



ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus

"WHAT WORKS TEAM WORK"

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STATE DEPUTY

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As I prepare to pen this article I gaze out the window onto a landscape that is starting to turn the subtle shades of spring green. The dogwood bush twigs

are turning red and the willow trees are showing the light yellow that indicates the sap is moving and life is renewed. Robin's have returned to the back yard and nests are being built.

With spring we experience new life and a renewed vigor for the world emerging. One of my observations of the Knights in Illinois is that we never allowed the dull skies of winter to dampen our drive to grow our councils or stop our programs or stop our celebrations.

We are over 60% of the way to our **opportunity for greatness**, 2,900 new brother Knights in Illinois. We as a State are still working to see that EVERY council in the State is active. We are not there yet but we are getting close. What does every council active mean? It means that every council recruits at least one new brother. It means that every council is on the way to continuing the legacy that was left by those who came and built

before In addition we have every council officer breathing new life into their councils.

The waters in the lakes and the rivers have lost their ice and the fish are waiting for the right fisherman to set bait on the hook and reel them in. The same goes for that catholic gentleman and his family that has not been asked to join. Cast your net and bring in that brother or brothers by asking them to join and by having a form 100 handy.

This is SPRING the new beginning, the time of rebirth so breath life into your council make it new and make it grow so that your Parish and community are blessed with Catholic men who care.

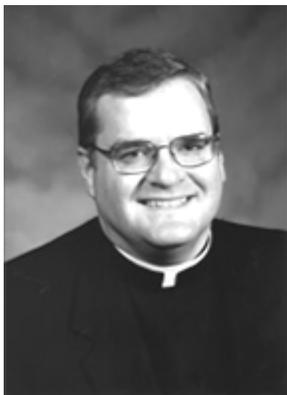
The State Convention is just around the corner April 30, May 1-2, 2010 in Peoria and I am looking forward to seeing you there sharing our faith, family and fraternity. See you at convention in Peoria!

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Tri-Cities Council 1098 in Granite City held its annual dinner-dance for Special Olympics athletes from six counties in southern Illinois. The council and its ladies' auxiliary served food and drink to all attendees, who also enjoyed music and dancing after dinner.

Welcome to Our New State Chaplain Bishop Joseph Siegel

Another great point regarding the coming of spring is that we now have a new State Chaplain. With the assistance of Cardinal George we are please to be able to call the newest Bishop in Illinois our Spiritual leader. **Bishop Joseph Siegel, Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet** has accepted the call to be our new State Chaplain. Bishop Siegel, even though he has been ordained a Bishop he still has the responsibilities of being the Pastor of a Parish until replaced in June, 2010.



Bishop Siegel was born and raised in the Joliet area and attended school at the Cathedral Parish of St. Raymond.

Some time in June/July Bishop Siegel will begin residence in Joliet and assume full time duties as the Auxiliary Bishop. Please join your State Officers and fellow brother Knights in welcoming Bishop Siegel, with prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide and protect him in all that he does for his Diocese and for the Knights of Columbus in Illinois.

If you would care to send a note of congratulations and welcome you can do so using this address: The Most Reverend Joseph Siegel, Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet, 425 Summit St., Joliet, IL 60435

**Have a Holy and
Happy Easter**

ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAIN

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Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The journey of Lent is a 40 day experience of renewal and reconciliation. It is a desert experience in which we empty ourselves to encounter a loving, forgiving God who journeys with us in all our trials and successes. It begins with the mark of ashes that reminds us to "turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel." The ashes wear off rapidly but our determination and dedication must endure. We are called to a spirit of prayer, fasting and alms giving. These tenets of Lent strengthen our resolve and help us to grow in sanctity. But Lent is also meant to lead us to the Paschal Mystery of our Faith, that "Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again."

Lent concludes with the beginning of the Triduum our journey of faith with Jesus from death to newness of life. Holy Thursday, the celebration of the establishment of the Eucharist and the Priesthood, helps us to see that being nourished and strengthened by the Body and Blood of Christ we are sent to serve and bring Christ to the whole world through our acts of love. Good Friday, the commemoration of Jesus death on the Cross, reminds us that this life is passing and that we are constantly asked to die to self so as to live for others. It also teaches us that forgiveness is beyond price and must always be our response to the insults and cruelty of this life. The Holy Saturday Vigil, the telling of our story of faith and the welcoming of new members to our community of faith- the Church, teaches us that the Light of Christ dispels the darkness of sin and death and overcomes all evil in the world to fortify us in our pursuit of holiness through the Waters of our Baptismal promise. And Easter, the most important day in our Christian calendar, gives us hope in the Resurrection from the dead and life eternal with God.

