

Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



Illinois Knights News



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Dear Brother
Knights,

As I compose the message for the February newsletter, several thoughts come to mind. First, Charity is the number one principle of the Order, and the Brother Knights in Illinois have been generous in helping with Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts. Further assistance is still needed in many areas. Illinois Councils or members wishing to help may do so by completing a form on the Supreme Council web page for the particular state they wish to help. At the January District Deputies meeting, the State Officers presented 3 checks totaling \$265,000 to Special Olympics for the annual support, area spring games support, and Tribute Park donation. We had a Global Messenger talk to us, and tell us how much they appreciate our support. The Vocations Raffle winners were drawn from the big drum, and all councils have been notified of the winners. Thanks to your efforts, we raised \$82,000 to support Vocations at the State level and councils should have raised the same amount to use for local vocation

support. Keep up the fantastic work in charities.

Programming in Illinois has been very busy in these last 2 months. Councils have hosted Spelling Bees, Free Throw Contests, Server Appreciation outings, Christmas parties, dinners, dances, prayer services, and some have sent members to Washington DC for the prolife march. Response to the first year of the soccer kick program was good, and the State Winners are included in the Program Director's article. Next year's participation should be better. The packets for Grand Knights and District Deputies contain lots of useful information on upcoming programs. Councils should also consider programs that are fun occasionally and let the members relax and enjoy the fraternal aspect of their membership. Programming is the glue that holds councils together and keeps members involved and feeling needed. Let's continue to produce good quality programs that keep our members interested.

There is one concern that all the State Officers have right now, and that is membership growth. The barometer of council health is membership growth. Each council must continue to grow if it wants to remain viable in the future. The first sign of a problem in a council is when they stop recruiting new men

to help them do the works of the Order. Recruitment of new members is down statewide in the first six months of this fraternal year because councils have not recruited like they have in the past. However, there is still an opportunity to grow the Order in your council and in the State by making a concerted effort in the next 5 months. We need to recruit 1,800 new members in the last half of the fraternal year to continue in a positive growth mode. The Membership Monkey is on the backs of the officers who have not recruited at least one new man this year. To get the monkey off your back, you need to recruit a new member and pass the monkey along to another member to do the same. Recruiting insures that we will leave the legacy of a local Knights of Columbus Council in our communities for our children and grandchildren. What kind of a legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren? Do you still want a Catholic men's organization around to help your church and your community when you leave this world? Well then, it's up to you. You have to put forth the effort and ask someone to join. Don't give up if someone tells you "no". Find out why he said "no" and maybe you'll have the response to convince a prospect that he should reconsider. If not, thank him for listening and then ask someone else. As a general rule, each officer should be able to recruit a new man every year. All you have to do is ask. So let's ask a man to join this week. If each council in the state just recruited one new man each month, we would bring in 2000 new Brothers in the next 5 months. It's as easy as just recruiting one man each month in each council. We have added some recruitment incentives for all 3 levels of recruitment: the Grand Knight,

Membership Director and the Recruiter. Grand Knights should review the revised 1/06/06 incentives in their packets for the details. Help your councils grow and prosper by making membership recruitment a priority in your council. Then we will continue to be "Brothers United by Faith to Serve Church and Community". Vivat Jesus.

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ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



*Sons and daughters of members of **St. Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters Council 12911 in Chicago** got a firsthand look at the rescue unit used at city airports.*

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BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOLLOW-UP

The Fraternal Year is now more than half way completed. The Jurisdiction of Illinois is truly outstanding in the Areas of Charitable Activities and Council Programming. We are the envy of many throughout the Knights of Columbus. We have made some tremendous strides, in the last few years, in demonstrating that the Councils in Illinois can take that same expertise in Charities and Programming and make Membership the primary Programming Activity in ensuring that each council and the Order in general will have a bright future. The results in Membership recruitment don't yet reflect the desired results that we ALL should expect from the efforts put forth.

NOW! Is the time to 'STEP IT UP' in our efforts in the Area of Membership

Recruitment! We need to make sure that the Spring Blitz Campaign planning has been completed and that ALL the Council members are 'Ready to Go' First Degree dates have been scheduled and will be reported as well as making sure all the Prospects have been signed and advised of the degree dates.

If your council was not very successful in the Fall Blitz Campaign, then it is now time to take a different approach and plan another membership program. Help from your District Deputy and Diocesan Coordinators are readily available. You need only ask and help will be forthcoming. Membership is a continuous activity that requires the efforts of ALL the members of the council, even if it is to simply provide a name of a Catholic Gentleman that can be a potential member.

