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Experience of a Lifetime

As we end one fraternal year and begin another we can truly say that the past fraternal year has been the experience of a lifetime. Illinois finished the year with a net increase of 504 members – the second consecutive year of membership growth – and the best membership growth since 1983. This is an encouraging sign as is the fact that all Illinois dioceses showed an increase in membership over the last three years.

There are also other indicators that point to the fact that our councils, assemblies and circles are providing the experience of a lifetime to our members.

At this year's Supreme Convention, which in itself was a great experience, (Where else can our members celebrate a mass with 12 cardinals, 87 bishops, and hundreds of priests?) I had the privilege of accepting on behalf of the Illinois membership, the Circle of Honor Award – the second year in a row that Illinois has been so recognized. We also learned that Illinois finished the year with:

- 13 Star Districts (6th among US jurisdictions);
- 64 Star Council Awards (4th place among all jurisdictions;
- 208 councils qualifying for the Columbian Award;
- 107 qualifying for the McGivney Award;
- 76 councils qualifying for the Founders Award

As you know, our charitable activities also reached new heights:

- 93% of Illinois councils participated in the Newman Charity
- The MR/LD Fund reached 103% of goal with 85% of our councils participating
- The Vocations Raffle was the best ever
- The General Assistance Fund achieved nearly 90% of its goal.

All of these statistics represent increases and testify to the success and dedication of our councils, assemblies, and circles. They also address the success in achieving the three goals that we set for last year and that we have again set for the 2004-2005 fraternal year:

- Continue to grow our Order
- Ensure the viability of our councils
- Feel good about doing good

What was the ceiling is now the floor! I see no reason for not inviting more Catholic gentlemen to share this experience, no reason why 2004-2005 will not generate more Star Districts, more Star Council, more Columbian Spirit Awards!

My congratulations to the state membership, programming, charitable activities teams; to the council officers and their teams; and to all my brother Knights and their ladies for bringing a lifetime of experience to our Order and for providing the experience of a lifetime to so many.

WOULD YOU DENY OTHERS THIS EXPERIENCE? Ask someone to join today.

TASTE and SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C



Bishop Rodger Kaffer surrounded by the State Family at his 50th Anniversary Celebration.

123rd Supreme Convention and Third International Eucharistic Congress Comes to Chicago

In August 2005, the Illinois jurisdiction is privileged and proud to host the 123rd Supreme Convention at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

Any brother knight wishing to volunteer should contact me and I will direct you to the appropriate chairman. Help is needed to work in: Illinois Country Store, Registration of visiting brothers, Transportation: picking-up and returning the hierarchy of the Church from Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports.

We are also putting together what I call a "Patron Ad" in the souvenir Ad book, which all visiting brothers who register will receive, welcoming our fellow brothers to Illinois, "home of the best jurisdiction in the Order". If any brother would like to be included, please send me a check for \$5.00 payable to *2005 Supreme Convention* - include your name, council number and highest office you have held.

Remember to submit your recipes for the Illinois cookbook, which we were putting together for the Convention.

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"On a mission from God", The ILLINOIS State Council Blues Brothers invaded the Supreme Convention in Dallas.



Actions of the Illinois State Council CHARITIES, INC. 5/30/2004

- Elected the following new officers for K of C Charities, Inc.
 President-----Logan Ludwig
 Vice President----James Bednar
 Secretary-----Paul Havrilka, Jr.
 Treasurer-----Phil Barone
 Trustee-----Bill Spainhour
 Trustee-----Gary Gunderson

- Approved a bill for the printing of Vocation Raffle tickets in the amount of \$10,625 plus freight. If additional tickets needed to be printed because we ran out last year, approved the additional billing for this.

5/30/04 GENERAL MEETING

- All elected State Officers were to finalize the few open DD's slots for next year. Logan needs names next week before the State Deputies meeting.

- Actions taken regarding the General Assistance Fund:
 Discussed flooding and tornadoes in Missouri & Illinois. Specifically, in Jacksonville, Gurnee, Pawnee and the Hennepin School. Additional info was needed on all of these areas to process a request for assistance.

