

# Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



## Illinois Knights News

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It's already time for my second newsletter article, and the first one just arrived at your house. Since the beginning of the fraternal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we've hosted a

District Deputy training meeting in Mt. Vernon, the Supreme Convention in Chicago, and the KC Academy held its first session in Washington, IL. Your own District Deputy should have hosted his meeting and training for the Grand Knights and officers of his councils. The KC Academy will be making its journey throughout the State to help train officers of councils on how to improve their job performance. Training is a vital part in making councils successful and growth oriented. This is why the State Council and Supreme Council encourage the training at all levels of the Order and it is the groundwork for developing future leaders of the Order. We respectfully request that the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and several other officers try to attend one of the Academies. There is at least one session scheduled in each diocese, and while it may be a distance to travel for some, the 4 hours of training you will receive is well worth your time. Many professional organizations offer training programs that companies send their staff to improve their skills and these ranging in cost from \$75 to \$400 or more. We are offering this training and even supplying a light lunch for free.

How can you refuse a deal like this? I hope to see you at one of these sessions.

Brothers, we are in the second month of the fraternal year, and many councils have yet to start working on recruiting new members. Recruitment must be a 12-month program, not just something we do the last half of the year. The October Blitz will be here before you know it, and a successful membership campaign requires planning, just like any other program. Don't put off the planning and organizing part of the Blitz. This should be done in August and September, so the weekend Mass blitzes and Open Houses are well organized. To continue to grow the Order and share the "**Experience of a Lifetime**" it takes a concerted effort of a Recruitment Team to work your Blitz weekends. Plan it now! Just, do it!

The Illinois jurisdiction should be proud of the fantastic job they did in hosting the 2005 Supreme Convention and Eucharistic Congress in Chicago the first week in August. While I was the beneficiary of many of the kudos that were given to Illinois, we all know it took a lot of planning and hundreds of volunteers to complete this task so superbly. Chairman, Don Lajoie, IPSP Logan Ludwig, and their committee chairmen have been meeting for 2 years to put the whole week of events together. Registration, Tours, City Store, Taste of Chicago, Security, Transportation of the Hierarchy, Ladies Luncheon, Hospitality, Honor Guards are some of the committees that enlisted numerous volunteers throughout Chicago and the State to assist with running a smooth convention for the

more than 2000 people who came to Chicago. The numbers for the Eucharistic Congress and outdoor Benediction with Cardinal George on Friday exceeded 5,000 and can reach 15,000 depending on which news story you read. The State Office was very instrumental in keeping all the paperwork flowing, answering calls, and assisting the committee members. Judy and I wish to sincerely thank everyone for this dedicated effort that allowed Illinois to be in the spotlight at the Convention.

In closing this month's article, I wish to note that the Illinois State Council is losing a valuable asset with the retirement of Joe Yaeger at the end of August. Joe has served as the Executive Secretary for several years and many Past State Deputies. He has been a great help to many State Officers, Grand Knights and District Deputies in the time he served the Illinois jurisdiction. He helped to train his replacement over the last few months, and will be leaving the office in a state of good transition. He is a friend to many Brother Knights throughout the entire State of Illinois. He will be missed. God's Peace and Happy Retirement Joe! Enjoy your family and grandchildren.

Vivat Jesus! State Deputy Paul Havrilka  
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### **Illinois Knights in Action**



Knights of Crisis is the name of the classic rock band formed by Joe Blaney and Damian Marmion, members of **Father John D. Ring Council 574 in Bloomington**, Jim Dougan and Doug Drilling of **Father Thomas Carmody Council 6498**, also in Bloomington, and their friends Red Miller and Jason Lied. The group plays benefit concerts and has just released its first CD, "Knight Job." For more information visit:  
[www.knightsofcrisis.com](http://www.knightsofcrisis.com).

