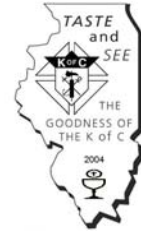


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Why We Celebrate Columbus Day

In October, we will celebrate the birthday of Christopher Columbus, the Order's namesake. Known to generations of school children as 'the man who discovered America', Christopher Columbus was in fact trying to find a westward sea passage to the Orient when his fleet landed in the New World in 1492. This unintentional discovery was to change the course of world history and make him the most famed seafarer of all times. Yet, after five centuries, Columbus remains a mysterious and controversial figure who has been variously described as one of the greatest mariners in history, a visionary genius, a mystic, a national hero, a failed administrator, a naive entrepreneur, and a ruthless and greedy imperialist.

Yes, Columbus was a flawed hero—as all men are flawed, including heroes—and his flaws are of a kind that some find particularly offensive today. But he was nevertheless a hero, achieving in a manner unequalled in the history of exploration and the sea, changing history forever. For some strange reason heroism is almost anathema to our age, at least to many of its most vocal spokesmen. But heroes and the inspiration they give are essential to uplift us; without them, faceless mediocrity will soon descend into apathy and degradation. Heroes need not be perfect; indeed, given the fallen nature of man, none can be perfect. It is right to criticize their failings, but wrong to deny their greatness and the inspiration they can

give. When Columbus is criticized, we should remember that it is not the man who is being indicted, but what he represents: the first tentative step toward the European settlement of the Americas. Consequently, the debate over Columbus is a debate over whether Western civilization was a good idea and whether it should continue to shape the United States. With all its flaws, I believe it was then and is now, a good idea.

When our Order was founded in 1882, the officers of the new Catholic organization chose the name Knights of Columbus to honor Christopher Columbus, the Catholic discoverer of America. By adopting Columbus as our patron, our Order demonstrates our pride in our American-Catholic heritage and affirms the discovery of America by Columbus as a Catholic event. By calling ourselves "Knights," we demonstrate our willingness to combat anti-Catholic sentiments and pledge our loyalty to our Church, to each other, and to America. More good ideas!

Christopher Columbus *is* the discoverer of America, and by that discovery ultimately responsible for America's evangelization; and for this we should forever honor him. Columbus had a high faith and indomitable courage that gave to mankind a new world. Our Order carries on that faith and courage and as an organization we hope to help others to **see** what we and our Church represent and to give others, through our actions, a **taste** of what we enjoy. On this October 12th, one way we can honor the memory of Christopher Columbus is to ask someone to join the Knights of Columbus and help him and his family to **TASTE and SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C.**



SD Logan Ludwig presents Illinois Best Council Award 2003-04 to Bethalto Council's at their hog roast.

Photos courtesy of John Wagner.

Illinois Supreme Family of the Month for July 2004 was Leo & Barbara Lammers of Breese Council 2869. Of 17 entries they were picked through a random drawing held at the Supreme Office. Congratulations!



State Chaplain Bishop Kaffer enjoys the company of Bethalto members and friends,

Paul Harvilka State Secretary reports:
Recent Actions: Illinois State Council/
Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.

August 2004

1. Approved \$2,000 to assist with rebuilding of Putnam County School after tornado and storm damage.
2. Approved \$2,500 for special Supreme Council fund to assist with Florida hurricane relief.
3. Clarified policy that MR/LD to disallow disbursement of funds requested by subordinate councils to support out-of state organizations that do not support Illinois residents. Consensus of the officers is that funds collected in Illinois should generally be used in Illinois except in cases of exceptional out-of state disaster.

State Advocate

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Brothers, What a beautiful time of year we are in! We are between the heat of summer and the cold of the blowing winter winds. There are many end of the summer family, council and parish picnics and children are going back to school. You will be renewing old friendships with the other parents who you did not see during the summer and meeting new parents as you drop off your children or pick them up from school. What better time than now to ask a Catholic man and his family to join the Knights of Columbus. Do you have a Form 100 in your pocket?

Also our Council Financial Officers are looking very hard at members who have not paid their dues. The financial officers will be contacting members in arrears to seek to retain those men and their families as members. I know that that is happening by the articles in the many council newsletters that I receive each month; they are seeking help in locating current addresses and telephone numbers. No member can be dropped from the Order unless a member of the Retention Committee has personally contacted him.

writing the Illinois Blitz should be gaining steam. All councils in the jurisdiction of Illinois should be participating in the Blitz. Why? Because it works, that is why. **942** new brother knights joined our Order last year through the two Blitzes' alone.

