



# ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

## *Knights of Columbus*

**"WHAT WORKS TEAM WORK"**

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### **STATE DEPUTY**

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Brothers,

The second half of the fraternal year is underway and we are striving to reach 2900 new members here in Illinois. As of this day we are at a plus 100 new members and we are almost 72,100 men strong in Illinois.

At the Mid Winter Meeting January 8 – 11, 2010 I asked the District Deputies to be a part of achieving 350 new members a month each of the next six (6) months and they all agreed that Illinois, THE BEST OF THE BEST, will achieve those numbers each month. As of this day we have recruited 1270 new members which mean's we must recruit another 1630 members to reach that growth opportunity. We must recruit new members because they are our legacy to the future as we were the legacy of those who came before us.

### **Mark your calendars, now and be ready!**

Do not forget that the State Convention will be **Apr.30, May 1-2, 2010** in Peoria. Your State Officers know that you will be pleased with the date change and the proposed change in Convention activities that are being planned.

Also note that the fraternal year ending on June 30, 2010 will be the real end of the Charities year, the Membership year and the Programming year. The only programs that end with the State Convention are Supreme Council directed.

Watch your mail and the next State News Letter for more detail. Also, if you change your recorded email address, please let us know, so that we can make changes and you can receive important information in real time. God bless!

Jim Bednar, State Deputy

### **ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAIN**

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Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The Illinois State Council has experienced the passing of three individuals over the course of just less than fifteen months that has left a profound sense of sadness and loss for us all.

On October 7, 2008, the then Immediate Past State Deputy, Paul S. Havrilka, Jr., was called home after a continuing decline in his health condition. Having just completed his work among us as a State Officer for eight years and prior to that many years of dedication to his Council, Assembly and State programs, membership and charities, especially his commitment to Pro-Life, Special Olympics and Catholic education, Paul had literally spent his life in service to God, family and Order.

On May 28, 2009, our beloved State Chaplain, Bishop Roger Kaffer, responded to the voice of Jesus, "Well done, good and faithful servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you." His gentleness and smile, his stories and poems, his singing and deep spiritual insight remain an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. His last year among us included a whirlwind tour to World Youth Day in Australia, a pilgrimage to Rome, and a visit to the Eucharistic Congress in Canada. It was almost as if he knew the Lord was at the door and he wanted to keep his bags packed.

On December 17, 2009, a phone call went out from the State Deputy to his fellow team officers to share with them the unimaginable, that our State Executive Secretary, Don Lajoie, had died suddenly. It was quite a shock, especially since the State Team had just been together at their monthly meeting in Peoria the weekend of December 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Don had been his usual self with his dry humor and gruff outward mannerisms, yet warm and generous inside. He showed no sign that his heart was giving him problems. Don was what I call a "diamond in the rough" – you really had to get to know him to see the "gem" he really was.

These three passing's and the response of the Illinois State Knights of Columbus to their families and loved ones help us all to see the importance of "fraternity" and "unity" especially in a time of loss. Whether a Council and/or Assembly gather to say the Rosary at the Funeral Home or a Church, present their Scroll of Condolence to the family, stand as Honor Guard, attend the funeral itself, remember the deceased in prayer at their meetings, and host a Corporate Communion/Memorial Mass for the deceased; the true colors of our Order come out as we stand in solidarity with our deceased brother's family and show that the time and talent that he shared with our

Order is deeply appreciated and he will not be forgotten.

Father Chuck Tuttle



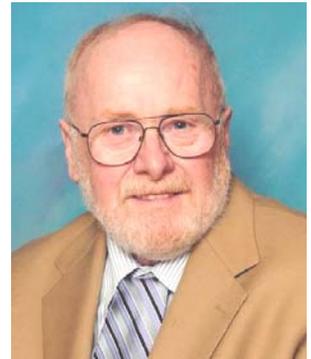
Associate State Chaplain

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Donald J "Red" Lajoie

Born  
February 25, 1946

Departed  
December 17, 2009



My dear brothers,

We all know that the hardest thing for us to do as humans is to say good bye to a relative or friend that the Lord has called home. But as Christians we all know that being called home to God is what we strive for.

I want everyone to know how proud I was to see representation from every Diocese in the State of Illinois in attendance at either the wake or the funeral Mass for our Illinois State Council Executive Secretary Don Lajoie. Even though his roots and family were in Massachusetts he also had a big and loving family here in Illinois.

