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Knights of Columbus

"WHAT WORKS TEAM WORK"

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Fall has made her self known with the cool temperatures and the brilliant fall colors but when we refer to the weather I believe "she" has been with us since August 1st. This

last weekend we spent in Galena while Pat and the ladies enjoyed a sunny day on Saturday shopping all the little shops while we were in meeting inside. But there was a large window that looked out on the golden and orange fall colors and the lake behind.

This weekend reminded me of how we sometimes turn into ourselves and ignore the great things that surround us. We miss the beauty of what God has created and we close out what man has developed. Even on a sunny day we forget to see beyond the room that we are in and we miss the opportunities that are before us.

Fr. Tuttle shared some quotes about opportunity at our last meeting that opened me to rethink where I am today.

I am the State Deputy of the greatest jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. I am the State Deputy of the most giving group of men and their families in all of the Order. I am the State Deputy of the BEST OF THE BEST in our Order. I am the State Deputy of the state that reaches and embraces opportunity which leads to success.

Right now we are averaging 26 new 1st Degree brother Knights joining our Order in each major Degree we put on. We are seeing small councils that have not recruited in several years bring in 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 new brother Knights into the First Degree. I read council newsletters where the Grand Knight and other Officers refer to the motto of my time as State Deputy: WHAT WORKS – TEAM WORK. And those councils are the ones reaching out and embracing every opportunity that presents itself.

I have read in items and emails of our State Secretary, Rich Spada the pride he has in his own home Diocese (Joliet). They embraced opportunity last year and had EVERY council in the Diocese active and recruiting. He is encouraging them to do the same again this year.

Every State elected, selected, appointed, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and every officer in the council should be encouraging their members to recruit at least one new member. And they should also be working to retain their existing members by paying attention to the brothers and their families.

As we move deeper into the Holy Season of Christmas and look forward to the New Year let all of us look for and embrace any and all opportunities to make our Councils stronger with new members and grow with the new visions that these members bring. Let us all grow stronger in our faith and remember that only you can take your faith away, no one can take it from you.

God bless everyone, *j*

A short Christmas Greeting

Pat and I send greetings and warm wishes for a Happy and Blessed Christmas from our home to your home.

The Christ Child is the Reason for this Season and we encourage you to wish everyone you meet a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If someone objects to being wished a Merry Christmas, just smile and in prayer ask Fr. McGivney to intercede and ask God to open their hearts to His love.

May God bless you this Holy Season!

God's blessings,

Jim and Pat Bednar

From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another, his warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other. At Christmas, all roads lead home. May yours be blessed, merry and joyous!

*Ina & Logan Ludwig, PSD,
Supreme Director*

ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAIN

Rev. Charles Tuttle cwtuttle@charter.net

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

If you really think about it – Christmas is the only birthday celebration that we are invited to participate in that we receive gifts, but the one whose birthday we are celebrating does not! What a strange twist of events. But that is how God's Love really works – He continually gifts us with His Graces and Divine Presence and enriches our lives. But the gifts of God are really not meant to stop there. Although we take special care to remember family and friends (our loved ones) with tokens of our love and

appreciation, God wants and expects us to remember the stranger, the homeless, the weak and oppressed, the lonely and abandoned – as well. Our Christmas cannot be complete unless we take the opportunity to witness to this challenge from God. And when we give to these “least among us” we are in turn really giving back to God. So help make this Christmas a real opportunity to thank God for His gifts to you by giving back to Him through others.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your families and a Blessed and Happy New Year in 2010.

Father Chuck Tuttle

Associate State Chaplain

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed the celebratory gathering for the 25th anniversary of Project Rachel Sept. 18, 2009, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Milwaukee. Shown above are L-R Marge Theriault, Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, Larry Theriault, and Dorian Anderson. In his keynote address, the Supreme Knight said that recent polls showed 86 percent of Americans would significantly restrict abortion and 53 percent of Americans believe abortion does more harm than good to a woman in the long term. 79 percent of Americans support conscience exemptions on abortion for health care workers. Larry and Marge Theriault are the Illinois State Council Right to Life Chaircouple.

STATE SECRETARY

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Richard C. Spada

“Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!”

