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Success is a Choice

At council meetings, at work, from our children, how many times have we all heard, "Well, I intended to get it done"? Unfortunately, intending to do it isn't enough for we are not judged by our intentions but by our actions. A thousand words do not come anywhere near amounting to one good act. One reason we all tend to think ill of politicians is because they are so full of promises (intentions), but hardly ever deliver.

Some people spend a lifetime talking about what they intend to do, but never do it. Successful people do it and then talk about it. The old familiar saying that the most difficult step in a long journey is the first one is very true because what is most scary is the unknown. That first step is a measure of commitment into the unknown.

The truth, however, is that action subdues fear. It drives back fear by charging forward. Fear's most effective teammate is the unknown. Action pushes the unknown back on its heels. Successful persons know this and it is why when they decide to actualize an intention, they go charging out the gate. The initial push does much to quell fear and give a measure of self-confidence.

Problems that are not attacked have a way of getting more serious and left alone, they tend to overwhelm us. When confronted and acted upon, however, they lose much of their mysterious hold on us. They loosen their grip on us and cause us to move forward with increasing confidence. Taking those first steps in actualizing an intention creates momentum. It motivates us to push on and make more things happen. [Think homework or tax returns here]

The great industrialist Henry Ford said, "You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do." Ford had great ideas that he did not allow to remain sitting in his head. He took those steps and the momentum they created led him to a great fortune and assured him of an eminent place in history. If he had been intimidated by

his fears of the unknown, things would have been very different and he would be a forgotten man. But he did not allow his fear of failure, his fear of the unknown to keep him from making his dreams come true.

We all have dreams (a form of intention) that are waiting for those first few steps. Their actualization will depend on the courage to take that first step. The interesting thing about taking the first step is that the more people cross the road, the harder it is for others to stay on the other side.

How do we get others to cross the road? For our councils, I would suggest the following:

- **Plan now for the Spring BLITZ.** Every council that participated in the Fall BLITZ (except 1) has a positive membership number as of December 1st.
- **Review your Columbian Sprit Program Plan and bring it up to date.** The best way for a council (or any of us) to be successful is to have a plan and to work the plan. At the end of the year we may not exactly score a bulls eye, but we'll be some place on target. I love that scene in Star Wars where the fighter pilot captain keeps repeating to his pilots, "Stay on Target, Stay on Target"
- **Implement the Shining Armor Award.** As you know, this is a council award so Grand Knights get to set the criteria for the award. However, the goals should be attainable but not so attainable that everyone can get the award without much work. Make a big deal out of it and recognize those who do outstanding work – everybody appreciates a pat on the back and a thank you!
- **Start a Parish Roundtable.** Illinois has over 200 councils that claim to serve multiple parishes. Each of these councils should have parish roundtables if they wish to serve the needs of their parishes and have a presence in every parish. It's a simple program to run and will pay off big in membership, programming and charities. Even if your council only serves one parish, you may want to start a roundtable to serve a large ethnic population in the parish.

Success is a Choice and if you make that choice Illinois Knights will help others to **"TASTE and SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C.**

Audits, Audits, Audits

Philip J Barone –State Treasurer

The Semi-Annual Audit for Councils and Assemblies for the period July 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004 will need to be completed and filed with the Supreme Council, State Council and District Deputy (Master for Assemblies). While the Audit Form is completed and signed by the Trustees, it is the responsibility of the Grand Knight (Navigator for Assemblies) to make certain that the form is completed properly and filed in a timely manner.

The filing deadline is February 15, 2005. It is very important that the Financial Officers and Trustees work together to complete the Audit Form and be Filed “ON TIME”.

The Semi-Annual Audit is necessary to assure that Councils and Assemblies stay in a financially sound position and that the Assets and Funds are properly safeguarded. The Trustees have the very important task of reviewing the financial records to make certain that the financial balances are accurate and that the Funds and Assets have been properly accounted, distributed, and most importantly, are being maintained in the high standard that should be afforded the membership. The Treasurer and Financial Secretary should have their records ready for review in a timely manner; but more importantly, should demonstrate that the records are being maintained to the highest standard. If the Trustees find that the records are not being maintained to the highest standard, this should be reported to the membership at the next Business Meeting and the appropriate action should follow accordingly.