We ALL have the opportunity and resources to achieve OUR Goal, making the Knights of Columbus in Illinois an Active, Strong, and Vibrant Fraternity that is second to none. Each of US must make that commitment to our councils that will add new members this fraternal year. The time is NOW and the person that is needed is YOU.

With ALL of our efforts the Knights of Columbus in Illinois will continue to be a Leader and the Bright Jewel of the Order.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Father C.C. Boyle Council 4698 hosted a Halloween Party for the children from all seven parishes in the Council area. Approximately 200 kids enjoyed the day complete with a haunted house, great pumpkin patch, food, beverages, pumpkin carving, games and an evening bon fire.

For a Christmas shipment to U.S. troops in Iraq, **Waukegan Council 731** collected from its members 155 pounds of canned food and personal hygiene items.

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As I sit down this beautiful mild and sunny mid winter morning to pen this article my mind swings to the figures I have been reviewing from Supreme that indicates the "health" of our councils and squires circles. I wonder why the positives are positive and the negatives are negatives and what comes to mind is a single word, accountability.

ACCOUNTABILITY is the obligation to be answerable for your actions and decisions that affect your family, job and involvement in the Knights of Columbus. As we assume membership in the Knights of Columbus we accept accountability to family, church, council and community.

If you are going to provide for your family the best you can it is up to you to do your best for the company you work for. If your church community is to be the best for all it is up to you to be an important part of the church life. The same goes for the life and success of your council. If the council is to grow and be successful in support of the family, church, our clergy and the community it serves, you must do the best you can for the council.

Council members and officers have the same basic responsibility to the council, family, church and community, which is to grow the council and keep the programs alive and working. By adding new members and utilizing the existing members of the council everyone can feel they are an important part of the council and that they are an important part of the success of the council.

Everyone has heard the term, "If it is to be it is up to me" and how simple that this statement may be but it is entwined with accountability. If your council is going to be successful and remain viable it is up to every council member to be accountable for the council success and continued growth. We the elected and selected officers must take the lead, we must admit and accept accountability because "if it is to be it is up to me".

Now is the time to plan and execute the March Blitz, do not wait for someone to be the doer, take the lead and be that doer for your council. Vivat Jesus and my prayers are for increased membership in all of our councils.

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Protecting Your Assets

Brother Knights, it's never too late to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year from me and my family. Beginning in January of each year, many take time for assessing the **stability and growth** of their assets. It is a time that we prepare for filing our personal tax statements with the IRS; **and**, it is a time that we Knights of Columbus also evaluate the stability and growth of our councils. We assess the plans that we've made at the beginning of the year to see if we are on track! I'd like to focus on the assessment of **stability and growth** that pertains to our councils. Let me begin this topic with the question, "*What is the most valued asset in your councils?*"

It is most common and natural to think of assets in terms of dollars and cents; however, from a fraternal perspective, I would submit that the most valuable asset to a council is **the member**. I asked this question at our most recent district deputy meeting in Springfield early in January and the overwhelming response was indeed "members!" Yet, when we approach recruitment and retention, I'm not always convinced that we fully breathe life into that sentiment. To be sure, it is important to take stock in your councils' finances. In fact it is a prime responsibility of the Grand Knight and Trustees that is addressed in the semi-annual audits conducted each year. **Please note that audits are due soon!** I'd like to direct your attention to the fraternal side of taking stock of councils.

For those of you who attended prior Academy sessions, the point was made that there are essentially three segments to the audit: the **first** takes stock in the additions and deletions of **members** including insurance members; the second takes stock of finances; and the third takes stock of assets/liabilities usually in the form of dues and per capita payments. In all, the most important focus is listed first and the remaining segments support that first one... **the member!**

Recruiting and retaining members should be the primary engine that drives all else in your council planning, so I ask that you take stock in these basic, but key elements in making that assessment:

1. Does your council have a recruitment strategy and do you participate in the Blitz?
2. Have you completed the Illinois Spirit Planning form and now checked it for progress? Any adjustments needed?
3. Does your council have an admission committee?
4. Does your council have an active retention committee that works with members beginning right after they become a new member and continuously throughout the year?
5. Is your council following recommended financial controls to ensure proper collection and recording of funds?

Brothers, please let your focus be on the members of your council, both those who've been there for a long time and those prospective ones that can come into your councils. Be positive and responsive to members and for those who are prospects, have a plan to welcome them into your council and the order with an active recruitment plan! God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Knights from the Springfield Diocesan Chapter, in order to show support for vocations made a visit to the Seminarians in the diocese.

