

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



Illinois Knights News



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I bring the greetings of Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, and our own Supreme Secretary, Charles Foos, from New Haven. They will be

in Chicago the first week in August for the Supreme Convention with the more than 70 jurisdictions in the Order. We will report many of the Supreme Convention activities in the next issue of the newsletter.

I am happy to report that Illinois had positive growth for the 3rd consecutive year with a net gain after all additions and subtractions of +303. IPSD Logan Ludwig, State Membership Chairman Skip Kinyon and all the local council members who helped by recruiting new members deserve our grateful appreciation. Bringing in new members to help our councils grow and be vibrant is what we are all about. Supreme's theme is about membership being an "**Experience of a Lifetime**". We all want to share the good experiences of our lifetime with family and friends. I challenge the officer's in each Council to recruit 2 new members in the first quarter of the fraternal year to kick-start your membership growth. There are 14

officers installed in each council and surely this team of officers can recruit at least 2 new members from July to September. The Grand Knight's will receive by mail the membership program from Bill Linz, State Membership Director. Your District Deputy should cover this material at his District meetings. Membership recruitment should be a 12-month program and should involve planning, just like your other program activities. Let's get this year off to a good start in preparing for the October Membership Blitz.

State Program Director Skip Kinyon has an article informing councils of the tweaking we performed on the **Illinois Spirit Awards for 2005-06**. The program allows a little flexibility in selecting programs by adding 4 more to the list. Some District Deputy's asked for this flexibility based on comments from the local councils. As in the past, the council is not competing against other councils, only striving to achieve the awards based on their own achievements. The names of the awards have also changed to utilize terms related to the Knights of Medieval times. This information should have been sent to you and will also be covered in more detail at the District meetings.

Illinois ranked 4th in the order for charitable dollars donated in the last calendar year. However, 2 other jurisdictions are very close on our heels, and we do not want to slide further down on the list. Charities Director Ted Stites has prepared a letter to all Grand Knights with the details of the charities goals for this year. Three of the goals have decreased for most councils, however, if we all pull together to reach these goals, we will still collect more money than in the past year. The MR/LD goal is the only one less than last year's collections because the 2001 year dropped out of the 3 year average. The collections in 2001 were the best we ever raised because of the World Trade Center tragedy just the week before. We hope that councils will strive to raise more than last year as we are getting close to that \$2 million threshold. The District Deputy or your Regional Coordinators should be able to give you more information on the charities programs and are willing to assist you in any way.

I have chosen as my motto this year "Brothers –United by Faith to serve Church and Community". A lot of thought went into this selection. As Knights we are a fraternal organization united by our catholicity. Our Faith is what brings us together in serving our churches and our communities. Knighthood in Our Order makes us stronger Catholics as we hope to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Service to Church and Community is following the Gospel and helping our fellow brothers and sisters. Go forth and Proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

The Elected and Selected State Officers are here to serve you. Your first source of information and

guidance should be your District Deputy. He represents the Supreme Knight and myself at the local level. However, if you need additional help, call or email any of us. As a final note, my email address has changed and will be corrected in the new directory when it comes out in September. Please change your address book to reflect

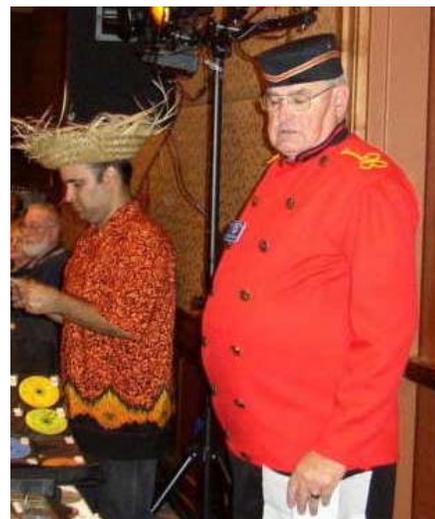
paulhavkc2964@frontiernet.net. Be safe in your travels. Vivat Jesus!

