

# Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



## Illinois Knights News



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### State Deputy Paul Havrilka



Dear Brother Knights,

We are now 3/4<sup>th</sup>s of the way through the fraternal year, and it is time to assess what your council has done for the last 9 months. It is time to compare what you have achieved in comparison to the goals you set at the beginning of the fraternal year. Several reports were due to be filed after the first of the year: 12/31 audit report, fraternal survey and the Special Olympics report form. The fraternal survey helps the Order keep its tax exempt status and allows Supreme to report the works of charity each year. The Special Olympics report form will help Illinois get a rebate from Supreme to help Special Olympics. Councils should have recently received a mailing from Special Olympics to volunteer at the Regional Spring games. The Knights of Columbus in Illinois is a partner with Special Olympics and they need our manpower at the spring games. Talk to any member who has worked at a Special Olympics event, and they will tell you it is a rewarding experience of a lifetime. All it takes is working the games once, and you are hooked for life. Consider helping in your area this year.

State Convention time is drawing near with the weekend of May 26-28 in Collinsville, IL. The registration books

were mailed in early March and hotel reservations are coming in. The Convention Committee is working hard to make it an enjoyable weekend for everyone attending. The Friday night social will welcome everyone with the theme of "Pirates of the Caribbean". Saturday will have the Civic Reception, reports, ladies luncheon, awards, diocesan caucuses to elect Supreme Convention delegates, Mass and the banquet. Sunday will have a prayer service, reports, resolutions and elections. Also, there will be 3 "lunch and learn" sessions for a nominal fee to cover the lunch cost. All of this information is in the booklets mailed and on the Illinois website. Get your hotel reservations in now, and order your tickets for the ladies luncheon and banquet in advance. The meal counts must be turned in a week before the convention.

With the Convention comes the opportunity to win awards for Illinois Spirit, membership, charities, best program in 5 categories, scrapbook, newsletter, ladies auxiliary, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. The application forms can be found on the Illinois website and were mailed to councils earlier this spring. You can not win the Spirit Awards if you don't apply. The Illinois Spirit Awards were modified a few years ago to remove competition between councils. Everyone can win an Illinois Spirit Award based on their own level of activities each year.

Membership has turned the corner in March with the Spring Blitz. Now we have

to make sure we keep the steam engine rolling and get the candidates degreed and Form 100's sent to Supreme. We also saw 2 new councils started in March with Karol Wojtyla / John Paul II # 14008 at St Monica's in Chicago and Santa Teresa de Kankakee # 14012. Also, Evanston # 1077 has been reactivated with several new members joining the ranks just in time to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Several other new councils are in the works and the NCD team and Hispanic NCD team are to be congratulated. State Membership Co Directors Bill Linz and Frank Ryan along with Jim Bednar worked at a booth at the Chicago Festival of Faith along with insurance representatives. Several prospect cards were received and are being distributed to local councils to get these men to join the Knights. Recruitment of new men is the key to your council continuing to serve the church and community in your area. New blood brings new ideas, more volunteers, expanded and new programs and sparks enthusiasm in current members. If you want to leave a legacy to your children and grandchildren in your community, you have to continue to grow your council. As of 3/29, Supreme Council reports there are 143 councils in Illinois who have not realized the importance of recruiting men this year. It is not too late to bring in at least one new member this year. Every council should strive to be at least a "plus one" for the fraternal year. It is an achievable goal.

In closing this month, I ask you to continue to pray for the victims of the hurricanes in our southern states. There is still much to be done to bring their lives back to normalcy. Also, let us pray for the safe return of our soldiers overseas that they return safely to their families. As we approach Memorial Day weekend, let us also remember our deceased members, families, and the soldiers who gave their lives for our country. Travel safely and we hope to see you in Collinsville.

