

# Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus



## Illinois Knights News



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### WORDS FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY



Dear Brother Knights,

Four months have elapsed in this fraternal year, and eight months remain. Many activities have taken place or are in

process. In early September Supreme announced the Masters for the State of Illinois: Ray Biliskov is the Master of Illinois District 1 and Jim DeRuntz will continue as Master of Illinois District 2. Congratulations to the Masters on their appointments, I also wish to thank Bernie Santowski for his years of service as a Master, he did an admirable job and served his maximum number of terms. I'm sure the Fourth Degree will prosper and they will continue to help our councils grow as well.

At the July District Deputies Meeting in Springfield, we went over the planning for Membership, Charities, Programming, New Council Development and the K of C Academy. We requested the District Deputies to take their training back to the council officers and spread the word. We unveiled an old program renamed as "**The Power of 10**" and modified from Georgia and Arkansas. The Power of 10 is likened to a 3 legged stool which requires us to have 3 legs to remain standing. The 3 legs are "membership, programming and charities". All 3 legs are important to survival of a council. Past experience shows us most councils are very good with programs and charities, but need help in recruiting new

men to join. For many councils only one or 2 men do most of the recruiting, and this is why growth is sporadic or nonexistent. We all have our own circle of friends and brothers, and to truly make a council grow we must broaden our horizons. Every practical Catholic man should be asked to join the Order, and this is why everyone should be a recruiter. All councils should look at the "Power of Ten" program as a way to get more inactive members to come out and get involved—we have to make them feel needed. It will increase program participation and volunteers for charity work, and it will also help recruit new men to join. As leaders in your councils, you have the Power to make it happen. **If not for you, then who?**

As you look at the rest of the articles in this newsletter, you will note that membership growth is important to all the officers in Illinois and it should be for all councils in Illinois, too. The work is done at the grass roots or council level—you need the members to help do the work. You need the new members to make sure your council will still be doing the great programs and charities in your communities when you grand children join. The MR/LD candy drive is done; Newman is underway, as is the Vocation Raffle. The drawing is earlier this year (December 9<sup>th</sup>) due to moving up the Mid Winter DD meeting to meet Supreme's requirements. Information has been mailed to the District Deputies and State team for the meeting in Peoria. Please make your reservations by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We also have many more councils in Soccer kick and just unveiled a new statewide youth

program. **Keep Christ in Christmas** is a poster coloring contest, and info has been sent to all Grand Knights on record. Additional information is also available on the website for most of our programs and forms. IPSD Logan Ludwig has done a superb job in converting the website to its new format and content.

In closing this month, I hope that all of you exercised your duty as a good Catholic man and voted for the candidates who promote our Catholic values. The Catholic leaders of our Church encourage all of their flock to turn out the vote. The only way we can create change in government is to elect candidates who support our churches teachings on life issues, social justice, and fair pay for our work, support of the poor and underprivileged, fair taxes and equal healthcare for all citizens. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones.

Vivat Jesus

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### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



**Council 13267 George Cardinal Mundelein** took first place with their float in the Mundelein Days parade.

## **PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE**

### **State Secretary**

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### **BUILDING A BETTER WORLD**

The Fraternal Year is a quarter of the way completed. As we look back on the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 months of this Fraternal Year we can find much to be grateful. We completed another successful MR/LD drive. The Vocations Raffle is in full swing and the Newman Campus Ministry Pledge of Support mailing should be reaching your home if not already. The new Soccer "Shootout" program was introduced last year and all indications point to a successful addition to the outstanding programs that are being performed or will be performed throughout the year. There are also many Membership Campaign opportunities that have come or are yet to come as a result of the Council Blitz Programs that have been scheduled.

Your council should have introduced to you the "Power of 10 Program". This new program should be an excellent activity to involve ALL the members of your council, especially those that may have been forgotten, as they don't normally attend the Council Meeting. This program will provide a Good Team Building Concept to keep track of all of the members. If you are unaware of this program, please ask your Grand Knight to explain how it works and how your council will implement it.

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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 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 re-focus our efforts in the Area of Membership Recruitment? If your council was successful in the Blitz Campaign, Congratulations to You and Your Council! We need to make sure that Blitz Campaign results have been reported to your District Deputy and that First Degree dates have also been scheduled and reported as well as making sure are the Prospects have been signed and advised of the degree dates.

If your council was not very successful in the 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.

The early returns on Membership Recruitment are better than the last fraternal year but not the desired results at this time. 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.