Don was a quite man in some respects but his love for the Knights of Columbus was explosive. Many times he would sit for a picture with a scowl or a pout but inwardly he was happy to be recognized. He may have had a few rough edges on the outside but inside he was a very caring and loving man.

Many times I would ask Don to do various tasks and he would respond, no, that is dumb or it won't work. But then he would turn and do exactly what he was asked to do. Sometimes I think he was just challenging me to see if I was sure about my request. He never liked for the State

Officers to drive anywhere alone if at all possible. Don and I experienced many a rode trip to do the works of the Knights here in Illinois through our years as friends.

He loved the Special Olympics, especially the Winter Games because he could sit inside and look out the window while quaffing a hot Chocolate with a peppermint stick stirrer. At the Winter Games no one ever teased him about his hot chocolate

Don loved the Newman Apostolate and became friends with many a Chaplain and was always ready to lend a hand or find hands to do important work or to simply open his wallet to do good.

There was not a Knights of Columbus Charity that he did not like, in fact he financially supported all of them (this is a little known fact).

At home with his family in Massachusetts he was known as Donald or Red and here in Illinois we just called him Don. Some of us still jump when the telephone rings during the day because we expect Don to be calling as he did almost every day.

Don will be missed here on earth but he will be watching us and scowling when he questions an action, or smiling when we do the right thing and laughing when we do something goofy.

Don, we will miss you, no Don we do miss you. Rest in Peace our brother!

*Jim Bednar, State Deputy*

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## **STATE SECRETARY**

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### **Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service -a Tradition of Relationships**

These are all true adjectives to describe what we are as Knights of Columbus. Some may say simply that we are a Brotherhood firmly bound to Holy Mother Church and all that She represents. To be

sure, from our very founding in 1882 by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, our Order's relationship to Holy Mother Church is a big part of our tradition that distinguishes us from any other organization. Our traditional relationships contribute to the successes which are built to last; and, we must move onward and upward to continue our great works and services. As we are in the second half of a fraternal year, it is a customary time to review our councils' directions to ensure that we are on the right course. *Do these adjectives describe your council and is your growth strong enough for continued successes?*

The ***Catholic presence*** begins with our Order's formation by a Catholic priest, in a church and with a mission to help Catholic men and their families grow in Faith. That presence is a tradition that continues today, now over 127 years since our inception. Our relationship to Holy Mother Church is second to none! One fundamental requirement for membership in our Order is to be in union with the Holy See. We proclaim our solidarity with our bishops and priests. This year our councils are helping to celebrate the Year for the Priest following the lead of our Holy Father. Throughout our Order and especially here in Illinois support for our seminarians and seminaries come both financially and through encouragement. We indeed have a rich Catholic presence in our tradition of relationship with our Church. *Is there a Catholic presence in your council and is your growth strong enough to sustain it?*

The ***Family component*** of our existence is rooted in the spark of our founding when Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney observed his parish family being punished because of their nationality and Catholic beliefs. He founded our Order to keep Catholic families together and indeed Catholic! The fostered relationship of our families and the Church was a prime objective by our founder. Some may say

that his efforts then and throughout our history represent the perhaps most wide-scale evangelization response since the time of the apostles! Today, our efforts demand the very protection of the family as a relationship that we know to be between a man and a woman. We Knights of Columbus do things to protect the relationship of our children to us as true gifts of God; and, yet our culture counters our Catholic efforts allowing the unborn and innocent children to be snuffed from life as inconvenient mistakes as if there were no relationship at all. Instead, there is so much to celebrate as family and we Knights do that in many ways. It defines us in the way that we celebrate family and evangelize within and outside of our Faith Communities. Is there a Family component in your council and is your growth strong enough to further encourage and at times possibly to defend it?

Our **Fraternity** unites us as Brothers in Christ. We all show this relationship in different ways; and, yet it is an essential element of what we Knights of Columbus are all about. We are united in many causes supporting our Church and Families; and, yet our purpose in being includes fellowship with each other. Sometimes our fraternity is expressed in ways that are even greater than that of our actual families! Brothers helping brothers is a relationship demonstrated in the way that a sick member's spirits are lifted with a visit. Sometimes that sick visit brings the Holy Eucharist warming both that brother's soul and his heart! Other times, a brother just needs an ear to listen to what ever needs listening to. Is there fraternity in your council and is your growth strong enough to provide opportunities for others to experience this Brotherhood?