Vivat Jesus.  
 State Deputy--Paul Havrilka  
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**ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Fourth Degree Knights from Msgr C F Conley Assembly and Knights from District 47 presented awards at the Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games in Galena. This marks the 26th year that area Knights have handed out awards at the games.*

Belleville	Sunday	05/07/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Terry Schreder	80	6577	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sparta
Belleville	Sunday	06/04/06	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Alex Grudzinski	79	4239	St. Clare Gym, 205 W. 3rd St. O'Fallon
Chicago	Sunday	04/30/06	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	John O'Keefe	7	4338	St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center
Chicago	Sunday	06/11/06	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	John O'Keefe	7	3731	OLPH, Glenview
<i>District 1</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>04/29/06</i>			<i>Bernard Santowski</i>			<i>Chicago North Shore Area, Purple Hotel</i>
<i>District 2</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>04/29/06</i>			<i>James DeRuntz</i>			<i>Pope John Paul I Assembly, Belleville</i>
Joliet	Sunday	04/23/06	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Ronald Schelli	29	6521	440 E. Briarcliff Rd. Bolingbrook
Joliet	Sunday	05/07/06	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Jim Russell	31	6710	St. Irene Church Activity Center, Warrenvil
Joliet	Sunday	05/21/06	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Wayne Mitchel	32	1574	275 S. Hickory St. Braidwood, 60408
Joliet	Sunday	06/11/06	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Patrick Cernyar	33	4400	Holy Trinity Council, 1813 E. Cass, Joliet
Peoria	Sunday	04/23/06	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Dale Noyes, Jr	52	3507	715 N. 11th St. Pekin 61554
Peoria	Sunday	06/11/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Charles Owens	55	2405	St. Mary's Center, 1301-2nd St. Henry
Springfield	Sunday	04/23/06	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Walter Jones	75	6625	2822 N. Center St. Maryville, IL 62062
Springfield	Sunday	06/04/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Stephen Mann	64	4179	141 N. Lakewood Dr. Chatham, 62629

**State Secretary**

Phil Barone [pjbarone@ameritech.net](mailto:pjbarone@ameritech.net)

**SUCCESSION PLANNING –BUILDING A BETTER WORLD**

By now your council should have completed or least implemented the Blitz Plan for the recruitment of Catholic Men for the revitalization of the Order. Please take the time to forward the results of your activities to the District Deputy and Diocesan Coordinators so that they can complete the reporting process. This is very important and should be given due attention.

A “Great Leader” is known by his many abilities and accomplishments but rarely is it mentioned that he also has the foresight to leave in his place the foundation for continued success. The basis for this strong foundation is the acceptance of others to take on the responsibilities and continue the work necessary for success.

I ask each of you in “Leadership” positions: Grand Knight, District Deputy or State Family to start assembling a list of your replacements and enacting those steps that will ensure a strong future for the Knight of Columbus.

Grand Knights should be assembling a “Nominating Committee” headed by Past Grand Knights and taking an active role in providing for the succession of his council officers. He should also take serious the consideration to move forward to the role of District Deputy and other State Family Offices. **Contact your District Deputy and advise him of your willingness to accept further responsibility in the Order.**

District Deputies should be contacting their Grand Knights and other members of their councils that have the potential to be future District Deputies. **District Deputies in their 4<sup>th</sup> year have an obligation to forward recommendations for their replacement to the State Deputy and Diocesan State Officer by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. District Deputies can assign potential future District Deputies as District Wardens.**

**State Family Members should also be advising the State Deputy of their future intentions by April 15<sup>th</sup>.** They should also be assisting in the review and advising of

potential District Deputies and State Family positions and advising the State Deputy accordingly.

It is vital to the development and stability of the Knights of Columbus that each of us in “Leadership Roles” recognize and accept the challenge to ensure that future is placed in “Good Hands” to carry on the work of Fr, Michael J McGivney.

**ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



**Bethaldo Council 4688** sponsored a *Appreciation night for the Religious sisters.* Over 150 youths and adults attended the event.

**St. Cecilia Council 13216 in Glen Carbon** held an *Italian dinner fund-raiser that netted \$1,400 for an outdoor Stations of the Cross project the council has undertaken at the parish.*

**State Treasurer**

**James C. Bednar** [ieducate1@yahoo.com](mailto:ieducate1@yahoo.com)

It is just a matter of weeks away from our State Convention and the fraternal year closes thirty days later. We are rushing to complete the charities year that ends on the last day of April, but we continue on until June 30 before we close the year for membership.

The most pressing issue coming up for the council is the nomination and election of the council officers. The current Grand Knight unless he is retained another year, will be making way for the NEW Grand Knight with maybe some different leadership skills and ideas. In the majority of councils the PGK normally moves into the role as a Trustee, which allows him to aide and assist the new Grand Knight.