This membership program works and we should institute this as a yearly program, just like we do the MR/LD drives.

I urge all councils that recruit and degree a new member to enroll him into the Shining Armor Award program. This is a fantastic tool for council growth. All materials pertaining to the Shinning Armor Award program are available from Supreme. All are at no cost except the lapel pin and that is a \$3.00 item.

I hate to say it but winter will be upon us before we know it and wouldn't that be a great time to host a council open house. What a better way to showcase your council and all of the fantastic activities you do for your church and your communities. This is also a great way to introduce those newly elected members and their families of your council from the Blitz to his brother knights. Have some activities and games for the kids. Supreme has many great videos that will introduce potential candidates to join as well.

Each and every month all councils should be promoting council growth. An information table at your parish, a council open house, or anytime you have a council function there should be some membership material for all to have. Order some prospect cards from Supreme and pass them out at council meetings. Have your council tri-fold available. We should be proactive and pro membership each and every month of the calendar year. Our Order and our Illinois jurisdiction are both on a positive climb and we must continue this upward growth. Frequent first degrees, well attended major degrees, participation in the Blitz, Shinning Armor Award and the Welcome Back Brother are excellent tools to use, but we still must **ASK HIM** to join.

Vivat Jesus, Skip



Create a Council Brochure

With October being the month of the Membership Blitz what better way of getting your council's information out than to have your own trifold to pass out. With word processors and printers a professional trifold can easily be created. Organize what you want to promote. Make sure you add information about what Supreme and State have to offer. Supreme has brochure paper available (#4242) 8 1/2" x 11". The cost is \$5 per 250 sheets.

State New Council Development Director

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CONGRATULATIONS! DD #1 Ken Novick and NCD Stewart Tesnow proudly announce the institution of Council 13895, Our Lady of Humility in Beach Park/Zion.

The NCD Team and District Deputy's in every diocese in Illinois are working toward our goal of 12 New Councils instituted this fraternal year. With two months of the fraternal year already completed we need to redouble our efforts towards achieving this goal.

In most cases the responsibility for starting a new council falls to the District Deputy. He is the one who must make the first contact with the pastor of the parish. As we ALL are on the Membership Team, recruiting new

members for our councils. We ALL should be on the New Council Development and Redevelopment Team.

We not only need to develop New Councils or Roundtables in parishes that have no Knights of Columbus presence but we must also be pro-active within our District and Council to prevent a council from being suspended. If you know of a council that needs help, give the NCD/Redevelopment Team member in your diocese a call and let us help before that council is suspended. We not only need to grow the Order with New Council Development but we need to help all the councils in Illinois stay healthy and vibrant.

Our goal in Illinois should be no less than the goal of our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson "to see a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish large enough to support a council". Contact the District Deputy in your district or the NCD Team in your diocese if you know of a parish that would benefit from having a council or roundtable.

We must continue to offer an "Experience of a Lifetime" to all eligible Catholic men so they can **"TASTE AND SEE.... The Goodness of the K of C"**.



State Deputy Logan Ludwig, Cardinal Francis George, State Chaplain Bishop Roger L. Kaffer and Supreme Secretary Charles Foos pose with Divine Mercy Icon before the Prayer Service.

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

Recipes are needed for a Cookbook that is being compiled. So if you have a recipe that you would like to share then send them to me at the address below.

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4th degree Honor Guard stand with Icon on display at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago after the prayer service.

State Program Director

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Councils should have reported to their District Deputies the Columbian Spirit Project Score Sheet by Sept. 15th. If you have not done so, there is still time. Please contact your District Deputies as soon as possible and turn them in.

As I said in my last article there are 36 activities that councils must do to achieve ILLINOIS BEST AWARD. Most council have already completed many of them, so let's all get on the bandwagon. When May 1st comes around we will have a good percentage of councils receiving the Illinois Best award.

While we are on the subject of forms, just a reminder to submit your form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report). The 365 is required for consideration for the Star Council award. The same applies for Form 185 (Report of Council Officers Chosen). Remember IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL THE PAPERWORK IS DONE.