Knights of Columbus **Service** are shown in many arenas marking an important part of our purpose. The Order's *Surge With Service* and the *Illinois Spirit* programs include many examples of activities that

demonstrate our relationship with the less fortunate and assistance to those in need. One program involved feeding the hungry and was once called the Hunger Blitz. Many councils continue this program helping their church's pantry program or give to local food pantries to assist the community. Other councils work to increase awareness about our environment. One of the most widely participated programs that councils assist is with Special Olympics. These service activities distinguish the Knights of Columbus as a caring Catholic organization. Are there service activities that your council participates in to both maintain the interest of your current members and attract new ones?

Many Knights of Columbus throughout Illinois demonstrate their relationship to Catholic, Family, Fraternal and Service directions. It is a good time to review how you are doing in these areas on your journey as a true Knights of Columbus council and member!

Vivat Jesus! Thank you for all that you DO and keep the relationship to these values as God Blesses you with continued success and growth.

Location	Day	Date	Deg.Start	2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg	Dist.	Cncl
Lisle-4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat.	02/20/10	1:00 PM		1	
Chicago	Sun.	02/21/10	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	8	5025
Rockford	Sun.	02/21/10	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	44	1035
Rockford	Sun.	03/07/10	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	49	690
Springfield	Sun.	03/07/10	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	73	2874
Springfield	Sun.	03/14/10	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	77	1580
Belleville	Sun.	03/14/10	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	89	6210
Peoria	Sat	03/20/10	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60	790
Joliet	Sat.	03/20/10	NA	1:30 PM	32	5573
Peoria	Sun.	03/21/10	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	56	4333
Rockford	Sun.	03/21/10	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	39	4840
Springfield	Sun.	03/28/10	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	65	364
Chicago	Sun.	03/28/10	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	4	3684
Belleville	Sun.	03/28/10	12:30 M	1:30 PM	83	2869
<b>Up Coming Major Degrees Contact the appropriate DDs or GK's</b>						

## ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Rick U Rodriquez of **Father Ryan Council 5025, Chicago** donated and installed an 8 foot cross for St Timothy Church. Sir Knights from 5025 and **Bishop Hillinger Assembly 1595, Chicago** provided an Honor Guard at the dedication and Mass . Rick is pictured to the right of Bishop Francis Kane of Chicago.

**Northern IL University Council 5572 in DeKalb** hosted a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest for young parishioners at St. Catherine Church.

## STATE TREASURER

**Donald “Skip” Kinyon** [kinyon@gallatinriver.net](mailto:kinyon@gallatinriver.net)

Brother Knights of Illinois, Diane and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and we wish each of you a most Happy and Holy New Year. As your State Treasurer in the next few newsletter articles I will attempt to give some insight to the duties and responsibilities of the position. With this article I will discuss the daily workings of the treasurer’s position. On an average month the State Office and Treasurer will process 65 checks the many vendors the Illinois Knights conduct business with. As an example, the hotel that the State Convention is held at. The State Deputy will contract for the event and at the conclusion of the event the hotel will send in a bill for payment. The State Deputy

then creates a voucher with the proper documentation signs the voucher and then sends on to the Worthy State Secretary for his review and signature. Once that has been completed the check is issued and the State Treasurer signs the check and then mails it to the recipient. As I said on an average month but then there are the months when our councils ask for the charities checks to be delivered. These are usually the MH checks from the tootsie roll drive and those can add an additional 200 to 300 checks per month to be processed and mailed. Of course there is more to the treasurer’s job than signing and mailing checks. The financial accounts are also his responsibility to make sure the monies are recorded and deposited into the proper accounts so those checks can be processed. The treasurer also creates a monthly financial report that must be approved by the executive board.

God Bless to all and Vivat Jesus, Skip

## STATE ADVOCATE

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The State Convention is fast approaching, which means it’s time to start thinking about resolutions. Resolutions are a formal statement or opinion that members, through their council can express and present matters of importance to delegates at convention for their consensus and action. Council leaders have a responsibility to inform their members of this right of opportunity. Please encourage members to use this right of expression.