As you have journeyed these days of Lent may you also find time to journey the days of the Triduum. For Easter can only be truly celebrated and experienced in its fullness

when celebrated in the context of the three days the "Triduum."

May you have a most Blessed Easter and may the Lord of the Resurrection lift you up and grant you peace.

Father Chuck Tuttle


Associate State Chaplain

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A Time of Fellowship and Celebration

Our membership throughout Illinois can be genuinely proud about all that they do for Holy Mother Church and for the less fortunate of our Faith communities. Too often we work so hard that very little or no time is spared as we move from one project to the next! Do we ever take a little time to assess where we've come from and where we want to go next? In whatever our endeavor, we surely must recognize that our greatest asset is the fraternal bond formed in our member relationships locally and as a state family. Time needs to be taken to gather together as a state family sharing our fellowship; sharing and celebrating our accomplishments; sharing our strategies; and learning and sharing new approaches. To be sure, it is also a good time to adjust our course as needed while two months will remain in our fraternal year to surge forward. Take some time to gather fresh ideas for reaching your goals and to improve upon the achievements that were planned as you enter the final stretch of the fraternal year! **Convention is that time** of fellowship, sharing, and celebration. We are looking forward to see you there!

Some Helpful Tips Preparing for Convention

For many who will be attending their first convention, here are a few tips on what to expect. On Friday evening delegates and other celebratory members begin to arrive and get settled in to the hotel and to register for convention. It is important that councils are current with both state council and Supreme Council per capita and assessments. Also, delegates and members must have their current (signed) travelling cards to present in order to receive their convention packet and credential card. Both the travelling card and the credential card are needed to gain entry to the convention chambers. Honorary life members with lifetime plastic cards must also have a current (paper) membership card provided by their financial secretary. This is a little known requirement which was established to ensure that the member is still a member in good standing, i.e. hasn't withdrawn or been removed for cause.

The Friday night party is an opportunity to mingle and get acquainted with fellow knights and their families from around the state. This is a great time to share ideas too! The Academy Director-with guidance from the State Deputy-has planned a series of training opportunities. Families gather in prayer at the beginning of each day and a solemn Mass takes place on Saturday just before the state deputy's banquet. The awards structure is slightly changed, though awards recognizing the top activities in the six Surge-With-Service programs will indeed be given at convention as will Knight of the Year and Family of the Year! These top winners will represent our state nomination for international programs to be considered at the Supreme Council convention that takes place in August 2010-this year in Washington D.C. Awards for

membership, charities and Illinois Spirit will be given after the close of the fraternal year to allow councils both the month of May and June to reach their true heights in achievement. Resolutions submitted by local councils will take place on Sunday morning with election of officers for the fraternal year 2010/2011 as the final activity of the weekend. During this great gathering of celebration weekend, members are urged to share strategies and concerns with other attendees; you would be surprised at the number of ideas and fresh approaches you can learn to take back to your councils! Any fresh ideas taken from convention provide opportunities in the remaining two months of the fraternal year. God bless and hope to see you all!

STATE TREASURER
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Brother Knights and all of our Knights of Columbus families.

. That white stuff is finally gone. Thank you Lord. I don't even mind missing an hour of sleep now. It has been a long winter for all of us. Spring is here, birds are chirping, tree limbs are down everywhere and live golf is back on the television. As you have read from previous articles in this newsletter concerning the convention it is on a new date, one month earlier. It is shaping up to be one great 112th annual State Convention. Our State Deputy and his team have assembled a pretty fun filled, informative weekend. I hope to see all of you there especially during Friday nights No theme, theme party. Come as you are and be happy!!!!. There will be door prizes, bag toss for the Pro-Life fund, a DJ to spin your favorite tunes, dancing, beverages and most of all fraternity with each other. Saturday will be event filled with many educational opportunities to grow Illinois and become stronger and better councils. Saturday night will start with Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral with the State Deputies Dinner to follow at the Peoria Civic Center. Sunday of course will be the voting on submitted resolutions and the election of officers for the next fraternal year. Many opportunities for fun, prizes, education and fellowship. I hope to see you on April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd.