### **State Secretary**

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### **EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME-BUILDING A BETTER WORLD**

The Knights of Columbus is indeed an "Experience of A Lifetime". The Jurisdiction of Illinois just completed hosting "The International Convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus". This was a unique and rare opportunity to "show off" the City of Chicago and extend some "Midwest "hospitality to Brothers Knights and their families from throughout the world as well as share our fraternity and publicly display our Faith with a procession of thousands across Michigan Avenue and through Grant Park for an outdoor Benediction celebrated by Archbishop Francis Cardinal George. I'm sure you have heard and will hear more about these wonderful events.

The opportunity to participate was extended to ALL Brother Knights and their families. Those who did participate will have memories and stories that will last for a lifetime. This opportunity was made possible through their membership in the Knights of Columbus. As we should NOW be in the "full swing" of this fraternal year, we should take time reflect and indeed recognize how important our membership in this Great Order is to each one of us. The many opportunities that we have to affect the lives of a great many people are often lost in the toil of the "hard work" that is so necessary to make this world "a better place for ALL". We need to remember "How Different Our Lives would be" were it not for our membership and involvement in the Knights of Columbus.

This is the time of the year that councils often devote to planning the many events that will be performed throughout the year and special attention is given to the planning and preparation of the Annual MR/LD charitable drive. This is an important event that provides great assistance to those less fortunate while providing great visibility for the Order. While every event is

important, we tend to focus more attention to those events that help others in need. This is a natural extension of our charity and compassion; which is our primary virtue in the Order.

I asked that you give as much attention and compassion to your fellow Catholics that are NOT yet Knights of Columbus by taking the necessary time to plan and participate in the upcoming "Blitz" membership campaigns that will be held in the next few months. The extending of an invitation to join the Knights of Columbus is not simply helping our Order and strengthening your council but giving a fellow Catholic the opportunity for him and his family to share in those unique experiences that only you and other Knights can boast. This is truly a "generous gift" that you can provide. The "Experience of Lifetime" is not simply a slogan but a real lifetime event that you have and can give to others.

State Deputy Paul Havrilka's motto of "Knights United by Faith to help Church and Community" is so appropriate in describing who we are and what we are about. Let us ALL live up to this motto and be united to keeping our Faith and our Order foremost. We need to make sure that each one of makes it a personal responsibility to see that ALL Catholic men have a real opportunity to share this "Experience of a Lifetime".

### **Illinois Knights in Action**



A replica of a Fourth Degree chapeau formed the float entered in the **Warrenville** July 4th parade by Sir Knights from **St. Irene Council 6710**. The float honored the

75th anniversary of St. Irene Church and the council's 25th anniversary.

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We are moving fast into the heart of the fraternal year, Supreme Convention is behind us and fall is knocking at our door and now is the time to check you councils pulse. The councils pulse you ask, yes the councils pulse, which means how many new members? Has your council brought in the first, second, fifth, tenth member so far this year? Have fun but do not lose sight of those new members, they bring new willing hands, minds and hearts to keep your council alive.

Do not forget that the financial officers are the only ones who should be handling the depositing of the MR/LD Funds at the bank during and after the MR/LD Drive. Remember to finalize the finances from the drive as soon as possible and have your monies turned into the Office of the Illinois State Council Charities, Inc. with in 45 days of the drive weekend. If you do this it will mean that your council responded well with in the federal guidelines. Remember that the monies you collect on the corners and in front of the stores belongs to Illinois State Charities, Inc. and not your council. Keep in mind that the monies are collected from the public under the blanket of Charities, Inc. and you are entitled to receive your monies back for the programs that you support. Send your disbursement requests at the same time you send your monies and drive reports. Let all of us be good stewards of the funds and see that the monies are distributed in a timely fashion.

The Financial Secretaries should be preparing to order the new years membership cards so that they can mail out the dues notices in a timely manner and be ready when the dues start a rolling in. And don't forget to order extra cards for all of the new members you will be adding to the order this year.