*A color guard from Marmion Academy high school in Aurora presented the colors with Knights from **St. Charles Council 12497** at a holy hour at St. Patrick Church to pray for the safety of U.S. troops. Participants prayed the rosary, listened to patriotic writings and sang religious and patriotic songs. A covered dish dinner followed. The council also displayed a sign showing solidarity for the troops at the town's annual Scarecrow Fest.*

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



For the 3rd year in a row, Knights from St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon have offered parishioners, Parents Day Out Program - a child drop-off program to allow parents to go Christmas shop. As part of the Christmas Parents Day Off Program, children are treated to crafts, games, snacks, movies and a surprise visit from the jolly old elf himself.

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A new program was introduced at the mid-winter District Deputy meeting that will help the Illinois Special Olympics funding. The Illinois Knights of Columbus have teamed up with Core Recycling of Ottawa. Core accepts empty ink and toner cartridges along with old cell phones. Each council will collect these items and package them in boxes provided by Core Recycling. The councils will ship these pre-addressed boxes to Core. All shipping will be at no cost to the councils. Core will then issue a check to Illinois Special Olympics in the region that the council is located in. We asked all of the District Deputies attending to bring an empty toner or cell phone as entry to the Friday night get-together and over 400 dollars was raised for Special Olympics. Contact Chairman Frank Ryan for info on joining this worthwhile program.

I have just returned from the opening ceremonies of the Illinois State Knights of Columbus bowling tournament being held in Alton. Many teams have signed up for this event. Congratulations to the Alton council and Chairman Jim Michel for another fine tournament of fun, fraternity and competition.

Congratulations to Supreme November family of the month winners; James and Beverly Casey from **Council #658 in Rock Island**.

The inaugural Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge are in the books and what a successful event it has been. Thank you to chairman Gerry Mattix-Wand and his crew for conducting a very successful event. Congratulations to State winners;

<u>Age</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
10	Brendan Wolff,	13216
10	Sarah Lugo,	6521
11	Edward Landreth,	10884
11	Shayna Painter,	1580
12	Zak Gudanick,	2601
12	Kaitlyn Torrez,	4688
13	Jon Lehman,	6707
13	Nicole Halpin,	4239
14	Michael Brummer,	2874
14	Kate Hindle,	11981

We are looking forward for next year's competition and if your council did not participate this year jump on board for next year.

The state finals in the free-throw and spelling bee will be held on April 22nd 2006 at Warrensburg/Latham which is located near Decatur. For a fun and exciting time plan to attend to watch some of the best free-throw shooters and spellers in Illinois.

The Illinois State Essay contest is well underway and the topic for this year is;
What is your definition of a faith community and how can the youth impact the faith community they live in?

Are you an adult leader in a squire's circle or council sponsored Boy Scout troop? If you are then you must complete the Youth Leader form #4348 which is available on the Supreme website.

All councils are urged to hold a Blue Mass in the month of February to honor law enforcement officials, firefighters and paramedics. Contact your local parish priest or council chaplain in planning this event.

Has your council submitted the parish roundtable forms yet? 131 Illinois councils have to date and another 94 are still needed. The parish roundtable is a parish support tool for our priests to utilize when they need some help from our councils. This gives the pastor a small group of men in his parish to act as a

liaison for the council. Please submit this very important tool today.

Councils should be compiling the programming activities that they have completed so far this fraternal year. The Illinois Spirit Award form and the Supreme Columbian Award form SP-7 are the programming accomplishments our councils have conducted this fraternal year. Illinois should have over 400 Columbian award winners from Supreme. All it takes is to conduct 4 programming activities in the 5 programming categories and submit the SP-7 form to Supreme by June 30th 2006 with a copy to the State Deputy, District Deputy and the council file. There should be an equal amount of Illinois Spirit Award winners as well. Council Grand Knights and the council Programming Chairman's will sit down with their District Deputy and fill out the State forms to be submitted to the State office by April 30th 2006.

Speaking of awards, the state convention will be upon us before we know it. The Illinois Knights of Columbus Knight of the Year and Family of the Year along with the many programming awards that are available will be announced during the convention. The nomination and guideline forms can be downloaded from the state website.