Paul Havrilka
State Deputy

CONVENTION's FRIDAY NITE PICS

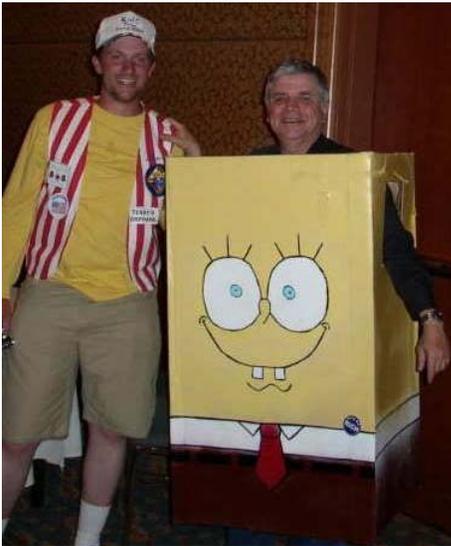


Chicago's Bob "The enforcer" Bukowski waits for an offer he can't refuse. Below was our version of Taco Bell.





Below: Sponge Deputy Logan square pants get a little help from a Brother at the State Conventions Friday night party. "Beam him up Scotty"



Yes the convention did have it's "goofy" moments. John & Chris Muldoon makes such a beautiful couple!

SD Paul Havrilka tells ST Jim Bednar "if the Hat fits then it ain't Funny".



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REPORT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL - FORM 365

The Report of Service Personnel – Form 365 is to be completed and filed with the Supreme Office, State Council and District Deputy by August 1, 2005. The Report is one of the basic requirements for **STAR COUNCIL AWARD**. The form is to be completed by the Grand Knight but requires the active input of the Council Officers as it lists those persons assigned as the Council Service Program Directors.

This report is vital to the council in many respects. This report is part of the essential process of organizing your council activities for this Fraternal Year and assigning those persons who will direct those activities toward their success. It is a tool that is used by both the Supreme and State Councils in directing important information to the Directors of the various Council Activities.

The Grand Knight in assigning Council Members as Directors should be in consultation with his Elected Officers and "Key Members" of his council. Selection of Directors should be made with consideration of each member's individual

talents, interest of the activities, availability, and of course, willingness to perform the duties necessary to achieve success.

There are many activities that require assignment. A member can be selected as a Director of more than one activity (though not recommended). It is important to prioritize those activities that are most important toward your Council's overall programming and make the assignments accordingly. It may not be possible to complete ALL Assignments by the deadline of August 1st. Please complete as much as possible and **SUBMIT THE REPORT. The Grand Knight can complete subsequent report updates within 90 days.**

Last year's report can be used as a guide but realize that there can be significant differences between calendar years. The data used to complete the form is a "team effort" and should not default to one person. The Grand Knight has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that the Form 365 is completed as accurate as possible before the August 1, 2005 deadline. Remember that "the job isn't done until the paperwork is complete" is not simply a slogan but a real truth.

If your council needs assistance with the completion of this form, please seek the advice and guidance of the District Deputy. The State Council has resources that can be utilized to help your council with this form or any items that require assistance. Please contact the State Office in Kankakee or any of the State Officers as noted in your state directory. We are all looking forward to your council success in achieving Star Council and being able to be "Brothers United by Faith to Serve Church and Community"

Illinois Knights in Action
Father Perez Council 1444 in Chicago sent \$400 to Father John Barkmeyer, who is deployed in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Holy Trinity Council 4400 in Joliet presented checks for \$3,000 to Providence Catholic High School and Joliet Catholic Academy.



PictureD: PGK Dan Ensign & John Coyle at the Anthony Sheehan lighting of the torch for Special Olympics

St. Rita's Council 7624 in Rockford held a fund-raising dinner on May 21, Armed Forces Day. Proceeds from the event were used to buy items for care packages for U.S. troops deployed overseas. Boy Scouts from Troop 57 presented the colors.