### Supreme Convention Registration

What can I say but THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the brothers their spouses, Moms, children, nephews and friends who helped WELCOME our brothers from all the jurisdictions that our order serves. The help was great everyone did a great job and people kept saying how much they appreciated all that we did to make them feel at "home" in the Windy City.

Not to slight anyone but I need to point out Mike and Joe who will soon make fine Knights and who worked like crazy to greet our brothers. Each of these young men were reported to me on three occasions each by the convention goers that they will be great State Deputies some day. That indicates that they are being guided by good bro Knights who exemplify the principles of our order. Thank you Mike and Joe.

Again to all, THANK YOU!, Jim

### **State Advocate**

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### Get a good start and refresh your goals

Brother Knights, both Linda and I sincerely hope that you and your families are taking time to enjoy each other in fun activities as summertime quickly races to the fall season. Time flies and it is very important that we keep **Faith** and **Family** at the front of our goals. Just as our families count on us and need our attention, so do our Knights of Columbus councils in getting off to a good start and in refreshing our goals. We Knights of Columbus are known for our service and we indeed aspire to be **Brothers United by Faith to Serve our Church and Community**.

### How a few important reports can benefit you-

Communication is vital to success in our councils and the following reports facilitate a good start **[it's not too late to submit these if you haven't yet done so]**:

- **Directory information**-our state office in Kankakee assembles a state directory with name/address/phone number/email address of both the grand knight and financial secretary and used to send you communications. **[due before July 1, 2005]**
- **Form-185-** report of council officers which Supreme Council uses to identify who to send important information about reminders and developments in our Order **[due before July 1, 2005]**
- **Form-365-** Service Program Personnel report identifies appointed members to key positions in the council for activities that interest both existing and prospective members. It facilitates communication of important information on reminders and developments within our Order. **[due August 1, 2005]**
- **Form-2629-** Report of Round Table Coordinator is important to developing council strategies to ensure that there is a council presence in each parish that it serves. **[due September 1, 2005]**
- **Form-1295-** Semiannual Council Audit serves many purposes: **[due August 15, 2005]**
  - Ensures that the financial officers are following proper accounting procedures
  - Provides council leaders with an assessment on the vitality of council membership growth and its activities.

### Semiannual Council Audit

This last spring, our KC Academy provided training on completing an audit and gave some insightful guidance on the value that an audit can give to council planning. Take a look at prior audit reports and financial statements supporting those audits to assess where the council has directed its resources both in funds and time spent by the most valuable asset, the members. This is where we refresh our goals and look to provide something new in program activities. This effort makes a big difference to retaining members and in attracting new ones. Plan to attend this year's Academy seminars too!

**Good luck!** Get your council off to a good start and refresh your goals with an eye toward even greater success in your families and your councils. Vivat Jesus!

### ***Illinois Knights in Action***

**Fr. Ryan Council 5025 of Chicago** hosted an end of summer party/prospect night. Along with a Barbeque, members and their guests were shown a video about the Knights of Columbus. As a result 4 new prospective members signed a form 100.



Knight Julius Sebok of **Very Rev. Jeremiah Murphy Assembly** in **Decatur** presents recently ordained Father Tom Donovan with a chalice after Mass at St. Patrick Church in Decatur. Father Donovan is a member of **Decatur Council 577**

### **State Membership Director**

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In July, we challenged our Knights of Columbus officers to recruit two or more new members and in August councils were encouraged to celebrate Family Week. During this week councils were to invite prospective new members and their families to join the Knights of Columbus family. Many councils and districts took up these challenges. Their action shows great teamwork in accomplishing the goals for this fraternal year. Thank you to all councils and districts for hosting First and Major Degrees during July and August. September's theme is "Blitz Preparation".