Vivat Jesus! There is great hope and promise for our Order in Illinois; and, as it's been said before 'You ain't seen nothing yet'! As I ponder our challenges and accomplishments embraced by our Brother Knights for well over 100 years, it's amazing to witness the steadfast resolve of our Brothers to serve Church, Family and Community. Looking ahead to the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we Knights only see great hope in meeting any and all challenges. Our hope is grounded in the love of Jesus and Mary so while it seems that the world around us is crumbling, we direct our attention to Jesus and Mary where we draw our strength. This reminds me of the poem **“IF”** by Rudyard Kipling. The first stanza always catches my attention; and the last one is the clincher. Here they are:

“If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt
you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;”

The clincher:

“Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!”

Communication is a Wonderful Thing!

Too often, much of what we do may require that we take a stand against the popular culture; that is what leaders must do and we do it well! Even so as men of principle we are really ordinary people doing *extraordinary* things. Our culture of being in union with the Holy See positions us confidently in the right direction and we often just don't feel the need to talk about it! It is almost like a big secret, though

never kept that way intentionally. As an Order sometimes our own members aren't fully informed about what is going on. That is why I believe that ***communication is a wonderful thing*** that more needs to be done about improving it. As your State Secretary and with the support of my fellow officers, we began including highlights from our monthly officers' meeting on the state web site. At this writing, there are two month's of highlights from the August and September state officer meetings which can be found at www.illinoisknights.org Our web master, Brother Gerry Mattix-Wand also encourages councils to send him pictures with a short write up of your area interest to include on the web site. He created a photo gallery that he would like to see more entries to let the world know what is going on throughout the state. Have a great time being a Knight and as a deacon friend of mine once urged me—
“Keep the Faith and Spread it Around a Little!”

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION
Fr. Francis A. Ryan Council 5025 of Chicago hosted it's annual Turkey shoot and raffle which raises the funds to run council events for the year. Turkeys and hams are raffled off throughout the night and no one leaves hungry.

STATE TREASURER

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The air has turned a little nippy here lately and I hate to say it, I have been in some of that 4 letter word stuff that begins with an S and ends with a W. Even though cold is my livelihood I still have a hard time adjusting to it ever year. The change in the season also brings on the most beautiful colors that our Lord has created. We can sit back and enjoy his creation and what a canvas our Lord has provided for us to view. This time of year also brings on the Friday night school football games, wiener roasts, pumpkin carving competitions and of course hot chocolate by the fire. What a great time of year it is!

Many of our councils will conduct some type of fall outing and what a great opportunity to conduct a membership drive. Invite those prospective candidates and there families to

your council wiener roast, Friday night tailgating or which ever activity your council will conduct this year. Show the great Knight life that can be there's by joining our great order. You can also show the potential members that during these tough economic times our Knights of Columbus investment opportunities have remained strong and gaining monies instead of losing like a lot of other investment funds have. Make sure you invite the benefits representative to your council function also as they are great ambassadors for your councils and our order.

Speaking of investments and saving monies, it has come to our attention that there are some misconceptions in regards to the Supreme/State General Liability policy that is offered to our councils. There has been some misinformation surfacing that our policy does not cover a lot which is not correct. Many councils have purchased policies with other companies only to find out that there new policy has many limitations and is more expensive. Let me give you an example, and I will not use the names of those involved. Council xyz was told that the Supreme/State GL policy did not cover a lot so they purchased a policy from another company. That policy cost the council \$410 dollars and covered only 3 events. Each subsequent event needed and additional rider for a cost. This council called our State Office and found out that the policy we offer would of cost them \$187 and covered most of there events for the entire year. Our policy does not cover any type of liquor sales but there are not too many policies that will. The council must purchase a liquor liability policy separately and our GL carrier stated that our GL policies would stay in effect with proof of a paid up and current dram policy. So before a General Liability policy is purchased from outside companies give our State office a call for an estimate of the premium cost.

Enough business, the turkey fryers are getting cleaned up and the smell of pumpkin pies are everywhere. We are also getting close to the birthday of our Lord. Before long we will all be surrounding our Christmas trees with friends and families enjoying this most blessed time of year. Many of our councils will be conducting Christmas parties and enjoying the fraternity that makes our organization so special.