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The new fraternal year has begun and as I "add up" what we as the Knights of Illinois did last year it appears that the numbers are a PLUS in membership, again! Now is the time to start adding up the new members so that again in the fraternal year of 2005 – 2006 we will again see the membership numbers add up to a PLUS again. Keep adding and avoid subtracting but if you must be sensible and reach for new members. We (your brothers in Illinois) are counting on you.

While we are talking numbers it is again that time for the semi-annual audit of the council. This is the time that you verify to your members that the finances have been handled properly and that all is well with your council. Be sure that you look

carefully at the area under **ASSETS** where it says: **Due From XXX Members \$000.00**. This is where you are to list the number of members in arrears of their dues at the time of the audit and how much the total owed is.

This one line can tell you how healthy your council is. If you are a council of 100 and you have 35 members in arrears than you retention committee had better start making contact with these members. The longer your council delays in acting on the arrearage the harder it will be to collect and as a result is usually the worst case scenario, suspension of the member. Be proactive with your members rather than reactive, everyone will be better off and your council will be healthy.

Have a great rest of the summer and while you are at it ask another catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus today.

Illinois Knights in Action

Marcelline Council 7694 in Schaumburg established the Vocations Cross Program. Each week a parishioner displays the cross at home and prays at least once per day with family members for an increase in vocations.



Members of the Msg. Francis Tecklenburg Columbian Squires of Evansville surround Justin Renner, who was injured in an automobile accident last September, wishing him a happy 19th.

Members of Maria Council 4836 in Park Ridge helped deliver approximately 4,000 wreaths for the annual Christmas wreath

sale organized by the Women's Center, a Catholic crisis pregnancy center.

St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon held a Flag Day celebration June 14 at the 30-foot flagpole it purchased for St. Cecilia Church in 2004. Attendees received flyers about the Knights' role in adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. The Boy Scouts performed the flag retirement ceremony, and a new flag was raised.

More than 200 guests attended the dinner dance held by Father Joseph C. Stroot Council 3243 in Skokie to celebrate its 55th anniversary

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Constitution and By Laws-Our Roadmap to Order

First let me **congratulate** all council officers upon your election as leaders in your respective councils. While the work of our councils is seamless from year to year, this time introduces new leaders to carry out responsibilities and duties of running a council. It is important as leaders to **connect with the mission of our Order**. The extent to which we make that connection also ensures that what we stand for in principle and practice is done consistently in our actions. The constitution and by laws of the Knights of Columbus is a formal document that serves as a great source for practical guidance on a number of issues. As leaders we should all be familiar with its contents or at least use it as a reference when questions arise about just **how things should be done**. It is important to be mindful that local councils are **subordinate** to the Supreme Council, so each council by laws is specially connected to our Supreme Council document. The council advocate has a deliberate role in being familiar with both

the local and Supreme Council by laws and a responsibility of ensuring that activities of the council comply with the laws and rules of the order.

Some questions may arise that pertain to matters outside of our order's rules. For example, the question of the Knights of Columbus being a **tax exempt** organization is often raised and sometimes confused with **non-profit** status. This issue relates more to federal laws and rules not found in our constitution and by laws. To be sure the Knights of Columbus is **exempt from Federal taxes, but not Illinois Sales Tax**. Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. is exempt from both income taxes and sales taxes. Special rules must be met before using this tax exemption and failure to comply with them will result in losing that privilege for everyone. If you have any questions of this nature, please be sure to seek advice from the State Advocate at richardspdkc@aol.com or you may call at 630-932-9107.