**State Treasurer**  
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Brothers,  
There are a lot of things happening all around like bright fall colors, a snow flurry, two, and the holidays around the corner. The MR/LD Drive is done and have you submitted the funds to the Illinois State Council Charities, Inc yet? Do not delay you are required to get your monies into the State in reasonable time frame but we also

encourage you to withdraw the funds so that you may get the funds to the organization that really need the funds as soon as possible. Consider sending your remittance checks in the same envelop as your withdrawal requests.

Remember the money you collected from the public needs to be given to your recipients as soon as possible. Be sure that you get newspaper pictures and articles about your disbursements to the various organizations. Let people know what you do and why you do it.

Bragging a little can go a long way to improve your council's membership recruitment. If you inform the public what you do as a council for the church, the family, youth and community more men will want to become part of your council. It makes it a little easier to ASK A MAN TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Do you have a form 100 in your wallet?

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



***Peoria Chapter Meeting held at the Council in Galesburg. Discussion at the first meeting of the new fraternal year centered on a report on the Supreme Convention by Chapter President Paul Flynn and a discussion and affirmation of the goals of the State Council and Chapter for 2006-07.***

***Springfield Council #364 sponsored their 85th Annual Bar-B-Cue Raffle. The event was again a big success, thanks to all the tickets sold by each participating council. The money raised goes to support various charities.***

## **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*State Chaplain, The Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer stands with the Honor Guards behind the Mexican Martyrs relics at one of the many showings.*

### **State Advocate**

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### **Understanding Our Tax Exempt Status**

Two tax status terms often used mistakenly as the same are: *non-profit* and *charitable*. There is a distinction you should be aware of between these two terms. For Federal Income Tax purposes, the Knights of Columbus organization is considered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a *non-profit* organization. A long-standing ruling by the IRS applied to Supreme Council applies equally to all subordinate councils. Non-profit tax status is stipulated under section 501 (c) 8 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The taxing authority evaluates community activities and the amount of hours spent to serve community needs that otherwise would be addressed by government programs. For example, activities such as working and supplying food pantries, blood drives, and environmental projects like adopt a highway programs serve to meet the requirements. **Our non-profit status does not exempt us in any way from paying sales taxes.**

Non-profit status does provide *relief* from paying federal income taxes on revenue that we take into our councils. For example,

council funds from dues that we collect, fund-raising events such as council sponsored pancake breakfasts would all be taxable as income if not for the non-profit status. The IRS requires that we submit an **IRS Form 990** when the total amount of revenue exceeds \$25,000. There is an exemption from completing IRS Form 990 when the total amount of revenue is below \$25,000; however, it is advisable to submit this form each year regardless of the amount of revenue taken into the council.

*Charitable status* has special requirements that must be considered before being qualified under the tax codes. There are **no Knights of Columbus councils that qualify** under the IRS requirements to be a charitable organization. Charitable organization status is stipulated under IRC section 501 (c) 3. All of our state-sponsored charitable activities i.e. the Newman Program, MRLD Program, Charitable Assistance Program, and Vocation Raffle Program are managed by ***Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.*** which was established to meet the qualifications under IRC section 501 (c) 3. For this reason, it is necessary that councils submit collected funds from any of our state-sponsored charitable activities to ***Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.*** and distribution of these funds to our benefactors is made through that entity. The IRS regularly audits these organizations for compliance with rules and regulations and can take away the tax exempt status if an organization fails to work within the guidelines set by their code. Your state Board for Illinois Charities Inc. files all necessary forms with both the state and federal taxing authorities regarding our charitable activities. As Knights of Columbus councils we serve as agents to Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. and that is the reason we ask you to submit collected funds to this entity once you've accounted for the collection in your councils.

### **Non-Profits Being Questioned-What you can do!**

Our Supreme Council office monitors developments on Capital Hill including

developments that threaten non-profit organizations such as ours. Our Congressmen and Senators often look at ways to prevent exemptions from paying income taxes and as the saying goes...only the strong survive! Communication about the good works that all of our councils perform in service to the community at large is critical to maintaining our non-profit status. One sure way that a council can support the cause of keeping our non-profit status is to diligently complete the Survey of Fraternal Activity at the close of the calendar year. Councils can also help by publicizing the time and efforts donated in volunteer hours in local newspapers and by writing to their Congressmen to let them know what they are doing. You may even invite these officials to attend events that celebrate volunteerism by the Knights of Columbus; but be careful to not invite those whose position on Life issues are suspect!