Councils must forward resolutions to the State Advocate on behalf of the State Deputy **thirty-five (35)** days in advance of the State Council Meeting. As our State Convention is to be held April 30 and May 1 & 2 the deadline for resolutions to be considered at the 2010 convention is **March 28, 2010**. I would appreciate if councils would mail resolutions by **March 6**, to allow time for copy and distribution to

the Resolutions Committee who will meet prior to the convention to recommend action on the resolutions. **NOTE:**

**All resolutions must be sent as hard copy**

**All resolution must have the Council seal affixed**

**Only Councils can submit resolution**

**Chapters and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies can not submit resolution**

Recently a number of requests from councils who seek permission to incorporate the council as a nonprofit 501(C) (3) corporation under the law of their state. Please be advised that under the Law of the Order, councils should not under any circumstances incorporate under state law (to obtain nonprofit 501 (C) (3) status or for any other Purpose).

The Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Benefit Society under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (8 ). It is recognized as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization under a group exemption ruling from the Internal Revenue Service dated from 1940.

The group tax exemption of the Knights of Columbus extends to subordinate councils of the Knights of Columbus, state councils and assemblies provided their Employer Identification Number (EIN) is properly listed with the Supreme Advocate and by the Supreme Advocated listed with the IRS for inclusion in the group exemption listing.

Under Section 97 of the Laws of the Order, subordinate councils of the Knights of Columbus are unincorporated associations, which exist under charters issued by the Supreme Council, which could be revoked. A subordinate council cannot be organized under a charter granted by a State government, but only a charter issued by the Supreme Council.

Because a council's charter may be revoked by the Supreme Council the council lacks independent continuity of

existence and is not eligible to be incorporated.

Councils cannot obtain recognition as 501 (C) (3) charitable organizations. Councils are only eligible for federal income tax exempt status through the group exemption of the Knights of Columbus as a 501 (C) (8). Fraternal Benefit Society as explained above, councils are not eligible for any form of recognition for exemption individually.

If you have any question, please direct them to the Supreme Advocate's Offices.

Fraternally,

*Bill*

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



*Members of **Fr. Bader Assembly #1922** in the Illinois Quad Cities take time at their Christmas Party to write Christmas Cards to Servicemen, their families and to Veterans.*

***Father Francis A. Ryan Council 5025 Chicago** hosted a children's Christmas party for 41 kids, complete with face painting and a visit from Santa who explained the reason for the season.*

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
IS FOR GROWN-UPS  
LIKE YOU!**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

## **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Grand Knight Leo Weiss of **North American Martyrs Council 4338** in **Niles** and Father Richard Conyers pose with the winners of Council 4338's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Participants received both awards and recognition certificates.*

*The **St. John Bosco Church Roundtable**, sponsored by **Sheridan-Carroll Council 537** in **Chicago**, sponsored a "Light Up for Christ" procession, blessing and Nativity lighting. Knights distributed St. Nicholas prayer cards, folding crèches and candy canes to everyone who attended the event.*

## **STATE WARDEN**

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At the Mid-Winter District Deputy Meeting in January, I shared the progress of the State Council in accomplishing the six strategies that were developed to accomplish our goal of building an organizational culture based on our vision & goals. I will quickly summarize that report here.

1. **Improving the efficiency & effectiveness of our State Office.** The layout & flow of work in the State Office has been revised to make it more

efficient for both the employees & those who call or visit the office.

2. **Improving our Annual Meeting.** The date has been moved to the first weekend in May so members will be able spend the Memorial Day weekend with their families. More will be announced later on improvements of the meeting itself.
3. **Developing a Continuity Manual for each of the State Officers & Directors.** This is on schedule for completion by the end of the fraternal year.
4. **Prepare an annual budget that supports the high aims of our State Council.** This is on schedule for completing by March 27.
5. **Develop a Procedures Manual for the State Office.** This one is behind schedule & may be delayed until after a new Executive Secretary has been hired.
6. **Develop a Financial Audit Risk Assessment.** Completed.

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? And on March 14, we will be back on Daylight Saving Time. Say, that is Blitz time! You will have more hours of sunlight to recruit deserving Catholic men to our Order. Make sure that your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Director have all dusted off their copy of the SUPPLY CATALOG, and have ordered the materials you will need for your Blitz.

Even before that, there is an important event for all us Knights in Illinois. That is the annual **Catholics at the Capitol** on

March 3. This is the day that the Catholic Conference of Illinois has designated for us to descend on Springfield to lobby our state legislators on issues based on Catholic Social Teaching. The Bishops of the six dioceses in Illinois support this event & have asked the Knights to show their support also. More information is available on their website, <http://www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org>. Check it out & spread the word to your Council. This is important. By working as team we can make a difference in Springfield.