Diane and I would like to express to all of our Knights of Columbus families and friends a most Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Remember that it is ok to say MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

God Bless to all,
Vivat Jesus,

Skip and Diane Kinyon



STATE ADVOCATE

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The season of Christmas is soon approaching and our minds turn towards gift giving. No matter how much we try to not get caught up in the secularism of the Christmas season it's constantly in front of us. Whether it is T.V. adds to buy the latest and greatest that your love one will just love to the toys that your children tell you they need. We need to keep in our hearts and minds to the true gifts of Christmas. The gift of Jesus Christ, God's Son who constantly is giving us many gifts. Probably the one we most take for granted is the gift of life our own and those of the people we love. I could make list of many things, but I ask each of you to take a look at yourself during this season of giving and see what you've been given and share these gifts with the people you love but yet more important share your gift with maybe

someone who is a little harder to love. It could be a smile, a work of charity, an invite for a cup of coffee, a ride to an appointment or maybe not judging by your standards. Showing patience is always hard with someone we've already formed an opinion about so maybe take a step back and just take the time to listen, we might be surprised. We have been blessed with so many gifts from God, why not share them? Purchased gifts are all wrapped pretty and fun to get, but how can anyone of us turn away from a gift that may have cost the giver more than we realize.

I ask, take inventory of your gifts and pick one that is truly a generous gift of self—not one you've put on a shelf, but one that really shows the true meaning of this holy season. Also don't forget to wish each person we meet with a SINCERE MERRY CHRISTmas!!!! Don't let a small vocal minority take away the true meaning of CHRISTmas.

Theresa and I wish you all a Christmas season filled with many blessings and a New Year of good health. Please pray for our military that are away from their loved ones so we may enjoy yet another gift we take for granted – Freedom.

PS. I would like to hear from YOU!! HOW? Ask the Advocate column. I ask you to email me at bdoerfler@sbcglobal.net with your questions. I will then respond to you by email with maybe some valuable information to share with others. Ask what ever you wish, I'll be honest and forthright as I can, I will then put the question in my column. No Council number or name will be mentioned in the column. I just want to be able to expand each of our books of knowledge of the Knights of Columbus. So please, let's hear from you, let's see how much we can share with other brothers.

STATE WARDEN

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It's that time of year again. The green is gone. Autumn colors have faded. Corn and soy beans have been harvested. The fields are low with nothing but dirt and stubble. Daylight Saving Time is only a memory. It would be a dull time of year except for one thingthe

Holidays! And thankfully, we have two of those; Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This is your November-December Newsletter. The Thanksgiving holiday comes first and it is one that we should always be able to enjoy. Even in times of economic hardship, if we stop for a moment to really concentrate on what we have to be thankful for, it's not too hard to come up with reasons to be thankful. Consider the country you live in. The world population is 6.8 billion now. In the USA, we have 306 million people. 95.5% of the world's population lives outside this country. If you are having a bad day here, imagine how bad it might be if you lived in most of the rest of the world. How lucky we are to be in that small group that grew up and lives today in the United States. Every night we should be on our knees thanking God that we live in this great country. It's not perfect, but we don't have to work too hard to make it better. And that is what we do as Knights of Columbus. We make our parish, our community, our state, and our nation better. By doing this, we will make the world a better place. When you gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, count your blessings. You will find them mixed in with your hardships. On that day, concentrate on your blessings.

Then comes December: cold, snow, darkness, and then Christmas! This is such a special day for us as Knights of Columbus because we are Christians and proud of it! (Being a Catholic is another one of those things you should have remembered to be Thankful for last month.) The anniversary of the birth of our Lord is one of our most joyous feasts. In today's world, we tend to focus on memories of Christmases we recall from our youth, and those we celebrate now with our children and grandchildren as they open presents around the tree. But remember too, what happened in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Remember that Almighty God came to earth and was born in a stable. He put on our human nature and lived on this earth for 33 years.

There is so much to think about during this time of year. Use the time to make yourself a better person. Take the lessons you learn and share them with others. In particular, share them with

those who have not spent the time to acquire the insights that you have developed yourself.

And here is a closing thought. Spread the Good News, and show your Council What Works – Team Work!