### ***The Blitz is coming! The Blitz is coming! The Blitz is coming!***

There are five phrases to conducting a Blitz. The first phase is preparation. In this phase, councils need to obtain their pastor's permission to conduct a Membership Blitz within their parish; this is an opportune time to ask your pastor serve as a membership recruitment assistant. As a recruitment assistant, the pastor can announce the upcoming membership drive directly from the pulpit. Next, three weeks prior to the Blitz advertise in your local and diocesan newspaper, cable television stations and parish bulletin. Setting up a work schedule for the Blitz is important, too. Encourage officers, members, and insurance agents to sign up to work the mass they attend.

Phase two is execution. Display information about your council at a table set up at the church's entry. As you greet men entering the church, distribute prospect cards and pencils. Arrange with your pastor to have a membership recruitment announcement to be read during mass, which can be read by a priest or a member volunteer. Brother Knights can answer questions and collect the prospect cards as the congregation leaves church.

The third phase should occur within 48 hours of a Blitz. Make personal contact with every man who turned in a prospect card to inform them of the date, location, and time of the informational seminar to which their entire family is invited.

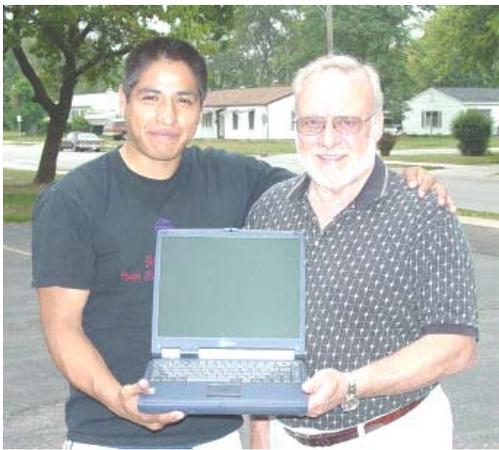
The Seminar is the fourth phase. Ask your council's Chaplain to begin the seminar with prayer and his insight to the Order and its mission. Speakers, videos, and brochures can highlight the benefits of joining our Order. Engage Brother Knights attending to offer each prospect a Form #100 and help the candidates to complete the form. Finally announce the date of the next First Degree.

Scheduling a First Degree shortly after the seminar is the final phase of a Membership Blitz. Contact candidate to remind them of the date and insure they have transportation to the location. Remember to order Degree Certificates from the Supreme Council Supply Department. At the Degree, get your

new members involved and explain the Shining Armor Award Program. After all the hard work you council has done, one more vital step needs to be done: Report to your District Deputy the results.

The **Blitz** is a component, along with the **Shining Armor** and **Welcome Back Brother** programs, of the membership triangle of success. With your continued dedication to the growth of the Knights of Columbus in your council and in Illinois, we, as a team, will achieve our goals of helping other men have the “**Experience of a Lifetime**”.

### **Illinois Knights in Action**



**Council 9806**, of St. James the Apostle Church, **Glen Ellyn** presented to Seminarian Jahary Llacsca a new lap top computer for his use in his studies to become a Priest. Gene Brenner is shown making the presentation.

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Brother Knights of Illinois, The second month of this programming year has just been completed and what a month it has been. The State Horseshoe tournament has been completed in Effingham, Family week and the KC Kamporee. I do not have the results in from the horseshoe tournament yet but I know a fine time was had by all. Many family activities were conducted during family week and I have been told

many fine campfire stories were told during the Kamporee. That is what makes programming so special. The different programming activities can involve all of our members and their families. Offering activities to our members and their families is what keeps our order strong and growing. The month of September is upon us and that means Labor Day and unfortunately this also means the summer is winding down. What a great chance to perform the third degree of our order; fraternity. Conduct a council picnic. A picnic is a great way to boost the council's membership as well. Invite all council members and their family, former members and especially potential members. This is an excellent way to showcase your councils attributes to the potential members and their families, for the past members to experience what they have been missing as a member of the knights and offering the current council members a chance to enjoy fellowship as a member of there council. The month of September also brings with it the MR/LD drive. This is our council members chance to exercise the first degree of our order, charity. When a corner captain calls, say yes and offer 2 hours of your time to help this worthy cause.