If you or any of your members have any questions about our non-profit or our charitable organization status, please feel free to contact me at 630-932-9107 or via email at [richspada@comcast.net](mailto:richspada@comcast.net). If you have questions about taxes such as the IRS Form 990, please contact the IRS or visit their web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) .**ILLINOIS**

### **KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



***Bishop Fulton Sheen # 10858 sponsored a Blue Mass celebrated by Bishop Gustavo and attended by over 200 first responders with over 600 in attendance***

### **State Warden**

**Frank Ryan**

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My article this month is from a local newspaper here in LaSalle County the Times. The article was written by a Brother Knight Alfie D'Souza from Ottawa IL.

### **"Proud to be Catholic"**

What would it take to make the Knights of Columbus grow in Illinois? Only nine words: "Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus?"

Read the sign posted inside the Knights of Columbus hall in Ottawa. "I decided to join, not because of the social meetings and not because my brother Rudy and my buddy Larry Dixon were members, but because I wanted to belong to a great Catholic organization that would make me a strong Catholic and also involve me in community projects."

So listen up all ye Catholic men: if you are ready to become a "Knight," call GK Tom McNamara 815-434-7951 or DD Steve "Pizza" Scherer at 815-434-6495.

I'm proud to be a "Brother Knight" among 835 members in Ottawa Council 634, 71,000 in Illinois and 1.7 million Order wide.

Many Americans have asked me, "Are you a Catholic? Were you converted to Catholicism? Did you change your name? Do you eat meat? Are there Catholics in India?" I am 100 percent Catholic, born in a respected Catholic family in Mangalore, India. My mother brought me up as a God-Fearing Catholic, and I decided to continue that way. I like my religion and I want to remain Catholic forever. And yes, we do have Catholics in India, who are strong and faithful.

Quite a few Indian Catholics live in America. So next time you see a dark brown man walking downtown Ottawa, don't rum him over assuming he is a terrorist or think he may be a Hindu or Muslim. He could be just another Catholic like me on his way to Sunday Mass.

No doubt, America has nearly 80 million Catholics. But it's sad that not many practice their faith seriously. Like my Catholic friend, who attends church only twice a year- Easter vigil and Christmas

Eve. And I believe knowledge among Catholic kids is very poor. Once I heard a Catholic kid telling his friend, "Too bad this year Easter has fallen on a Sunday."

From a restless flock to budget deficits to a startling shortage of priests, the issues facing the Catholic Church in America threaten aspects of its mission.

Church Attendance is dropping. Parishes and schools are closing. The sex abuse scandal, the financial crunch and the battle over roles of women and the laity really hurt the Catholic ministry.

But I am not giving up my faith because of all these issues. Instead, I pray and pray for God's help. My humble request to all my Catholic folks is please practice your faith and try to attend Sunday Mass.

If I can attend the Sunday Liturgy, why can't you? And for those who are willing to learn about Catholic faith, call the Rite of the Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA) program office at 815-434-0768.

I end this article with a Christian hymn: "We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. We will walk and work, hand in hand and side by side. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. And Together we'll spread the news that God is in our land and one day unity will be restored."

*I am proud to be Catholic.*

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Parishioners stuff scarecrows at St. Mary Immaculate Church in Plainfield during a fundraiser hosted by **Good Shepherd***

**Council 5573** that netted \$800 for the council's charitable fund. Attendees made more than 200 scarecrows for the front porches of homes throughout the community.

### **Membership Co-Directors**

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All councils should be participating in the **October Blitz**.

In the First phase councils need to obtain their pastor's permission to conduct a Membership Blitz with in their parish. Ask the pastor to announce the upcoming drive from the pulpit. Prior to the Blitz advertise in the diocesan newspaper. Encourage officers, members and insurance agents to sign up to work to the mass they attend.

Display information about your council at a table set up at the church's entry. Greet men as they enter the church, distribute prospect cards. Ask your pastor to have a membership recruitment announcement read during mass, which can read by a priest or a member volunteer. Brother Knights can answer questions and collect the prospect cards as parishioners leave church.

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

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

Schedule a First Degree shortly after the final phase of the **Membership Blitz**. Be sure to contact candidates to remind them of the date and insure they have transportation to the location. At the Degree get your new members involved and explain the Shining Armor Award Program. Finally report the results to your District Deputy.

The **Blitz** is a component along with the **Welcome Back Brother** and the **Shining Armor** programs of membership success. With your dedication to the growth of the Knights of Columbus we will achieve our goals.

**ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

**North American Martyrs Council 4338 in Niles** held a Columbus Day memorial service for deceased members. The council also sponsored a Respect Life Month prayer service in October.