As your treasurer it has been very busy since the last newsletter article a total of 535 checks have been processed totaling \$803,045.09 dollars. Of that amount \$377,938.06 dollars was for our great councils delivering the Intellectual Disabilities drive checks.

I also transferred \$200,000 dollars for the newest zero interest home loan for God's special Children which will be located in Rock Island Illinois. I believe this will be the 58th home the Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. has financed since the inception of this program.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Msgr. Charles F. Conley Assembly in Galena provided an honor guard for the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics 2010 Winter Games. Knights were also responsible for conducting the event's awards ceremony.



***Breese Council 2869** sponsored a Lenten Fish Fry which started on Ash Wednesday and continue thru all Friday of the Lenten season. Council members along with their **Columbian Squires Circle 3115** volunteered bagging carry out orders which contained a flyer telling the meaning of Lent.*

Remember the best way to have a Catholic Man and his family to join our order is to just Ask Him.

Diane and I look forward to celebrating together with all of you our Fantastic Illinois Knights of Columbus at State Convention.

God Bless to all
Vivat Jesus,

Skip

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Allouez Council 658 and Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 258 of Rock Island co-hosted coffee and conversation following their February 7th Scout Sunday Mass. Pictured with the Cub and Boy Scouts are brother Knight and Scout Master Mark Schaecher at the left and at the far right is G.K. Glen Wells.

STATE ADVOCATE

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I received an Email from Supreme Council that will interest all our Brother Knights;

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CASE IN FEDERAL APPEALS COURT

The Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that the words “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance “do not violate the Establishment Clause” of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words “under God” to the Pledge in the early 1950’s and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

“This decision is a victory for common sense,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. “It is also a welcome reversal of the Ninth Circuit’s 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer. Best of all, the Court said that the words ‘under God’ add a ‘note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.’ Every reasonable person knows that, and today’s decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America,” Anderson concluded.

In today’s ruling, the Court noted that, “Among the self-evident truths was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the ‘Laws of Nature and Nature of God’ and that the purpose of governments should be to “secure those rights.” Such beliefs provide the context in which the words of the Pledge must be understood, the Court said. This should make us all PROUD TO BE A BROTHER KNIGHT

On a personal note;

We look forward to seeing all of you at the annual State Convention April 30 May 1 & 2 in Peoria. It's a weekend to have fun, meet other KofC families from across and up and down the state. (Which we've had the pleasure of doing in our travels the last year. What a wonderful opportunity Terry and I have been given.) Come have fun and meet all the people that make the Knights of Columbus such a strong and formidable group of caring and generous people in Illinois. Terry and I look forward to seeing all of you and having a great time at the convention.

Vivat Jesus

Bill



STATE WARDEN

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What a great time of year! Spring rains have washed away the snow. The sun is

visible for a longer time each day. Daylight Saving Time has returned. Crocus, daffodils, and hyacinths are pushing up through the soil. Tulips are not too far away now. It is easy to remind everyone that this is the season for renewal with all these natural signs of rebirth. Lent is behind us now, and so is Easter. We have celebrated our Savior's victory over death. Isn't it time we thought our own individual renewal? Renewal takes many forms in our lives. It may be the planning & labor of spring planting. It may be stretching exercises before we head to the first tee or practice range. It may just be breaking in a new La-Z-Boy as we settle in for March Madness on TV.

I want you to think about renewing your efforts to effect positive changes in the political landscape of Illinois. In our last newsletter, I asked you to participate in Catholics at the Capitol on March 3rd. Many of you did, and some of you I met in Springfield. Now it is time for all of us to continue the effort to make sure that our legislators act positively on the issues that we have identified as being of greatest importance to Catholics. These are:

- the defeat of radical legislation mandating public funding of abortion and undermining health care rights of conscience and Illinois' Parental Notification law;
- restoring funding cuts to programs important to Catholic schools;
- opposition to legislation equating same-sex unions to marriage;
- support for legislation mandating that a woman seeking an abortion be offered the opportunity to view a sonogram before the procedure;
- support for legislation providing vouchers to families of the worst Chicago public schools to offset the tuition costs at local private schools;

- budgetary action to maintain funding for English and adult education for immigrants;
- budgetary action to maintain funding for the social services safety net to provide for the poor and vulnerable; and
- legislation to finally abolish the death penalty.