There are many important parts of the Semi-Annual Audit Form that should be reviewed by the Trustees for accuracy. An area that has been overlooked in the past is Schedule C –Assets and Liabilities that has an Asset item in regard to Dues from Members. This area is utilized in the Suspension of Membership process to determine if any members were in arrears at the time of the audit. If no members were recorded on the form then it would be expected that no member could be suspended for non-payment of dues. A properly completed audit should include a list of those members who have not paid their dues. This list should also be given to the Retention Committee (usually Trustees) for further action. The reporting of more than two years dues owed by any member is ineffective. The Retention Committee should be afforded the authority to offer a practical repayment option to bring members “up to date” and in “good standing”.

Trustees are a vitally important tool that should be actively utilized by both Councils and Assemblies. The Trustees are leaders that have been through the process of “heading the organization” and have knowledge and talents that should not be “placed on the shelf”. The active diligence of the Trustees and the coordinated teamwork of the Grand Knight with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary will bring assured success that every Council and their membership should enjoy.

UP WITH MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

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We are now on what many call the down side of our fraternal year. However, we should always look at anytime of the year as the up side: up with charity giving, up with council activity, up with youth activity, up with community activity, up with church activity and **UP WITH MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY**. Without constant membership growth - without the up side in membership in our councils we can not continue to be on the up side of any of our programs. Grow membership in the upcoming New Year.

Insurance Ads

By now you all have received the letter from me regarding sale of non-K of C insurance ads in our Council Newsletters. All members have taken a pledge to obey our rightful superior officers and the Laws Rules and Constitution of the Order. As I stated in the letter this topic is not debatable, it is dictated by a properly voted resolution from our Supreme Board of Directors. It is not a new issue, it is a very old issue that has credence and justification and has been supported by our Supreme Board for many years.

Audits and Per Capita

For those who have not submitted your **audit** it is not too late. Remember if you fail to properly submit your audit you jeopardize the Insurance Bonding supplied by the Supreme Council of your financial officers. And let's not forget our **per capita** payments, failure to maintain proper payment of per capita puts your members in risk for loss of their benefits as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Not only must we strengthen our councils with new members but we must also be watchful of those who are members and protect their benefits and rights.

Resolutions: 2005 State Convention

Submission of Resolutions:

Along with the New Year we have on the horizon the State Convention on May 27 – 29, 2005. One of the important issues next to electing your State Officers at the convention is the voting on Resolutions that come from the State Officers and our councils. All Grand Knights of record should have received in late January or early February a packet for Resolution submission. The packet includes information on writing a resolution, proper submission of them and the last date they will be accepted (April 8, 2005) for consideration at the Budget and Resolution Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2005. If your council has an issue that they feel needs to be addressed through a Resolution then submit early to avoid the chance of missing the deadline. If you have any questions on writing or submitting your resolution please feel free to contact the State Advocate: ieducate1@yahoo.com.

A NEW YEAR WITH MANY POSSIBILITIES

State Membership Director

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2005, a new calendar year, is upon us. The Christmas season is a fond memory and the anticipation of spring is in the air. When we replace the 2004 calendar with the 2005 this means not only a new year with many new possibilities for all of us; it also signals that the end of the fraternal is approaching. The calendar on the refrigerator is open to February and that means there are 5 months remaining to recruit new members into our Order for this fraternal year. Each council should be striving to obtain Star Council status. With the many fantastic tools available such as the **Welcome Back Brother program**, The **Shining Armor Award** and the very successful **Illinois Membership Blitz** the goal of Star Council can be achieved.

Every member in Illinois should be proactive in membership recruitment. This not only assures our councils of growth and stability it also means that our Churches, Priests and Communities will be able to enjoy the many benefits our councils have to offer. Membership recruitment is for the future as well as the present.

The 2nd half of the **Illinois Membership Blitz** will be conducted during the month of April. Councils should have Church Drives, Open Houses and, of course, First Degrees scheduled. For councils that did not conduct any **Blitz** activities in October this is your chance to participate and obtain that **Star Council** Status membership goal. This also is your chance to help grow the Order, add new

members to help with your council's many activities, and most importantly strengthen the Catholic presence in your community.

Easter will be upon us soon and many new Catholics will be joining our church. This is a fine time to approach the converts to our faith and explain to them the many benefits of belonging to the Knights of Columbus. The new converts are eager to participate in the many new-found activities of the church they have just entered. What a better organization to join than the Knights of Columbus! With the many Community, Youth and especially Church activities our Order provides to its members, it is a win-win situation for all.

