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History in the Making!

This fraternal year is shaping up to be one that will set new records for our Order in Illinois. Certainly the spotlight is shining on our councils and their leadership!

This is as it should be, for our councils are doing a remarkable job in membership, programming and charities!

At midyear, the Illinois jurisdiction is in third place in its Division 1 category, just behind Texas and California. More importantly, in December, our councils took in 364 new members –another record month! And on December 31st our state-wide net membership was higher than it has been since 1996!

Two important reasons for this great membership showing, are the **BLITZ** and **frequent scheduling of degrees**. Every diocese that actively participated in the October BLITZ, showed double-digit new member recruitment figures and now has triple-digit net recruitment totals for their dioceses. The dioceses with the highest number of major degrees also had the highest number of new members.

Impressive figures to be sure, but nothing compared to what our councils will post by June 30th if we again have high participation in the March BLITZ program.

Council programming is also strong as evidenced by the success of this year's State Bowling Tournament which had over 127 teams registered – the highest number of

teams since 1995! Other programs like the State Spelling Bee, the State Essay Contest, and the Free-Throw Contest are also reporting record numbers of participation.

We also set a new record with this year's Vocations Support Raffle. It generated gross receipts of over \$80,000 - the first time in its entire history that the Vocations Raffle has been so successful and it could not have happened without active support from our local councils.

Reports from this year's MR/LD Fund Drive are also very positive, and although we have not quite reached our goal for this most important program, we are very close to doing so. If all councils turn in their Charitable Activities monies by April 30th, I am confident that this will be another record-breaking year for charities and we will again claim the number one spot for U.S. councils in charitable giving.

However, we have much to do before the fraternal year is over. If we want to:

-Feel Good About Doing Good our councils must meet their charitable activities goals and make certain they turn in the funds to Charities, Inc.

-Insure council viability, we must:

- o Complete Columbian Spirit Award Form
- o Achieve Star Council
- o Complete the Council Audit
- o Complete the Fraternal Survey
- o File Roundtable Surveys

-Continue to Increase Membership, we must

- o Schedule Frequent degrees
- o Participate in the March BLITZ
- o Use the Welcome Back Brother program
- o Work to Achieve Star Council

Actions of the Illinois State Council

During monthly meetings of the Illinois State Council Officers for the first half of the fraternal year, the Illinois State Officers, in addition to providing management direction for membership, program, charitable activities, and academy programs:

- o Allocated \$225,000 for 2003-2004 Newman Campus Ministry program.
- o Processed legal documents for MR/LD Homes closed in past four (4) years.
- o Received legal opinion on compliance with Illinois Raffle Act.
- o Approved \$5,000 donation to Illinois Federation Right to Life.
- o Approved disbursement of \$100,000 for Illinois Special Olympics
- o Sponsored Mundelein Seminary Invitational Basketballs Shootout.
- o Provided various donations to Mundelein Seminary, St. Joseph Seminary, Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota, Mt. St Mary's in Emmetsburg, MD, and Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St Louis.
- o Approved General Assistance fund requests to Scott Helms, California K of C Charities, Diemeke Fund, Queenship of Mary Parish
- o Approved the 2004 State Horseshoe Tournament hosted by Michael Haukap Council # 11110 in Aviston
- o Approved the 2005 State Bowling Tournament to be hosted by Fr Ring Council # 574
- o Reviewed and continued discussion and recommendations for improvement to State Council website.
- o Conducted analysis of mileage expenses and impact of proposed changes in Supreme Council mileage reimbursement on Illinois State Council.
- o Approved purchase of new photocopying equipment for the state office
- o Accepted monthly reports from Program, Membership, Charitable Activities, Academy Directors.

Letter from Francis Cardinal George

Dear Mr. Ludwig

I write to express my gratitude to yourself and your brother Knights in Illinois for your letter of December 12, 2003, and the substantial contribution of \$57,926 towards the

Archdiocese of Chicago's Ministry in Higher Education program.

As your letter eloquently expressed, it is essential that the Church maintain an effective presence on non-Catholic college campuses to meet the needs of young men and women during this uniquely formative time in their lives. Our campus ministers are present to assist students in integrating their faith with their academic and professional pursuits. In a time of restricted resources, these efforts would be greatly restricted without the active support of the Knights of Columbus.