I know you may not necessarily warm up to **all** these issues, but I'm sure there are **some** you strongly support. Pick a couple of those and let your State Representative & State Senator know where you stand and what it is that you expect from him. Most of these legislators want to be re-elected in November, and they do listen to voters in their districts. We must make our positions clear to them. We must become the "squeakiest wheel."

If you need help finding your legislator, go to www.ilga.gov and click on **Legislator Lookup**. If you want more information about the Catholic position on these issues, go to the website of the Catholic Conference of Illinois at www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org.

The Knights of Columbus is more than 72,000 strong in Illinois. If we shout, we will be heard in Springfield. Although we do not engage in partisan politics, we are obliged to raise our voices in support of Catholic issues. There are good & bad guys & gals in both parties. We need to inform & support the good ones.

And before I leave politics altogether, plan to attend the State Convention in Peoria on April 30-May 2. You will enjoy yourself. In addition to elections, there will also be plenty of resolutions to debate. Come on down.

Fraternally,

Ken

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Oswego Council 7247 sponsored a pro-life pancake breakfast Jan. 24 at St. Anne Church. Goodwill donations exceeded \$1,300, which was donated to a local pro-life organization.

Immediate Past State Deputy
Philip J Barone

**EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME-
BUILDING A BETTER ILLINOIS**

The Knights of Columbus is indeed an "Experience of a Lifetime". On Valentine's Day Alice and I had the great Honor and Privilege to represent Illinois in joining 30 Past State Deputies and their wives on the "Circle of Honor Trip" to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for a week of KofC Fun and Sun. This honor occurred because of the terrific work performed by Our Knights of Columbus Family in Illinois. I want to truly thank you and your families for this terrific honor and your continued hard work.

As we should NOW be in the "full swing" of this fraternal year, we should take time reflect and indeed recognize how important our membership in this Great Order is to each one of us. The many opportunities that we have to affect the lives of a great many people are often lost in the toil of the "hard work" that is so necessary to make this world "a better place for ALL". We need to remember "How Different Our Lives would be" were it not for our membership and involvement in the Knights of Columbus.

Illinois has a tremendous opportunity to break a 20 year old record of membership recruitment. This year Illinois can recruit over 3,000 men into Our Order in 2009-10.

We need every council and every member to devote specific efforts to achieve this goal.

Our State Deputy has challenged every District Deputy to hold at least ONE 1st Degree EACH MONTH in their District. Worthy Grand Knights can help their District Deputy by hosting a 1st Degree in your council.

I have listed the remaining Major Degrees for this Fraternal Year. Each has a 1st Degree but this is Not Enough!. 1st Degrees in Every District in Every Month with achieve Our Goal.

I asked that you give as much attention and compassion to your fellow Catholics that are NOT yet Knights of Columbus by taking the necessary time to plan and participate in the upcoming "Blitz" membership campaigns that will be held in the next few months.

The extending of an invitation to join the Knights of Columbus is not simply helping our Order and strengthening your council but giving a fellow Catholic the opportunity for him and his family to share in those unique experiences that only you and other Knights can boast. This is truly a "generous gift" that you can provide. The "Experience of Lifetime" is not simply a slogan but a real lifetime event that you have and can give to others.

State Deputy Jim Bednar's motto of "What Works, Team work" is so appropriate in describing who we are and what we are about. Let us ALL live up to this motto and be a TEAM to keeping our Faith and our Order foremost. We need to make sure

that each one of makes it a personal responsibility to see that ALL Catholic men have a real opportunity to share this "Experience of a Lifetime".

Vivat Jesus, Phil Barone



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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With March comes the exciting month for youth activities with the Free Throw Competitions at the district and regional levels and the Spelling Bee Contests at the regional level with the State Finals on April 10, 2010 at Chatham Glenwood High School, Chatham, Illinois with Free Throw starting at 10:00 a.m. and Spelling Bee at 12:00 p.m. Results should be posted on website and available at information fair at the state convention.

In the other activities of Church, Community, Family, Council and Pro-life Programs, they should be in the tweaking stage and ready for submission for the Program of the Year Award. Don't know what to submit, submissions can be made for all categories.

Pro-Life is a new category that includes the "Food for Families" and this program carries a bonus from Supreme if 25% of Councils participate in it. Many have already joined the activity, but have not submitted report to Supreme Council. Please submit report, so your Diocese can be part of the money from Supreme, that comes from the \$1,000,000.00 that Supreme has set aside for this program. Illinois share will be split between each of the 6 Diocese for presentation to the Food Pantries or Food Banks. One food drive reported collected over 2100 lbs. of food and with money collected purchased another 5800 lbs. of food. We can do this, but as always, the paperwork has to be done.