Sometimes it is hard to give up the reigns of authority to a council but that is exactly what the PGK must do to allow his council to grow and prosper. Even after the PGK has completed his term he can be and should be an assist to his council and new Grand Knight as a positive supporter of his council. Also sometimes we may need to step aside and let someone else take the lead, maybe our skills are extended as much as they can be and our ideas do not seem to flow as freely and smoothly as before.

This is the drama that every officer in every organization faces whether they are leading GM, Caterpillar, and the Elks, Moose or the local Knights council. Knowing when to turn over the reins of leadership for the success of the Council is very important. And if we step aside or are replaced in an election we should always be a positive supporter of the Council and it's chosen officers.

Keep in mind that Catholic men are still waiting to be asked to join us, so don't forget to ask a Catholic man and his family to join us and do it today. See you all in Collinsville at the Convention.

#### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

***St. Teresa of Avila Council 4391 in Watseka held a "Pack the House" steak fry. This evening, the council saluted all members, Old and New. A calling tree was set up and the Officers of the Council called all members and invited them to this event. The evening was devoted what the Council is doing NOW and what used to go on in years past. 65 people attended.***

#### **State Advocate**

**Richard C. Spada** [richardspdkc@aol.com](mailto:richardspdkc@aol.com)

To be ***Brothers United in Faith to Serve Church and Community***, I believe that it is critical to be attentive to the needs, sentiments and concerns of our brother knights in achieving our goals. With that consideration, I ask that you share your thoughts and comments with me about your Knights of Columbus experience or challenges; I really want to hear them! Actually, my home council brothers from *Christ the King of Lombard Council 11027*, from time-to-time take me to task about what they would like to see from our state leadership level. One PGK and good

friend suggested that he would like to see more information helpful to council leadership in our state newsletter. So here is my attempt at meeting that suggestion using my most recent experiences as your state advocate:

#### ***Did you know...?***

1. ***Council earnings*** from dues collection and other fund raising events are exempt from Federal income tax when the total yearly amount of those earnings falls below \$25,000. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires completion of Form 990 in most cases; however, many councils are caught off guard when suddenly actual earnings exceed expected earnings and the total amount now triggers submission of Form 990! For that reason, Supreme Council suggests that councils file Form 990 ***each year*** even if it is just to show "under \$25,000" written across the form. That allows IRS to know that you are aware of the requirement and, if applicable, that the amount is below the threshold. That way no one is caught off guard!
2. ***Councils must pay sales taxes*** and often confuse our non-profit status with being exempt from that tax; we are not exempt from paying sales tax. Our non-profit status relates to the matter of council income and the payment of Federal Income Tax discussed in item one above. Councils are cautioned about using any other entity's tax exemption, such as a church, because using it may place that entity's exemption at risk of being disqualified. Of course, if there is a function sponsored by the church which delegates the council to purchase goods for an event on their behalf, then use of the church exemption (for their event) would be fine. It shouldn't be used for a Knights of Columbus sponsored event.
3. Council newsletters and sponsored events are prohibited from soliciting advertisements from insurance companies other than Knights of Columbus insurance. This restriction is established by Supreme Council Board order. It actually makes sense if you think about it. Would one insurance company ever allow another to advertise in their newsletters?

4. Use of the Order's logo or name in any public display or press release requires permission from Supreme Council through the state deputy. For example, a brother knight who owns a travel agency and wants to include a direct appeal to brother knights and their families by using the Knights of Columbus logo or a phrase such as *Knights of Columbus Travel Service* must first obtain Supreme Council approval. Also, any press releases especially those which are editorial in nature that would appear to be speaking on behalf of the Knights of Columbus requires approval by the Supreme Board. There are legal concerns when speaking on behalf of the Order, so this requirement should make sense.

These are a few examples of commonly asked questions or issues that arise from time-to-time throughout our jurisdiction. I hope this information is helpful to you and your councils and that my first attempt in response to the suggestion from my home council brothers is satisfactorily met. I know they won't hesitate to tell me, but I again ask that you please let me know what you think. My email address is [richspada@comcast.net](mailto:richspada@comcast.net) I hope to hear from some of you ☺ Oh yes, I haven't indicated anything about membership, but not to disappoint anyone: Have you recruited a member? Have you invited one of the members of your council who you haven't seen for some time and ask him to attend your next meeting or event? It's a great time to spring forward!

#### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Representatives of Jordan Catholic School presented a card of thanks to the **Allouez Council 658's** Grand Knight Louie Alongi in appreciation for the Knight's support of Catholic Education. Presentation was held in*

*conjunction with their All-School Mass during Catholic Schools Week.*

#### **State Warden**

**Ralph Glaus** [mglaus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mglaus@sbcglobal.net)

The Fraternal Year is now three quarters over and it is time to assess what we have done so far as councils. Have we met the goals we set when the fraternal year began in July? Our State and Council programs and charities have been moving along fairly well, but our membership recruiting has been lagging. Membership and programming go hand and hand. Without the members we could not do the many Programs we do and the charities we support: such as the monies we sent to the Katrina's ravished States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. These funds came from the General Assistance Fund that the members donated to. The ML/HR Drive that helps support Special Olympics and the generous donations each Council made in their communities. The Vocation Fund which goes to help seminarians. The Newman Fund that helps support the Newman Centers on at secular college campus. These Centers give our catholic young men and women a place to attend Mass and practice their catholic faith.

The programs we participate in such as: the spelling bee, freethrow contests, drug awareness coster contest, soccer challenge, The State essay contest and the many other community, church and youth programs.

You can see why recruiting new members is very important, not only to the State but to the individual Councils as well. As membership falls so does our work with programs and charities. Look at what we do with our present membership. Think how much more we could do with an increase in membership. Membership recruitment and retention are vital to each Council. If a Council fails to recruit new members; the Council will cease to exist. Let's make the most of the few remaining months of the fraternal year by recruiting new members and retaining the one's we have. Make our Councils more positive in our Programs and Charities. Ask a neighbor, a friend or a fellow parishioner to join the Knights of Columbus and share in the same experience of a life time that you now enjoy. Keep your Council viable and active in your church and community.

## **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Grand Knight Thomas Stadler of Council 730 in Chatsworth presented a check to Rev John Balluff, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Piper City. The check was presented on behalf of all knights in Illinois to help in repairing St. Peter's from damage suffered when lightning struck the church. Funds came from the General Assistance Fund which all councils submit to the State Council. Rev Balluff thanked the Knights for their assistance.*

### **State Membership Co-Directors**

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The Blitz is over and now you get to enjoy the fruits of all your hard work. Make sure that you have contacted all of those who signed a prospect card and/or a Form 100. Invite them to an Open House so you can explain the virtues of joining the Knight of Columbus. At the Open House make sure you have material that tells your Council history and all of the things that you do. (Council Tri-Fold). Have the first Degree date set so you will be able to let the new members know when and where to be there for the Degree. If you have to pick up the new candidates to make sure they get to the Degree, do it! They will know that you are truly interested in them and want them as members of your council. If they just take their first Degree make sure they get to Major Degree later to get their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also make sure you get the Form 100 into Supreme, as the old saying goes "it's not done until the paper work is done".

In April, right after Easter, talk to all of your RCIA candidates about joining the Order. They are very excited about becoming

Catholic and it the perfect time to ask them to join. If at all possible have the Priest say something about the Knights and all the good works that we do. Again have your dates for the Degree works set so that you can get them in as soon as possible. They are in the Spring time of their faith, lets get them involved with the Knights in our Spring time and watch them grow in their faith and as a members of the Knights of Columbus.

Also the State Convention is just around the corner, this year there will be a lunch and learn session on Membership Planning Program. This will give you the opportunity to finish the year strong, and start to plan for next year. You need to be ready to start on July 1, 2006 for the coming year, not in September; we cannot afford to take the summer off. If we do we lose three months of recruiting and you can't make that up. We need to plan our Membership Drives just like we plan our MR/LD Drive and other events that we do in our councils every year. We will give you the tools that you need to have a successful membership year. All you need to do is send in your registration fee of \$15.00 for lunch and come on down to Collinsville and we will try to help you with any question you have on the Blitz and anything else in Membership. Remember we are "Brothers United by Faith, to Serve Church and Community".

