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Are You an Agitator?

At the Springfield Diocese Chapter Honor Night, I referred to the Knights as agitators. Yes, agitators!

Today, we often think of an agitator in negative terms, but I think of it as “a center post that sits in a washing machine and gets the dirt out”. That’s not a bad thing. We could use a whole lot more of that today.

As Knights we have been a center post in our society for 122 years. We have been a bulwark for the defense of the Christian cause. Nothing wrong with that, in fact, that’s very good. But perhaps it is time we not only defend but become confronters and challengers and counteractors – agitators.

The Knights of the Medieval Ages had a great spirit of chivalry and early in their history they went out into the countryside and practiced this philosophy – rescuing damsels, going on quests and whatnot. Ever wonder why they died out? Several reasons, but mostly I believe it was because they stopped being agitators. They built castles, great forts, motes and stayed behind them – they took on a defensive mindset rather than a progressive or assertive mindset. Since they were no longer involved in the world, the world simply went around them.

We Knights should consider being more progressive and more assertive. George Bernard Shaw, about a hundred years ago, said that one doesn’t make progress by standing on guard but by attacking and getting well hammered.

There’s a long list of challenges that our society faces and lots of opportunity for us to get well hammered, so where do we begin? It’s tempting to want to start with issues like embryonic stem cell research, abortion, same sex marriages, religious freedom, etc. However, I think we need to start with a more basic and fundamental concept.

Let’s get aggressive and progressive about asking men to join the Order. It’s difficult if not impossible to promote our core values (charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism) if we haven’t approached our fellow Catholics and offered them a way to practice these values. Being an agitator begins with asking.

I’m pleased that the Illinois Knights are getting more progressive and aggressive when it comes to membership; I’m pleased but not satisfied. A plus 504 for last fraternal year is great. At the end of October our membership numbers look better than they were last year at the end of October and better than they have been for the last five years at this time. The BLITZ has helped us to be more progressive. Our State Membership Director reports that 224 councils conducted a Fall BLITZ, recruited 285 new members, collected 350 prospect cards, and had 393 Form 100’s signed. Still, that’s only 50% of our councils and 50% isn’t very aggressive.

The top 11 reasons that the State Membership Director’s Report lists for members leaving the Order also gives strong indications that we need to be more assertive and pro-active about retaining members, about communication, about involvement.

Our world needs the Knights – more dedicated Catholic men of principle like you. Attacking and getting well hammered takes a lot of energy, but remember that feeling you had when you asked a man to join and he said yes? Well, you can feel that way again. Ask another to **TASTE and See... The Goodness of the K of C.**

State Membership Director

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Congratulations Brother Knights of Illinois! The October Blitz is in the books and it looks to be a very good year in Membership. Councils across the state conducted Blitz activities in October and what is most encouraging is the fact that many councils that did not perform any Blitz activity last year participated in this year's first Blitz month. **243 BLITZ** activities were held and what that means is **285** new members joined our Order. What is more encouraging is that **350** prospect cards were filled out and **458** Form 100's were signed. The Blitz is a fantastic tool for council membership growth.

The months of October and March have been designated as the Illinois Membership Blitz months, but brothers as you know **MEMBERSHIP** is a **12-MONTH PROGRAM**. Each and every month our councils should be conducting some type of membership activity: a council open house, an invitation party, a smoker, or have one of the many videos from supreme showing at your council meeting. The SIGN 'EM UP, TWO-ON-ONE: TEN STEPS TO RECRUITING SUCCESS is an excellent resource to educate our membership on recruitment practices.

Membership retention is also a membership tool. Retention begins the minute that a candidate has been signed and degreed. The New York State council conducted a survey of over **1000** former members concerning the reasons for leaving the Order. The top 11 reasons were quite an eye opener. I hope we all learn from this and are able to make sure our councils are appealing and viable to our members so they will stay in our ranks.