Illinois Knights in Action



*In the picture A Check for \$3000 was presented from **Joliet is Holy Trinity Council 4400**, to Providence Catholic High School. Pictured are Jim Bell, Building Corp. President, Bernie Lawrence, Grand Knight and Fr. Richard McGrath President of Providence*

*Knights from **St. Charles Council 12497** and their families participated in the St. Charles Pride of the Fox RiverFest. The council fielded an entry in the Chinese dragon boat race and enjoyed a picnic in*

the park with their families after winning several heats but failing to make the finals.

State Membership Director

Bill Linz Jr.

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The new fraternal year has begun. With positive growth in Illinois membership, the past three years has given us a strong foundation to build upon. This was made possible by your dedication, commitment and teamwork. The Illinois State council membership goal for the 2005-06 fraternal years is a net gain of 1610 members (NEW MEMBERS OVER SUSPENSIONS & WITHDRAWALS). We need to recruit 300 plus new or former members per month. This request may seem overwhelming to individual districts and councils, but once again working as a team with the support of the Supreme Council, elected & selected State Officers, Insurance agent,s Diocesan coordinators & consultants and District Deputies we will surpass this goal and set new goals.

To be successful and accomplish membership recruitment goals, we must have some tools to work with. Some useful tools are:

AUDIO - VISUALS & PRINTED MATERIALS: A council Tri-Fold, Training & Recruitment, Committee videos.

PROGRAMS: October & March Blitzes, the Shining Armor Award, and the Welcome Back Brother Program.

These programs have proven to be successful. Looking back, at the past three years of membership growth in Illinois, councils that have participated in the two blitzes have shown positive growth in membership. Councils that participated in the Shining Armor Award motivated their new member to get active and participate in council programs; this helps reduce suspensions and withdrawals. Why does this program seem to work? Because as the new members

get involved, stay involved, are well informed, they will also feel welcome, comfortable, and needed. The *Welcome Back Brother* program is another important recruitment instrument. This program helps bring back our former members, who may have dropped out due to loss of job, a change in their finance or for various other reasons. We must run special recruitment drives to bring back our former brother knights.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES 2005-06

Top Recruiter and State Family Picnic:

- a. Council must finish with 200% or 100% + 25 members over quota; which ever is the lesser.
- b. The Grand Knight and immediate family (wife & children) and the council's top two recruiters and their immediate families will be invited to a family style picnic at which the elected and selected State Officers will cook, serve and entertain you.
- c. Qualifying dates: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.
- d. Picnic date TBA(July – August 2006)
- e. Councils meeting the above requirements must send photocopies of their Form 100's to State Membership Director, Bill Linz Jr. at: 17632 Roy St. Lansing, Illinois 60438-2021
- f. Keep in mind that section six of the membership document must be completed in order for the recruiter to qualify for incentives.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus hoping to give Catholic men a means to grow in their faith, serve their Church, parishes and communities. Our Order's principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism are needed more than ever in the world today. If our 2005-06 membership quotas seem overwhelming, remember **"A thousand mile journey begins with one step."**—**Lao-tse** Take that first step to meeting

your council's or district's membership quota, by inviting someone to share the "Experience of a Lifetime" by joining the Knights of Columbus.

Illinois Knights in Action

Tri-Cities Council 1098 in Granite City hosted a Memorial Day Mass, with a Fourth Degree honor guard, at Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville. After Mass, council members served coffee, juice and donuts to the 650 people who attended.

Msgr. James P. Burke Council 2964 in Mount Vernon was one of 52 groups that took part in the citywide clean-up. Knights Mark Kabat, Dan Huebel, Bill Jones, Jean Rettig and Paul Sanders cleaned up the grounds of St. Mary's Parish and surrounding areas.



FDD Tony DePippo of Fr. McCormick Council 3880 of Crystal Lake has no trouble collecting for MR/LD. Tony is stationed in Iraq, training their Police.