CHARITIES, INC. - 6/18 & 19/2004

- Approved using a 3 year collections average plus a 3% increase or \$500, whichever is greater, to set the council goals for the 2005 MR/LD Drive.
- Noted that legal consultation for non MR mortgage issues needs to be curtailed and SA Bednar is to look for additional attorneys to use for future MR Home loan mortgages.
- Insurance for local council programs for Charity fundraisers, such as Newman Bikathons, must be borne by the local councils. Only statewide programs are covered by State Council insurance.
- Approved a \$7,000 donation to Illinois Special Olympics for expenses for the June State Officers meeting this weekend in Bloomington. Special Olympics took care of the meeting arrangements, Friday evening meal and Saturday lunch for the Officers.
- Approved a 5 year pledge totaling \$35,000 to Children's Hospital in Illinois to pay for one of the NICU combination cribs. The first \$10,000 would be paid from the Charitable Assistance Fund now, and the remaining \$25,000 over 5 years out of CAF or GAF at the Board's discretion.



Introducing the 2004-05 State Council Village People

6/19/04 MEETING

- Actions taken regarding the General Assistance Fund:
 - a. St. Bernadette Rectory's request did not have enough info to act upon yet.
 - b. Needed additional information to act upon the Putnam County School Building destroyed by a tornado.
 - c. Approved a 5-year pledge totaling \$35,000 to Children's Hospital in Illinois to pay for one of the NICU combination cribs. The first \$10,000 would be paid from the Charitable Assistance Fund now, and the remaining \$25,000 over 5 years out of CAF or GAF at the Board's discretion.
- Approved moving forward with the Website work that Dave Melosi has been working on with various modifications proposed today. SA Bednar would look into security issues on the Website. The State Council would monitor local council news and include some type of disclaimer on the content of said local council items.
- Each of us would contact our area DD's and Coordinators and tell them to get their hotel reservations in now as the rooms are going fast.
- All of us were to look for talent in our council areas for unique wooden craft type items from Illinois for the 2005 Supreme Convention Country Store and let SMD Kinyon know about these items.
- Review the listings for the State Directory and let Exec Sec Yaeger know of any corrections that need to be made as he is going to printing early next week.
- SA Bednar would correspond with Summit and Princeton Councils on non-payment of State per capita.
- Approved payment of \$750 each for the State Council Board members attending the 2004 Supreme Convention in Dallas and \$350 each for the State Secretary & the State Treasurer since their rooms are paid for as part of the Hospitality Suite.
- Agreed to host a Hospitality Night for Supreme Secretary Charles Foes and Cardinal George and the Illinois Bishops attending the Supreme Convention on Monday evening. SD Ludwig would contact other State Deputies to invite them to the hospitality.

State Advocate

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Here it is a new fraternal year, a year that promises great things for the Knights and the Illinois jurisdiction. We are following the best year we have seen in over 20 years when it comes to growth in Illinois. Brothers, we all must make a commitment to see that our Order in Illinois grows giving more Catholic families the benefit of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

In this article I would like to address the topic that was offered briefly at the State Convention this year, Council Homes / Associations. Each year the State Advocate receives many questions regarding the relationship between the Council and the Home Associations.

Here in Illinois, Home Associations must be chartered (Incorporated) by the State of Illinois and must comply with all State and Federal laws relative to its operations. It is important to understand that the Home Association is NOT TAX EXEMPT, it must collect sales tax and pay tax on all retail or special priced sales. All liquor must be purchased through a licensed distributor and kitchen operations are subject to regulations as established by State and local Departments of Public Health.

Your Association by-laws should indicate that at least one Corporation Meeting must be held each year with the owners (council members) and the elected board members. Minutes of all meetings should be kept in a permanent record book or some permanent system. Also each year following the major Corporate meeting the Association should file with the State of Illinois a list of the current board members and pay all appropriate fees.

Just as a reminder your council minutes book should NEVER have any records that relate to the Association unless the reference is to payment of rental fees or other payments or assessments to the Association by the council. The Association and the Council are two distinctly separate entities and should always be kept separate. If business of the Association must be acted upon during a council meeting night, the Council meeting must be closed and the Association meeting opened and properly recorded.

