.

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

### **State Membership Director**

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"Brothers. the BLITZ is coming! The BLITZ is coming! Yes, by the time you receive this newsletter the first Illinois BLITZ of this fraternal year will be in full swing. This is a chance to showcase our councils to perspective members. What a better way to introduce our councils than at a mass. That is what the Blitz is all about; a church drive. At mass we invite all to attend an information night at our councils. This is the chance to sell our councils to all prospective members. This is a chance to have that council tri-fold on display and pass out to all.

Prospective members like to hear about what the Knights of Columbus do world-wide, but they are mostly interested in what your council does for the parish, community and our youth. That is why the tri-fold is so important. You can download the format from the state website.

All councils should be participating in the Blitz and some other type of membership program. Why? Because we are recruiting our replacements, fresh ideas, more volunteer help, potential state deputies, district deputies and the future of the Illinois Knights of Columbus, That's why! Membership is a twelve month program. Every month we should be doing some activity in membership: an information night, open house, insurance night, Welcome Back Brother program or the Illinois Blitz. Each district should be conducting a first degree each month.

Along with 1<sup>st</sup> degrees every month our Worthy State Ceremonials Chairman PSD Joe Pietruszynski has informed me we could have a record number of major

degrees hosted this fraternal year. The next newsletter I should have the results of our 1<sup>st</sup> round of Blitz's to report on. With all councils active in membership recruitment Illinois will be Plus 3 in 2003. Active recruitment=council membership growth.

## **KC Academy Training Director**

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### **Academy Training** **Begin With the End in Mind**

"Some people see things as they are and say, "Why?" Others dream things that never were and say, "Why not?"

*George Bernard Shaw*

Brothers,

Our fraternal year is well on its way and much of our planning should already be in place. However, some councils may yet need to prepare plans, while others may need to review them. Either way, one fundamental concept to assist you in this process is to *Begin With the End in Mind*. Well known author, Steven R. Covey, who wrote the book *Seven Habits of Highly Successful People* lists this concept as one of the seven critical habits.

Every council should have plans tailored to its own needs and abilities. Setting goals and objectives gives us something to gage progress and to set new goals. Sometimes it seems difficult to know if our goals are too lofty or too modest. The quote from George Bernard Shaw applies well to our honored Order and one that may be useful in setting your goals.

### **Columbian Spirit and Programming**

Our State Deputy, Logan Ludwig, asks that we consider three goals as we *Begin With the End in Mind*:

- Grow in membership
- Increase the vitality of council programs
- Feel good about doing good

Our Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism provide a natural foundation to meet the goals set out by our State Deputy.

Membership is very much part of our Programming activities and should be an integral part of every council planning. Programming activities involving church, family, community, council and youth provide opportunities to grow our membership, increase vitality within the council and community, and to feel good about doing good. Active members and potential members need to have a reason why they should join or get involved. Our well rounded programming in these five critical areas of service should have appeal to many interests. Certainly, our charities activities in the areas of vocations and helping the less fortunate appeal greatly to our membership and those we wish to attract to our membership.

### **How do we do it?**

The Columbian Spirit form that was to be completed by August 15, 2003, was specifically designed to assist your planning. This form allows councils to *Begin With the End in Mind* by setting goals tailored to your individual council. It neatly packages your plans to have some level of membership, programming, and charitable activities determined at the beginning of the year. The process intends for councils and their district deputies to sit together and to discuss what achievements the council wants to complete by the end of the fraternal year. Milestones or target dates to complete council plans are also considered so that they can be reviewed regularly for progress; any adjustments that are needed can be made along the journey of the council's life-cycle. As each task is completed, the district deputy validates its completion with his signature on the Columbian Spirit form. By the end of the year, councils will have their accomplishments documented and validated by their district deputy. There will be no need to complete forms for awards, but most importantly you know what your council is capable of achieving thereby helping to make new and realistic goals for the next fraternal year.

Good luck brothers! How sweet it is to  
**TASTE and SEE...the goodness of the  
K of C**

## State Program Director

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Brothers:

Councils should now have filed their **Columbian Spirit** proposal forms with their District Deputies. Remember, Worthy Grand Knights: this proposal is your roadmap to all the activities your council has planned for the fraternal year. It will also give the State Officers a chance to see exactly what the councils in the Illinois jurisdiction are doing to invite Brother Knights, families and potential new members to **Taste and See ... the goodness of the K of C**. In addition, don't forget to submit your State Council **Rosary Program Form**.

While we're talking forms, have you remembered to submit your Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report)? You can still submit this form, which is required for consideration for STAR COUNCIL. You can submit it by mail or electronically at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). The same thing applies for the Form 185 (Report of Officers Chosen) and your Notice of Appointment of Parish Roundtable Coordinator. Remember: IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL THE PAPERWORK IS DONE!