The reasons for leaving are as follows:

- 1) **LACK OF COMMUNICATION**
 - No newsletter, no sponsor contact
- 2) **NO ACTIVITIES;**
 - My council does not have any programs for my family or myself
- 3) **POORLY RAN CERIMONIALS:**
 - Not impressed with the first degree
 - Did not take my 2nd or 3rd. Was never contacted about upcoming degrees
- 4) **NOT NEEDED:**
 - I went to a few meetings and no one spoke with me
 - Did not feel welcomed or needed

- I volunteered to help but was never contacted

5) **NOT PRAYERFUL ENOUGH. TOO SECULAR**

- Whenever I went to the council, the members that are there just wanted to sit around the bar and talk about everyone

6) **I WAS NEVER TOLD ANYTHING ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- Given a pamphlet at my First Degree and that was it
- I have no idea how this organization functions

7) **HAVING MONEY PROBLEMS**

8) **WORKING 2 JOBS**

9) **UNEMPLOYED**

10) **HAVING FAMILY OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS**

11) **HAVE NO TIME TO GET INVOLVED**

Could this be some of the reasons your members want to leave our Order? From the many responses I receive when someone leaves our Order the answer is yes. 5 of the first 6 reasons have a common thread and that is a breakdown in communication. Reasons 7 through 10 should not happen. Our first act of CHARITY should be towards our BROTHERS. Reason 11 is heard quite often. A member who keeps his dues current **IS** an active participant in the council. That dues money will help with the many fundraisers and charities his council supports. Do not let any of these reasons be why your council will lose members.

EVERY MEMBER IS IMPORTANT. EVERY MEMBER IS A FIBER IN THE CABLE OF COLUMBIANISM.

The month of October was an excellent month in membership growth in Illinois. Let this be the springboard to a record number of new members degreed this year. Remember to participate in surrounding Major Degrees and keep those frequent First Degrees a reality. I challenge each and every brother knight of Illinois to sponsor and support a new member into Illinois before this fraternal year is over. With the holiday season fast approaching what better gift to give a Catholic man and his family than the gift of membership into the Knights of Columbus!

Diane and I would like to wish everyone a most joyful, peace filled and Holy holiday season. God Bless to all

Skip

Columbus Day Parade in Chicago



Francis Cardinal George Master Bernie Santowski and Supreme Program Consultant Joe Pietruszynski meet before the Mass at Our Lady of Pompei



Color Corp leads the 4th degree delegation on Columbus Drive for the Parade in downtown Chicago

123rd Supreme Convention and Third International Eucharistic Congress

Donald J Lajoie, Illinois 2005 Supreme Convention Chairman, 815-698-2892
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As you all know by now, Illinois will be hosting the 123rd Supreme Convention from July 30th through August 4th. We are expecting around 2500 brothers and their families, as well as over 100 Church hierarchy to be in attendance. Hundreds of brother knights are needed to make sure that this event is extremely successful. If you can spare a few hours during this timeframe, it would be greatly appreciated.

Assistance is needed in the following areas:

- **Transportation**- picking up the hierarchy at either O'Hare or Midway Airport and transport them to and from the Convention Hotel. Contact Raymond Biliskov at 847-895-6251
- **Registration** – assisting in registering the brothers who will be in attendance. Contact James Bednar at 815-844-6927
- **State Store** – working in selling Illinois mementoes that our brothers look forward to purchasing. Contact Skip Kinyon at 309-344-3924

We are putting together a **cookbook** of Illinois Knights' favorite recipes that will be sold in the State Store. Many recipes have already been received, but it is not too late to submit them. Send to Don Lajoie at PO Box 422 – Ashkum, IL 60911.

We are also putting together a commutative **welcoming book** of council advertisement that will welcome our Brothers and their families to Illinois and wish them a wonderful time. If your council wishes to participate in this endeavor, you can send your ad to Don Lajoie – PO Box 422 – Ashkum, IL 60911. Cost is as follows:

- ¼ Page - \$ 25.00
- ½ Page - \$ 50.00
- Full Page - \$ 100.00

Try to make them as camera ready as possible or send Don the information and he will design one for you.