It goes without saying that this is not the only charitable work of the Knights. Your reputation for solidarity with the disabled, for defending human life at every stage of development, and for bringing together Catholic men from all walks of life is a model of service to both the Church and American society. May God continue to bless you and your work.

Please share my letter with your conferees and assured that I will remember you and your 71,000 brother Knights and their families in my prayers at Mass.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Francis Cardinal George

State Convention 2004



State Deputy Logan & Ina Ludwig with Frank & Shelly Schwartz Jr. State Convention Chairman 2004, who are making plans for this years Convention at the Hyatt Regency Rosemont. More information will be coming out in March. You will be able to make reservation on our web page.

A “dictatorship of judges”

Just as Peoria’s first bishop was deeply concerned with “how to be Catholic in American society”, Catholic today are facing similar challenges especially with increasing encroachment on human liberties by the courts, according to Francis Cardinal George.

In Peoria Nov. 22 to receive the Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding Award from Bishop Daniel R. Jenky and the Diocese of Peoria, Cardinal George said the courts are quickly becoming “enemies of human liberty” because “any dimension of human experience” is now subject to scrutiny by the judicial system.

“There are no limits to what judges can decide. If government is not limited, then it is not a democracy and we are not a free people”, the Cardinal told more than 1,100 people gathered at the Peoria Civic Center.

Cardinal George said, “Laws in a democracy are made by ‘elected officials who are answerable to the people from time to time’. But we are now in a situation where our laws in fact are more and more made by unelected officials, by judges, and by courts. We are a constitutional democracy whose basic law is revealed to us every spring when at the end of the Supreme Court session we’re told what the Constitution is for next year.”

He added, “Because the laws rest on ‘the opinions of nine unelected judges ... who are never answerable to the people in any way,’ America is becoming ‘a dictatorship of Judges’.

“In the 19th century, the challenge to the church was to find her way as a basically immigrant church in a society that was quite hostile,” Cardinal George said. “Today, that problem of Bishop Spalding’s (of) how to be Catholic in American society --- genuinely Catholic and genuinely American—is still very much with us. Today, as the Catholic Church is still struggling to define its place in society, ... the primary threat comes from the courts.”

In the Roe vs. Wade decision overturning laws against abortion, the U.S. Supreme Court declared “nobody knows when

human life begins” even though “any sophomore with a high school text in biology can tell you when human life begins,” he said.

The Cardinal also criticized the recent decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Court that overturned a ban on same-sex marriages. “Through that decision, the court took it upon itself to redefine marriage, which the state didn’t invent, nor did the church---God invented it,” he said.

“Being Catholic here in this United States, what can we do to take up Archbishop Spalding’s challenge?” he asked. “Train your children and your grandchildren to be martyrs. ... Martyrs are people who give witness to the faith in all that they do—in political life, in economic life, in education, in so many ways.” He said. “We’re all called to be martyrs.”

State Advocate

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The 2004 State Convention is just around the corner, May 28 – 30, 2004 and now is the time to start planning and preparing for the 2004 Convention. Every council in Illinois in good standing, having paid all duly levied assessments of the Illinois State Council and Supreme Council, has the right to two votes at the convention and every council should be part of the convention. Our State Deputy Logan Ludwig has assured me that all those attending will have a great time and he invites everyone to come and watch the Illinois Elephant Dance.

Financial Secretaries should complete the credential cards for the Grand Knight and Delegate as soon as possible once they are received and return them to the office in Kankakee. Above all make hotel reservations early to insure that the Grand Knight and Delegate have rooms, and order the Ladies Luncheon tickets and Banquet tickets.

Resolutions

A letter of instruction regarding resolutions is in the mail to all councils as I pen this article; remember to follow the instruction in proper writing of the resolutions. My brothers’ resolutions are not hard to write, and the good causes need someone to write their resolution, will it be you? (next page)

All resolutions are to be sent to the attention of the State Advocate [809 N. Mohave Drive, Pontiac, IL 61764-1521] **no later than April 15, 2004. Resolutions postmarked after April 15, 2004 will not be accepted.**

There have been a lot of questions relative to Deacons and dues lately. Some may recall the discussion and voting at last year's State Convention. There was a resolution to eliminate the dues of the Deacons that carried a "No Action" recommend from the Resolutions Committee. This recommendation was changed on the floor to "Adopt". However, as was pointed out to the delegates, records maintained by Supreme do not include the recording of Deacon status, thus maintenance of the resolution by councils is "on your honor".