Community Life Chairman Gary Gunderson report that the Blood Donor Program is running behind last year, to date we have 4,604 units donated with Diocese counts of **Chicago-336, Joliet-2482, Rockford-1000, Peoria-146, Springfield-506 and Belleville-134**. Please check with your local blood bank for donors, who have ask that the Knights of Columbus be credited with this donation and send number to Brother Gunderson.

Roundtables are also behind last year numbers, this program is simple to do and is very important to the Knights and the Parishes where we belong. It is as simple as attending the Parish Board meeting and letting the Pastor and the Board know that they are supported by the Knights and are here to help as needed. Each Parish Roundtable has to be reported to the Supreme Council every year. There are 160 Roundtables reported as of 2-28-10 in the State of Illinois and I know for a fact that there are more parishes then that.

You all have received the letter from the State Deputy with the heading of "**STATE CONVENTION AWARDS**" which spells out what needs to be done and I gave you a little reminder, so let's Git'er Done!!

See you at Convention,

Gary Schmidt

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Father Thomas Carmody Council 6498 in Normal donated \$1,300 to the eighth-grade class at Epiphany Catholic Grade School. The funds allowed two classes to attend the Challenger Learning Center at Heartland College. The center at Heartland College is part of a network organized under the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, an organization that was founded by the families of the astronauts lost in the Challenger explosion to foster among young people an interest in mathematics, science and technology. The council also participated in an ecumenical prayer service Jan. 22 to mark the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

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Welcome to all Ladies!

Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention is not just for the Knights. We are a family, and this is a team effort between the Knights and the Ladies. Come join us for fun, meeting new friends or old acquaintances, and have a good time at the "**Meet & Greet Ladies Hospitality and Special Awards session on Sunday, May 2nd at the Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention.**"

Auxiliary pins are \$2.00 and membership cards are free. The pins will be sold at the Meet & Greet session along with some other items

There is a limited supply of "Lady of the Month" and "Lady of the Year" certificates for presidents to present at your auxiliary meetings for that "Special" lady of your auxiliary. She will appreciate being noticed for her volunteer services.

Hope to see you at convention so I can place a face with a name. Remember to bring your Bound scrapbooks and Bound newsletters for judging. They can be placed on a table located by the Country store.

Also, will you send me more articles on a regular basis? I will hold them in my file for future issues. I do need them and want to hear what your Auxiliary is doing. Are you having any successful fundraisers? I'd like to know. For the next issue in July, please send me articles by June 1st. I will do my best to get the deadline dates into the Ladies Auxiliary webpage. Thanks!

Grand Knights, District Deputies, and Financial Secretaries.....

PLEASE contact me by April 10th for an update on your Auxiliary formation process. I need to have a report for the State Convention. I would be very appreciative and would like the good news, too. My phone number is: 630-393-1891 or email: mabear1234@aol.com , Subject: Ladies Auxiliary. I need to know the following information: Has your Auxiliary held an election of officers? Installation of Officers? Please include the date. President information: name, address, city, zip code, phone #, email address

If the formation process has begun, is there a timeframe for when they want to get installed? Even if you only have a little information, it is better than what I have now.

Please contact me with any and all information about your Ladies' Auxiliary. Help me out PLEASE. Thanks!

It only takes a few months to form an auxiliary, and I'm sure that your Ladies are already helping you with activities, so why not form one?

Sandy Decker

State Ladies Auxiliary Chairlady

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

*In honor of the Year for Priests initiated by Pope Benedict XVI, **Father Paul Kunkel Council 4739 in Byron** presented a certificate of appreciation to **Father Sylvester Nnaso, pastor of St. Mary Church.***

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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What a wonderful time of the year, what an exciting time of the year. Easter is upon us and just as Christ has risen from the dead; nature is springing back to life from the frozen death we call winter. It is truly amazing to witness the first crocuses as they pop-up and bloom, to the greening of the grass.

This is also a very exciting time for the Illinois Knights of Columbus. The Spring Blitz is underway and the State Convention is fast approaching. Just as it is important for nature to be green and growing, so it is with your council. With the recruitment of new members your council will grow and become the strong right arm of your parish. Supporting the Church is one of the most important actions that a council can undertake, and it must be ready to spring into action when a pastor calls.