Any questions, either on the above or other events planned for the Convention, contact Don either at his home 815-698-2892 or via e-mail: djlajoie60911@yahoo.com

State Program Director

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We are nearing the halfway point of this fraternal year and our Columbian Spirit Program is well under way. It is my sincerest hope that all councils are participating in this program. State Deputy Logan Ludwig has designed a program that is compatible for all councils to take part in for the simple reason all of the activities, which there are 36, just about every council is doing them throughout the year. All you have to do is report the activities to your District Deputies, and you will be well on the way to achieving the ILLINOIS BEST AWARD.

Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer

The Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer Program is back on track. If your council has not requested to have the service, contact your District Deputy and he can make arrangements to have the Icon when your council wishes to have it. It is never too late to have a prayer service.

Round Tables

These are two words we hear a lot of, but what are we doing to have a Round Table in the Parishes we serve? If your council serves more than one parish then go to the Pastor of that parish and simply ask if he would consider a Round Table, that's all it takes. Please try to make this a New Year resolution for your council.

Mid-Year District Deputies Meeting

As you all know by now, this year's meeting will be held in Bloomington January 7-9, 2005. We will gather with the State Officers and District Deputies to access the involvement of councils in the Programming area and their participation in the Colombian Spirit program. By now all councils should have filed a "COLUMBIAN SPIRIT" Project Score Sheet, with their District Deputies. If you haven't done so, it's not to late.

District Deputies

DDs should be ready to discuss the progress of their councils at the Mid-Year Meeting. We would like to hear the success stories and any problems that councils may have with regard to the Colombian Spirit Program. The State Programming team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Don't forget to bring with you the "COLUMBIAN SPIRIT" Project Score Sheet from your councils.

On a Personal Note

On behalf of my family, as well as the entire State Programming Team, I would like to wish you all a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas. May you all enjoy this blessed season with Hope and Thanksgiving for Peace on Earth.

And a big P. S. Let's all remember to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Congratulations to Supreme Families of the Month.

Winners for September 2004 in Illinois are:

Emmett & Jeanette Snyder
Council 696 – Galena
Richard & Darlene Rehkemper
Council 1580 – Highland
Phil & Carole Hatke
Council 10883 – Itasca



*Springfield Diocese Hall of Fame 2004 recipients
l-r: William Spainhour, PSD Morris Zobrist, PGK,
James Deruntz, Master, Jim Enlow, PGK,
Margret Ferguson (Daughter of Edward Weaver,
Deceased), Robert Meehan, PGK*

State Charities Director

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Early reports from the MR/LD Drive are mixed with some councils reporting large increases and some councils reporting less collections than previous years. However, based on early returns it appears that the 2004 MR/LD Drive will meet or exceed last year's collections. Two minor accidents involving K of C members were reported, but no serious injuries have occurred.

Newman mailings for this fraternal year were a bit later than last year; however, by the time our readers receive this newsletter all should have received the annual mailing. Newman checks to the various centers and programs have been distributed according to the allocation recommended by the Newman Apostolate Directors.

Now is the time to begin planning participation in the Special Olympic Spring Games. Council Grand Knights will soon receive a letter identifying the 18 Special Olympic Regions in Illinois and information on how their councils can

support the Special Olympic Spring Games both through financial assistance, but more importantly, by actively volunteering to help staff the Games.

MR/LD Fund Drive 2004

Bill Muller & Ed Feeney

Great Job!

Congratulations to all councils throughout Illinois for a fantastic candy drive. Please extend our thanks to all your members and volunteers for a job well done.

Many councils have already submitted their report forms; however some councils need to take care of this important duty. If your council has yet to send in your funds and report form, please do so immediately.

The best duty of a Grand Knight is to hand those checks out to the agencies that need our support so desperately. Make this event special, because your members worked hard to collect these funds.

If your council did not quite make your goal, there is still time to make up that difference. A spaghetti dinner, or a holding a 50/50 drawing at the monthly meeting are just a few ideas to make additional funds.

Again, our thanks to all the membership for a great M R/L D fund drive. The people you support are worth your best efforts.

Thanks again!

Vocation Support trip to Germany, Switzerland and Austria

Ron Ziemba & Bill Brown, Vocations Chairs

On October 7, 2004, twenty-five excited pilgrims embarked on a thirteen-day trip led by our beloved State Chaplain, Bishop Roger Kaffer. The trip was sponsored by the SVSP.