While I am on the subject of giving, the gift of life was conducted on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Oswego Council # 7247. A blood drive was held that day and 82 potential donors entered their doors and 75 pints of blood was collected. Six council members volunteered to help that day.

My personal goal this year is to give out 389 Spirit of Illinois award trophies at this years State Convention. This also means that Illinois can have 389 Columbian Spirit award winners from Supreme. Can this happen? **YES IT CAN!!** If our councils will conduct anywhere from 20 to 40 programs this year and of course fill out the proper paperwork to the State and Supreme then this will happen. Councils who have active programming will be successful in membership growth, community awareness and strong support of our church, as we are  
**“BROTHERS---UNITED BY FAITH TO SERVE CHURCH & COMMUNITY”.**

### **Illinois Knights in Action**

Checks of \$50,000 each were given to St. Elizabeth School and Holy Family School by **Tri-Cities Council 1098** in **Granite City**.



Larry Spailak and GK Tim Weidner of **Council 3507** in **Pekin** present Essay Contest State winner Katherine Birkel a Certificate.

### **State Charities Director Ted Stites**

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The year is in full swing and hopefully all of you have your plans in action to make your councils as successful as ever. Of course charities are not to be forgotten and I am certain you are considering them equally with membership and programming. They are all complementary.

The annual MR/LD drive is only days away. By now you should have received your Tootsie Rolls and aprons. You should also have your teams in place to man the street corners. Here are several things to consider.

- \* Make sure you abide by the regulations and ordinances for your community.
- \* During the day, check on your volunteers occasionally and ensure they have enough Tootsie Rolls and that they are comfortable.
- \* Invite your ladies to participate also.
- \* We all know that the weather can be fickle in mid-September. Try to be prepared for all possibilities.

- \* If possible, have some refreshments for the troops when they finish their shifts.
- \* **HAVE FUN!!!** Remember who truly benefits from our efforts.

Keep in mind that there is still work to be done after the weekend is over. Try to count your monies ASAP. We will want to get an estimate on your success within a couple of days of the drive. You can help by notifying your District Deputy with a quick report as soon as you know your totals. Good Luck to all of you.

Things don't stop with the MR/LD. You should be getting your Vocations Support Raffle tickets for distribution soon. Also, the Newman pledge cards will be arriving in your mailbox before you know it. And keep that GAF can passing around at your meetings. Make sure your members understand what all of these programs are for. It is particularly important to educate your new members. The more they understand the importance of these programs, the more they are likely to participate.

Yes, the year is still young. But charitable need knows no calendar or season. Keep charities in your sights at all times. Do not hesitate to contact your District Deputy or Diocesan Consultants if you have questions about any of the Charitable Activities. We want all of you to be successful. Remember, we are all "**Brothers United by Faith to Serve Church & Community**".

### **Illinois Knights in Action**

**St. Cecelia Council 13216** in **Glen Carbon** and its ladies' auxiliary held a vacation Bible school at St. Cecelia Church. More than 100 children attended the school and participated in a fund-raising program to support a Maryknoll mission in Namibia, Africa. The children brought in their spare change totaling \$1,517.09.

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It has been a busy few months for the Academy. As of this writing we are in the final stages for our debut on August 20, 2005 in the Peoria Diocese at Fr. John Menco 6707 in Washington. Both the academy staff and the responding members are looking forward to this great seminar! A big "thank you" to Paul Flynn, Diocesan Coordinator for Peoria and the Peoria leadership team for all their invaluable assistance. A very SPECIAL thank you to Ed Thompson GK 6707 and the Council Brothers for hosting this seminar. Their cooperation and graciousness is OUTSTANDING! Upcoming in September we will be in Sparta, IL of the Belleville Diocese September 24 at 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m. and on September 25 we will be in Crystal Lake, IL of the Rockford Diocese 11:00 a.m.---3:00 p.m.