The 2004/2005 fraternal year in Membership growth for our Order and especially for Illinois is looking to be a record setting year. With frequently scheduled first degrees, well attended major degrees and **every** member in Illinois **recruiting** just one new member then when the Supreme Convention comes to Illinois in August we can all feel proud in the fact that our jurisdiction has the honor of hosting the Supreme Convention and most importantly a growing and vibrant organization; the Knights of Columbus.

HORSESHOE CONTEST will be hosted by Effingham Council #665 on Aug 27, 2005. Time to get your practice in before the big event in Effingham, IL.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



At their annual dinner, **Lake Forest Council 1268** gave out awards to Dottie Corra for her work in the Soup Kitchen, the Pads for women and the Staben House for men in Waukegan, IL. A cash award was also given to the Luptons for the "The Eileen Lupton Scholarship Fund" in Nursing.

Illinois Knights in Action



On August 9, **Starved Rock Council 634** helped put a roof on the first Habitat for Humanity house being built in Ottawa. The Knights were able to complete the job in one day.



Nick Romero and Ray Durrenberger were among Knights of **Illini Council 2782** at the **University of Illinois** in Champaign who prepared lunch at a soup kitchen.

123rd SUPREME CONVENTION & 3rd EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Donald J Lajoie, Illinois 2005 Supreme Convention Chairman, 815-698-2892

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Add your Council greetings to the out of town 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.

I wish to thank all the brother, families and friends who sent me their favorite recipes for our Cookbook for the Supreme Convention.

We have 462 recipes. watch for future articles on how to obtain a keepsake cookbook.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

State NCD Director

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CONGRATULATIONS to PSD Joe Kaltwasser and DD #48 Ken Mendel for their efforts in the Redevelopment of Polo Council # 9987 at St. Mary's Parish in the Rockford Diocese.

We are now in the second half of our fraternal year and we all need to stay focused to continue to work on New Council Development, Redevelopment of Inactive Councils as well as working with Suspended Councils to help them become reinstated.

Back in July, the NCD/Redevelopment Team made a commitment to our State Deputy to form 12 New Councils this fraternal year. To date we have instituted 1 New Council in Chicago Archdiocese and 1 Redeveloped Council in the Rockford Diocese. I truly believe we still have time to achieve our goal of 12 New Councils by June 30th if we all work together.

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 charged with recruiting new members for our councils, we ALL should be on the New Council Development Team. I ask everyone to take another look within your District and Diocese for potential New Council Development.

Our goal in Illinois should be no less then 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 any of the NCD Team in your diocese if you know of a parish that would benefit from having a council.

The theme of the Mid-Year Meeting of the State Deputies was “Now Is the Hour of the Knights of Columbus”. The theme of our Mid-Year District Deputies Meeting was “Success is a Choice”. Our Supreme Knight stated that the Order is needed now more than ever in the Church because the role of the laity is expanding in every parish and diocese. Our State Deputy asked us to “Stay Focused” on this objective.

We must continue to answer the challenge so All eligible Catholic men can **“TASTE AND SEE.... the Goodness of the K of C”**.

The Value of a Member

Ten little members standing in a line ...
One disliked the president, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late...
One forgot his promise then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix ...
The quarreled over programs, then there were six.
Six members remained with spirit and drive..

One moved away, then there were five.
Five steadfast members wished there were more...

One became indifferent, then there were four.
Four cheerful members who never disagree
'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What do we do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.
Two earnest members, each enrolled one more.
Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members just could not wait ...
"Til each won another, then there were eight.
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more...

In six more verses there will be ...
A Thousand Twenty-Four.

Illinois Knights in Action



The Knights of Columbus - **Marian Council 3914** of Riverton, Illinois celebrated their 50th Anniversary beginning on November 7, 2004 with a Mass followed by the Annual Anniversary - Memorial - Father/Son Breakfast. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Lucas of the Diocese of Springfield. Bishop Lucas was the guest speaker at the breakfast attended by 150 Knights, their sons and/or fathers.



The concluding celebration started on November 13, 2004 with a 4:00 P.M. Mass at St. James Church in Riverton, Illinois. The mass was attended by over 50 Knights of the Council and the majority of State Officers.