Remember Programming and Membership go hand in hand. When you have a programming activity you also have a membership growth activity. Capitalize on the moment and promote your council. Vivat Jesus

Info from **Gary Gunderson - Community Activity Director/Blood Drive Chairman**
WHY SHOULD YOUR COUNCIL HOST OR PARTICIPATE IN A BLOOD DRIVE

The mission of the various blood centers around the state of Illinois is to fill a need: to provide and maintain an adequate supply of blood and blood products for area hospitals to draw upon in order to meet the anticipated and actual transfusion needs of patients.

Who benefits from blood donations?

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer, up to 8 units/month.
- Bone marrow transplant, up to 2 units/day.
- Liver transplant, up to 100 units.

- Auto accident/gunshot wound, up to 50 units.
- Cardiovascular surgery, 2 – 25 units.

Guess what!

- More than 95% of Americans reaching age 72 will need blood in their lifetime.
- About 75% of all people over the age of 30 have at least one personal acquaintance who has had a blood transfusion.
- Blood is a fragile substance. It is a liquid, living tissue that must be used within 42 days of the time it is donated.

So, what do we need to do to host a Blood Drive in our Community?

1. Contact your area Blood Center for open dates, materials etc.
2. Schedule a convenient date when most donors would likely attend.
3. Organize your Blood Drive team. They will be responsible for determining effective strategies for recruiting donors and awareness of the drive.
4. Secure and reserve a large space such as a conference room, gymnasium, council hall etc. with adequate lighting, electrical outlets, temperature control and access to restrooms. You will need tables, chairs and wastebaskets for registration and canteen areas.
5. Plan the drive. Determine goals, objectives and strategies.
6. Publicize the drive, Provide channels for your area blood center marketing material.
7. Recruit and schedule donors. This step is extremely important, however walk-in donors are always welcome on the day of the drive.
8. Hold the drive. Supply volunteers to setup, manage registration and canteen efforts and the take down at the end of the day.
9. Recognize your blood donors in some tangible way.
10. Hold a post-drive evaluation and schedule your next drive.
11. **Most important of all. Fill in and submit the report to the state office.** Report forms are available on our website 'www.illinoisknights.org' under "programs/community/blood drive", or "forms", or contact your Community activity Director/Blood Drive Chairman.

Ok, so you don't have adequate facilities.

If you don't have the facilities to conduct the drive, your area blood center may be able to

provide you with a Mobile Coach (a large van capable of handling up to 50 donors) to hold the drive in which case all you need is a level parking lot with access to restrooms.

If this is not possible or available, then consider volunteering to help at any blood drive that is being held in your community.

It is truly "Giving the gift of Life"

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Altar servers from 10 parishes were honored at the 14th annual appreciation dinner held in the home of Msgr. George A. Dzuryo Council 790 in Streator. The guest speaker was Father Brian Brownsey, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Peoria. Pastors of the 10 parishes also attended.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



A picture of Jacob Wyleta in his scooter that was fifty percent in part financed by Father C.C. Boyle Council 4698 Tinley Park, Illinois. Jacob was born with physical disabilities preventing him from walking for prolonged periods of time.

State Membership Co-Directors

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Well the first 6 months of the year are over, now we need to make the next 6 months the most exciting time in every one of our councils all throughout the State. Right now you have two programs for Membership that you should be using the Invitation and the Two-on-One Recruiting that you received the last two months. These programs will work if you use them. We need to make a strong effort to make sure every Catholic man is invited to join the Order. By now all of you should have attended your January District meeting, your District Deputy has given you all the tools that he received at the Mid-Year Meeting in Springfield. If not contact him and ask for the information to help make your

council the **STAR COUNCIL** that you want it to be. We know that there are many men out there that have never been **ASKED** to join the Order. We need to change that and make sure every man has that opportunity to join the Order. Grand Knights and Membership Directors, in the packet that you received is a tri-fold **A Guide To Membership Recruitment**. Please take it and use it as a guide for any kind of recruitment drive you want to use for your council. Follow the steps and you will have a great recruitment year. The **BLITZ IS COMING!** during the month of March all councils are asked to participate in the **BLITZ**. The last three years Illinois has had positive numbers because we have used the **BLITZ**. It works! All we ask you to do is give it a chance. A coordinated Membership Recruitment Blitz is an all-out effort to maximize your membership teams' efforts by canvassing an entire parish on one weekend and gathering the names of prospective new members. Use the pamphlet "**A Guide To Membership Recruitment**" to follow up with whatever type of program that you want to use: two-on-one Recruitment, Open House, Invitation and Welcome Back Brother programs. Make sure you follow all of the steps for a successful **BLITZ** and it will work. Now to also the time to get ready for the March **BLITZ**. My closing is from the Gospel January 22, 2006: "As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea"; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:16-17. We need to be fishermen also; by casting our nets into our parishes and **ASKING** those Catholic men to join us to help spread the word of Jesus Christ.