Fraternally,

*Ken*

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



**Tuscola Council #3059** won first place with their float in Tuscola's annual Christmas Town parade. Their float's theme was: "A Living Nativity Scene / Keep Christ in Christmas" Brother Darold Spillman deserves special thanks for his idea and being the master builder of the float.

**St. Charles Council 12497** prepared 1,800 apple pies in four hours to sell as part of a fundraiser. The pies netted \$6,000, which was added to the council's charitable fund.

#### **STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

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Welcome to the New Year 2010.

The District Deputies meeting has been completed and we are starting our journey to the end of this fraternal year. We had many activities in the first six months, with those being the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, the baseball outing, golf outings and for the youth, the Soccer Challenge with the many young athletes and the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. In October, we acknowledged our Priests on Priesthood Sunday and were asked to pray for them by reciting the Prayer for our Priests supplied by the Supreme Council. There have been many activities at the Council and District level that have not been reported but should be. That activity could be the kick your council may need if it is getting a little sluggish. Remember to include them on the Spirit of Illinois Award Form and it is the DATE that needs to be recorded and not a checkmark or marked as done.

This year starts with the Bowling Tournament in Bloomington-Normal, the various levels of the Free Throw Tournaments and the preliminaries of the Spelling Bees with the finals in April in Chatham, Illinois. Upcoming events are camping weekends, golf outings, the Annual Baseball Weekend in St. Louis, Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the K of C Baseball Tournament and if notified, we can help advertise and promote activities that are not listed above. Hopefully, this person can get his reports updated and keep results posted of all events listed and those that come from Supreme in the area of Families and Knights of Month that have been selected.

Finally, we need the councils to submit their activities, so that selection of those year end awards winners can be made. **We can do this.**

Make every activity no matter how large or small a recruitment opportunity.

Wishing all a Happy New Year,

Gary Schmidt

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

*Trenton Southern Friendship League Honored Deacon Glen Netemeyer, great nephew of honoree Fr. G.H. Netemeyer, Jerome "Clank" Rakers of **Aviston Council 11110**, James Norrenberns of **Albers-Damiansville Council 9768**, Fr. Vince Haselhorst of **Breese Council 2869**, and Steve Dressler of **Columbia Council 6165**; Associate state chaplain Father Chuck Tuttle, **Breese Council 2869** State Advocate William Doerfler of **DuPontaris 845**; State Deputy James Bednar of **Pontiac 854**; and Belleville Chapter President Ted Stites of **O'Fallon Council 4239**.*



*South & Southside GKs & PGK's club honored Chicago Diocesan Chairman Kenneth Curpisin, **Lancing Council 3540** PGK, FDD Martin McCue Fr. **Prerez Council 1444** and GK Michael Schumacher of **St. Michael the Archangel Patron of Police Council 12723**.*

***Msgr. E.L. Grzybowski Council 7580 in East Peoria** has assembled and dismantled the five Nativity scenes in its community for 18 consecutive years.*

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

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### **CHAIRLADY'S CORNER**

Congratulations to the reactivation of Council #8002 Ladies Auxiliary Winfield President Stella Howard!

Congratulations to Council #2782 Illini Champaign reactivation President Elect Jennifer Sullivan!

Congratulations to Council #6707 Washington President Tina Otten newly formed auxiliary!

Thank you Ladies in joining our team.

January issue of Ladies Auxiliary Paw Print Express will be mailed to you shortly.

PRESIDENTS, please send me articles for the April issue of Paw Print Express. The deadline is March 15th to email or mail articles to me. Thanks again for the many that have been sent already. I need two or three paragraphs only about what your auxiliary is doing, any successful fundraisers you've held and what types of activities you do to help your KC Council.

By now you have received my Awards information letter and deadlines. Please check the deadlines for your entries for KC Convention Ladies' Auxiliary awards. There is additional information needed this year so read carefully.

You are invited once again to the "Meet and Greet Ladies Hospitality and Special Awards session to be held at the Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria April 30-May 2, 2010. Bring a member or two to join you.

Ladies Auxiliary pins and membership cards for your members are available from the State office or me. Membership cards are free and pins are \$2 each. I must receive a check prior to my mailing pins to you. Thanks.