As I last wrote, the Academy is in the process of expanding the staff. I am very happy to announce the recent additions of Brother Ted Stites from the Belleville Diocese, State Charitable Activities Director and Brother Bernie Mennemeyer from the Springfield Diocese, Springfield Diocesan Coordinator to the Academy staff. Their abilities and skills will be a very valuable asset to the Academy and to you. Initially their role will be one of observation and learning-ultimately they will be joining us as presenters.

The Fall Seminar, as I mentioned, is finalized. Planning has already begun on the Spring seminar. As has been the recent tradition, we will have a very "near to our hearts" topic centering around the theme of "What does it mean to be a Catholic?" Fr. Jim McIhorne, Fr. Chuck Tuttle, and Deacon John Hempen are busily researching and collaborating on this and it promises to be a dynamic seminar that no one will want to miss!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Academy staff for all the long

hours of preparations that have gone into this Fall Seminar to make it hopefully the best yet! It is truly amazing when one understands what really needs to happen to do this. Thank you all!

I would ask that **every** Brother Knight who reads this newsletter plan on attending one of the seminars in each session. This is especially true of Council Officers and those who are contemplating becoming such. Every possible effort has been made to make these informative and useful not only in your KC life but life in general. You truly owe it to yourself, your family, and our GREAT Order to attend. We can be only as successful as you-the Brother- allow us. We have and will continue to incorporate your very valuable feedback as we move forth. Please plan on attending one of the fall Seminars!

Vivat Jesus

### **Illinois Knights in Action**



Talk about Dedication-Jim Russell & Fred Reed flew to the Kankakee airport and hand delivered reports to the State Office!

**Oswego Council 7246** coordinated a citywide flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14. Local Cub Scout packs, Girl and Boy Scout troops, and the Aurora Amvets took part. More than 150 old or damaged U.S. flags were properly disposed of, along with two POW/MIA flags and a city flag. **Marquette Assembly** provided a color guard for the ceremony.

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### FORMS! FORMS! FORMS!

That's the name of the game at the State Office right now. We are receiving 185, 365 and audit forms at a great pace, however, we are **NOT** receiving our Directory Gathering form at the same frequency. Councils can verify a Directory Gathering has been received by logging on to our Website at:

[www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org)

and finding an "X" in the DIR1 column for on the **REPORT LOG BY COUNCIL**.

Based on the information contained on this form, we create the council information in the State Directory. **If no directory gathering form is received, council information in the directory may be incorrect.**

The Directory Gathering form is **NOT** a substitute for filing the 185 with Supreme or the State Office. Be sure the original Audit Form for June 30<sup>th</sup> has been mailed to Supreme. Fax copies will not be sufficient. This is a financial document and only an **ORIGINAL** signed copy will satisfy the filing requirement.

A copy can be faxed, (815-935-2078) emailed ([illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org](mailto:illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org)) or mailed to the State Office.

**MR/LD** drives dates have been extended to October 7-9, 2005 and November 4-6, 2005. Because some councils have not been allowed to collect on our usual drive date, this will be welcome news.

**Vocation Raffle Books** will soon be mailed to the Grand Knights. The value of the Directory Gathering is illustrated, since we must have a street address to UPS this important program. We can not send the Raffle Books to a post office box. We need the Street address for this important mailing, so be sure your PO Box and Street Address are shown on your Directory Gathering Form.

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### Public Relations and YOU

Each of us is responsible to spread Columbianism. We do this in many ways. The most common way is to speak it. Other ways are via the written word, video and by example. Your action do speak louder than words but if you don't use the words how will others know who these good actions come from. Membership can only come if you ask someone to join. By advertising you council events it is important that a contact name and number always be listed. Use each of your functions as a membership drive.