STATE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

State Program Director

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Supreme Family of the Month

Congratulations to Supreme Family of the Month of November 2004. **Andrew and Josephine Samborski** Council 3627 – Des Plaines

Columbian Spirit Program

The 1st six months of this fraternal year have come and gone and at this time I would like to thank all those Grand Knights and Council Program Directors who have submitted to their District Deputies the reports on the progress they are making with regard to their participation in the Columbian Spirit Program. At the Mid Winter District Deputies meeting I received reports from 13 District Deputies. Although I wish there were more, I am sure more will come in the near future.

Reporting on the programming progress of our Councils is not difficult, Worthy Grand Knights. All you have to do is let your District Deputies know what part of the 36 activities your Councils have completed and they will report them to me.

You **MUST**; complete all 36 activities to receive the **ILLINOIS BEST AWARD** – our highest outstanding council award. Completing 33 activities earns the Mariner's Award, 25 activities earns the Discoverer's Award, and 18 activities earns the Voyager's Award

So let us not waste any more time! Get those reports to your District Deputies. Then when we all come to the State Convention those Councils who have completed the Columbian Spirit Program can be properly recognized. Once again as I have

said in the past let us all **TASTE AND SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C.**

Illinois Knights in Action



North American Martyrs Council 4338 in Niles membership has increased by four Eagle Scouts. Here is a Council finding new sources for growth—the young future leaders of our Order.

Precious Blood Council 9689 in Grayslake had its fifth blood drive of the year on Aug. 3, collecting 35 pints. The council hosts blood drives every eight weeks at St. Gilbert Parish for LifeSource Blood Services.

STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

State Charities Director

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Charity Starts at Home

Charity starts at home, in your council. From the New York exit poll of suspended brothers, several of the reasons given for not paying dues were money problems. There is no reason a brother suffering from bad financial times should be suspended. Where is your Charity? A brother's dues can be reduced or waived for the year. I would be ashamed of suspending a brother who has financial problems - show your charity. And remember, a brother may not want others to know he is having difficulties. Ask your brother discreetly. Thank you.

Deadline for Charitable Contributions

The Charity Year is drawing to a close. All charity checks / monies must be RECEIVED by the State Office BEFORE April 29 (not postmarked, we

aren't the IRS). It's an accounting thing, just like getting the paperwork done for MR/LD Drive. Thank you for all your efforts.

Special Olympics Spring Games

Now is the time to plan participation in the Special Olympics Spring Games. Grand Knights should receive a packet identifying the Special Olympic Areas in Illinois, which SO Area the council is in, and the Special Olympics Area Coordinator for each area. Councils are encouraged to contact their SO Area Coordinator and volunteer to help at the SO Spring Games. Manpower is needed and financial assistance is always accepted. The State has contributed \$80K to SO Spring Games making the Knights a Gold Medal sponsor in every Area. Volunteer to work SO Games. The SO Area Coordinator will give the members jobs, schedule your times, and coordinate the work. All your council has to do is tell the Coordinator how many workers will be there and on what day. It is very simple to run this event, show up and work. Take a prospect with you and show him the Knights at work.

Vocation Support News

Vocation Support Raffle was a giant success grossing over \$82,000. Great job Ron Ziembra, Bill Brown, and everyone selling tickets. The winners were drawn at the Mid-Winter DD Meeting. The raffle supports our seminarians (your future pastors) and is the major fundraiser for the Vocation Support Fund. However, councils may always send more monies into the state office. Support seminarians with the Supreme RSVP Program.

MR/LD News

The 35th annual Mental Retardation / Learning Disabilities Drive is history. Thank you for all your hard work. Please send in your council's Drive Report and the drive proceeds. The MR/LD Charity Fund is still working – councils can send in more funds right to the end of the Charity Year. MR/LD is more than 3 days in the fall. If your council is short of goal, consider another fundraiser. Keep trying and don't give up.

2005 MR/LD Drive will be September 16-18, 2005. The state officers have redesigned the aprons. There is only "MR/LD" now. The new Aprons are available and a new Apron Order was distributed at the Mid-Winter DD meeting. Please order and use the new aprons. You should order new aprons by July 1 to be sure to receive them in time.