State Charities Director

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With spring just around the corner, most of our organized charity drives are winding down. MR/LD monies should be sent in by now. With the vocations raffle drawing being held at the winter DD meeting and the Newman solicitation drive in full swing. We finally have time to relax and enjoy the rest of the fraternal year, right? **WRONG!** Charity knows no season. We cannot afford to relax.

One of the misconceptions, that some councils believe, is that after the organized drive has

wrapped up, they cannot raise any other funds for the charity. Not true. It is perfectly acceptable for councils to organize additional events to augment those already in place statewide. At the winter DD meeting, I highlighted, to those attending, a few ideas I found by simply reviewing the back pages of a recent Columbia magazine. For example, one council and its auxiliary hosted a "calendar" supper in which foods related to each month of the year are sold on 12 different tables. Another council sponsored their 10th annual Plane Pull for Special Olympics. Teams attempt to pull a Boeing 727 cargo plane a distance of 12 feet and take pledges for how far they will be able to pull the 150,000-pound plane. Yet another council placed an old, 2-foot-high cream container in the foyer of their church to collect contributions for its charitable activities. The container bears a painted image of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, and a sign asks parishioners to add to the council's "milk fund" with "the milk of human kindness."

So you see, there are many ways to raise funds to help those less fortunate. Dare to be creative and develop new programs. These new programs will help you meet your charitable goals, as well as your membership goals. With new programs, you will reach out to different people. Those new people will include new members. When they join, they will bring their creativity to the table. And the process starts all over again.

A special note: the State Council is very grateful to the generosity of all Illinois Knights and their families during the special collection efforts for the Katrina victims. But we cannot stop there. Most of the money initially donated by the state council came from the General Assistance Fund. The GAF funds donated by councils that were designated for Katrina went directly to that. We now have a need for all of you to help replenish our GAF monies. Please consider ways to take an extra collection or hold an extra fundraiser. And please send those monies in regularly. We continue to receive requests for assistance. We cannot let these people down.

Thank you, Brothers!

Vivat Jesus!

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



At the January DD meeting SD Paul Havrilka presented three checks totaling \$265,000 to Doug Snyder and Sarah Boyz for the Special Olympics.

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Spring, 2006 Seminars - Locations & Dates

Belleville - O'Fallon Council 4239 on March 4 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Peoria - Fr. Ring Council 574 in Bloomington on March 5 at 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Springfield - Holy Family Council 4179 on March 11 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Joliet - Joliet Council 382 on March 12 at 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Chicago Trinity Council 3755 on March 25 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Rockford - St. Charles Council 12497 on April 1 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. St. Patrick Church, Fr. Carse Center, 408 Cedar St, St. Charles, IL

Chicago - Maria Council 4836 Mary, Seat of Wisdom on April 2 at 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Clarke Ministry Center, 1335 Clifton, Park Ridge, IL

All Council officers are strongly encouraged to attend one of these seminars. Any 3rd degree Brother who is considering becoming a Council officer should attend. Any 3rd Degree Brother is invited to attend.

The Seminar topics for this series are Financials A-Z : Risk & Reward-Why & How and also What Does it Mean to be a Catholic?- Why Do We Do What We Do ? As most of you know, these Seminars are interactive! A light working lunch will be provided at no cost to the attendees.

The Academy sincerely thanks all the Coordinators and leadership teams of the Dioceses for their help and cooperation in establishing this schedule. The Academy extends a Special Thank You and Appreciation to the Host Councils.

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The Illinois State Council directory is now available ONLINE on the State Council website.

It is accessible in the Members Log In section only. Each directory section is in PDF format; some are encrypted to discourage unauthorized downloading. However, in most cases you can click on the email address and send a message to the desired recipient.

Log in to the Members Only section and look for STATE DIRECTORY on the the navigation bar on the left side of the screen. Click on the section you need. (i.e, state officers, DDs, GKs & FSs, Insurance Agents, etc). The online directory will be updated quarterly. Please notify the state office of any informational changes.

Vivat Jesus

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



*OSF St. Joseph Medical Center closes its 125th anniversary year with a lantern walk and mass Sunday afternoon. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus **Assembly 213** led the lantern walk from the hospital's original location in Bloomington to St. Mary's Catholic Church just as the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis did 125 years ago.*

Illinois State Council Office Don, Donna & Mary

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.