*Promote Catholics to Join the Fr. Michael McGivney Guild which promotes his Sainthood. It is open to all at no charge.*

**General Program Director**

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The days are growing shorter, the leaves are starting to turn, the rakes are being dusted off and football is on TV. It must be fall. This is an excellent time of year for our councils to conduct one of the most enjoyable family outings they can, hold a fall cookout. What a great time to have a wiener roast, marshmallows and a campfire. Brother knights and their families gathered around a fire with the nip of the chilly temps soon to be upon us, hay rack rides are conducted, pumpkins are carved and who is the best story teller of your council. Councils who host a fall cookout can also use this time as a membership recruitment tool. Invite potential members to your councils party and let them see the **fun** and

**fraternity** brother knights and their families have together!

The State Horseshoe tournament is history. Chairman Mike Nettekmeier reports there was an increase in participation with a total of 12 councils competing. Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Class / Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Class A	
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Lester Dumstorff</b>	Carlyle 1382
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Jim Kramp</b>	Springfield #4179
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Jerry Dumstorff</b>	Breese #2869
Class B	
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Charlis Magouth</b>	Cahokia #4596
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Tom Janek</b>	Cahokia #4596
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Bill Lehten</b>	Cahokia #4596
Class C	
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Joe Rieken</b>	Cahokia #4596
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Norman Keepes</b>	Mt. Carmel #1343
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Al Haselhorst</b>	Aviston #11110
Class D	
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Jim Wesselmann</b>	Breese #2869
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Don Thole</b>	Aviston #11110
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Bob Albers</b>	Breese #2869
Class E	
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Ray Jevitt</b>	Chicago #887
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Charlie Hilmes</b>	Breese #2869
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Stacy Walker</b>	Effingham #665

Thank you to Mike for an excellent job as chairman.

Blood drive chairman Past State Warden Gary Gunderson reports that council blood drives are off and running. 16 drives have been conducted so far with a total of 844 units collected. Thank you to those councils who have conducted drives so far and to the councils who will conduct drives in the future. This truly is giving the gift of life.

Many councils are conducting Blue Masses this year and what a better way of honoring our police and fire personal. I urge each council to sponsor a Blue Mass this fraternal year. Council program directors along with the council church director should be starting to plan for the upcoming memorial masses to honor those council brother knights who have gone on before us. Do not forget to invite the deceased member's family to attend this very important mass as well.

Worthy Grand Knights, council program directors and Worthy District Deputies, it is still not too late to plan for the remainder of this year's council programming activities. I would like to mention that the Illinois Spirit award program is a guide you can use to insure success of your councils programming for the fraternal year. It is filled with many ideas on activities councils can do to keep the member and his family active in the council. There are 44 suggested activities councils can perform but the list is truly endless. Use the Illinois Spirit Award program as a membership recruitment tool to enhance and entice potential members to join our order. Visit the State Website for details on the Illinois Spirit Award program.

Gerry Mattix Wand has reported the Illinois Knights soccer challenge is well underway and more councils are participating this year compared to last year. I think this program will truly grow each year, if your council is not conducting a soccer challenge consider doing so and contact Gerry to find out how easy it is to host.

The Knights of Columbus free-throw contest is in its final stages of preparation and soon the nets will be burning with foul shots. Contact Ray Aubry or your District Deputy for information on location and dates.

The Illinois Knights are starting a new contest this year for our youth. It is the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. District Deputy #76 Walt Jones has agreed to be the chairman for this new activity and details will be arriving on the council's doorsteps very soon. This will also be on the state website as well.

In closing the old adage that failing to plan is planning to fail is so true. Councils who do not plan programming activities to keep the members active will also be planning on how to suspend members because of lack of interest. Our council activities are why members join, we must continue to offer interesting activities to keep our members fresh. When you have a new member join ask him to be part of a planning committee.

New members mean new ideas or possibly a different way of promoting a current activity. Use our members wisely and the fruits of your labors will be great. Remember good programming = membership growth and membership growth = good programming.

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Volunteers at the Oswego Art Fair and Drag Strip Days serve food at a dining booth sponsored by **Oswego Council 7247**. Sales exceeded \$3,500.*

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Thank you to all the Brother Knights and families across the state who worked the corners, organized the teams, counted the money, and helped in whatever way they could during our recently completed MR/LD drive. The weather seemed to be on our favor this year, at least on the main weekend. If you made your goal, congratulations! If you fell a little short, the Tootsie Roll weekend is not the only opportunity to meet your goal. Please don't give up. Organize some other fundraising event to help make up the shortfall. It can be as simple as a couple extra collections at a meeting, or you might organize a breakfast, or dinner, or some other event. The charity year ends on April 30, 2007 so there is still plenty of time to raise monies for the cause. Keep in mind, you still must report your collections for the Tootsie Roll weekends by November 1. your MR/LD chairman should have the

report form. If not, contact the state office or download it from the state web site, under Forms and Reports.