During the Blitz utilize your parishes. Work with your Pastors and ask for time to speak at your Sunday Service and also to speak to the RCIA class. When these gentlemen join the Church at Easter time, they should be offered the opportunity to join the Order. Remember that new ideas come with new members.

This year at the convention the membership awards will be a little different than last year. The winners will not be announced at this time, as the competition will continue until June, 30th. There will be an announcement listing the top five councils in each category. A, AA and AAA. This will show you where your council stands and how many new members your council needs to overtake the leader. Keep the Form 100s ready and use

each of your programs as a recruiting tool. This year the awards will reflect all 365 days not just till May 1st. These awards will be given to the winning councils at a Diocesan ceremony hosted by the State Officers and all winners will be published in the State News Letter.

Speaking of winners, the Garmin GPS units are being awarded to **District Deputy 3 Anthony Beaudette** and **Grand Knight Edward Wendling Council 4483**. During the January and February Membership Incentive Program, District 3 degreed 19 new members and Council 4483 degreed 11 new members. I would also like to thank and congratulate every District Deputy and every Council that recruited and degreed a new member during this incentive program.

Supreme is also conducting a Membership Program called Membership Madness. This program is bracketed just like the basketball tournaments and I am happy to announce The Great Membership Team from Illinois is in the Championship Round. In round one we were matched against Missouri and we were able to SHOW THEM who was boss. In round two we advanced to take on Pennsylvania. With our great showing of First Degrees conducted, we were able to SNOW them under. In the championship round we are now contending against New Jersey. Let's keep holding First Degrees and with the Major Degrees scheduled this month, we will be able to, as PSD Phil Barone says, TAKE THE MONEY.

See you at the convention!

Vivat-Jesus, Steve

STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

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**Congratulations to the University of
St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary Lakers**

The weekend of Friday, January 29th, Through Sunday, January 31st, the gym at Mundelein Seminary was rocking with the 10th Annual Mundelein Seminary Basketball Shootout sponsored by the Illinois State Council Vocation Support Program. Teams from nine seminaries were invited to participate.

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary from Winona, Minnesota
- St. Paul Seminary from St. Paul, Minnesota
- Kenrick-Glennon Seminary from St. Louis, Missouri
- Conception Seminary from Conception, Missouri
- St. Meinrad Seminary from St. Meinrad, Indiana
- Sacred Heart Seminary from Detroit, Michigan
- Mt. St. Mary Seminary West from Cincinnati, Ohio
- Moreau Seminary from South Bend, Indiana
- Mundelein Seminary from Mundelein, Illinois



Mike Warden (#45) of the University of St. Mary of the Lake – Mundelein Seminary fights off the St. Paul defenders to put up a shot during their game at the Seminary Shoot out in Mundelein on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

The tournament was a round robin type of competition. The third place game saw Kenrick-Glennon Seminary winning over Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

The championship game featured two undefeated teams Sacred Heart Seminary versus Mundelein Seminary. With .03 seconds remaining in regulation time and the score tied at 31-31 a Mundelein player was

fouled. He came up to the free throw line and made both free throws to win the game and the championship 33-31.

Congratulations to the **Mundelein Seminary Lakers** for winning the tournament for the second consecutive year.

Your support for the seminarians throughout the State will be paid back one day when these men will be in our parishes as priests. They need our continued support and I encourage everyone take the time to visit the **Illinois State Council** website www.illinoisknights.org and click on the **Charities Box** in the upper left hand corner. Look for the **Vocations Support Fund** header on the right side of the page and just below the header click on the **"Thank you messages from our seminarians"** and you will see how appreciative every seminarian is for your continued support.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob

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The convention is coming and a little known award is yours if you be worthy. I am talking about the **Public Relations Award**. The first step in this award is that a Council public relations chairman be submitted to the State Office. Then all you have to do is go to:

www.illinoisknights.org

click on forms and download the Public Relations Contest form. Fill out the form and get it to me before 4/15/2010 and your Council may be the winner. Remember that along with the form you should submit supporting documents as explained on the form.

Remember the Newsletter and scrapbook Contests. They should be brought to the **Country Store** at the Convention no later than 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Please come and browse through the scrapbooks on

display as well as the Knights of Columbus and religious items that will be on sale.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



State Deputy Jim Bednar and State Advocate Bill Doerfler far right and Former Master Bernie Santowski and Master Ray Biliskov far right stand with the 4th degree Honor Guards after Mass. They then went on to march in the Chicago Columbus Day Parade.