The Illinois State Council was advised by both the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Advocate that the resolution shouldn't have been accepted by the State Council. It conflicts with the Supreme By-laws and a State Council cannot compel its subordinate councils to comply to what is contrary to those by-laws even by resolution.

Many resolutions presented at the Supreme Convention to change the dues required of Deacons, but the assembled delegates have consistently rejected these changes and it is unlikely that one can expect a change in the near future. Accordingly, whether deacons are assessed council dues remains a council membership decision, but the council must pay both Supreme and State per-capita as stated in the by-laws.

Many of our councils not only exempt deacons but also servicemen, the physically handicapped as well as those with mental retardation from paying dues.

The Supreme Council delegates decision to maintain per capita dues does not indicate a diminished respect that the Knights of Columbus have for those men who have been Ordained into the Holy Order of Deacon. Rather the decision reflects the practical reality of implementing such resolutions.

Similar issues of practicality occur with regard to per-capita questions about the paying of State per-capita on Inactive Members.

Remember, an Inactive Member is an Insurance member who for whatever reason has been suspended as an active member of his council.

As with Deacons, councils ARE responsible for payment of the Supreme and State per-capita on these members. On the anniversary date of the member Supreme credits the council \$9.00 for each Inactive member. The credit comes off the members Insurance earnings. If your council has a positive balance (a credit) with Supreme and has not had to pay Supreme per-capita in a while, the answer to the question, "Why can't we get the money from Supreme to put in our treasury?" is simple. This rebate is not due to the council, but is returned to the help council to encourage it to invite the member to return to active status.

If your council is in this balance situation, it can retrieve these dollars by 1) inviting Inactive members back or by adding new members to your council and using these credits to purchase materials from Supreme to foster membership growth. Remember, an Inactive Insurance Member already knows what the Knights of Columbus is about. What an easy pick to bring that member back to active status for he counts both as a new member and a new insurance member.

In separate discussions, both the Supreme Advocate and Supreme Secretary gave the same response, "Failure to pay per-capita to Supreme or the State results in suspension of the council".

If council suspension occurs, the council will:

- 1) Lose the financial officer bonding,
- 2) The right to display the Charter of the council and loss of all privileges associated with that and,
- 3) Most importantly, the members will lose the fraternal benefits that they are due (which includes the Accidental Death Policy).

Just as paying council dues by the members is not an option, paying per-capita by the councils to Supreme or the State is NOT an option.

State Membership Director

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THE BLITZ IS COMING!!!! THE BLITZ IS COMING. Yes that is right the Illinois State March Membership Blitz is fast approaching. Every council during the month of March should be participating in the Blitz. The results from the 1st Blitz in October proved the Blitz format does work. The jurisdiction with the most recruitment and leading the State in membership gain (Chicago) also conducted the most Blitz activities during that month. The 2nd place finisher (Peoria) also was 2nd in the Blitz. The membership gain results mirror the Blitz. First thru Sixth in membership gain during the first six months of this fraternal year also was first thru sixth in Blitz participation, and what a first six months we had. In October Illinois recruited 195 new brother knights, November showed a gain of 249 and in the month of December Illinois recruited **309 NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS**. This has been the best first six months of the fraternal year in membership growth since the early 70's. Way to go **Illinois**. Our duty as brother knights is only half finished thou. We can not sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done because our membership gains will slip. Membership recruitment is a 12 month program. We should be asking eligible Catholic men to join our ranks everyday, every month and every year. Frequent first degrees, well attended major degrees and monthly membership activities should be the norm and not the exception if we; the members of the Illinois Knights of Columbus are to succeed in growing our order. The membership action plan that has been developed; The Illinois Membership Blitz, The Welcome Back Brother and Welcome to Illinois plan and the Shinning Armor Award programs are excellent tools to attract those new brother knights and there families. We always should be striving for new members not just to enlarge Illinois but also to add more support for our Parishes and Priests, the many community activities that we support and last but not least so the Knights of Columbus will be there for our Grandchildren, there children and there children's children. We should not be selfish and just think of ourselves but rather our future generations as well.