Our flight took us to Zurich, Switzerland for a short stopover onto Frankfurt Germany where we met our knowledgeable European tour guide, Annie, and our remarkable motor coach driver, Damein. Our adventures began with touring the castle at Heidelberg. The next day we cruised on the Rhine Steamer viewing the beauty of Rudesheim. We then motor coached on to

Worms, Freidburg and the Black Forest, the home of the coo-coo clock factory. We continued on to Lucerne, Einsiedeln, Vaduz, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Oberammergau where we saw many beautiful villages, castles and churches. We took scenic drives on to Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich, Rothenburg and ended our fantastic trip in Frankfurt.

Bishop Kaffer celebrated daily Mass for us in many Cathedrals, churches and chapels as we traveled. We were able to renew our marriage vows along the way. He was a real inspiration to us all.

Our group helped the European economy on this trip. Many souvenirs were sent and brought back home: coo-coo clocks, watches, beer steins, Swiss chocolates, etc. This trip was a great memory for all of us. We have made new friends while enjoying the breathtaking scenery and panorama of the beautiful Alps, villages, castles and countryside.



2004-05 Vocation Support Raffle

Each Council in Illinois should have received your Vocation support Raffle Books. We will be raffling off over \$20,000 in monetary prizes. The top prize will be \$10,000. The drawing will be held in Bloomington, Illinois on January 9, 2005 at the Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting.

This is the only raffle sanctioned by the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus.

With everyone's help, we will be able to once again send each seminarian a birthday and Christmas gift. Our goal this year is to have every Brother Knight in Illinois sell at least one raffle book. Please do your share and either buy or sell a raffle book.

KC Academy Director

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Thanksgiving, Training and the Gift of Membership

On behalf of our KC Academy team, we give thanks to all who attended the fall 2004 Academy seminars on Duties of Council Officers and Planning as a Team. At the beginning of his term as state deputy, Logan Ludwig asked our leadership "How do you make an elephant dance?" One response commonly given by district deputies and diocesan coordinators was "training". The Academy realizes that council leaders from guard on up to the grand knight are talented men with commitment and resolve to succeed. In this regard, the Academy focuses on working with council leaders to achieve their potential; in many respects we learn from each other. As Knights of Columbus, we can be thankful for the many dedicated men who hold firm to the core values of our order, to make their councils grow in membership and vitality, and to "feel good about doing good".

What better way to give thanks than to share the gift of membership? A deacon friend had a favorite saying, "Keep the faith and spread it around". A similar saying can be given about membership in the Knights of Columbus, "Embrace your membership and share it with others". Sometimes it's as easy as asking a friend or family member to consider being a part of the KCs. That works fine, but as our seminars have shown, councils need a more proactive approach that requires deliberate planning. Feedback from our fall seminars suggests that councils left with a better understanding about how to plan their work and then work their plan. One measure of successful planning will be the number of "gifts of membership" that are given out. We believe that positive results will follow when district deputies report on the progress of councils to which they are assigned.

Spring Training

Plans are already under way to prepare for our spring seminars being scheduled for February/March 2005. We are working more closely with chapter leadership to better schedule and promote Academy seminars and should have a complete listing posted by January 2005.

We are working with our associate state chaplain, Reverend Father James McIlhone, to prepare a special one hour segment on Eucharistic Adoration that will focus on liturgical, sacramental

and biblical perspectives on the topic. Our Holy Father declared this year the year of the Eucharist; our order is supporting the Holy Father by planning an international Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago in August 2005 following the Supreme Convention. We believe this segment for our spring seminars will be a good preparation for members to enjoy and become better informed on the subject.

Practical guidance on the role of council leadership responsibilities affecting audits will be the focus of the spring seminar training presentations. We will be discussing how council officers' responsibilities support documentation needed to complete audits and how to use the audits in assessing council vitality. We will also cover how to examine trends that could be helpful to council long-term and short term planning. More details will be given as they are developed, but until then have a wonderful holiday season and give thanks to having membership in the greatest organization in service to church and community for over 122 years and counting! We certainly are thankful to you and your leadership!