MR/LD; be sure your council has sent in your MR Chairman Form (on Report Log "MHCH") has been forwarded to the State Office. Our early spring mailings for the 2006 MR/LD Drive will be mailed to the Grand Knight or MR Chairman of record. Be sure your name is on record at the State Office.

The State Council Office is aware that many towns require permits for the MR/LD Drive which are given on a 'first come first serve' basis. The permit requires a copy of the MR insurance form. As soon as this necessary paperwork is received by the State Office, it will be immediately mailed to the MR Chairman or Grand Knight or record. **Please do not call** the office since we can do nothing until the certificate is received.

Each Financial Secretary will be receiving a letter listing their Charity Goals and funds collected as of 1-31-06 for their council. Additionally, they will receive 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, 2006). If our records do not agree with your disbursements, please contact the State Office immediately at 815-935-2262, 8 AM - 4 PM daily, to reconcile the differences.

The **1728 "Fraternal Survey" Report** is due **now** and have been emailed to the State Office in record numbers this year. If completing this form by hand, however, be sure the council number is correct and written clearly and contains the proper signatures. A copy should be sent to Supreme, The State Deputy (c/o the State Office), and the District Deputy. This form can be completed on-line at the Supreme Website and copied to the appropriate parties' email addresses before clicking the Submit button.

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ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



State Membership Co-Directors Bill Linz and Frank Ryan take a moment out at the District Deputy Meeting with the proverbial Membership Monkey. The Monkey is pictured in center.

Where have we gone wrong? One year ago we were basking in our membership glory. So what went wrong? Whose fault is it? Well it's time to point the finger at us. Each one of us needs to be bringing in new members. Success is consistency. That is having a good working plan and working it. What was the plan when you brought in members? How many people have you asked to join the order? How many rejections have you received?

Questions, Questions, Questions!!!

At your next meeting, Ask: who has asked another man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who has asked more than one Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus? Who continually asks Catholic men 18 years and over to join the Knights of Columbus. Then tell them to do it again and again. It is a simple plan that works.

The below list of 1st degrees is a tool for recruiting. After getting someone to commit to joining our order, you should have a location of degrees available. Take him to the degree. If your council is having first degrees please share them with the State Membership Director. We will try and keep you informed via this newsletter and our web site.

DIOCESE / Councils	1st Deg	TIME	TOWN	CONTACT	PHONE
BELLEVILLE					
6210	12-Mar	12:45 PM	MARION	Erick Lockett	618-995-2596
4741	14-Mar	7:30 PM	MILLSTADT	Larry Schaefer	618-476-7522
CHICAGO					
4698	16-Feb	7:30 PM	TINLEY PK.	Mike Lawton	708-532-0103
5025	19-Feb	12:30 PM	CHICAGO	William Kretz	773-777-7342
3674/13267	13-Mar	7:30 PM	LIBERTYVILLE	John Gecewicz	847-566-8390
11981	25-Mar	10:30 AM	INVERNESS	John Passarelli	847-776-8889
JOLIET					
9893	8-Apr	2:00 PM	ARLINGTON HTS.	Frank Rossi	708-652-0634
5918	18-Apr	7:30 PM	LISLE	Frank Stock	630-985-1876
6521	23-Apr	1:00 PM	BOLINGBROOK	Ron Schelli	630-759-5103
PEORIA					
3507	23-Apr	1:30 PM	PEKIN	Dale Noyes Jr.	309-346-0099
ROCKFORD					
11091	16-Feb	8:00 PM	ALGONQUIN	Larry O'Brien	847-658-8001
7624	26-Feb	12:00 PM	ROCKFORD	Tom Washington	815-654-0013
7624	6-Apr	7:30 PM	ROCKFORD	Dan Campbell	815-397-9201
11091	20-Apr	8:00 PM	ALGONQUIN	Larry O'Brien	847-658-8001
SPRINGFIELD					
2321	19-Feb	12:00 PM	VIRDEN	Lynn Clark	217-227-3723

Call the appointed contact for location.



Into Your Hands We Commend Their Spirit

Brother	Council #	Yrs of Service
Arthur J. Albers	460	70
Allen Bakos	4688	8
Julius R. Brown	460	37
John Czajkowski	2964	?
Donald Feeley	12926	45
Walter J. Gall	3751	50
Steve G. Huelsing	665	53
John Jeggun	1712	21
Alphons S Krisor	7331	18
Robert F. Lepp	6165	52
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