State Deputy Logan Ludwig and State Membership Director Skip Kinyon with the Dancing Elephant that all the membership has helped keep going so far this year. Let's keep that Elephant dancing all year.

An article was given to me and I feel it is so appropriate from a membership aspect. Too often I hear from a member who wants to leave the order that his reason is no one asks him to help or he doesn't fit in. It is so easy to ask the regular workers to help just because they always will or this way I do not have to be on the phone too much calling for help. I think we all have made that mistake once in our life. I know that I have. Please read this and evaluate how we treat our members, new and experienced to the order during council functions or just the next time you are at the hall. Don't let this be a reason for someone wanting to leave the order. I know I won't. Let's have a great remaining 5 months and ask someone to join.

I'M A NEW MEMBER

I see you at the meetings,
But you never say hello.
You're busy all the time you're there,
With those you already know.
I sit amongst the people,
Yet I'm a lonesome body.
The new members are as strange as I,
And the old timers pass me by.
But darn it, you people asked me in,
And you talked of fellowship.
You could just step across the room,
But you never make the trip.
Why can't you nod and say, "Hello",
Or stop to shake my hand.
Then go and sit among your friends,
Now that I understand,
I'll be at your next meeting,
Perhaps a nice evening to spend.
Do you think you could introduce yourself,
I want to be your friend.

State Program Director

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Brothers:

This newsletter gives me the opportunity to talk about two specific things, both equally important and directly related to each other. The two items? AWARDS and DEADLINES. So, here are a few reminders.

DEADLINES

There are an entire series of deadlines coming up, both for the Supreme Council and for the State Council. Some have passed, but you still have the opportunity to complete your reports and get them in to the appropriate office(s).

January 31, 2004

Survey of Fraternal Activities (Form 1728) due to both Supreme and State Council offices

February 15, 2004

Semi-Annual Audit for July – December due to both Supreme and State Council offices

MARCH 30, 2004

COUNCILS: Nominations for State Pro-Life Activity of the Year due to State Program Director. See State Programming Handbook for guidelines (p. 17).

APRIL 1, 2004

COUNCILS: Last chance to submit State Council Rosary Program participation form (State Programming Handbook, p. 14) to State Program Director.

APRIL 19, 2004 DISTRICT DEPUTIES:

Submission of **Rising Star Award** nominations. See February mailing for details.

APRIL 30, 2004

Submission of **Family of the Year** nominations to State Council office. Guidelines are in the Programming Handbook and available on the State Council web site in the FORMS section.

Submission of **Knight of the Year** nominations to State Council office. Guidelines are in the Programming Handbook and available on the State Council web site in the FORMS section.

Last date to make all Charitable Fund activities payments to State Council Office.

Must be received by 12:00 Noon.

MAY 1, 2004

DISTRICT DEPUTIES:

Submit verified and signed **Columbian Spirit** Project Score Sheets to State Program Director.

Columbian Award

Application (SP-7) submitted as requirement for Columbian Spirit award to Supreme and State Council offices.

June 30, 2004

Last date to submit Columbian Award application (SP-7) to Supreme and State Council offices.

In addition, there are recurring deadlines for Program of the Month, Knight of the Month and Family of the Month submissions. These are due to the appropriate State Activity Directors by the 10th of the month after the activity has occurred. For example, if the activity was on March 17, the submission is due by April 10. **PLEASE NOTE: APRIL ACTIVITY REPORTS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30 IF YOU WANT THEM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR.**

AWARDS

As you know, State Deputy Logan Ludwig has implemented the **Columbian Spirit** Program in Illinois. The program is designed to recognize councils for outstanding efforts in Membership, Programming and Charitable Activities and to give various opportunities to put the Principles of the Order into action throughout the fraternal year. There is no competition between councils; each council has set its own agenda (as filed with the District Deputy in the Project Score Sheet). Those councils that meet or exceed their goals will be recognized with the following awards:

- Illinois Best: Sponsor 36 activities, completing the entire program
- **Mariner's Award:** Sponsor a minimum of 33 activities and earn at least 1,700 points

- **Discoverer's Award:** Sponsor a minimum of 25 programs and earn at least 1,300 points
- **Voyager's Award:** Sponsor a minimum of 18 activities and earn at least 1,000 points

Rising Star Award: This award will be presented to those Grand Knights who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential within the Order. Nominations are submitted by respective District Deputies and will be judged by the State Membership, Program and Charitable Activities Directors. Nominations are due April 19, 2004.