Newman News

The Newman Appeal Letters generated a nice return. But, since the cup is only about half full, I am hoping for more Newman monies to be arriving soon. Keep our college students in mind and respond with your check to the Newman Fund. Newman checks to various centers and programs have been distributed according to the allocation recommended by the Newman Apostolate Directors. The Newman checks totaled \$225K. Any council wanting to hold a **Newman Walk-A-Thon**, please contact Bill Linz (Newman Chairman). A spring walk would be great to finish the Charity year.

GAF News

Info from GAF Chairman Jerry Bevignani: My Brother Knights, let me first thank you for all you do for Charities in the Knights of Columbus, and the Illinois State Council. Without the hard work and dedication you provide, we could not do the things we do.

January is here, and the Charities year is over half over. I hope all the Councils have been **"Passing The Can"** for General Assistance. Congratulations to the 50 Councils that have submitted funds they have collected in their Councils. Currently 14 councils in the state have achieved 100% or more of their General Assistance Fund quota for the year. All we ask for is \$1.25 per member for this fund. We have collected so far \$7,300 for the General Assistance fund.

General Assistance Fund requests have been coming in steadily. We were able to make a donation to the State of Florida to help out with the relief they needed with the storms that occurred this year. There have also been several requests from Parishes and individuals we were able to help within the state also.

This fund is **YOUR** General Assistance Fund. Without the Councils sending in the funds that you collect, we cannot provide the funds necessary to the groups or individuals that require need. Please remember, that **Charity** is the first principal of our Order. Without the Councils submitting funds, we cannot do the good work that we do.

If you don't **"Pass The Can"** or know about the program, or understand the program, don't hesitate to contact me. A letter will be mailed shortly to help detail the program, and the requests.

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 continue the good work. And many others will **TASTE AND SEE ... The Goodness of the K of C.**

Illinois Knights in Action



During the Annual Evansville Council 1952 Christmas Party held Sunday, December 5, 2005 in Evansville, Grand Knight Gilbert Birk recognized Steven Pautler of Evansville for 25 years as Chief Counselor of the Msgr. Francis Tecklenburg Columbian Squires Circle.

SPRING 2005 ACADEMY SESSIONS **State Academy Director**

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Purpose

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the spring 2005 Academy seminars. We worked with leadership in each of the dioceses to arrange dates and locations with more choices for your planning purposes; they also gave us good feedback about topics of interest. Please make this information available to your members for their consideration to attend the seminars.

Spring Seminar Topics*

- How to properly complete a council audit and **what value** it brings to your council.
- An update on current events from your elected state officers

- A spiritual enrichment presentation about Eucharistic Adoration

*Hands on exercises will be included in the Spring Seminars as attendees of the Fall Seminars found them to be especially helpful.

Timeframes

Seminars begin at **11:00 a.m.** and end at **4:00 p.m. except the seminar on February 20, 2005 in Rockford at St. Mary Church in Byron. That seminar will begin at 12:00 and conclude at 5:00 p.m. due to parking limitations.**

Lunch will be included at no cost to the attendees. We will also provide periodic breaks before and after each segment based on input from attendees.

Schedule and locations

Please remember that **ALL Members** are welcome to attend these seminars and you may attend at any of the locations shown below. We tried to strategically locate seminar locations to provide a wider choice for members to consider.

Date	Diocese	Location
2/20/05 12 p.m.	Rockford	Fr. Paul Kunkel Council 4739 St. Mary Church 228 E. Second St., Byron, IL
2/26/05 11a.m.	Belleville	St. Stephen Council 8089 St. Stephen Church 812 N. Main St., Flora, IL
2/27/05 11a.m.	Springfield	Bethalto Council 4688 400 Beau Chateau, Bethalto, IL
3/5/05 11 a.m.	Chicago I	Sheridan-Carroll Council 537 2015 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL
3/6/05 11 a.m.	Chicago II	Peter J Dalaly Council 13336 St. Francis Monastery 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL
3/12/05 11 a.m.	Peoria	Fr. J.O. Hunt Council 556 1556 East Fremont St., Galesburg, IL
3/13/05 11 a.m.	Joliet	Fr. McDonald Council 1911 537 S. York Rd., Elmhurst, IL

Correction

Seminar dates shown in the state mini-directory are incorrect and should be disregarded. We changed dates and locations since the mini-directory was printed after consulting with leadership in each diocese for the schedule shown in the above chart.