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Welcome brother Knights to a new fraternal year with the Illinois Knights of Columbus. This is such an exciting time for all. The anticipation of a new year's worth of successes, council growth and many people we can help through our various programs is cause for excitement. To the immediate Past Grand Knights of Illinois a big THANK-YOU to you and your

council members for all of your dedication this past year. As the new fraternal year begins our State Deputy Paul Havrilka Jr. is offering to all eligible Catholic men the opportunity to be:

“BROTHERS---UNITED BY FAITH TO SERVE CHURCH & COMMUNITY”.

One of the best ways of keeping our membership strong and growing is by offering many activities and programs which will appeal to our volunteering spirit. The many activities that we offer through our Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth activities is a sure draw for new members and member retention as well. As an example, in the area of Council activities during the month of August: **Effingham Council # 665** will host the State Horseshoe Tournament. Many brother knights will be converging on the city of Effingham to show their skills. This is a **fun** time by all. We are a faith based organization and The Knight's of Columbus stand behind our Priest's with reverence and respect and what a better way to honor our priest's than by having our councils conduct an event to do just that. Sunday October 30th 2005 has been designated as Priesthood Sunday. During this fraternal year **ALL** of our councils should honor each of our men who have answered a calling from our Lord to serve his flock.

Supreme has introduced a new program for our Youth. **The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge**. Soccer is becoming more and more popular in the United States and the Knights of Columbus are joining in on the popularity and competition. All councils are encouraged to hold a Soccer Challenge event. This is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14; they will be given 15 shots on goal from the penalty line to a scoring goal that is divided into 5 scoring areas. Each scoring area is a different point value depending on the difficulty of the location. The Chairman for this event is Gerry Mattix-Wand. When Gerry gives you a call to ask

for locations to hold the district, regional or state finals, say yes as this sounds like a really fun event.

Congratulations to 12 year old James Nowakowski for being one of the International winners of the 12 year old Free-throw Championship. James was chosen not only because of his accuracy in making 24 shots out 25 attempts, but also his sportsmanship, character and determination. James was sponsored by **Trinity council #3755 in Chicago**. Way to go James!!

The summer District Deputy Meeting has just concluded and the "**SPIRIT OF ILLINOIS HONORS**" award program was introduced. I urge all council Grand Knights and council programming chairman to meet with your District Deputy to plan your year of programming. The top award this is year is the **KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY GRAIL**, this will be awarded to councils who perform 36 to 40 of the outlined programs in Church, Council, Community, Family and Youth activities. Councils who perform a minimum of 32 to 36 programs will receive the **KING ARTHUR'S ROUNDTABLE** award. The **KING RICHARD'S CRUSADERS** award will be given to councils who participate in 28 to 32 programs and the **EXCALIBER** award will be given to councils who conduct a minimum of 18 programs. Any council who conducts the required number of programs in the Spirit of Illinois award will receive that award. Councils are not competing against each other. They are competing against themselves. Every council who has active programming action plan is a council who is growing. Having an active programming plan enables each council to offer its members the chance to practice the main principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

I look forward to a great year in programming in Illinois and for every Catholic man and his family to be

“BROTHERS---UNITED BY FAITH TO SERVE CHURCH & COMMUNITY”.

Illinois Knights in Action



Pictured Above. St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon sponsored three men's and three women's teams in the Springfield Diocesan Charity Bowling Tournament. The proceeds were donated to area charities.

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Fall 2005 KC Academy Seminars

Based on the feedback received most recently from the State Convention Lunch & Learn sessions and on other feedback given to the KC Academy, the Fall 2005 seminar will focus on officer duties/responsibilities, the proper running of the meeting, and the proper protocol/Roberts Rules of Order for a Council meeting. As has been the tradition and history of the Academy, the roles of specific Officers will continue to be expanded and this seminar the roles of the Recorder and Trustee will be highlighted. This path will stay in line with the five year plan developed by the Academy's founders.