Knight of the Year: Nominations are submitted by council Grand Knights and are due at the State Council Office by April 30, 2004. Guidelines are provided in the State Programming Handbook, pp. 8-9.

Family of the Year: Nominations are submitted by council Grand Knights and are due at the State Council Office by April 30, 2004. Guidelines are provided in the State Council Programming Handbook, pp. 10-11 and a form is available on the State Council web site (www.illinoisknights.org/prod/members/forms). The Family of the Year winner will be our jurisdiction's nominee for International Family of the Year, which is awarded at the Supreme Convention in August.

Program of the Year: Each of the five Program areas (Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth) will pick a Program of the Year from your council submissions for Program of the Month. Winners will be announced at the State Convention and will be the Illinois nominees for International Program of the Year, which are awarded at the Supreme Convention.

Council Special Activity Awards: Awards will be presented at the State Convention for the following special activity areas (guidelines are in the State Programming Handbook):

- **Newsletter Competition:** One award per diocese; due by 6:00 PM the Friday night of the State Convention (May 28, 2004)

- **Scrapbook Competition:** One award per division (A, AA, AAA); due by 6:00 PM the Friday night of the State Convention (May 28, 2004)
- **Blood Donor Program:** One award per division (A, AA, AAA) to the council reporting the most units of blood collected
- **State Pro-Life Award:** One overall award per division (A, AA, AAA), selected from diocesan winners.
- **State Public Relations Award:** Given for best overall public relations program; three winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) based on point system

Ladies Auxiliary Awards: There are also awards for the Ladies Auxiliaries to recognize the excellence of their efforts. These awards include the following:

- **Ladies Auxiliary Scrap Book:** Submissions due no later than 12:00 Noon on the Saturday of the State Convention (May 29, 2004)
- **Ladies Auxiliary Service Awards:** One award is presented for the best Church, Community and Auxiliary activity
- **Outstanding Ladies Auxiliary Service Award:** Presented to the most outstanding Ladies Auxiliary based on membership, programming and charitable activities

As you can see by this listing, the State Council wants to recognize the efforts put forth by the local councils and auxiliaries. The **Columbian Spirit** program offers each council the chance to set its own targets; there is no competition with other councils, only with what the council has set as its goal. Its purpose is simple: to recognize excellence in promoting the Knights of Columbus through Membership, Programming and Charitable Activities. Submit your Program, Knight and Family of the Month nominations; don't be afraid to let others, both in and outside of our Order, know what you are doing to let others **TASTE AND SEE...the Goodness of the K of C!**

Brothers, one final comment: just because the deadline for State Convention nominations is close at hand doesn't mean that you should stop program activities in May and wait until the fall to start again. Remember: Program Activities, just like Membership, should be conducted 12 months a year. Continue your activities in Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth all through the year! We have seen what 12 months of Membership activities can do (the elephant is dancing!); imagine what 12 months of Program Activities can do to promote the Order and your councils! Imagine what could happen in Membership and Charitable Activities if we continue for 12 months each year to provide well-rounded activities to our Brother Knights, their families and others! May God continue to bless our Order and its efforts; Father McGivney, intercede for us!

State Squires Officer's



The Illinois State Squires Circle finalized plans for the 32nd Annual Columbian Squires State Convention being held at the Hilton Hotel, in downtown Springfield, March 26-28, 2004. The State Officer's are asking all Circles to participate in this year's Convention. The theme for the Convention is "Silent Disciples". They have planed many activities for the weekend, so make sure your Circle is represented at the Convention, for more information contact Mike Nettekmeier @ 618-526-4997 or Luke Niemeyer @ 618-526-4609. Lets make this year's Convention the best ever for the Squire's, make sure that your circle participate this years convention.