Don't forget that we now have "Lady of the Month" and "Lady of the Year" certificates to hand out by you as President at one of

your meetings. Choose a lady of your choice for her exceptional assistance to you and your auxiliary for this honor. She will appreciate being noticed for her service. You can obtain these certificates by request only from the State office or me. There is no charge for these certificates.

Grand Knights, District Deputies and Financial Secretaries: Does your Council have a Ladies' Auxiliary? If not, contact me for a formation tri-fold to form one. Email: [mabear1234@aol.com](mailto:mabear1234@aol.com) , Subject: Ladies Auxiliary or phone 630-393-1891. Usually, it only takes a few months to form an auxiliary. I'm sure that your ladies are already helping you with activities, so why not have one formed?

ATTENTION: GK's, DD's, FS's

If you have made contact with me on forming an auxiliary and have received the formation tri-fold and other information, please keep me informed on how the formation is going. I need to update my records and report to my director and chairman on a regular basis. If you need assistance, please call or email me at 630-393-1891 or [mabear1234@aol.com](mailto:mabear1234@aol.com). Subject: Ladies Auxiliary or I won't open it up.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our web page has been opened for Ladies Auxiliary now. Check it out at: [www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org) go to the top bar and click on Ladies Auxiliary page.

Happy New Year! Best of Health and Happiness in 2010.

Sandy Decker



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## ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



*Father Chris Kuhn, with assistance from an unnamed altar server, blesses an ambulance following a Blue Mass sponsored by **Galena Council 696**. Knights hosted the Mass Nov. 11 for all police, fire and first responders.*

***Archbishop Schlarman Council 3507** in **Pekin** and its ladies' auxiliary wrapped Christmas gifts that were given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution along with food baskets.*

***Holy Family Council 13123** in **Rockford** sold "Christ is Christmas" lawn signs at its parish after Sunday Mass.*

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**Stephen G. Mann**

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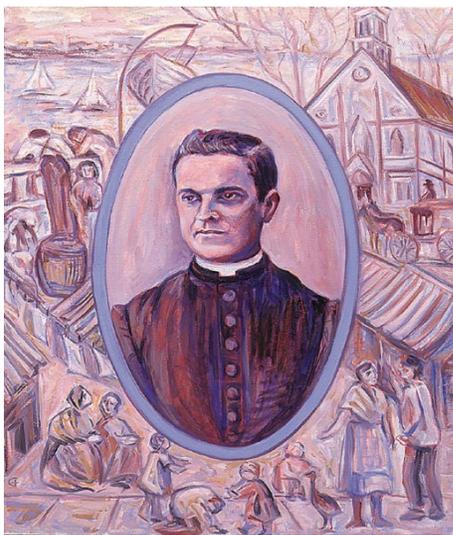
Now is the time. How many times have you heard that phrase? How many times have you been told; Now is the time to do this or to do that? Well guess what? I'm going to say it to you one more time. NOW IS THE TIME-to recruit a fellow Catholic gentleman, into the Knights of Columbus. On March 29, 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney must have been thinking; "Now Is The Time!" and together with that small band of the first Knights, an organization was born that would grow to become the Right Arm of the Church. There are now more than 72,000 Brother Knights in the State of Illinois.

Every day there is a story about someone or some organization that is attacking our Church, our Priests, or telling us we must accept abortion. The Knights of Columbus is there to support our Church and Her Priests and to say "Abortion is wrong and we do not have to accept it!" While 72,000 sounds like a large number it is quite small compared to those who support abortion. I am asking that each Brother Knight recruit one new member this year. Imagine what 140,000 members could do! Arm in arm locked together supporting the Church.

During the month of March, the Order will be conducting the Spring Membership Blitz. Your council should start planning now. Your local Parish Priest should be contacted and a date set to hold the Blitz. A council representative should talk at each mass and members of the council should be available to answer questions and help fill out form 100s. It is also time to order all supplies and brochures your council will need for a successful Blitz. Remember that the easiest way to get a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus is to JUST ASK HIM!

NOW IS THE TIME !

Vivat-Jesus, *Steve*



**Father Michael J. McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus. March 29, 1882**

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



**St. Mary's Council 11666 in Huntley** held its quarterly blood drive which netted 76 pints of viable blood. Past Grand Knight, Ernie Matia, Blood Drive Chairman, talks with Brother Knight Bill Byrne while he donates blood at the blood drive

**St. Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters Council 12911 in Chicago,** along with **Cardinal Samuel Stritch Assembly** and the Chicago Fire Department (CFD), teamed up to send more than 900 Christmas care packages to U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each package contained personal care items, candy and CFD t-shirts.