THANK YOU

State Public Relation Dir./Newsletter Editor

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I hope every one of you had a great Christmas and that your New Year will be prosperous. As many of you know I was in a serious auto accident on December 23, 2004 and now I face the long road to recovery. The first couple of days in the hospital were a little foggy but I do remember thanking God for what I had. 7 days in the hospital gives you a lot of time to reflect and pray but it was not only my prayers but the prayers offered by so many of you that brought me through the worst of times.

You see each time I received a call, a card, or a visit you reminded me what our Brotherhood is all about. Charity the basic principle of our Order was practiced by each of you. While in the hospital watching the news I realized how minuet my suffering was when compared to the suffering of so many due to the tsunami. God gives us signs throughout our lives to make us stronger. We need to see these signs so next time your feeling down look around and see that you are still better off than someone else and maybe by offering charity to that person you can lift your sprits and your suffering will seem less. God bless each and every one of you. Spread the word of the good our Order does. What you sow is what you reap.

STATE OFFICE REMINDERS

Illinois State Council Office

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Non-requested MR/LD Funds

The MR/LD funds from prior years that have not been disbursed or for which we have not received a letter requesting a temporary delay or for which no distribution is pending have now been transferred to the Homes Program.

While on the subject of MR/LD, be sure your council has sent in your MR Chairman Form (on Report Log "MHCH"). Our early spring mailings for the 2005 MR/LD Drive will be mailed to the Grand Knight or MR Chairman of record. Be sure the correct name is on record at the State Office.

Semiannual Council Audit

All councils should have filed, or should be working on their **Form 1295, Semiannual Council Audit Form for 12/31/04**. Remember, these can be **downloaded** from the Supreme Website (www.kofc.org) **but they cannot be submitted on-line**. Be sure to send the original to Supreme

and a copy to the District Deputy and to the State Office.

Changes in District Deputy Assignments

There have been some changes in District Deputy assignments. These are reflected on all reports, but in case you missed them, here are the changes for your records:

Council **1581** is assigned to DD #88 Jack Sherwin;

Councils **3936** and **8745** have been assigned to DD 85, Charles Roper;

Councils **7118** and **8166** have been assigned to DD 86 Dan Gorrell;

Council **11603** has been assigned to DD 50 John Horaney;

Council **9853** has been assigned to DD 52, Mark Schwartz;

Council **4537** has been assigned to DD 55, Charles Owens;

Council **11744** has been assigned to DD 56, Ray Aubry;

And **5591** has been assigned to DD 54, Donald Johnson.

Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due January 31st, 2005! This form can be completed on-line at www.kofc.org and we urge you to utilize this time saving tool. We remind you though that before you click that SUBMIT button, be sure you have entered the email addresses for yourself, your DD and the State Deputy (using the email for the State Office). Once you click SUBMIT, a copy of your completed form is whisked to each address and your job is done! Easy! Be sure to print yourself a copy for your paper records.

Thanks for the Christmas Cards

We want to thank all those that remembered us in the State Office with their beautiful and thoughtful Christmas cards. We proudly displayed them for all who visited us this Holiday season.

Charity Goals

Each Financial Secretary should have received a letter listing their Charity Goals and funds collected as of 12/31/04 for their council. Additionally, they should have received a listing of all the donors in their council to the Newman Apostolate Program. We ask they be sure to share this information with their Grand Knight and

membership. This should aid every council in attaining their Charity goals by the end of the Charity year (April 30th, 2005). If our records do not agree with your disbursements, please contact the State Office at 815-935-2262, 9AM-4PM Daily, to reconcile the differences.

New Mailing Address for Supreme Council

Just to keep you informed, The Supreme Council Knights of Columbus, has a new mailing address for all correspondence and parcel deliveries. They now request all mail be directed to their new mailroom facility with the department to which it should be delivered noted in the address:

Please change your records to:

**Supreme Council Knights of Columbus
Attention:
78 Meadows Street
New Haven, CT 06519-1745**

Knights in Action



Lake Forest (Ill.) Council 1268 donated a flag for each classroom at St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan.