Seminarian Conner

Dear Brother Knights:

Thank you for your gracious check for my birthday. As always, the Knights come to the rescue at the right time with another gift to help seminarians. I can honestly say that I look upon the Knights as an extension of my family and could not imagine not being apart of the Brotherhood. I am ever proud to be a member of the Knights and will continue to be a proud member until the day I die. Words cannot express the gratitude that I have in my heart for all the help you do for me, not only though your generous financial help all year but also for your prayers and inspiration you give to me to follow God's call and devote my life to God and to one another. I pray everyday for the Knights of Columbus and for all your families, which is the least I can do to repay your generosity and your love. Thank you again for your help and your illustration of the Gospel. God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus and all their families.

God Bless
Michael Oswald

State Ceremonials Director

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Major Degree's

Date	Time	Location
03/07/04	12:00PM	Teutoplis # 2874
03/07/04	12:00PM	Dixon # 690
03/14/04	12:00PM	Highland # 1580
03/21/04	12:00PM	Peoria # 4333
03/27/04	11:00AM	Streator # 790
03/27/04	12:00PM	Aurora # 736
03/28/04	12:00PM	Belvidere # 735
04/04/04	12:00PM	Breese # 2869
04/04/04	12:00PM	Barrington # 3954
04/18/04	12:00PM	Joliet # 12014
04/25/04	1:30PM	Glendale Hgts. # 9893

4th Degree Exemplification

03/13/04	Holiday Inn	Bloomington
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Charities Director

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The Charity Year is fast drawing to a close. All charity checks / monies must be RECEIVED by the State Office BEFORE April 30 (not postmarked, we aren't the IRS). It's an accounting thing, just like getting the paperwork done for MR/LD Drive. Thank you for all your efforts.

MR/LD Drive – September 17-19, 2004.

Insurance forms sent out.

Spring Walk-A-Thons can be arranged! Call Bill Linz.

Support seminarians with RSVP and Vocations Support Fund.

Empty your council's GAF cans.

MR/LD News –

The final reports are coming in for the 2003 MR/LD Drive. We are closing in on our goal. Mailings for the 2004 MR/LD Drive have been sent out. Apron Order, MR/LD Chairman, and Insurance Forms have been sent to all councils. Note, the Apron Order form needs to be filled out and sent in immediately since Apron cost is increasing. The forms were mailed early February. If you need these forms, contact the State Office immediately.

Newman News –

Over 90% of councils have participated in the Newman Charity, thank you. We are only at 53% of the goal, but everyone is working together. Keep on sending in the Newman monies. The Newman checks were distributed to the Newman campus ministries.

Anyone wanting to hold a Newman Walk-A-Thon, please contact Bill Linz. A spring walk would be great to finish the Charity year, anyone south want to volunteer (a little warmer I hope)?

GAF News –

Several requests for funds have resulted in checks to those in need. Please empty the GAF cans (or open the checkbook) at your council. Only 23% of councils have participated, yet this charity is to our own members and other worthy causes that the other Charities cannot help. Please give.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly 205 undertook a program to Support our Military Chaplains. Military Ordinariate, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien has said: "One of the struggles of Catholic soldiers is to find a chaplain to whom they can speak and from whom they can receive sacraments." A Christmas time, the assembly sent to each of the six priests from the Chicago Arch-Diocese who are currently serving on active duty a check for \$ 100.00 each to thank them for serving our Catholic soldier. Funds for the program were raised thru donation from its members and friends.

Messages of thank you have been received not only thanking Cardinal Stritch Assembly, but the Knights of Columbus as an organization for their support of all priests

Streator 100th Anniversary



State Deputy Logan Ludwig present Grand Knight Joe Scarbeary with the councils 100th Anniversary certificate. The celebration was held on January 17, 2004 at the council home.