The next big push you are probably hearing by now is for the Newman Apostolate Program. This is considered the most important program we support, and it is the oldest. Brothers, think about what it was like the first time you left home as an adult. We left for a number of reasons, but for many it was college. Remember how ready we thought we were to take on the world and make it our own. But we soon discovered it can be lonely out there, and without a friend in God, we can quickly get lost. Some of us were lucky enough to have a Newman Center on campus. It was our refuge, a place to find solace in the Lord and remember that He is always with us. Imagine how we might have turned out if we didn't have a Newman Center available to us. Today, many more of our young adults are attending college than ever before. And in today's world there are many more vices and dangers waiting to entrap them. This is why it is more important than ever to make sure a strong Newman Center community is there for them.

Brothers, this year you will be hearing the cry "Get on Target with Newman". Over the years the Newman collections have been respectable, but we can do much better. We typically only reach about 70% of our goal. If each member in the state gave \$1.50 more than what they gave last year, we would easily make our goal. Imagine what good we can do for our youth at our public colleges and universities., and you do not have to depend on the membership and the Newman drive itself. Organize other fundraisers to benefit Newman. Perhaps your council can hold informational weekends after Mass to educate the parishioners about Newman and what it means to the youth of the parish. It is time we "Get on Target with Newman", and we should accept nothing less than a bullseye! Let me first off, Thank You once again for all you do for the Newman Program in the State of Illinois, and the financial support

you provide. Remembering that Charity is the first principal of our order should and always remains first and foremost in our minds.

I come to you today with an appeal for help. An appeal for support.

We as Knights of Columbus in the State of Illinois need to go back to basics and the root of what we were founded on Charity. With the good works of Charity that we do can provide limitless opportunities for membership and growth in the order and in our Councils.

If you have any questions about our charitable programs (MR/LD, Newman, Vocations, General Assistance, Wheelchair Foundation) do not hesitate to contact the program chairman or myself. Vivat Jesus!

Words from **Jerry Bevignani, State Newman Director**

Over the past several years we have lost focus on the Newman Apostolate Program. Our expenses continue to grow, and the donations we receive from the Brother Knights and Councils had been falling lower and lower. The Newman Centers on the College Campuses across the State of Illinois rely on the funding we provide every year, and as donations fall, so will our contributions to them.

Recently you received a mailing from me. As we strive to focus on our goals, we need

to Get on target  with Newman! We need everyone to get educated about the Newman Program, think about the good that we do, and appeal to all members to make a contribution to keep this program strong and growing.

Over the past couple of weeks, every Knight in the State of Illinois received a piece of mail soliciting donations for the Newman Program. Included was a brochure explaining the Newman Program and the history of it in the State of Illinois. There is a

donation card along with an envelope to return the card in.

This form of solicitation has been our primary method for collecting donations throughout the years. I will continue to be a strong method, but we need everyone reading this article to promote the program and talk about the importance of making some contribution. We are only asking for \$5.00 per member. Wear your Century Donor Pins. Talk about the good the centers do at the universities, and become a Newman supporter yourself.

Now is the time to Get on target with Newman!! Lets all shoot our arrows, and make them hit.



### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*At the 124<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention. Many of the Knights went to St. Augustine to "The Shrine of Our Lady of Leche", America's first mission and it's most sacred and historic site? Here, in 1565, over 400 years ago, Father Lopez offered the first Mass in America's First City. Fr. Tuttle co-celebrated with the State Chaplain from Arizona.*

**KC Academy Director**  
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The fall 2006 KC Academy Seminars are now concluded. A HUGE thanks you to all the attendees! A HUGE thank you to all the Diocesan Coordinators and leaders for your great support! A very heartfelt thank you to the State Board for your support of continuation for this great program! Overall, participation continues to increase.

A number of Councils have "heard the word" and thus have attended for the 1st time! The Council Officer segment was very well received. This year it was enhanced by a DVD provided to the attending Councils, which was produced by Supreme. This DVD is a 4-hour training segment dealing with just Grand Knight Training. A very special thanks you to our Worthy PSD and Current Supreme RPC Joe P. for allowing us to copy it for your use. Each attending Council received a copy. While this DVD does deal with Grand Knight issues, it does contain some very good leadership materials, which can benefit all of us. Over 90 of these DVD's were distributed at the Seminars!