It should be noted that there has been much discussion and comments around the time and location of the meetings. In an effort to address this and based on specific feedback from the various Diocesan leadership teams a schedule has been tentatively established. Our

fervent hope is to INCREASE attendance and participation with these modifications. The Saturday seminars will run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., depending on the Dioceses. The Sunday session will run from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Depending upon the Diocese time there will continue to be either a “working” breakfast or lunch provided at NO COST to the participants.

On another note, the Academy faculty will be expanded in the next month or so to include a functioning member from each Diocese. Those selections are underway as of this writing.

ALL Councils are invited and expected to attend one seminar session in the fall and one in the spring. Not only is each Council invited but the Council officers as well. From our conversations with Supreme, there are many changes ahead in the way we do things and the Academy faculty will present those as they happen. Thus it is truly incumbent upon you to be there.

The tentative Academy schedule is as follows:

August 20
Peoria Diocese - Peoria IL

September 24
Belleville Diocese - Sparta, IL

September 25
Rockford Diocese - Crystal Lake, IL

October 8
Chicago Diocese - Tinley Park, IL

October 15
Springfield Diocese - Litchfield, IL

October 16
Joliet Diocese - Joliet, IL

October 29
Chicago Diocese - Niles, IL

Note: while the dates and locations are solidified, the times may vary slightly with regard to the Saturday seminars.

In closing, I encourage all to attend and support these seminars. We would like to thank you in advance for all of your past support and the support you will show in the future. Also, a very special thank you to the Diocesan Leadership teams for your help and assistance in establishing the schedule for these invaluable seminars. We encourage and want your candid feedback and comments. See you at the seminars!

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



John Laughlin, District Deputy #49 Installed The Council and Ladies Auxilliary officers of Allouze Council 658 of Rock Island . also pictured are Louie Alongi, GK, June Samuelson, Pres. of Ladies Auxiliary

McHenry Council 1288 awarded its annual \$1,000 college scholarship to Rebecca Mauch following Mass at Church of the Holy Apostles on June 19. The scholarship is given to a deserving student from the three parishes served by the Knights. Mauch plans a career in medicine.

Leo Council 716 in Moline distributed \$7,750 to various organizations that assist people with intellectual disabilities.

Archbishop Schlarman Council 3507 in Pekin has raised a total of \$317,000 for

people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

CONGRATULATIONS to PSD Bill & Jeannie Spainhour on completing 40 years of Maritial Bliss.

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Our State Deputy Paul Havrilka has as his motto: **"BROTHERS---UNITED BY FAITH TO SERVE CHURCH & COMMUNITY"**. Like each State Deputy before him his motto reflects what the Knights of Columbus is about. As Brothers in this Great Organization we do need to unite. need I say, it is not always the same. We need to come together as Brothers in the greatest juristision in the order. As Knights of Illinois we need to stand behind our officers and members. What we do as a group reflects who we are. Our Faith is our greatest teacher and we learn this from Church and spread it to the community. When united we are a force to be heard. Ask a Catholic Gentleman to join, attend the degrees with him and listen to the words spoken. Each time you do this you become that:

"Brother--United by Faith to Serve Church & Community."



2005-2006 Illinois State Council Family



Into Your Hands We Commend Their Spirit

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Council #</u>	<u>Yrs of Service</u>
Joseph Brunch	Council 1098	30 years
Craig J. Fahrner	Council 5573	2 years
Edward J. Gramann	Council 2869	52 years
Walter Marzluf	Council 1098	5 years
John Monahah	Council 5025	36 years
Donald J. Moore	Council 1098	10 years
Albert Patera	Council 1899	55 years
Guy Porter	Council 1028	? years
Clarence A. Ruska	Council 574	10 years
Gerald F. Savercool	Council 7624	? years
Charles E. Schott	Council 574	34 years
Leonard F. Schrage	Council 2869	49 years
Michael S. Sullivan-PGK	Council 574	41 years
James P. Worthen	Council 1098	23 years

**May Their Souls and all the Souls of the Faithfully
Departed Rest in Peace. Amen**

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