Recent Actions of the Board

- Issued checks totaling \$225,000 in support of Newman Apostolate program throughout the six dioceses/archdiocese of Illinois.
- Donated \$2,500 to support Cardinal's Dinner in support of Guest House
- Approved \$1,000 to St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish in Matteson for assistance due to flood damage.
- Approved \$1,000 donation to St. Francis De Sales in Chicago for repair of vandalism damage.
- Approved \$1,000 from MR/LD funds to Buddy Walk in Springfield.
- Provided \$5,000 to St Joseph Seminary for Tribute to Labor program
- Approve \$5,000 to St Mary of the Lake Seminary.
- Approved \$100,000 to be presented to Illinois Special Olympics at January District Meeting.

Illinois State Council Office

Joe & Donna Illinoiskofc@sbcglobal.net

We would like to thank all councils that participated in this year's MR/LD Fund Drive. Because of your attention to the new directions, we have been able to get your reports filed and checks sent with only a few exceptions. We especially appreciated your prompt deposit of your MR/LD collections. When everyone does his job, our job becomes that much easier to do.

If you were unable to have a drive this year, you can collect funds for a drive in other ways. Have a bake sale, garage sale, pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, etc. Be creative. One council even sponsored a Circus!! Let your creative juices flow and send in those charitable activities funds to the State Office. Remember, helping people with Mental Retardation and Learning Disabilities can be done more than just once a year!

The Supplemental Directory Listing will be mailed soon, and we have made quite a few changes, additions and yes, (as hard as it is to believe), even some corrections. We ask that you keep the State Council Office informed of any changes in address or phone or email so we can continue to send mail to the correct address.

We cannot stress enough that we must maintain as current a database as possible. Returned mail not only costs extra time and money, but it denies communication with councils.

We continue to have difficulty coding addresses for members who live in municipalities in which house deliveries are not made, but where residents must maintain a PO Box. If you have a PO Box and have only given the State Office your street address, please use the form at the back of this newsletter to advise the State Office of your PO Box #. Then have your financial Secretary complete an updated form 100 and send it to Supreme so they can update their records too!

The Vocation Raffle Returns are coming in to the State Office very slowly. If you need a transmittal form, please call us and we will be happy to sent it out. We will also make a form available on-line at: www.illinoisknights.org If you need more tickets, call us and they will be sent out right away.

The hotel reservation letter for the Mid Winter District Deputy Meeting has been mailed. By the time you receive this newsletter you should have made you reservation. If not, do it **now!** Reservations for the Banquet and Ladies Luncheon will be on the way to you shortly.

The Newman donations in response to the Newman Solicitation Mailing are coming in very heavy. Thank you for using the solicitation card, but remember to mark your donation clearly on the card and your council # on the check. The Century Donor plaques are mailed to the Grand Knight of each council for presentation at the next available council meeting. Pins and year plates are sent to the Donor unless indicated otherwise on the donation card.

We have received a great number of cards returned on which "**DECEASED**" is marked. Please, financial secretaries, complete a Form 100 for these members and forward to the Supreme Council.

Public Relations & Newsletter Editor

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Our State Membership Director wrote in his article "Communication is the number one reason why members leave the Order". What does this mean and what can I as a council leader do to correct it? Whose responsibility is it to communicate? As Public Relations Chairman for the State Council I guess I am responsible to get the word out to our members at the State level. However, at the root, communication starts with the proposer and is the responsibility of every member to his Brother Knight. It's the proposer's duty to keep in touch with the brother he brought in.

We teach that we lead by example. If your example is to bring him to a 1st degree and forget him then, what have you taught? It is the proposer's duty to take his brother to the major degree and encourage him to be active at the council level. Take pleasure in helping your brother grow in our Order and we, as a brotherhood, will remain strong and grow. A song from about 30 some years ago, which still chokes me up and reminds me of my responsibility as a proposer, goes something like this: *"It's a long, long Road with many a winding turn ... He's not heavy he's my brother"*.