Next, the Public Relations Director segment also was very well received. This will be incorporated into the Council Officer Training segment on a going forward basis.

Our Worthy State Deputy, Paul Havrilka, did his usual exemplary presentation which concentrated somewhat on the "Power of 10" as well as an analysis and explanation of the State budget which a lot of you had mentioned that you would like to see and know in future Academy presentations. The "Power of 10" is not just a membership tool. It is a communications tool. It is a great way to let your Brothers know what is happening within your Council and community. It does not have to be 10. Heck it can be 2 or 3. And that personalized "touch" is always nice and certainly a lot cheaper than the US Mail! Have you started yours yet?

The evaluation sheets, which you were so kind to complete and return, have yielded a number of things for consideration. A few of them are:

A need for specific DD Training. Just exactly what is it that I am supposed to do or be

Doing? How do I do it?

What is a Chapter? What is its true role in the grand scheme of things? Every one I ask, tells me something different.

How does the insurance field agent fit into the Council? Just what is his role/value? Others exist as well but time and space does not permit their listing here. Both the Academy and your State Board will discuss these and the other repetitive comments/suggestions. As the Academy Director, I assure all of you that your comments are greatly appreciated and certainly taken into account as the materials are developed. The KC Academy is your Academy and thus your suggestions are always taken into account. If any Brother has a suggestion or idea on how to make these Seminars more valuable, please email me at tedglaser@aol.com or call me at (708) 203-2277.

The Spring Seminar development is well underway. Father Jim and Father Chuck are busy working on yet another dynamic "Spiritual Enrichment" segment, which has become traditional in the Spring Seminars. As a number of you will recall, last year's was "What does it mean to be a Catholic? Why do we do what we do?" What is this spring's topic? It will be announced at the mid-Winter DD meeting this December! The spring segment will also include a segment dealing with the Financials of a Council. And of course, there will be yet another segment based upon your feedback. What is it? A surprise!

In the Academy's " spare time", we are developing a training segment for brand new Councils and their Officers. With all the new councils within our great State of Illinois, a need has been identified for this and it is in the process of development. This year our Worthy NCD Director, Frank Schwartz, is looking at some 18 new Councils and possibly more. The need is there. The Academy faculty is working with our Supreme RPC Joe. P and his team on converting what is developed into both Spanish and Polish not only for Illinois but also perhaps the Order. And of course, discussions have already begun on the State Convention and what will be presented which will be upon us before we know it. We do stay very busy. It truly does

take a lot of time to develop these materials so that they can be valuable to you-our Brother!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Academy faculty for all your hard work in producing these great seminars. Both our Brothers and I truly and sincerely appreciate it! To the families of those attending-thank you. Without this type of support and cooperation, the KC Academy does not exist.

In closing, as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, yet again I am reminded of the many things in life that I have to be thankful for as I am sure all of you do. Very high on my list are the many Brothers and your families I have had met since my appointment as the Illinois KC Academy Director and the subsequent friendships which have resulted and will always be treasured. From Carolyn and I to you and yours, a very Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving!

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*The Officers of **Allouez Council 658** of Rock Island and its **Auxiliary** were installed for the Fraternal year of 2006-07. Pictured L to R are Lou Alongi, Grand Knight; John Laughlin, Past District Deputy and Installing Officer and June Samuelson, President of the Ladies Auxiliary. The annual joint installation reaffirms the close working relationship between the two organizations.*

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**Delinquent Forms & Reports:**

Currently the following is furnished:

- 1) Form 185 *Report of Chosen Officers*: 40 councils are delinquent
- 2) Form 365 *Report of Program Personnel*: 117 are delinquent
- 3) DIR1 *Data Gathering Form*: 100 councils are delinquent. Please note that this form is used to compile the State Directory. It shows the Council Grand Knight, Financial Secretary as well as council meeting information.
- 4) Form 1295 *Semi-Annual Audit*: 90 councils are delinquent

The new per capita invoices seem to have been very well received with only a few councils calling for clarification. Per capita is assessed based on the membership numbers as of **APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**, **NOT July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

As of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 287 councils have paid ½ of their assessed per capita and 188 of those councils have paid their January assessment as well.

A **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT** has been mailed out to the appropriate councils that still owe July per capita or who have not yet paid their **PRIOR YEAR** per capita assessment.