## **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Grand Knight James R. Nolan of Pontiac Council 854 presented a copy of Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism to Msgr. Tom Mack, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Pontiac, and associate pastor Father Michael Bies. The council also gave copies of the book to the parish elementary school library, two deacons in the parish and the local public library. Council 854 also donated \$45,000 for an extension to the school building.*

**General Program Director**  
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Worthy Grand Knights, have you submitted your Knight of the Year and Family of the year nominations to the State Council yet? The nomination form and guidelines are on the Illinois Knights website. What a better way to honor the outstanding member and family of your council than to submit their name for the Knight and Family of the Year!

This year the Illinois Knights conducted a new and exciting program with great success; The inaugural Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge. Congratulations to Brendan Wolff as being selected as the 10 year old international winner. Brendan was sponsored by Edwardsville council #13216. Brendan has a total score of 205 points. Illinois is very proud of you!!

The state finals in the free throw and spelling bee will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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?**

Has your council submitted the parish roundtable forms yet? 147 Illinois councils have to date and another 78 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

The annual Cardinal Baseball trip will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and we are still negotiating for the Cubs and White Sox trips.

Illinois Knights of Columbus councils have conducted many blood drives and to date 2961 units have been donated. Please give the gift of life.

State Kamporee Chairman Dave Tressell is asking for all campers of Illinois to contact him as the planning for this year's Kamporee is well under way. Dave is looking for more campers to participate in this very worthwhile family activity. Dave promises that this will be a fun filled and a very busy weekend for all in attendance.

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*St. Andrews Columbian Squires Circle #4885 presented a check to the Sauk Valley Food Bank the proceeds were split between St. Vincent DePaul Society other food pantries.*

*Nearly 600 persons attended the eighth annual dinner-dance to benefit Special Olympics that was sponsored by Tri-Cities Council 1098 in Granite City.*

**State Charities Director**  
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I've reached one of those milestones in life: my first child will be graduating from high school this May. What a wonderful event! Many of us have watched, or are still watching, our own kids grow from infants to mature adults. We try to instill in them what is right or wrong, good and bad, and we tell them to trust in God and he will provide. This is a much easier task to handle when they are still living at home and under our constant guidance.

But next fall my daughter heads off to college, three hours away. Sure that's not a considerable distance. These days with affordable phone and internet communications readily available, it is much easier to stay in contact than when I went to college. Yet she will still be on her own and my wife and I can only hope that all we taught her over the years will be enough. We have no reason to think she won't be successful and we are very happy for her.

One thing that puts us at ease is that the university she decided to attend has a very active Newman Campus Ministry. As we visited different schools over the past 18 months, I made a note to find the Newman Center and point it out to her. She might not realize everything a Newman Center can offer her. But I at least wanted her to know that it is there for her, as it is for all students on many university campuses.

The Newman Center is a place where students can seek friendship and comfort, stay in touch with their faith and continue to grow in grace and wisdom in a non-threatening atmosphere which sometimes can be present at a secular college or university. Today, many ideas are being presented to our students, ideas that, without the presence of the Newman Center and campus ministers might otherwise allow them to become confused and let them drift away from our faith. The Newman campus ministry is a visible manifestation on the campus of the richness of Catholicism and the variety of its concerns. Newman is the people of God – the community of Christians in campus life that promotes the well-being of higher education and society as a whole.

This year the state council was able to donate \$225,000 to the Newman Centers statewide. The Newman Apostolate depends on the Illinois Knights of Columbus to help them provide for our young adults away at college. So that we can continue our generosity in the future we must educate our newer members, as well as our current members, of the importance of the Newman program.

Council officers and District Deputies alike should promote the Newman program at every opportunity. Many members know nothing more about the program than the pledge card they receive each year. Please explain to them the importance of the Newman centers on our college campuses. Some of you might have your own experiences that you can share. Encourage younger members to become Century donors and look at their contribution as an investment for the future when their children go to college. Even if they cannot give \$100.00, encourage any donation. If every member in Illinois donated \$5.00, we would raise over \$300,000 each year. It doesn't take much to make a big difference.

**REMINDER:** The 2005-2006 Charities Year ends on April 28. All monies for charities must be received by the state office by Noon on April 28 in order to be properly recorded towards your council goals for award considerations. We are in the eleventh hour, but there is still time. Thank you all for your generosity this year.