Christmas Festival



A Mass of celebration for the Simbang Gabi Philippine Festival was held December 23, 2003 at Holy Family Church in Inverness, Illinois. Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago celebrated the Mass. The festival is held to honor the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ. The honor guard consisted of Sir Knights from Bishop Sheil Assembly # 2330 of Palatine IL

Vocation Support Raffle

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The 2003-2004 Illinois State Council Vocation Support Raffle is history. This year more councils, assemblies and ladies auxiliaries participated in this most important raffle. A grand total of over \$80,000 was grossed by the Vocation Support Program. After all winning prizes are distributed (\$20,000), printing and postage is processed we should realize a net profit of approximately \$45,000. The councils, assemblies and ladies auxiliaries and other sellers of the raffle books that participated, also realized a profit.

The winners were picked out of a gigantic barrel on Saturday, January 9th 2004. At the State Deputy's dinner during the Mid Winter Membership Meeting in Bloomington, Illinois

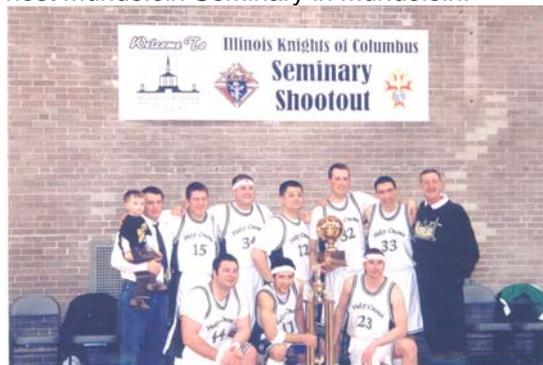
All of the winners and sellers that sold the winning tickets were notified. If you were not a winner this year, don't forget to purchase a raffle book or two next year. The monies from this years raffle will be used to support the budget that was submitted to run the Vocation Support Program. Next year our goal will be that each Brother Knight in the State of Illinois purchases at least one raffle book.

On behalf of the seminarians from Illinois and the co-chairmen of the program, we would like to **THANK YOU for your supporting the 2003-2004 Vocation Support Raffle.**

Basketball Shootout at Mundelein Seminary

Once again, the Illinois State Council Vocation Support Program sponsored the Third Annual Mundelein Seminary/Illinois Knights of Columbus Shootout held at Mundelein Seminary on January 23 – 25, 2004. Seven seminaries sent teams to participate in this years tournament . Moreau Seminary from Notre Dame, Indiana, St. Paul Seminary from St. Paul, Minnesota, two teams from Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota, Conception Seminary

from Conception, Missouri, St. Meinard Seminary from St. Meinrad, Indiana, St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago and the host Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein.



Moreau Seminary of Notre Dame 1st Place

It was a hard fought tournament with Moreau Seminary again beating Mundelein Seminary for the championship. Third place was an all Minnesota game with St. Paul Seminary beating Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary (Team 1)



Mundelein Seminary 2nd place

The seminarians were very appreciative of the Knights for sponsoring this event. This was a great opportunity for the seminarians to meet their peers from other states and seminaries. Many new friendships have been formed. Father John Canary the rector of Mundelein Seminary said, " It's wonderful to see the comradely amongst these men". We are looking forward to sponsoring this event again next year.



*Into Your Hands We
Commend Their Spirit*

Name	Council	Years
Robert Hickey	364	51
Thomas Hunt	460	42
Robert Prullage *	460	42
Tim Benjamin	574	56
William Fear	577	7
Lawrence Yeakley	577	42
Thomas O'Brien	577	43
Harold Hutmacher	583	60
Thomas Curry	665	33
Harold Heuerman	665	41
Stephen Schlanser	665	33
Carl Levitt	665	49
James Rebholz	730	40
Robert Bednar *	790	48
John Simanello	790	47
Joseph Corrigan	790	45
Theodore Schmidt *	896	
Joseph Timko	1098	58
Richard Votoupal	1098	41
Dr. Leonard Bottari	1288	51
Edward Stachulski	1567	
Bernard Koch	1580	56
Julius Luber	1580	13
Irving Dick	1580	68
John Hodapp	1580	57
Paul Kuczka	1580	10
Raymond Weis	1580	25
Wilbert Seger	1580	40
Michael Marchal	1580	21
Lawrence Frey	1580	66
Laverne Klaus	1580	19
James Jacober	1580	21
Norman Meyer	1580	14
Joseph Bruns	1721	51
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