Immediate Past State Deputy
Philip J Barone

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we approach the Mid-year point of the Fraternal Year it is time to make an honest evaluation of where your council is and where it is going. Most of the councils have embraced the concept of holding a Blitz Membership Drive and found that it is an effected method of recruiting new members to the Order. The Pope, Cardinals, Bishops and Priests have singled out the Knights of Columbus as the single most effective force in combating those who seek to remove both Religion and the role of the Family in our society as well as the fight against abortion. Please look at the Monthly Membership Opportunity Program that can and should be implemented by your council. It is never too late to extend the Gift of Membership in the Knights of Columbus to another Catholic Gentleman and his Family.

The Knights of Columbus is indeed an "Experience of a Lifetime" but it is all about Family. You belong to your immediate Family. You belong to your Church Family. You are part of your Community. You are a Member of the Knights of Columbus Family and as such you are part of OUR FAMILY.

As we approach the Holy Season of Christmas, let us all remember our families and thank each member of our families for the gifts and joy that each member brings into our lives. They are indeed both precious and special and should never be taken for granted.

Alice and I extend from our Family to your Family our Christmas wishes and blessings that you indeed celebrate your family and enjoy the Faith, Hope and Joy of this Christmas Season. This is a simply but very important message. Please take the time to truly enjoy your Family and extend that Love that is only yours to give.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus

Alice and Phil Barone



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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Brothers and Families,

The first six months of this fraternal year are coming to a close. We started off with a bang on July 4th and end it with the most joyous of times with the birth of the Christ Child.

During these six months, we had some pain and sorrow, some good times and bad, but most of all we had an awakening to a new way of doing things with the introduction of saving the tree by use of the CD. Most were scared and just looked at it, some looked and thought what a great idea, and some just put it in the computer drive and used it. For those that didn't put in the computer drive, now is the time, so that you start the 2010 year off with a bang and have at your fingertips a huge amount of information.

We hope to keep everyone busy doing the works of the Order. Whether it is in youth, council, church, community or family activities, there is something for everyone. We have had horseshoe pitching tournaments, Tootsie Roll Drive, bag toss tournament and state finals, and the younger set will soon be kicking the soccer ball in the district, regional and then the state finals, which are just a few days before the day of the turkey, or Thanksgiving.

Entering the final month of the six, we will have parties and celebrations of one type or another, but let us all remember all are not free in the world, many do not have what we have, and we can give a gift to many by being a volunteer for a day or two, by saying I can do that and just caring.

Peace and Love to all,

Gary and Barb Schmidt

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Oswego Council 7247 raised \$3,000 for its charitable fund by selling pork sandwiches at the Oswego Drag Strip Days and at the Oswego Art Fair

Father Thomas Carmody Council 6498 in Normal solicited aid from local people with intellectual disabilities during the council's annual fund drive. Clients and families of Special Opportunities Available in Recreation (SOAR) and Homes of Hope aided with the collection and received a portion of the funds back at the end of the drive.

LADIES AUXILIARY mabear1234@aol.com **CHAIRLADY'S CORNER**

Congratulations to Daughters of Isabella #14562, President Sue Mazur for their installation held on October 3rd. Also, congratulations to St. Ansgar Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #14435, President Penny Klama for their installation held on October 18th. Great to have you join our "Let's Grow As A Team" (motto) for the Ladies Auxiliary. I was very proud to be able to be there for Penny and the Installation of the Auxiliary officers.

November will be the third State Ladies Auxiliary newsletter for your knowledge of Ladies Auxiliaries within our state. I hope that you are enjoying the newsletter. I have heard from a few of you, but would like to hear from more of you either by email or call. Thank you to all of the

Presidents' that have sent me articles for the newsletter as I will be adding pages for this next issue. Presidents, please send me two or three paragraphs about your auxiliary. I will insert article in either the January newsletter or another issue. If you email the article please insert in subject: Ladies Auxiliary newsletter article or I won't check the email. In reference to these articles, I would like to hear of successful fundraisers that your auxiliary has held, what are some of your Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary activities, and how many members do you have now? What year were you formed and how many members on your Charter?

Attention Auxiliary Presidents: You will be receiving an Awards information letter and flyer in November explaining changes for the 2010 Knights Convention. Please read carefully about the President reports deadlines. There is additional information required for the judging committee. Find out now what Council & No. District & No, Diocese & No. from the Grand Knight of your Knights of Columbus Council. President report entry forms will be mailed or emailed to you. Do you know your Council name and number?