**Oswego Council 7247** hosted a toy drive that netted 2,825 toys for needy children at four area schools.

### **STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DIR.**

**Bob Bukowski**

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I want to inform everyone about some very important changes for this fraternal year. For both charities and programming the year end date will move from April 30<sup>th</sup>, to the end of the fraternal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will bring membership, programming and charities reporting within the July through June fraternal year.

For this fraternal year the council's get the bonus of two extra months (14). The reporting for charities and programming will be from May 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. What a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** for a banner year!

The other change is with the addition of Pro-Life as the sixth activity for the *Columbian Award Application*. This change moves Pro-Life from a Community Activity. The updated SP-7 form is on the Supreme Website [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Illinois Charities Inc. established a Pro Life Fund as our fifth charity in 2006. 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. I ask you to help me get the message out about this new charitable activity.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has said "Our Society Today is in a Moral War! The Culture of Life vs. the Culture of Death!" Our Supreme Council led the way through Faith and Action by encouraging the use of the power of the Rosary to defend the Church and Family in this War.

We are asking council's and individual members to support this very worthwhile and much needed Pro-Life Fund by holding fundraisers and encouraging individual donations. All donations must be designated for the "Pro-Life Action Fund" and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

With the establishment of Pro-Life as the sixth activity for the Columbian Award Application the Illinois Pro Life Action Fund will give the councils opportunities with pro life activities.

Vivat Jesus, *Bob*

### **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*Congratulation to our newest Squire Circle **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Circle 5352..** SK Dean Salz, Master of the Southern District of Marquette Province, commanded an honor guard from Spalding Assembly 206 at a mass at St. Philomena Church in Peoria Illinois. Ten Sir Knights with five different colored capes displayed, escorted the at a formal ceremony where the Grand Knight of **Spalding Council 427**, SK Lee Williams, presented the Charter on behalf of the Supreme Knight, to the Chief Squire, Paul Fortin.*

***Cary Grove Council 12824** distributed "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets to parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. The council handed out more than 1,100 magnets, which featured a silhouette of the Holy Family inside the manger.*

### **STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIR. / NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Robert J. Fuggiti** [no5025@aol.com](mailto:no5025@aol.com)

Thanks to you members who wrote me with ideas for the newsletter. Due to budget retrains and space we are not always able to use your submissions. What I do try to do is use as many Council's that I can to fill the newsletters with your accomplishments. One of the sections I would like to address is the In Memoriam Section at the end of the newsletter.

Submissions should be made though the website:

[www.IllinoisKnights.org](http://www.IllinoisKnights.org) (in forms section)

and by the F.S. or a designated member of the council who has the ability to entered it on our on-line form. Each Council has an obligation to it's deceased member to enter his name ASAP. I will not be accepting E-mails with multi-listing of members. If you can send an E-mail you can enter their name on the on-line form. This allows me to eliminate duplicates and mistakes that occur when retyping the information.

Speaking of the website there are many new entries and a wealth of information to be had. You only need to journey there to retrieve them

Received this from D.D. Dale Smith, MH/LD Chairman and I thought I would pass it on.

### The 24 hour Knight

The Knights of Columbus are only asking for 24 hours of your time each year: 2 hours a year attending at least one council meeting 2 hours a year volunteering at a council event. 2 hours a year attending a council prayer service and memorial mass. 2 hours a year participating in a council event or family project. 4 hours a year attending a council social function with your spouse, guest, and/or family. 12 hours a year in the comfort of your home or special reading place looking at the church bulletin, the state and local newsletters, Knightline, and the Supreme Council magazine, Columbia.

Dear Brother Knights and Friends all,

In an effort to make this Newsletter the best it can be, we will be publishing some Council events. Our next newsletter will be the March April addition and will be coming out in Mid April. Your submitted Activity dates should be on or no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> In order to make publication. Only religious

based activities will be promoted and published in the newsletter and are subject to editing by the newsletter staff.

### ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



*Natives in Puro, Peru, display a banner thanking **Father McDonald Council 1911 in Elmhurst** for the mission goods that Knights shipped to South America. At the request of two pastors in Chicago, Council 1911 held a benefit dinner that raised \$5,000 to ship clothing, medical supplies and building materials to Puro.*

***Precious Blood Council 9689 in Grayslake** collected more than 330 units of blood at drives held throughout 2006. The council holds blood drives every 56 days with the help of Boy Scout Troop 96 and the Glenview-based Life Source Blood Services.*



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### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### Lenten Morning Of Recollection

*Saturday, March 27, 2010 - St. Rita High School Chapel, 7700 S. Western Ave., Chicago*

The morning begins at 8:00 am. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA President of St. Rita High School. Time for Confession will be available. Lunch will be available. Call 708-802-6575 [JL60805@aol.com](mailto:JL60805@aol.com).

### **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

The Chicago Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois.

The Supreme Council and the Illinois State Council have made major contributions and will play a significant role at this event. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend and join other ordinary men, just like themselves, for a day of insight and reflection on what it means to be a Catholic today.

The day will conclude with a Mass for which an Honor Guard is requested. A 1st Degree will be held after Mass for anyone wishing to join our Order.

This is the perfect OPPORTUNITY to interact with other Brother Knights, and offer the OPORTUNITY of Knighthood to Catholic men. Form 100's will be available, along other information, at the KC Information booth, which will be prominently located at the conference.

Additional information will be passed on as soon as it is available. Also from the Office of Evangelization at:

[www.goingforth.org](http://www.goingforth.org)  
or 312 534 5288.

Mark you calendar and look for the flier for the **State Council regional Golf Outing** again sponsor by the Chicago

Archdiocesan Chapter. It will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Carriage Greens Country Club, 8700 Carriage Green Drive (One mile west of Cass Avenue on Frontage Road) in Darien. Chairman is Past State Warden Bob Fuggiti, no5025@aol.com

### **KNIGHTS SEND RELIEF TO HAITI**



The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has sent a donation of \$50,000 in earthquake relief funds to Catholic Relief Services, which has a large presence in Haiti. Damage from Tuesday afternoon's 7.0 earthquake is widespread, and officials now say that hundreds of thousands of people may have perished under the rubble of thousands of collapsed buildings. Among the dead is Catholic Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot of Port-au-Prince, whose body was found in the ruins of his office. The Knights of Columbus will earmark all donations between now and the end of January to its United in Charity Fund for earthquake relief in Haiti. Please check our website at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org).

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



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658	William R. Boyle	2		1580	Thomas Wall	26	
665	Thomas M McHahon	20		1911	Jean Claude P. Kruchten	26	
665	Arthur "Jim" Bierman	40		2164	Ronald Allsopp	50	
985	Nicholas L. Peiffer	18		2164	Albert Gualdoni	10	
985	Andrew J. Hvizdos	22		2164	Raymond Jadwick	54	
1098	Peter Ferro	13		2164	<b>Rev. Robert O Shea</b>	46	
1098	Edward Zobotka	62		2164	Phillip Rothchild	31	
1098	Paul Gabriel	7		2164	John Saiebilski	30	
1580	Walter Luber	62	PGK, PFN	2164	Charles Spezia	67	
1580	Oliver (Ollie) Luber	20		2164	Robert Starnes	50	
1580	Oscar (Ozzie) Noeltner	52		2164	Charles Tapella	60	
1580	Graham Hereford	7		2869	Marvin G Schulte	28	
1580	Rick Diesen	15		2869	Wendell Loepker	40	
1580	Bernard Hemann	37		2869	Edmund Korte	53	
1580	Leonard A. Heim	62		2869	Maurice J Wintermann	25	
1580	Michael Diesen	20		2944	Lawrence J. Fennewald	62	
1580	Maurice Korte	31	PGK	4338	William Swanson	18	
1580	Cletus Tebbe	57		5025	Raymond Zavacki	54	
1580	Paul Fehrmann	51		5025	Paul Christino	15	
1580	Edgar Kapp	33		5081	Alfred Dionne	41	PGK
1580	Kenneth Kunkel	35		5574	Jesse J. Glass	25	
1580	Cyril J. Spengel	71	PGK	5574	Michael Gordon	6	
1580	Edward Rehkemper	30		5574	Michael Gordon	5	
1580	Harvey Jakel	57	PGK, PFN	6165	C. Ez Colyott	8	
1580	Michael Stanfa	61		7580	Rev Mr Ronald L. Rager	10	
1580	Wilbur Hess	16		9893	<b>Rev. Franklin R.Tasker</b>	40	
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Lots of helpful information.

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