Worthy Grand Knights and Program Directors, please send in all reports on what your councils are doing with regards to starting a Round table, number of Blood Donors, (council and family members), and councils working to form a Squires Circle. These few and many more activities are being worked on by your councils; so please send the information to the various Program Directors listed in your State Directory. I would like to express my thanks to all members of ILLINOIS KNIGHTS for your cooperation in all that you do to **"TASTE AND SEE... The Goodness of the K of C"**.

State Horseshoe Tournament

This year's Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by Aviston Council 11110 in St. Rose Park, IL. There were approximately 50 contestants in five divisions that included 4 members of Father O'Connor Council 887. The winner of Championship Division was Lester Dumstor second place was his brother, Jerry Dumstor. Also for the first time 12 people took part in a Washer Toss tournament. Congratulations to all winners and contestants for your participation in the Spirit of Columbianism.

The Right to Vote

The right to vote in free elections is one of the greatest privileges we have as U.S. citizens. As Catholics we have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of our voting privileges. In this year – 2004 – a national election year – it is probably wise to remind our members of three of our policies and principles that relate to the election process:

1. The Knights of Columbus **do not** endorse any political candidates. However, we encourage all voters to be aware of the candidate's stance on critical issues facing our country, especially those such as A) Abortion, B) Euthanasia, C) Embryonic Stem Cell Research, D) Human Cloning, and E) Homosexual "marriage". Some things always are wrong, and one should not deliberately vote in favor of them or candidates who support them.
2. Home associations, councils, assemblies, etc. often allow the use of facilities for candidates for public office or provide forums for candidates to address issues of public interest. The Supreme Council, by virtue of resolution approved by the delegates to the annual meeting, has directed that Knights of Columbus facilities **cannot** be used by candidates that do not support the basic principles of the Order, in particular, the position on the Right to Life. Learning a candidate's position can be as easy as reading newspaper or magazine articles, looking up his views on the Internet, or studying one of the many printed candidate surveys that are distributed at election time.
3. State Council Directory clearly state that *"the directory of Knights of Columbus members The Order's bylaws and the and organizations is prepared solely for the information of Illinois K of C state and council leaders and is not to be used for advertising purposes, fund-raising or solicitations without written approval of the State Deputy"*. The Knights of Columbus Charter Constitution & Laws also clearly prohibits *"Issuing appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or announcing candidates for public office..."* Such offenses are subject to fine, suspension or expulsion. The Illinois State Council generally extends this ruling to all directories that we create (print or electronic).

Generally speaking, for each office, first determine how each candidate stands on each of the issues that will come before him/her and involve the principles that the Order and the Church stand for. Rank the candidates according to how well their positions align with our moral principles. Give preference to candidates who do not propose positions that contradict these principles.

Wherever a candidate endorses positions contrary to our moral principles, choose the candidate likely to do the least harm. If several are equal, evaluate them based on their views on other, lesser issues. Remember that your vote today may affect the offices a candidate later achieves.



Supreme Representative Stephen M. Feiler, 4th deg. Master Bernie Santowski and Kathy Mika, Pastoral Assoc. of the Holy Name Cathedral where some of the dignitaries at the Devine Word Prayer service in Chicago.

State Charities Director

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This writing is before the 35th annual Mental Retardation / Learning Disabilities Drive, but I know the drive will be a huge success. We have the greatest workers doing charity's work. I want to thank you all for your hard work. Thank You!

The Newman Appeal Letters will be arriving soon. Keep our college students in mind and respond with your check to the Newman Fund.

Districts 23 & 25 are co-hosting a Newman Walk-A-Thon on October 2 at the Lansing council facilities. All are welcome to come and walk for Newman, or sponsor another to walk. Contact Ken Cuprisin DD23, Ron Badyiak DD25, or Bill Linz (Newman Dir).

Vocation Support Raffle has started. Let's break the record for books sold! Sell a book per member and we will. And your council will surpass its Vocation Support goal!

The raffle supports our seminarians (your future pastors). Pick a raffle chairman and sell tickets – it is that simple. The Raffle is low-risk (no upfront cost) and high-reward (per book collect \$15, send \$6 to state). And the \$6 per book you send to state counts as \$6 toward your council's Vocation Support goal (your council gets to use all \$15 of every book sold!).

Next meeting, empty the GAF can and write a check for the General Assistance Fund. GAF has already helped Illinois Children's Hospital, Florida Hurricane Relief, and more. Make a contribution so the GAF can continue to help others.

The four major charity funds cover a wide range of needs. From disaster recovery to seminarians to college students to "special" kids, the major Charity Funds give the Knights of Columbus in Illinois pride in our 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**".