Reports of the **MR/LD Fund Drive** are beginning to arrive at the State Office. To avoid delays in receiving funds, be sure a copy of the candy order form has been mailed to the State Office; receipts for miscellaneous and advertising expense accompany the report, (along with a copy of the MR/LD ad); and most importantly **BE SURE THE MATH IS CORRECT** and the check is the correct amount as shown on Line 6 of the report. **Don't forget to complete the "Volunteer" section at the bottom of the form.**

One of the biggest problems in the last few years has been small councils that purchased candy from a larger council and therefore do not have a candy order form to support their deduction on 4a of the Report Form. For those councils, please send a copy of your cancelled check or a receipt from the council from whom you purchased candy. To those bigger councils, ***you MAY NOT DEDUCT CANDY THAT YOU SOLD TO ANOTHER COUNCIL AS YOUR EXPENSE!***

When requesting the MR/LD funds, please allow us 3-4 weeks to process your request. We try to accommodate the dates on **every** request; however, requests for a shorter turnaround time may not be possible.

We will be mailing the **Vocation Support Packet** for 2006-2007 to each Grand Knight, Faithful Navigators and the Ladies Auxiliary Presidents shortly.

The 66,500 **Vocation Raffle** books have been mailed to all Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents. **REMEMBER**, sold books and **monies (@ \$6.00 per book)** must be turned in to the State Council no later than **Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> by NOON**

**The Newman Solicitation** has been mailed to your address of record. Unfortunately, there was an error in the printing process and no council or membership # appears on the card. **Therefore, when it arrives please print your membership #" and council # on the card**, and if there is any change in the address, please also print that on the solicitation card so we can correctly post your donation. It is helpful to note on the card if you have changed councils since the last mailing. Our records may not reflect that change and we are sure you would like your current council to receive credit for your donation.

**When looking for a State form**, almost every State form can now be located and in some cases completed and submitted from

our website. The MR Report and MR Request for Distribution are no exception. Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Blood Donor Drive Report, and many more are now available. In some cases, the form will do the math for you and all you have to do is print the final version and submit to the proper location.

Finally, if in doubt that a form, donation, report or Request for Distribution has gone astray, please do not hesitate to contact the State Office and we will be happy to assist you. ☺

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



***Maria Council 4836 in Park Ridge will host a concert on Dec. 1 at the historic Pickwick Theater. Recording artist, Tatiana, will perform Emmanuel: The Story of Christmas under the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. Money raised from ticket sales will benefit the council's charitable fund and a local crisis pregnancy center.***

**Public Relations Director /  
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Sadly I must report the loss of a dear Friend for the Chicago Archdiocese and the Knights of Columbus in **Richard Everett**. Dick's constant smiling face and sense of humor will be greatly missed. To his family we sent our prayers and condolences

October 6, 2006 Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia (1878 – 1938), who was canonized in Rome on October 15, 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI, has become the seventh Knight of Columbus and the first bishop / Knight to be declared a saint.

Six other Knights, all of whom were martyred in Mexico during the persecutions of the 1920s and 1930s, were declared saints of the Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

"We welcome the canonization of our brother Knight, Bishop Guizar Valencia, and know that his life of courage and legacy of evangelization will be an inspiration to each of our 1.7 million members around the world," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who attended Bishop Guizar Valencia's canonization in Rome.

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***What's New***  
The Illinois State Council website ([www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org)) is constantly being updated. Several "What's New" items include:

- Information about State Spelling Bee
- Information about Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest
- State Soccer Contest information
- Mass Times: Find mass times at local Parishes

***Forms and Reports***  
This section is one of the most heavily used and features 35 forms that can be printed electronically; 15 of them can be submitted online so councils do not have to mail them. You can also check on the latest update for your council's progress toward its membership and charities goals in this section; simply click on "State Report of Council Activities"

## Degrees

A current listing of reported 1<sup>st</sup> degrees scheduled by diocese is accessible by clicking on "Degrees" on the navigation bar at the top of the home page. A schedule of Major Degrees is also available in this section.

## Members Only

The Members Only section has recently been updated to include the 2006-2007 Illinois State Council Directory. The directory is hyperlinked to 32 sections so users can simply click on the section they want (e.g., District Deputies or Grand Knights & financial Secretaries) and go directly to that section.

If you are having difficulties accessing the Members Only section, find a broken link, or want to make a suggestion to improve the website please send a message to the Illinois State Council webmaster at the above E-mail address

## ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

**Our Lady of Knock Council #12882** held their 3rd Blue Mass on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Channahon which started with SILENT PROCESSION at Channahon Jr High School. This Mass honored police and fire personnel who work tirelessly to safeguard their communities.

## ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Officers of the Illinois State Council presented Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Spring Valley with a check for \$3,000 to assist in the restoration of a statue that was severely damaged by vandals.



The 4th degree held in Rock Falls was named in honor of FM Don Trent who is pictured with his wife Rita, standing to his left. This was Master Ray Biliskov's, far right, 1st exemplification as Master. State Secretary Phil Barone, left bottom sat in attendance.

Thanks to all that have contributed to this newsletter. Keep the pictures and activity info coming. I can't publish them all but I'll do my best.

DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	DD#	HOST #	Location
Sunday	11/19/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Donald Klinker	66	577	KC Hall, 520 E. North St., Decatur
Sunday	11/19/06	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Howard Kinch	39	736	ST. Therese, 271 N. Farnsworth, Aurora
Sunday	11/19/06	11:15 AM	1:15 PM	Jim Coglianese	38	745	187 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee
Sunday	11/19/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	W. Michael O'Kane	62	13103	Old American Legion Hall, New KC Hall, Philo
Sunday	11/26/06	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	John O'Keefe	7	3731	O.L.P.H., 1310 Grove St. Glenview
Sunday	12/03/06	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Tom Buchmiller	79	13197	St. Joseph of Freeburg, 6 N. Alton, Freeburg
Sunday	12/03/06	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Howard Morrison	22	3755	Trinity, 11207 S. Ewing Ave. Chicago
Sunday	12/03/06	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Patrick Cernyar	34	4400	1813 Cass, Joliet
Sunday	12/03/06	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Sean Morgan	40	12497	St. Neumann Church, St. Charles
Sunday	12/10/06	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Edwin Tazelaar, II	45	653/12120	St. Joseph School, 202 W. Pleasant St., Freeport
Sunday	01/14/07	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Walter Jones	76	1098	Tri-Cities Council, 4225 Old Alton Rd., Granite City
Friday	01/26/07		6:00 PM	Patrick Cernyar	34	9770	7659 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/27/07</b>			<b>James DeRuntz</b>			<b>Biishop Griffin Assembly, Springfield</b>
Sunday	01/28/07	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Brian Baldi	3	4483	15 N. Hickory, Arlington Heights
Saturday	02/10/07	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	William Dekowski	57	792	K of C Bldg., 209 Gooding St., LaSalle
Sunday	02/11/07	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Tom Buchmiller	79	6165	321 S. Metter, Columbia, IL
Sunday	02/11/07	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Mark Daniel	41	3880	St. Thomas the Apostle School, King St., Crystal Lake
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>02/17/07</b>			<b>Ray Bliskov</b>			<b>Dooley Assembly, Wyndham Hotel., Lisle</b>

## MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE



**Tempus Fugit Memento Mori**

Brother	Council #	Years of Service
George Barry	3731	54
Jim Bell, <b>PGK, PFN</b>	4400	21
David F. "Doc" Beiser, Jr.	460	57
Richard Bonk	3731	50
Emil F. Borre, JR	3731	50
Emile E Calonne	7989	28
Joe Colley. <b>PGK</b>	6165	8
Robert Cotter	3731	39
Charles B. Cullen	790	65
Robert Denewellis	4400	7
Joseph R. Dulek	658	48
Thomas H. Fallon	4179	56
Walter Gall	3731	50
James Gibbs	1098	21
<b>REV. FR. Michael W. Ginter, Chaplain</b>	11232	?
Edward J. Gura	790	13
John Huff	1098	24
Arthur J. Jalove	5573	26
Donald J. Johnson	460	31
Granger H. Julius	5574	29
John F. Klemundt	887	47
Charles A. Kinney	658	62
Eugene E. Lock	790	10
Ronald Lucan	6625	15
James Lukes	12824	6
John F. McManus	658	21
Frank Megyeri, <b>P.G.K.</b>	5573	48
Thomas Mitchell	12824	26
Roger Morgan	3731	47
Joseph O'Halloran	12821	50
Ronald A. Peterson	790	20
Henry Plictha, <b>PGK</b>	3731	40
Rick K Richter	2869	17
Daniel J. Rittler	2601	8
William C. Salz	790	23
Johnny D Schaefer	665	34
Herbert W. Schroyer	2120	4
Timothy M. Stevens	3731	14
Robert Taylor, <b>PGK</b>	3731	50
Herman J. Walheim	658	35
Robert C. Whalen	790	33
Joseph C. Zajicek	6625	46
Michael Zintl	13476	2

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

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

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

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