We, as Ladies Auxiliary members are a Knight's program under Family Life Activities.

Plan now to attend the "Meet and Greet Ladies Hospitality and Special Awards" session to be held at the Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria April 30 –May 2, 2010.

Ladies Auxiliary pins and membership cards are available from the State office or me:

Membership cards are free and the pins are \$2 each. Please order from the Pin order form for these items. Check for pins must be made out to Illinois State Council.

Grand Knights, District Deputies and Financial Secretaries: Does your Council have a Ladies Auxiliary? If not, contact me for a formation trifold to form one. Email: mabear1234@aol.com, Subject: Ladies Auxiliary or phone 630-393-1891.

Usually it only takes a few months to form an auxiliary and I'm sure that your ladies are already helping you, so why not have one formed?

Auxiliary Presidents', there are "Lady of the Month" and "Lady of the Year" certificates available to you to present to a special lady that volunteers all her time to you and your auxiliary. Contact me or the State office for these certificates. This choice of a lady is yours to choose and

present at one of your meetings. How surprised she'll be to receive a special certificate.

Soon, we Ladies Auxiliary will have our own web site section in the Knights of Columbus website. It is a work in progress now.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you. May you have a safe and healthy holiday season with your families.

Sandy Decker

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

St. Margaret Mary Council 11091 in Algonquin hosted a can drive to benefit the American Wheelchair Mission. Knights collected 447 pounds of aluminum drinking cans, funds from which will purchase three wheelchairs for needy recipients around the world.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE TROOPS was started 4 years ago by Cardinal Samuel Stritch Assembly # 205 and has been beneficial to our troops overseas, once again they will be sending Christmas packages to our troops and this program just keeps growing. The majority of these packages are sent overseas to the military chaplains for distribution. It is hoped that this can become a State Program.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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Thanksgiving is the beginning of the holidays and with it comes the stress and anxiety of trying to enjoy the season. Would it not be better to reflect on the season than to worry about finding the perfect gift? There has been but one perfect gift ever given on Christmas and it came from God, our Father in Heaven.

How many times have we heard "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"? Is it the garland and bells or the twinkling lights? How about the giant decorated tree in the city square? Is this what Christmas looks like? Although these are all part of the traditions that are the Christmas season, the real look of Christmas is the smile on a person's face and the warm glow coming from their heart as they celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to wish our 72,000 plus Illinois Brother Knights and their families a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Joyous New Year. May 2010 bring peace and joy to your family!

Please remember to keep the Pope and all our priests in your prayers and pray for the elevation of the Venerable Father Michael J McGivney to sainthood. Also, please remember the unborn in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Let us celebrate every birth for what it is, a gift from God!

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Mann

STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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Every change of season wakes us up with a spark of awe. The sheer movement of nature's rhythms that are punctuated by change reminds us that nothing ever stays the same: new experiences, new challenges, new energy, and new life always stand ready to greet us just over the horizon. When the coldness of winter descends and we stand mute before a silent snowy night, we are awakened to the awe of stillness. We become surprisingly alert to the possibility and potential that such stillness can bring. Take time this Christmas Season to slip into the stillness of winter and let the Spirit of the Holy One reveal something new to your soul.

As you make your Christmas gift list out, remember those who may never get the chance to be born much less experience the joy of Christmas. Consider giving a donation to the Pro Life Fund. Illinois Charities Inc. established a Pro Life Fund maintained by Knights of Columbus Charities Inc in a Board action taken on February 11, 2006; this action was followed by a resolution for the membership to also accept and support which was approved by delegates to the 2006 State Convention. The fund is established as a 501 c3 organization.

The intent of this fund is to emphasis causes supporting the unwed mother and her unborn child. Examples such as: homes for unwed mothers (there are approximately 300 such homes throughout the State of Illinois); A medical facility supporting the medical needs of the unwed mother; or Women's Crisis Centers.

At the 127th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Phoenix, Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson said that up to 90% of women considering an abortion choose life after seeing their unborn child's image, hear their baby's

heartbeat and see their baby's head and fingers. Thus the Order's Ultrasound Initiative is of critical importance to saving unborn lives. Through this program state councils identify a pregnancy care center that can use an ultrasound machine. The state council must help raise half of the machine's cost, which will then be matched by the Supreme Council.