State Ceremonials Director

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Major Degree Schedule

1st Degrees Start one hour before 2nd/3rd.

Call DD assigned for more info

DIOCESE	DATE	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	DD #	HOST #
Peoria	10/3/2004	1:00 PM	David Kraft	60	574
Joliet	10/3/2004	1:00 PM	Tony Invergo	28	11263
Chicago	10/9/2004	1:00 PM	Richard Pignato	2	11112
Rockford	10/10/2004	2:00 PM	Morris Benson	43	717
Chicago	10/10/2004	2:00 PM	Ted Glaser	20	4698
Springfield	10/10/2004	1:00 PM	Craig Deluhery	63	3914
Belleville	10/10/2004	12:30 PM	Steve Pautler	81	12152
District 1	10/16/2004		Bernard Santowski		
Chicago	10/17/2004	2:00 PM	John O'Keefe	7	3627
Rockford	10/17/2004	2:00 PM	Sam DiRaimondo	44	470
Belleville	10/17/2004	1:00 PM	Tom Buchmiller	78	6165
District 2	10/23/2004		James DeRuntz		
Chicago	10/24/2004	1:00 PM	Fred Penman	16	182
Springfield	10/31/2004	12:30 PM	Ronnie Meyer	73	1692
Peoria	11/7/2004	1:00 PM	David Kraft	60	1250
Chicago	11/13/2004	1:00 PM	Roman Ferrer	14	12926
Springfield	11/14/2004	1:00 PM	Nicholas Wentz	72	665
Springfield	11/14/2004	1:30 PM	Gary Doiron	76	1712
Belleville	11/21/2004	1:30 PM	Erik Lockett	88	6210
Peoria	11/21/2004	1:00 PM	Ray Aubry	56	2090
Joliet	11/21/2004	1:00 PM	Jim Coglianesse	37	745
Belleville	11/28/2004	1:30 PM	Jerome Rakers	83	2932
Chicago	12/5/2004	1:00 PM	Ron Badyniak	25	3755
Joliet	12/5/2004	2:00 PM	Alan Urban	33	4400
Belleville	12/12/2004	1:00 PM	Tom Buchmiller	78	13197
Chicago	1/16/2005	1:30 PM	William Kretz	8	5025
Springfield	1/22/2005	1:30 PM	Steve Sims	74	4688
Chicago	1/23/2005	1:00 PM	Brian Baldi	3	4483
Joliet	1/28/2005	7:00 PM	Alan Urban	33	9770

KC Academy Director

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At this writing, our fall seminars have reached most every diocese promoting the concepts of planning and working as a team. Our seminars included fundamental duties of council officers coupled with working as a team in planning efforts. Additionally, we included some insightful information on fraternal benefits. Like any lesson or training, the content is mostly meaningful when brought to life in practical applications.

Did your council complete the Columbian Spirit Planning Document yet? Have you run the Blitz or have plans to run the Blitz? If so, Congratulations! You are on the way to a successful year. If not, it's not too late to review the duties of officers and to develop plans. Make arrangements to sit with your district deputy and council officers to plan your work, then just work your plan; it's that simple. You'd be surprised!

For those who completed the Columbian Spirit Planning Document and have run the Blitz already, don't stop now! Remember to work the follow up on your plans. One of the points that members attending the Academy seminars commented favorably about was the idea of recording your successes as they occur using the Columbian Spirit Planning Document. That way, your membership can track progress along the way and at the end of the fraternal year your records are mostly complete without having to recall back several months. As for the Blitz, the follow up is with the prospective new members list. There could be an Open House or your membership team could be personally visiting these prospects. Whatever approaches your council uses to more fully inform prospective members and their families should show how membership in the Knights of Columbus strengthens their ability to be active Catholics and have privileges of fraternal benefits that no other insurance company makes available.

Remember that teamwork, planning and follow through are the keys to success in any council. Don't forget that the State Team is part of your team; put us to work and include us in your plans!

Illinois State Council Office

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The **Vocations Support Program** mailing has been completed and should have been received by the time this newsletter reaches you. Remember to forward all donation checks with your report so the **Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc., Vocations Fund** can properly endorse each one.