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

### Church Activities

Tri-Cities Council #1098 is the August winner of the Program of the Month for Church Activities. Through a year-long effort, the council raised a total of \$80,000, split equally between St. Elizabeth's and Holy Family schools. The schools used the money for technology upgrades, text book purchases, desks and chairs, and other items. Over 2,000 man-hours were involved in the project.

The **Divine Mercy** icons, if they haven't arrived already, will be sent to the District Deputies. A schedule has already been set up. Please contact State Church Activities Director Ray Biliskov if you have questions. As a side note, there were 139 different Prayer Hours set up, with over 8,700 participants with the last Marian Prayer Hour program in Illinois, with devotions to *Our Lady of the Rosary*.

Finally, as this issue goes to press, the **Silver Rose Run** will have finished, and State Deputy Logan Ludwig will have transferred the Silver Rose to Missouri. The program involved running a Silver Rose from Ontario (July 16) to Mexico (December 12). There were scheduled overnight stops with special prayer services honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Many thanks to Deacon Tom Fricke for all his work in coordinating this, as well as to the District Deputies that hosted prayer services.



Left to Right: Joe Matlin, PSD Joe Pietruszynski, Deacon Tom Fricke, Indiana State Secretary Jeff Biel, Ray Biliskov and Mike Blankman, Indiana One Life, One Rose Chairman receiving the Silver Rose in Lansing from Indiana.

### Council Activities

There are dual winners for the August Council Activity of the Month. Tri-Cities Council #1098 was selected for its participation in the national Knights of Columbus softball tournament in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The team (15 members) won first place in the "Masters" Division. The program was also used for membership recruitment. The second winner is Good Shepherd Council #5573 for their annual Western Barbecue; over 45 Brother Knights and their wives worked this function, serving over 300 meals. The event was also used for membership recruitment, with 2 signed Form 100s returned and another 4 Form 100s distributed.

**Knight of the Month:** Brother Knight Rev. Larry Kanyike of Msgr. Grzybowski Council #7580 was selected as the Knight of the Month for August. He was recognized for his work as a college professor and missionary chaplain in Uganda. He has solicited support for the

village where he is located, with his efforts resulting in a new hospital and school with running water and plumbing systems being built and furnished.

### **Community Activities**

The June 2003 winner is St. Irene Council #6710, who hosted a dinner for over 140 counselors and mentally handicapped children at Special Camps for Special Citizens.

The July 2003 winner is Collinsville Council #1712, who donated an aquatic wheelchair (to be used by people with special needs) to the local water park.

The August 2003 winner is Tri-Cities Council #1098, who donated \$8,000 for community services to Catholic Charities in Granite City.

### **Youth Activities**

A mailing has been sent to all councils regarding the Supreme Council Essay Contest. It is open to all students in elementary and high school. Participants are asked to select a quote from Pope John Paul II's post-synodal exhortation *Christifideles Laici* (On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World), issued December 30, 1988, and write a 500-700 word essay based on that quote.

### **Squire Corps D'Elite Award Winners**

Circle's 341 Streator, 2895 Evansville, 3115 Breese and 4402 Ridgeway. Congratulation to all of the Circles and the Council's that sponsor them.

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

### **Knights of Columbus National Softball Association**

"Battle in the Mud"

The 2003 National K of C Softball tournament will be known as the "Battle in the Mud". Forty one teams from fifteen states braved the poor playing conditions caused by five inches of rain. Rain was all around Cape Girardeau, MO most of Friday night, but not enough to stop Friday night activities.



Masters Championship Granite City Council # 1098 with a 5-1 record.

Larry Kuciemba of Sealy, TX was elected to the board. Harrel Lerch of Marion, IL and Mike Gebke of Bartelso, IL will continue to be on the board. Mike Gebke received the gavel at the post tournament dinner to be President for 2004.



Master Division Third Place Breese Council # 2869.

### **Rockford Round Table**



The Brother Knights pictured above were honored at the Rockford Round Table on September 24, 2003. For all that they do for the Knight of Columbus and their Communities. From Left to Right: Donald DeMong, Council # 653, Nick Giaccone SR, Council 7624, Most Reverend Arthur Oniell Emeritus, John Devine, Council # 9176 and State Deputy Logan Ludwig.

## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



### Isabel and the Unknown Soldier

When Hurricane Isabel was bearing down on Washington, D.C. a couple of weeks ago, Washington did what it often does - panic! The federal government was closed at that time as were the area's schools - even though up until 7:00 pm that night the day was only rainy with brief gusts of wind.

But while everyone else was running for cover, there was a different character on display at Arlington National Cemetery, just a few miles from my office. The cemetery is "home" to 260,000 veterans. It is also the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which was built in 1921 to honor those who died for our country, but whose remains have never been identified. The Tomb is watched 24-hours-a-day by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard."