At your next meeting go over with your membership the good points of your council. Let them know what to say to a prospective member in order to bring him in.

The KC Academy is a great way of getting your membership skills fine tuned. If you haven't attended one then now is the time to do it. Check the schedule of a KC Academy meeting near you. Bring as many officers as you can.

Finally to get you started with your membership technique I will now give you a fast lesson. Speak Columbianism and in the course of bragging, ask the prospect "why haven't you joined the Knights of Columbus?" See how many times you hear:

**"NO ONE HAS EVER ASKED ME."**

*Send in your pictures of fraternal activities to our Newsletter Editor. Make sure you include Council name & number and discription of people pictured and what the picture is about. Also send in name, council number and years of service of a recently departed Brother Knight.*

**123<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Eucharistic Congress**  
by Donald Lajoie  
Convention Chairman

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Congress held here in Chicago from August 2-5, has come and gone. I wish to report that all our brothers and their families enjoyed themselves and many of them asked when we are coming back to Chicago.

Thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time such as: greeting the Hierarchy and our brothers at the airports; the drivers who transported the Hierarchy to and from the Hilton; the workers in the Illinois Registration Area greeting and answering many questions; the brothers and their wives who worked the Illinois State Store; the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Honor Guards and the many brothers and their wives who worked the Welcome To Illinois Party; those who put together and managed the great Tours.

One of the main hits of the week was the Ladies Luncheon, where the Midnight Catechism was offered as entertainment after lunch was served to 640 wives and guests. A few comments made to me by the ladies were: "It brought back memories when I was in school" and "We could not stop laughing". Another comment was "It was the best ladies luncheon that they have ever been to. Thank you ladies.

Our brothers went on various tours of Chicago, from cruising on Lake Michigan; trolley tours of Chicago; shopping tours and a visit to the Police and Firemen Training Academies. The youth who went to this tour really enjoyed themselves, especially when they were given a fireman's hat as a souvenir.

Other highlights of the Convention were the presentation of colors at the opening business session where a combined color guard of Chicago Police and Firemen presented colors and also on Tuesday night at the State Dinner. They were well

received by all in attendance. On Monday night, the world premiere of "He Was Our Father" a one act play of the Life of our founder, Fr. Michael J McGivney was offered to the Conventioneers.

The main highlight of the Convention was the opening mass, where 90 of the Churches Hierarchy were in attendance and well over 50 priests who celebrated Mass on Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday, Illinois was again honored for the third year in a row and four out the last five years in the Supreme Council Circle of Honor, IPSD Dr. Logan Ludwig accepted the reward on behalf of all the brothers in Illinois for their outstanding work in recruiting members during the past fraternal year.

The Supreme Knight announced that the Order's intention to establish councils in Poland and that a group of brother Illinois knights had the honor of exemplifying the First Degree to one Polish representatives on Thursday night.

After the Convention was over, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Congress was held on Thursday and Friday, cumulating in a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Hilton Hotel to Grant Park where Francis Cardinal George presided at a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Some estimates of those in attendance, were up to 15,000 of the faithful. The Fourth degree, some 500 Sir Knights lined the procession.

I want to thank my brother's and their families who helped make the 123<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention extremely successful. If I started naming names, I would have to use the whole paper and I probably miss someone. Illinois once again showed the entire order that we know how to throw a party.



***Into Your Hands We Commend Their Spirit***

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Council #</u>	<u>Yrs. of Service</u>
Michael E. Garvin, PGK	3674	43
Richard F. Kahn	1098	12
Joseph E Kaiser, PGK	382	?
David R. Keasler	460	23
<b>Fr. Jim Kovarik</b>	12911	4
Orville Litteken	2869	41
William J Mahoney	650	80
Leo W. O'Rozco	1599	49
Donald Riedl, PGK	1949	40
Lawrence A. Schmitz	665	52
Donals G. Wennerstrom	4837	36

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

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