Does your council have a public relations chairman that advertises your council's events in

local papers, radio, television, and in Church Bulletins? Do you have a Council newsletter that informs members of what the council did and what is coming up? These are tools for success. If you have ever built or put something together with your own hands, do you remember the satisfaction on seeing what you had accomplished? That same satisfaction and joy comes when a Brother you brought in becomes a Grand Knight or council leader.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

(Some are taken from Columbian Magazine)



Oswego Council 7247 collected 2,000 books and donated two new computers to set up a library at the Fox Knoll Retirement Center. Pat Beebee, the center's manager, is joined by Grand Knight Bill Tremaine, center.

In honor of his departed wife, Eleanor, Ed Sierzega of the **North American Martyrs Council 4338 in Niles**, ordered a chalice for seminarian Piotr Gnoinski. Before the chalice was delivered, Sierzega died from a long-term illness. Since the gift was Sierzega's idea, his family had the chalice inscribed with his name too, and presented it to Gnoinski at a special ceremony.

North American Martyrs Council 4338 in Niles and **Father John Joseph Dussman Council 3731 in Glenview** hosted a flag retirement ceremony at a park in Glenview. In attendance were members of the local Boy Scout troop that constructed the flagpole, an American Legion post and nearly 100 residents.

Msgr. George A Dzurjo Council # 790 of Streator held their Altar Servers Evening of Appreciation on October 11th 2004. The event covered 10 local and area Catholic Parishes, with nearly 240 people in attendance.



Members of **St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon** volunteered once a month to assist the Madison County unused paint collection and recycling program. After 175 gallons of unused paint were turned in by county residents, the Knights separated the oil-based and latex cans to be crushed.

Genoa Council 1659 in South Holland recently held two blood drives. For the past 23 years the council has held two blood drives per year, a tradition that has yielded more than 2,100 pints of blood.



Father Joseph P. Kerber, chaplain for **St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon** served as a whipped cream target for more than 100 children involved with the council's vacation Bible school. Boys and girls of the school were pitted against each other for a week to see who could collect the most weight in coins. The girls brought in 107 pounds and the boys 174, which together totaled more than \$1,600. The money was used to help fund a \$19,000 cochlear hearing implant surgery for a Mexican boy.



Father Ryan Council # 5025 of Chicago held a silent retreat weekend at the Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL. Pictured are GK Fred Ludwig, members and guests with Retreat Master Father Ted Ross S.J.



Divine Word Council 7331 in Techny had a combined celebration: 25 years as a council and Chaplain Father Gilbert Gawlik who celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a priest. Pictured above is State New Council Development Director Bob Bukowski giving a certificate to Grand Knights Nicholas J. Gumbinger. Pictured Below is Father Gilbert Gawlik and PGK Robert Kelley



A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances – and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children"

Start early on some new resolutions for the New Year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection – come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead ... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well.

CONTACT YOUR K OF C INSURANCE AGENT - TODAY!

Visit KofC.org **Stages of Life** presentation to hear testimonials about the role Knights of Columbus insurance plays in the lives profiled.



**Into Your Hands We
Commend Their Spirit**



<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Leonard Baumgartner	9266	18
Rev. William J Buhrfeind	1456	27
Joseph D Burtschi	577	65
Rudolph Cepron	731	63
Cecil Corzine	731	32
Albert A. Cabay	5573	18
William Drasler	731	15
Joseph L Feeney ¹	1047	64
Joseph Kelly ¹	731	54
Frank J. Gerard	734	25
James Hladnik	731	36
Harry Homeck	731	42
Richard J. Lukash	665	14
James Mandurano	731	26
Richard L Mascari ^{1,2,3}	754	23
Walter J McCoy	5025	66
Walter C. Schulte	2869	32
David Schneider	9628	5
Richard A. Smith	731	37
Delbert J. Steffen	665	42
Kenneth C. Stumborg	665	12
Edward Tebbe	2869	58
Chester J Tenczar	665	15
Howard Weinhold	5573	40

¹-PGK, ²-PFN, ³-FDD

Send all notices of the passing of our brothers along with Council #, years as a knight and positions held to:

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**From the Family of
Former State Warden Bob Flinn**

Our deep appreciation for your outpouring of sympathy and love in the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Bob Flinn.