Cemetery officials were in a dilemma. The Old Guard has never abandoned its post guarding the Tomb. But as Isabel slammed into the area that night winds hit 75 miles an hour and the rain was torrential. The cemetery officials, no doubt thinking of possible lawsuits, gave the Old Guard permission to leave their posts for safety sake.

You guessed it, my friends - the soldiers refused to leave! Staff Sergeant Alfred Lanier said the Tomb was something "we cherish." Sgt. Christopher Holmes said leaving the Tomb is "never an option for us" and added he was prepared to die while guarding it. As Eisenhower asked when he surveyed the bravery on the beaches of Normandy, "Where do we get such men?"

(End of Day Report by Gary Bauer, 9/19/03; posted with permission)

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## State Vocations Raffle

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### More Than Just A Raffle! It's Personal

This is an article that appeared in the North American Martyrs Council # 4338 newsletter.

Today our Church needs you and your family more than ever before. The Catholic population is growing and the Priest and Religious are working harder and longer hours to provide for our spiritual needs. The cost to support the seminarians from the State of Illinois studying for the six Dioceses is approximately \$700,000 per year and that's just tuition, room and board. Seminarians need to provide their own clothing and personal items - not an easy task when you don't receive a paycheck.

That's where we come in - read the story about one of the seminarians that this council adopted to see what a difference your raffle donation could make for your seminarian.

Piotr is originally from Podboze, Poland. It is a small farming town of about 100. Piotr grew up on a farm. While Piotr was growing up his parish was run by a number of missionary priests who had been all over the world and would often tell stories of their mission experiences. Small wonder then that when Piotr heard God's call to be a priest that he wanted to be a missionary. Piotr was attending seminary in Tarnow when he heard Fr. Tom Mc Quaid from Mundelein Seminary in Chicago asking young seminarians to consider serving in the mission land of Chicago. Piotr answered that call and came to Chicago in 2000. He is now in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Theology at Mundelein Seminary.

When asked how he used the money he receives from the Knights, Piotr replied. "Books and gasoline". Gasoline? Apparently, Fr Tom May had an old car in less than road worthy shape. He offered it to Piotr. Enter Uncle Pete and the Parish Holy Name Society who fixed the car up for the long drive from Mundelein. Finally, the Knights help put power in the tank. "Just Like the Holy Spirit". Piotr wishes to thank everyone who has been so generous.

He hopes to be able to give back as a priest, a small part of the assistance, financial and spiritual ha has received.

This is just one story that we as your State Vocation Support Co-Chairmen have heard. With your council and assemblies participation we can actively run this program on your behalf. If you need additional raffle books please call the State Office in Kankakee.

We know that it is our privilege and duty to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life by providing the financial resources to assist in their education and personal expenses. I know it is your privilege too! Please make an effort to either sell or purchase the raffle book that either has been sent to you or presented to you.

### Southern Friendship Dinner



The Southern Friendship Dinner was held on September 13, 2003 at Mt. Vernon Council 2964. What a great night for learning about some of the Southern Illinois fun facts as the brother Knights where roasted by the brothers. We were taught how on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July they blow up tree stumps instead of using fireworks. We also learned a new meaning for the word “fascinate”, which we will not go into.

Pictured above or the Honoree’s From Left to Right: State Secretary Paul Havrilka, Gary Doll Council 1352, Rev Wilbert Iffert Council 2964, Charles Roth Council 7579, Most Reverend Wilton Gregory, Bishop of Belleville, Donald Kieffer Council 1343, State Deputy Logan Ludwig, Joe Poeplau President Belleville Chapter. Also honored was Leo Doll Council 1352 (deceased).

### Knights Give Pope’s Book On Priesthood To U.S. Seminarians

“Gift and Mystery” to be sent to 4,000 seminarians as a sign of “Solidarity”. To Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope

John Paul II’s election as Pope on October 16, the Knights of Columbus is providing a complimentary copy of his book on priestly life to U.S. seminarians. Gift and Mystery was written by the Pope in 1996 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and is his personal reflection on the vocation to priesthood. “Love your Priesthood!” wrote the Pope to his brother priest. “Be faithful to the end! Learn to see in your priesthood the Gospel treasure for which it is worth giving up everything.”

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said the Knights published this special edition of Gift of Mystery for the papal jubilee for the seminarians. “This gift expresses our esteem for Pope John Paul II and is a sign of our solidarity with those who are studying for the priesthood,” Anderson said.

The books are being sent to seminary rectors for distribution to the nearly 4,000 men studying for the priesthood for Diocese and Religious Orders throughout the United States, at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and at the American Collage at Louvain in Belgium.