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Allouez Council 658 of Rock Island co-hosted coffee and conversation to show support of Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack 258 on Scout Sunday. The event served over 140 Scouts, parents and parishoners.*

**KC Academy Director**  
**Ted Glaser** [Tedglaser@aol.com](mailto:Tedglaser@aol.com)

On behalf of the Academy and those who have attended thus far, a very special "thank you" to Fr. James McIlhone, our Worthy Associate State Chaplain and author of this segment, for his development of this very complex subject in a very easy to understand presentation. Thank you Fr. Jim!

The State Convention will have three Seminars as a result of your very positive feedback on the "Lunch and Learn Seminars". They are: Grand Knight Training, Membership Recruitment Training, and Fraternal Benefits Training. Space is limited so you want to get your reservations in **EARLY!** There is, as previously, a small charge of \$15 per attendee per Seminar which will include a box lunch. Please read your Convention packets as the registration forms and information are contained in them. As with all the Academy Seminars, they are meant to be educational and interactive. Your feedback/evaluation is always welcome and solicited and I assure you-considered.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Diocesan Coordinators and their respective leadership teams for all the cooperation and encouragement relative to the KC Academy this fraternal year. One of the Academy objectives was to find new locations and yet locations that would encourage attendance. This is not as easy as it sounds. There are a number of considerations and variables to be considered. If you are interested in hosting an Academy Seminar please let your Coordinator know now! In addition, I would like to thank all the Host Councils and their membership for all the truly tremendous and positive support and "can do" attitude!

A number of you, via the evaluations as well as conversation, have expressed a need for a segment on the title of "Public Relations Director". This will be developed and included in upcoming Seminars on Council Officer Training.

While each Academy has specific goals and objectives, all Council Officers are **strongly** encouraged to attend. Having said this,

please be advised that this is your Academy and thus any Brother who has a current card is invited to attend. Reservations are important for a number of reasons-not the least of which is a luncheon count. Please call the number listed on the Flyers you all have received. That number is (708) 203-2277.

Thank you all for all your GREAT support!

**ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**  
**Holy Family Council 13123 in Rockford**  
*distributed funds from its candy drive for persons with intellectual disabilities to Illinois Growth Enterprises, for the construction of a picnic area for the company's workers who have disabilities, and to the Northern Illinois Special Olympics and the Goldie Floberg Children's Center.*

**Illinois State Council Office**  
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The year has just flown by here at the State Office. We are rapidly approaching the end of the Charity year. We want to address a few items which every council needs to double check.

**MR/LD:** The MR Chairman forms for 2006 **MUST** be returned to the State Office! Be sure you have circled the appropriate drive date and listed the companies or municipalities which need insurance certificates with their name and address as the Certificate Holder. If any special language is required or if an additional insured is needed, please indicate the specific language or requirements directly on the Chairman form. **Do not wait until the last moment to request this insurance-we need AT LEASE 2 weeks to process every request.**

We will be sending another Charity Goal/Donation letter with a list of the Newman donors to each council on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you plan to send any donations, remember to get your donations to the State Office before NOON on April 28th! **DO NOT SEND ALL DONATIONS ON ONE CHECK!!** Write individual checks for each donation and indicate in the MEMO section to which fund they should be posted.

**NEWMAN:** Pins and plaques for this fund are calculated on the Charity year of May 1<sup>st</sup> to

June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, **NOT THE CALENDARY YEAR**. A donation made on May 1, 2006 will receive a 2006 pin. If you want a pin for any other year, please indicate your wishes on the donation card.

Also, 1<sup>st</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 21 century donor plaques and pins are forwarded to the Grand Knight for presentation at the next council meeting unless otherwise instructed on the donation card. Century Donor Year pins and plates are sent to the donor unless otherwise instructed on the donation card. If a donation is being made to "make up" a Century Donor year, please indicate on the donation card the year plate needed.

The packet for the **108<sup>th</sup> State Convention** has been mailed. Be sure to make your hotel reservation and State Deputy Banquet and Ladies Luncheon reservations as soon as possible. This year's convention will be in Collinsville, Illinois and we are hoping for a great turnout.

The **credential cards** for this year's convention have been mailed. Please complete and return in the envelope provided as soon as possible. The State Office will complete the card inserting the appropriate Per Diem where indicated. Be sure to print your name, address and council information clearly so our office staff can read it easily.