Maureen Flinn and Family

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray ...

That strength and courage abundant be given to all Knights of Columbus who work for a world of reason and understanding.

That the good that lies in each of their hearts may day by day be magnified.

That we will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us.

That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of ourselves over our own evils and weaknesses.



That the true spirit of this Christmas Season, its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all, its abiding faith, may be among us.

That the blessings of peace be abundant for all Knights, their families and loved ones, the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

From Your State Officers who wish you a Christmas morning that makes you happy to be God's children, and a Christmas evening that brings you to your beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

- Bishop Roger Kaffer**, State Chaplain
- Fr. James McIlhone**, Associate State Chaplain
- Logan & Ina Ludwig**, State Deputy
- Paul & Judy Havrilka Jr.**, State Secretary
- Phil & Alice Barone**, State Treasurer
- Jim & Pat Bednar**, State Advocate
- Gary & Barb Gunderson**, State Warden
- Bill & Jean Spainhour**, Imm. Past State Deputy
- Skip & Diane Kinyon**, State Membership Director
- Ray & Jan Biliskov**, State Program Director
- Terry & Micheline Hoelting**, Charitable Actives Dir
- Rich & Linda Spada**, KC Academy Director
- Bob & Nancy Bukowski**, State NCD Director
- Joe & Theresa Pietruszynski**, Supreme Regional Program Consultant
- Joe & Rosemary Yaeger**, Executive Secretary
- Donna Nesland**, Administrative Assistant

Major degrees

Diocese	Date	Time 1st	Time 2nd/3rd	DD Name	DD #	Host #	Staff	CO
Chicago	11/13/2004	12:01:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	Roman Ferrer	14	12926	Bishop Kaffer	Phil Barone
Springfield	11/14/2004	12:01:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	Nicholas Wentz	72	665	Bishop McNicholas	Greg Sullivan
Springfield	11/14/2004	12:30:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	Gary Doiron	76	1712	Belleville	Jeff Crossland
Peoria	11/21/2004	12:01PM	1:00:00 PM	John Laughlin	49	11977	Bishop Sheen	Tim Noll
Belleville	11/21/2004	12:30PM	1:30 PM	Erik Lockett	88	6210	Belleville	Jeff Crossland
Peoria	11/21/2004	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Ray Aubry	56	2090	John Paul II	Ed McMahon
Joliet	11/21/2004		1:00 PM	Jim Coglianesse	37	745	Bishop Kaffer	Alan Hoppe
Joliet	12/5/2004	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Alan Urban	33	4400	Bishop Kaffer	Phil Barone
Chicago	12/5/2004	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Ron Badyniak	25	3755	Holy Spirit	Len Satkowski
Belleville	12/12/2004	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Tom Buchmiller	78	13197	Belleville	Jack Rigney
Rockford	1/16/2005	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Garry Daly	38	736	John Paul II	Phil Barone
Springfield	1/22/2005	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Steve Sims	74	4688	Bishop McNicholas	Ed McMahon
Chicago	1/23/2005	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Brian Baldi	3	4483	Holy Spirit	Len Satkowski
Joliet	1/28/2005		7:00 PM	Alan Urban	33	9770	Bishop Kaffer	Logan Ludwig
District 2	2/5/2005	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	James DeRuntz				
Rockford	2/6/2005	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Tony DiPippo	41	3880	Holy Spirit	Phil Barone
Peoria	2/12/2005	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ray Aubry	56	792	John Paul II	Ed McMahon
District 1	2/19/2005	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	Bernard Santowski				
Springfield	2/27/2005	12:01 PM	1:00 PM	Lynn Clarke	67	2321	Bishop McNicholas	Jack Rigney
Rockford	2/27/2005	12:01 PM	2:00 PM	James Bronson	42	11091	Holy Spirit	



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"The Eucharist is at the center of the life of the Church," Pope John Paul II said when he announced The Year of the Eucharist, which runs through Oct. 2005. In celebration, the Knights of Columbus will hold its third Eucharistic Congress Aug. 4-5 in Chicago.

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