Because of the separation of the Association and the Council many councils have developed

Boards of Directors that do not include the Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight. This is a big mistake and should never occur. Since the Grand Knight is responsible for ALL activities of the Council and since the members own the Association, the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight should be on the board as Board Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Remember, the only reason that Home Associations are formed is because Knights of Columbus councils cannot own real estate.

In conclusion, if your Association has not taken advantage of the Fraternal Association Real Estate Tax reduction you should contact your local county Assessor for details and forms.

Have a great fraternal year and bring other Catholic men and their families to the Knights of Columbus by ASKING them to join us.



Council 1555 Officer installation on Monday July 26, 2004. Over 65 people in attendance including Fr Burke Masters, Fr St Mary of West Chicago and SS Phil Barone.

Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer

A Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer will take place in Chicago on September 5th at 3:00 PM at Holy Name Cathedral. His Eminence Francis Cardinal George has confirmed that he will preside at this special liturgy. Supreme Council representatives will also attend.

Check the **New World** for more information.

State Membership Director

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Brother Knights, welcome to a new fraternal year. This new year brings us an opportunity for new council growth, new council development and, of course, new members to add to our fantastic membership year of last. We must continue the upward trend of the last two fraternal years with positive membership growth. New members bring new ideas for programs, new candidates for officers and directors and council growth and stability.

As of this writing August will soon be over and that means 2 months of our fraternal membership year are over. We have had 2 major degrees held in July with the first of the year conducted at council #4194 in Morton, 21 new knights entered our Order that day. The following week council #5918 in Lisle held a major degree and 24 new brother knights joined our Order that day as well. This proves that you can host a major degree early in the new fraternal year and have positive results with well attended degrees. Last year 75 major degrees were held and 482 1st degrees were reported. We must strive to meet or exceed those numbers for this fraternal year. We have a fine base to grow off of from last year and with frequent first degrees and well-attended major degrees the membership numbers for this year will overshadow last year.

The first 6 months membership plan is as follows:

July-VIP Club- Officer challenge. Challenge your VIP club members and council officers to recruit at least 2 new members.

August- Family week celebration. Organize a council family outing during the month of August

September- October BLITZ preparation. Councils should be scheduling degrees to be held during the BLITZ month. Articles should be inserted in parish bulletins and newspapers

October- participate in the Illinois Membership BLITZ

November- Open House. Councils should be hosting an open house that coincides with the October BLITZ

December- council social event and conduct a first degree. Every council should participate in the Order-wide first degree on December 11th. What a great present for a new member and the council as well!

Councils can and should conduct many of these activities all year long, not just on the specified

months. A proactive membership program is a sign of a strong and growing council.

We finished the fraternal year 2003/2004 with a **positive 504** net-net. It has been many years since the year end numbers for the jurisdiction of Illinois year were this good. We can contribute this to 4 factors; the first being the Illinois BLITZ's held in October and March. The councils that conducted a BLITZ showed a positive council membership growth. The second was the Welcome Back Brother program; 387 former brothers rejoined our ranks. The third was the Shining Armor Award program. The fourth was the frequent first degrees and major degrees scheduled and conducted.

Each Worthy District Deputy should be conducting a first degree in his district each month; if not, ask him why. Which brings me to my final point. We have many great membership tools available to us to use in membership growth but the most important tool all of us have is our voice. We must ask every eligible Catholic gentleman to join our Order. Not everyone will want to be a member of the Knights of Columbus; but every eligible Catholic gentleman and his family should have the opportunity to join.



DD Eugene Guidice had a chance to meet with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson during his visit to Supreme HQ.

To all of our Knights of Columbus family,

Diane, Jennifer and I would like to express our deep felt appreciation for all of your prayers, masses and words of support during this most difficult time with the passing of our son Lance. Words cannot express the support we felt from the minute our Knights of Columbus community heard of our sons passing. The phone calls, letters and cards have meant so much to our family. The many Brother Knights who attended the visitation and / or funeral are a true sign of our faiths journey and true Columbianism within our order.

Thank you for all of your prayers and intentions at the just concluded Mid year District Deputy meeting.

Thank you to Bishop Roger Kaffer as he called Diane and myself with much needed spiritual support before he left for Europe.

Thank you to the State Office and the Elected & Selected officers for their support and many kind words.

Thank you to Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Worthy Supreme Secretary Charles Fooks for you support and kind words.