The end of the **Fraternal year** is just around the corner (June 30<sup>th</sup>). That means it's time to begin work on the **Columbian Award Application Form SP-7**. This is a Supreme form and should NOT be confused with our Illinois Spirit Award program. You can download a copy of the form from the Supreme Website if your copy has been misplaced. You can also complete this form on line and send a copy to the State Deputy c/o the State Office ([illinoisckc@illinoisknights.org](mailto:illinoisckc@illinoisknights.org)), your District Deputy, and yourself before you click on "**SUBMIT**".

The **Data Gathering Form (DIR 1)** is a **STATE form** and is used for the completion of our State Directory. It will be mailed May 1, 2006. Immediately after the election of officers please complete this form and return it to the State Office. The address is preprinted on the back of the form. Double fold the form,

staple or tape the form closed and affix your postage – **IT'S THAT EASY!**

Elections of Council Grand Knights for the fraternal year 2006-2007 will be held soon. Just a reminder: the "**Report of Chosen Officers**" (**Form 185**) is due June 30<sup>th</sup> and the "**Service Program Personnel**" (**Form 365**) is due August 1<sup>st</sup>. These forms need to be submitted as soon after the election of the Grand Knight and his fellow officers is over. These two forms are extremely critical so the communication lines between the Supreme and State Councils can be established. Both forms are available on the Supreme Web Site ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and can be submitted electronically to both the Supreme Council, as well as the State Council. If you have any questions, please contact your District Deputy or the State Council Office at 815-935-2262 or e-mail [illinoisckc@illinoisknights.org](mailto:illinoisckc@illinoisknights.org). When completing the 185 form, please show the street address as well as the PO Box for your officers.

#### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

*The Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee sponsored by Holy Rosary Council 4483 in Arlington Heights drew 22 students in grades six through eight from Catholic and public schools. Mt. Prospect Council 6481 and Our Lady of the Grove Council 13448 helped with the event. The students received a T-shirt from the Knights for participating in the bee.*

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One of the last pages of our newsletter is the listing of Brother Knights who have recently passed on. Most of us never had a chance to meet the majority of them, but we always pray for their souls. They were Brother Knights from all walks of lives: fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sons. Each was a fiber in our cable of Columbianism and each in his own way added to our order. We cannot bring them back but their legacy of Columbianism continues through each of us and through the members that we bring into the order. Their spirit is what makes up our fiber and that will never end. In their honor, each of us needs to help the fiber grow. Recruit a Catholic man into our order. He may be the one to keep your legacy alive. "**Tempus Fugit Momento Mori**"



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

Brother	Council #	Yrs of Service
Al Bakos	4688	9
Farrell Barnett	4688	12
George T. Barra	7989	29
Louis Cesario	5025	9
John Cavello, <b>GK</b>	11027	10
Ken Day	8699	22
Edward J. Fabin	1949	37
Joseph P. Geisler	1098	18
Aleck J. Gingiss	7331	25
<b>Reverend Fr.</b> Jerome Klug	8699	53
Melvin Kreiter	2869	51
Lawrence A. "Kush" Kusnerik	790	65
Ambrose Harbaugh	1334	58
Arthur J. Loebach	790	25
<b>Reverend Fr.</b> Robert J. Lutz	7331	19
Dr. Reynold R. Lystila	665	51
James H. Monahan	790	46
Edwin M. Reinmann	790	9
Frank J. Sabino	790	15
Melvin E. "Mel" Saul, <b>PGK,FDD,PFN,FM</b>	6625	58
Dr. Henry A. Serczyk, <b>PGK</b>	1949	54
Lawrence Schmitz	1334	36
Leonard "Bud" Schmidt	4688	47
Aloysius "Al" J. Springman	460	57
Harry A. Thomas	790	22
Harland J. Vogel	790	35
Wenceslaus "Mike" Wielgorecki	11232	12
Walter Wright	2932	67
Leopold Zullo	745	62

**May Their Souls and all the Souls of the Faithfully Departed  
Rest in Peace. Amen  
*"Tempus Fugit Momento Mori "***

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**Have you been having receiving your mail from us? Have you moved? Please complete the following form, and return it to the State Office: PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681 AND notify your Financial Secretary to complete a Form 100 for Supreme.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Clearly

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PO Box Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Fax# \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_