Your donation to the Pro Life Fund can and will make a difference. Make donations to Illinois State Council Charities Inc, with Pro Life Fund in memo line on check. Mail checks to: Illinois State Council Charities, Inc., PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681.

As we celebrate with friends and family this Holiday Season, remember that you always have the gift of membership to give. Keep a form 100 handy and give the gift that will keep on giving.

Nancy and I pray that the Wonder and Magic of Christmas fill your heart with Peace, Happiness and Joy and may God's love surround you, protect you and be with you and your loved ones on Christmas and always.

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL OFFICE

Don, Donna & Mary

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Remember to use the State Website for all state forms. Some may be completed and submitted on line, and others must be completed and printed and mailed. If you feel we have overlooked a form which you feel should be online, please alert the state office and we will strive to correct the oversight.

Fraternal Survey (Form 1728): This is just a reminder that your council's fraternal survey is due at BOTH Supreme and the State Office by **January 31, 2010**. This form is extremely important because the information gathered from this form is used by Supreme to maintain our Non-Profit Status. If you need assistance in completion of this form, please call Don Lajoie at the State Office who is willing to help (815-935-2262)

Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form 4584): This form is due at BOTH Supreme and the State Council Office by **January 31, 2010**

Both Form 1728 and 4584 are on the Supreme Website which can be accessed through a link on the State Website under "Forms"

Save your council postage, complete your forms on-line

MR/LD Drive Reports

Remember when completing your MR/LD Report Form, if you have the new G/L insurance; **DO NOT DEDUCT THE \$50.00 Insurance Fee**. Simply cross it off and continue completing the form. For those councils who have already sent in their form and have the new G/L insurance, and did not do this, the State Council did it for you and added \$50 to "Your Balance to Distribute". Call the State Office to confirm (815-935-2262)

In closing, Mary, Donna and I want to extend the following message:

*May all the Blessings of the Christ Child
Be yours this Christmas
And may His Divine Presence
Enrich your life throughout
The New Year!*

**STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIR. /
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Recently our Council experienced a death of one of it's members. I know every council has members go on to their final reward. But this particular situation really made our council think. You see this member died with no living relatives and if it was not for the fact that he had Knights of Columbus insurance we would have never known of his death. Our insurance agent Anthony Mangriacina came to the council and informed us that we had a Brother Knight who passed away in April 2009 and his body was in the morgue unclaimed. The Council immediately voted to give our Brother a Catholic Burial, so on November 23rd, 7 months after he passed away 8 Brother Knights attended the Mass and laid him to rest in his family cemetery plot.. After all he was our Brother and we where his family.

Thanks to the hard work of our insurance agent Our Brother was remembered and given a proper send off. I wonder how many Brother Knights are out there with no one. With the Holiday season upon us make a special effort to reach out to our senior and disabled members. Pick them up and bring them to a function.

On behalf of my wife Linda and myself we wish you joy and happiness this CHRISTmas and throughout the coming new year.

Christ Died for us, Let us Live for him.

CHRIST is the Reason for the Season. Come Let us Adore Him. Have a Happy and Holy CHRISTmas Season., from Your Illinois State Family.



**MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE
SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY
DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**



| Council Name: | Council #: | Name of Deceased: | Years as Member: | Positions: |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Spalding | 427 | Rev. James Edward Purcell | 52 | Former Chaplain |
| Alton | 460 | Joseph J. Molloy | 67 | |
| Effingham | 665 | Robert L. Swinger | 62 | |
| Effingham | 665 | Paul T Lange | 56 | |
| Effingham | 665 | Ray W. Burk | 17 | |
| Breese | 2869 | Raymond A Holtgrave | 51 | |
| Breese | 2869 | Norbert "Bud" Huelsmann | 33 | |
| Breese | 2869 | James H Donnewald | 66 | |
| Fr. Ryan | 5025 | Florian Latek | 57 | |



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Lots of helpful information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Have you been receiving your mail from us? Have you moved? If you have a change of address, please complete the following form and return it to the State Office: PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681

NOTIFY your Financial Secretary to complete a Form 100 for Supreme.

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