Thank you to ceremonials chairman Gary Nolan and his wife Dawn as they stayed to attend the visitation and funeral before heading back to New Haven.

Thank you to Frank and Mary Ryan for spending most of the week with us upon our return from Dallas.

Thank you to the 71,247 members of the Illinois Knights of Columbus for your support and continued prayers.

May God Bless each and every one of you,
Vivat Jesus

Skip & Diane Kinyon
Brad & Jennifer (Kinyon) Ralston

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SD Logan & Ina Ludwig with Supreme Deputy Carl Anderson and his wife.

State Ceremonials Director

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Major Degree's

Date	Time	Location
10/10/2004	2:00 PM	DeKalb # 717
10/10/2004	2:00 PM	Fr. C C Boyle4698
10/10/2004	1:00 PM	Marian # 3914
10/17/2004	2:00 PM	Bsh. Muldoon # 470
11/13/2004	1:00 PM	St Padre Pio #12926
11/14/2004	1:00 PM	Effingham # 665
11/14/2004	1:30 PM	Collinsville # 1712
11/21/2004	1:00 PM	John F Kennedy # 2090
11/21/2004	1:00 PM	St.Viateur # 745
12/5/2004	1:00 PM	Trinity # 3755
12/5/2004	2:00 PM	Holy Trinity # 4400
12/12/2004	1:00 PM	Freeburg # 13197

State Program Director

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Welcome to the New Fraternal Year 2004/2005. The members of the Programming team are ready to work with you to make this a successful year for your councils. The last fraternal year was a great success in membership, which also meant our programs also were a success, lets do it again this year.

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

- Frank Schwartz, Church Activities
- James Halama, Council Activities
- Daniel Schaefer, Community Activities
- Paul Balsitis, Family Activities
- Stuart Murray Youth Activities

Other team members include State Squires Chairman Gary Doiron, State Ladies Auxiliary Coordinator - Romayne Badyniak

Phone numbers and E Mail addresses for the above can be found in the new State Directory.

“COLUMBIAN SPIRIT “ AWARDS

This year State Deputy Logan Ludwig made some changes for the Columbian Spirit awards with criteria based on membership. Programming and Charitable Activities:

Programming this year consists of 36 various programs:

- Church has 7
- Community has 6
- Council has 10
- Family has 5
- Youth has 8

That is a total of 36 different programs to be completed. I am sure that most councils have done or will have these programs in your schedules for the coming year.

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State Charities Director

Terry Hoelting jthoelting@hotmail.com

There are four award levels, based on the number of programs completed. They are* Illinois Best* 36 programs, *Mariners Award* 33 programs, *Discovers' Award * 25 programs, *Voyager's Award * 18 programs.

Please report programs to your District Deputies they will report them to the proper Program Directors.

Columbian spirit forms obtained by contacting the State Program Director.

Councils that complete the * Columbian Spirit * Awards should be well on their way to Star Council status.

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

I encourage all councils to participate in all four of the major charities. The funds donated cover a wide range of needs over a wide range of people. From disaster recovery to seminarians to college students to “special” kids, the four major Charity Funds give the Knights of Columbus in Illinois pride in our past contributions (and expectations for future contributions). Please, contribute to all the charity funds so the Illinois Knights may contribute to a wide range of the population. And many others will *TASTE AND SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C.*

I want to urge all brother Knights to participate in the 35th Annual Mental Retardation & Learning Disabilities (MR/LD) Fund Drive on September, 17th to the 19th, 2004. We only do this once a year in September, so let's forget about whose corner belongs to whom, 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. Preparation and Manpower!



SD Logan Ludwig and the Charity Team want to remind you that on September 17 & 19 the MH/LD drive takes place.

Are YOU ready?

Charity Year planning –

- MR/LD Drive Date – September 17-19, 2004.
Alternate Drive Dates – September 24-26,
October 1-3, and October 8-10
- Candy Order forms have changed –
instructions come with new forms! Hopefully
you have already ordered your candy!
- Newman Walk-Thons are being planned.
Contact Bill Linz.
- Vocation Support Raffle tickets have been
mailed out. This 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!).
- GAF checks will be sent where there is need.