Nearly 250 people from 10 local parishes attended a celebration for altar servers held by **Msgr. George A. Dzurjo Council 790 in Streator**. After returning home from duty in Afghanistan, USMC Capt. Jon P. Connolly joined **Tri-Cities Council 1098 in Granite City** to which his father, grandfather and three uncles belong. Connolly's brother-in-law is a member of Father Al Walaczek Council 8204 in Oklahoma City.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus is seeking applicants for the salaried position of Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary serves at the pleasure of the State Deputy and Elected State Officers, subject to an annual review prior to reappointment. As Office Manager for the Illinois State Council and K of C Charities, Inc, the Executive Secretary supervises 1.5 FTE employees, performs annual evaluation of staff, maintains efficient operations of the office and recommends equipment and computer hardware & software needs for office. He also serves as liaison between Elected and Selected State Council Officers and the membership, oversees the preparation and analysis of reports and forms such as membership charities and programming reports, financial records, budget tracking and income/expense statements, and provides information for the preparation of the annual budget. The Executive Secretary is responsible for maintaining membership records and mailing materials to councils, assemblies, and appointed state family members which includes dissemination of Semiannual District Deputy Meeting and State Convention information, preparation of the state directory, and assists with maintenance of a current and accurate Illinois State Council website.

The ideal candidate will be a member of the Knights of Columbus, have practical office administration experience, an ability to work independently with minimum direct supervision; excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to deal with multiple projects and strong computer skills including the ability to use business software applications, spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

The Illinois Knights of Columbus State Office is located in Kankakee, IL. The successful candidate may begin employment as early as April 2005. Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, and a brief resume to:

William Spainhour, IPSD
364 Blane Court
Dawson, IL 62520-3324

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Illinois Knights in Action



Oswego (Ill.) Council 7247 held a blood drive.

St. Cecilia Council 13216 in **Glen Carbon** collected \$6,200 at a local Halloween parade for special education programs at area schools. The council also held its first annual memorial Mass and dinner at which its deceased Knights were honored.

Holy Family Council 13123 in **Rockford**

sponsored an hour of prayer at Holy Family Parish for the presidential elections. Parishioners were treated to refreshments afterward.

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**FRATERNAL BENEFITS
Seven Resolutions for the New Year**



1. Schedule a visit with your field agent: First things first. Life insurance can protect your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family will be protected – come what may. Your field agent can provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis.
2. Don't spend more than you earn: We all expect our government to budget the budget, but what about our own personal finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.
3. Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures: Unless you achieve self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If it's a mystery just where the money goes, try saving the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.
4. Take advantage of all saving options available to you: Everybody likes ways to cut taxes – any you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. Ask you K of C agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs.
5. Beware of get-rich-quick schemes – few of them work for ordinary people. Instead, patience is the more productive approach – and it requires less of your daily energy as well.
6. Trim down your high interest dept as fast as possible. Would you have bought that \$1000 big-screen TV is the price were \$1,180. That's what you'd pay for it if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card.
7. Be prepared for unexpected expenditures: Then these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenditures might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs – maybe even the discretionary purchase of a big- screen television.

**Into Your Hands We
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Angelo T. Abba	2164	48
Joseph J. Bauer	1028	56
Charles H. Beckfeld ^{1, 2}	1028	59
Edward Berkenkotter	1028	54
Francis J. Brissette ^{1, 2}	517	57
Donald A. Brossart	577	33
Thomas K. Coyne	1028	41
Victor P. Buese	460	43
Dan A. DeRuntz	1098	28
Robert C. Dirks	665	58
Ivan L. Finfrock, Jr	577	36
Christopher Gregorich	1334	4
Bernard Grimes	11027	36
Joseph "Ray" Hanahan	460	62
Paul Holtcrave	2869	41
John Hornback	460	20
Matt J. Hrovatic	2164	35
Rev. Edwin H. Hustedde	1334	48
Ralph Joehl	460	71
Kenneth L. Kasten	460	15
Rev. Brendan M. Keane	460	25
Louis Kohler	1334	12
Peter G. Krieshok	1098	5
Clinton Latimore	5574	27
Camillus Markus	1334	14
Eltore Martire	1899	50
Leonard F Partyka ¹	8699	21
Tony C. Pisoni	2164	66
William Posh	11027	24
Herman Prehm	3880	43
James G. Seman	577	58
George M .Scherrer	1581	58
Dennis P. Schauster	1028	24
Cletus R. Schlarman	1028	70
Bernard L. Schumacher	665	36
Jerome J. Schilling ^{1, 2}	1334	68
Walt Sheble	4837	12
Jerome "Jerry" Springman	460	66
Joe Tapella	2164	57
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