### State Ceremonials Director

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### Major Degree’s

Date	Time	Location
10/26/03	12:00PM	Marion 6210
10/26/03	12:00PM	Decatur 577
10/26/03	1:00PM	Carpentersville 6248
10/26/03	1:00PM	Elmhurst 1911
11/01/03	11:15AM	Champaign 2782
11/09/03	12:00PM	Effingham 665
11/09/03	12:00PM	Lincoln 1250
11/09/03	11:30AM	Joliet 382
11/09/03	12:00PM	Loves Park 4330
11/15/03	12:00PM	Chicago 12926
11/16/03	12:00PM	Collinsville 1712
11/16/03	12:00PM	Mendota 2090
11/16/03	1:00PM	Quincy 583
11/23/03	11:00AM	Kankakee 745
11/23/03	1:00PM	Aurora 736
11/30/03	1:00PM	Glenview 3731
12/07/03	12:30PM	Freeburg 13197
12/07/03	12:00PM	Morton 4194
12/07/03	1:00PM	Joliet 4400
12/07/03	12:00PM	Chicago 3755

## Knights In Action

### Paxton Council # 8229



#### BENEFIT FOR FAMILY IN NEED

Paxton Council 8229 spearheaded a benefit on September 28<sup>th</sup> where over \$ 10,000 was raised to help offset the medical expenses of a local resident. Other local organizations helping out were Loda Legion; Loda Lions Club; St Mary's CCW of Loda and St Joseph's CCW of Paxton.

The benefit featured a silent auction; a lasagna dinner, as well as a raffle. Members of the community prepared the Lasagna from a single recipe in their homes and brought them to Father Dinan Parish Center in Paxton; around 45 were made and served. The ladies of both communities made their best deserts for the benefit.

Items for the silent auction were donated by local merchants, as well as members of the community.

Fr Denis White, pastor of both St Joseph's and St Mary's said, "Fr McGivney's dream is alive and well in the Paxton-Loda area." The Grand Knight, Bob Loughran said, "I am so proud of my brothers here at 8229, it's a great day to be a member of the Knights of Columbus".

#### Dwight Council # 1282

Dwight Council # 1282 held their annual Mass in the Park. The council also holds a membership drive at the same time. With the Mass and Drive, they serve a Steak dinner with all the trimmings and a great time is had by all. This is a great event to sign up a few new members.



#### Ridgeway Council # 1581



Council # 1581 presented its new member Father Joseph Bigirewa of Uganda, Africa, a check for \$5,000 by DD Richard Moore. Father Joseph is one of two Priest for

Uganda, Africa, parish of 28,000 parishioners. Their only means of transportation is by motorcycle, which is shared by two Priest. Father Joseph is happily arranging for his return to Uganda with another motorcycle as well as items for the school in his parish. Father Joseph went through the first degree on 08/27/03 in Ridgeway and was sponsored by Michael Fagzert.

#### Pinta – Neri # 1846



Pinta – Neri # 1846 hosted a pancake-sausage breakfast in the basement of St. Mary's Church. This is their annual fund raiser for MR/LD. Pictured above are GK Bob Horn, Church Dir Vince Zambora and GK grandson.

**Knights In Action**  
St. Marcelline Council # 7694



PGK John Hammer, PGK Ray Biliskov and DD Don Davis of St. Marcelline Council # 7694, Schaumburg, IL celebrate with Brother Knight John F “Jack” Spellman on his 75<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Knights of Columbus. His service was outlined in a Resolution at the May State Convention at which time he was recognized by a standing ovation. As a member of the Council # 7694 Membership Committee, he has been active participant until his recent operation. He shows that age is no barrier to Service.

**Chatsworth Council # 730**



**LITTLE WHEEL DEBRY**

Chatsworth Council 730 held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Wheel's Derby.

This annual event consists of two age groups, 8 thru 10 yrs of age and 11 thru 13 yrs of age. Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

Boys and Girls compete against each other. The Little Wheels were built by the brothers at Chatsworth council. This year's event drew 40 drivers. Fun was enjoyed by all.



*Into Your Hands We  
Commend Their Spirit*

Name	Council	Years
Ron Foster	790	15
Carl Meyer*	1030	
Raymond Hogan	1098	32
Henry Mazzukelly	1899	44
Raymond Kostecki	1899	39
Rev Melvin Hass	2869	48
Joseph Detmer	2932	42
Paul Renschen	2932	58
Richard Hass	2932	53
Rev Richard Dochstader	5573	29
Albert Kish Sr.*	6165	53
Gene Tranowski*	7331	
Herman Dixon	8377	20
Rick Pacchini	8596	
James Powers	9266	16
Douglas Kennedy	9806	15
Everett Kuhn	9806	50
Howard Rubel	9806	54
Lonnie Neels	11977	

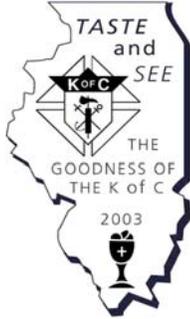
Most Reverend James Fitzgerald  
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

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