Next meeting, please write a check for the
General Assistance Fund. The need is great
among our communities, churches, councils,
and brother Knights (where GAF sent checks
last year). Wherever there is need, Councils
should work with your DD to fill out the GAF
request form and send request to Jerry
Bevignani.

We start a new Charity Year trusting the Knights
of Columbus of Illinois will once again remember
Charity is first.



SD Logan Ludwig presents the Charter to
Buffalo Grove Council *

Pray the Rosary for Peace

KC Academy Director

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Hello brother knights and congratulations for
being part of the Illinois jurisdiction circle of
honor team last year! This is a great honor for
us and surely a demonstration of hard work and
leadership. We know that all councils have the
potential for this success.

Our fall training sessions will focus on council
officers' duties with a review of working
effectively as a team. The program will be more
interactive and open to comments and
questions. We've invited the insurance
department to talk about fraternal benefits and
what value these benefits *and the department*
can bring to councils. District deputies can work
with their councils during the session and take
time to review developments within their district.
Topics covered and the session agenda are as
follows:

Topics

- Roles and responsibilities of council
officers
- Fraternal benefits
- The dynamic of working as a team
- Recruitment strategies
- Planning tools

Agenda

- 11:00 a.m. (**Sharp!**) State Deputy
remarks on strategic planning
- 12:00 (noon)
12:30 p.m. Council officer duties
1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Planning strategies and tools
2:00 p.m. Group exercise applying the
lessons of planning for an
activity
- 2:45 p.m. Break Out sessions for DDs to
meet with their Councils
- 3:30 p.m. Wrap Up; Questions & Answers
4:00 p.m. Session ends

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend any of the following sessions:

Date	Diocese	Location
Sat., August 21, 2004	Chicago 1	Fr. Ryan Council 5025
Sun., August 22, 2004	Peoria 1	Epiphany Church [Normal]
Sat., August 28, 2004	Springfield	Collinsville Council 1712
Sat., Sept. 4, 2004	Rockford	Freeport Council 653
Sat., Sept. 11, 2004	Joliet	St. Mathew Council 9893
Sat., Sept. 25, 2004	Peoria 2	Fr. John Menco Council 6707
Sun., Sept. 26, 2004	Chicago 2	San Salvador/Archangel Council 282
Sun., October 3, 2004	Belleville	Mt. Vernon Council 2964



*Into Your Hands
We Commend Their Spirit*

50th Wedding Anniversary

Father Peter E. Hand Council K of C 4537 reports that on Sunday, July 15, one week ago, Brother Ivan W. Mark, an active member of Council 4537, and a Past Grand Knight together with his wife, Eleanor celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, at St. Patrick's Church.

Send in your Council members who will celebrate 25, 50 75 years of marriage and we'll try and get it listed on the newsletter.

Public Relations & Newsletter Editor Robert Fuggiti no5025@aol.com

Dear Readers,

Here's your chance to be a cub reporter. If you have photos of your Council or assembly activities either E-mail them to me with a short description on the events include names, council and date. Then send as an attachment or do it the old fashion via the United State Post Office. I can't guarantee that all photos will be used but I'll do my best.

A special Thanks to Frank Ryan who has did a great job as Editor and I'm proud to follow in his shoes. When you see Frank give him a pat on the back.

Name	Council	Years
Robert J. Cosgrove, Sr.	# 3602	55
Samuel W. Daniels	# 13216	1
George Fisher	# 9972	60
Robert Flinn ^{1,2,3}	# 736	28
Charles Hasbrook ³	# 4537	26
Mort Hinkle ^{2,3,4}	# 8277	21
Henry Holkenbrink		40
Robert Ludwig ³	De Soto Council	44
Robert Schafer Sr. ^{3,4}	Cary Grove # 12824	40
Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway	Aux. Bishop of Chicago	
William A. Vogel		17

¹ Former State Warden, ² Former DD,
³ Past Gk, ⁴ Past FN

Send all notices of the passing of our brothers along with Council #, years as a knight and positions held to:
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The following Resolutions were among many resolutions adopted by the delegates to the 122nd Supreme Convention in Dallas, Texas.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