The **MR/LD Fund Drive** will be over for most councils by the time you read this. The Drive reports should be sent in as soon as all funds are collected, counted and deposited. All checks should be made payable to **Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc. MR/LD Fund** and attached to the report form so they can be properly endorsed. If a copy of the council's Tootsie Roll order form was not sent to the State Office prior to the drive, it should accompany the drive report now. If the candy was purchased from a larger council, a copy of the cancelled check in payment of the candy should also accompany the report form.

We hope all receipts for "advertising and miscellaneous expenses" accompany the report along with any explanations if necessary. A copy of the actual advertising is also required.

Reports submitted **without** the above documentation will be held at the State Office and no disbursements will be processed until the proper documentation is provided.

DO NOT FORGET to include the \$30 for insurance on line 2b. This caused a great number of councils' funds to be held after last year's drive.

The **New 2004-2005 directories** are "in the mail", and perhaps have even been received. Judging by the number of 185 Forms and Directory Gathering (DIR1) Forms we received since the directory was sent to the printer, there will be quite a few changes. If you know of errors or corrections which need to be done, please forward the correct

information in writing to the State Office via fax (815-935-2078), or email (illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org). **We will be mailing a SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECTORY LIST at the end of this month** and would like to include these changes, **but they must be received before 10-29-04.**

As a reminder to District Deputies, be sure to get your "**Request for a Major Degree Flyer**" to the State Office at least 8 weeks prior to your degree. We ask that you be sure to list the Districts to whom the degree flyer should be sent. ***If you do not tell them...they will NOT come.***

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

(these are submissions that made publication by the Supreme Council)

Four \$500 college scholarships were awarded at the Edwardsville High School senior class ceremonies by **St. Cecelia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon**. Scholarship candidates, who were members of St. Cecelia Church, were scored in areas of Church, Community, Academics and Need.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's *Life is Worth Living* shows from the 1950s have come alive on the radio thanks to the financial sponsorship of **Father Paul Benson Council 8229 in Paxton**. The council paid for the conversion of old audiotapes to compact discs, and sponsors a half-hour show on the local station WPXN. The project is coordinated by Past Grand Knight Robert Loughran.

Knights of **Nashville Council 4384** have supported Boy Scout Troop 127 there for the past 40 years.

A group of Boy Scouts visited the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary, in Mundelein, to learn about the priesthood and satisfy a requirement for the Catholic Committee on Scouting religious medals.

The tour was partly sponsored by **North American Martyrs Council 4338 in Niles.**



The Women's Center in Chicago received more than 100 items, including a crib, from **Brownson Council 1030 in Chicago.**



Knights from **Brownson Council 1030** distributed flags at a Memorial Day Mass at St. Boniface Cemetery in Chicago. The flags were given in memory of departed Grand Knight John A. Konrad.

St. Margaret Mary Council 11091 in Algonquin gave away door prizes at its fourth blood drive of the year, which attracted more than 60 donors.



Grand Knight Wayne Chession of **St. Ann Council 12863 in Channahon** presents a new processional cross to Father Jeff Stoneberg, pastor of St. Ann's Parish. Sir Knights from the council provided an honor guard for the first procession with the cross at Mass.

Congratulations



to State Secretary Paul & Judy Havrilka on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Cecilia Rose, who arrived at 7:05 PM on Sept 16th. She weighed in at 6 lbs and 7 ounces and is 22 inches tall with lots of black hair.

**Talk to Your Children
About Religious Life.**

Wedding Anniversaries

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.

Pray the
Rosary for
Peace

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Thanks to all the Council's that are sending me their Council Newsletters. Also to John Muldoon, Council 10858, for all his photos. We are lucky to have so many creative members. I am hoping to utilize some of your ideas to improve our state newsletter. Keep the newsletters and photos coming.



*Into Your Hands We
Commend Their Spirit*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Years</u>
Tom Connoer	4688	46
Charles Boeckmann	2869	49
David Holland	10212	50
Richard Jachinowski	12014	47
Vern Konen	736	62
Bernard Killian	574	61
Ernest B McWhorter	665	33
William McMahan	736	62
Daniel Mowery	1098	20
Anthony Tegenkamp	665	47

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brothers along with Council #, years as a
knight and positions held to:
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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 **AND notify your Financial Secretary to complete a Form 100 for Supreme.**

Your Name _____ Council # _____
 Please Print Clearly

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Street Address _____	_____
PO Box Address _____	_____
City, State, Zip _____	_____
Phone # _____ Bus# _____	Phone# _____ Bus# _____
Fax# _____ E-Mail _____	Fax# _____