WHEREAS, the events that took place on Sept 11, 2001 exist forever in our hearts and minds as a day of great tragedy and exemplary patriotisms; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those who perished on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, we as brother Knights continue to honor those individuals who selflessly gave or risked their lives to help free the trapped, care for the injured, or search for the missing; and

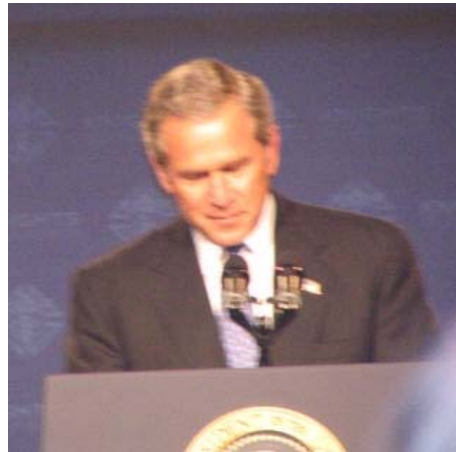
WHEREAS, when learning of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Pope John Paul II's first response was to express "profound sorrow" to all Americans and to offer "heartfelt prayers to the Lord" on a day he described as a "dark day in the history of humanity"; and

WHEREAS, the Holy Father asks that we join him in his prayer that the "spiral of hatred and violence will not prevail" and that "the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Mercy, fill the hearts of all with wise thoughts and peaceful intentions";

NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families remain committed to fulfilling the Holy Father's vision for a peaceful world, and *BE IT FURTHER REOSLVED*, that we respond to the Holy Father's plead to "reject the ways of hatred and violence" and to find "religious faith as a source of renewed hope"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue to honor the memory of those killed or injured in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by designating every eleventh day of September as a day committed to praying for both peace and a secure world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue our quest for peace by promising to recite the Lord's Prayer each day.



President Bush at the 122nd Supreme Convention in Dallas, Texas

COMMITMENT TO THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, several state and provincial courts in the United States and Canada have reinterpreted constitutional provisions in such a way as to require legal recognition of same-sex marriages; and

WHEREAS, there is now serious risk that an effort by advocates of same-sex marriage to win similar rulings in courts in other jurisdictions will succeed, and that in the U.S. the federal Defense of Marriage Act may not withstand a constitutional challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church teaches that "only a union of male and female can express the sexual complementarity willed by God for marriage," and that "there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even analogous to God's plan for marriage and family"; and

WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment is the only sure way to prevent courts from "discovering" a right to same-sex marriage where before there was none;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we join with the bishops of the United States in supporting enactment of the Federal Marriage Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 40, and with the bishops of Canada in opposition to legislation that would redefine marriage to include same-sex couples, and pledge our active support of these efforts.

RESPECT FOR THE FLAG

WHEREAS, since its creation over 200 years ago, the United States' flag has been revered by both the citizens of this Nation and the citizens around the world as the everlasting symbol of America's ideals, beliefs, and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, during our Nation's darkest times and in its brightest hours, the United States' flag has flown signifying this country's dedication to perseverance, its unshakable unity, and its commitment to preserving an orderly, democratic society for its populace; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the United States Congress has consistently recognized the critical importance of protecting the United States' flag from desecration in any form whatsoever;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, as Brother Knights, reaffirm our longstanding commitment to supporting either legislation or a constitutional amendment that would safeguard the physical and symbolic integrity of the flag; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our elected representatives to support the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 4 which calls for a constitutional amendment that reads: "The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY 2004 SET FOR OCTOBER 31

Catholic parishes throughout the United States will rally in support of their priests on Sunday,

October 31, 2004 with prayer, dialog, and celebration.

"Priesthood Sunday is a one-day celebration of the American priesthood. The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood.

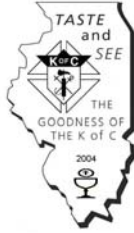
Knights of Columbus councils and other lay faithful groups of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both the priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, celebrations and the opening of a dialog between priests and lay people are encouraged.



Have you asked a Catholic Gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus?

JUST ASK!

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM			
<p>Have you been having receiving your mail from us? Have you moved? Please complete the following form, and return it to the State Office: PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681 <u>AND notify your Financial Secretary to complete a Form 100 for Supreme.</u></p>			
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Please Print Clearly			
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