Pictured Below are PFNs John Muldoon and Jack McKay together with Ernest Borgnine, HonoraryParade Marshal of the Columbus Parade.



MASTERS 4th DEGREE

**Raymond Biliskov, Master IL District One
Dean Salz – Master IL District Two**

The 4th Degree, What is it?

It is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. To join the 4th Degree, you must

be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing and a 1st Degree member for at least 6 months. We invite all 3rd Degree members to consider the 4th Degree. In Illinois District One, there are 3 Degrees held annually, 1 in each of the 3 Diocese, Chicago, Joliet, and Rockford. In Illinois District Two, they also hold degrees in the 3 Diocese, Peoria, Springfield, and Belleville. Ask any Sir Knight for information and assistance to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight

The next Degree in District "One" will be *April 17th, 2010* at the Marriott Hotel in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

The next Degree in District "Two" will be *August 21, 2010* in Effingham, Illinois
Be proud and boast that you are a Knight of Columbus. But be even prouder and boast that you are a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in the Knights of Columbus. Come join us.

Vivat Jesus

Ray Biliskov



ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

*Members of **God's Divine Mercy Council 14463** in **Yorkville** undertake repairs at a home in **Pass Christian, Miss.** Six Knights and eight additional volunteers traveled to the Gulf Coast to aid with ongoing reconstruction efforts there after 2005's Hurricane Katrina. Knights helped construct two homes on nine-foot stilts to replace those destroyed by the natural disaster.*

State General Agent's

Insurance report:

Momentous milestones

This past year was a momentous one for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. Let us just highlight a few of the many milestones.

- The Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.57 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$74 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 1999, just 10 years ago, we stood at \$38 billion.
- Our field force continues to grow, and we finished the year with a net gain of new agents.
- In July, we held our first ever Field Agent Sales Conference in St. Louis, MO, an event that gathered nearly half our field force for presentations on how to better serve their members and their families.
- During 2009, we celebrated an extraordinary nine months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November.
- Our annuity business saw record growth from 2008 to 2009. The number of annuity plans issued in 2009 more than doubled from those issued in 2008, with over 19,000 new annuities issued to our members and their families.
- Our AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed for the 17th consecutive year and our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 34th consecutive year. Additionally, we were again certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for our ethical business and marketing practices. At the close of 2009, we were among only three U.S. insurers with all three of these distinctions. In Canada, we were the only insurer with these three.
- 2009 marked the ninth consecutive year our issued life insurance increased over the previous year.
- Our number of associate members becoming insured members also grew, showing more of our brothers availed themselves and their

families to our products. When the 2009 totals are included, we can claim that during the past five years, more than 103,000 members of the Knights of Columbus joined the ranks of our insured members by whether purchasing life insurance, long-term care or a retirement product.

What does all of this mean to you? First, it means that you can take great pride in the

success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, in case you haven't already, this would be a great time to get on the bandwagon and have a discussion with your agent.

Pope Stresses Dignity of Life on the Feast of the Annunciation



The mystery of the Incarnation reveals the specific value of the dignity of human life. God gave us this gift and sanctified it when the Son became man and was born of Mary. It is a gift that must be protected, from conception until natural death. With all my heart I join people involved in various initiatives aimed at respecting life and promoting a new social awareness.

† Pope Benedict XVI

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03/28/10	12:00:00pm	1:00 PM	Gene Mitchell	65	364	(KC Hall) 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road - Springfield
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03/28/10	12:00:00pm	1:00 PM	Charles Copps	19	1444	St. Christina Hall 3333 West 110th Street Chicago
03/28/10	12:30:00pm	1:30 PM	Leo Lammers	83	2869	(KC Hall) 480 N. Walnut Breese
04/17/10		1:00 PM	Ray Biliskov	1		4th Degree Exemp - Marriott - Lincolnshire
04/18/10	12:00:00pm	1:00 PM	Herb Bingham	55	3507	(KC Hall) 715 N. 11th St. Pekin, IL
04/18/10	12:00:00pm	1:30 PM	Ken Hansen	37	745	(KC Hall) 187 SOUTH INDIANA AVE , KANKAKEE
04/18/10	12:30:00pm	1:30 PM	Charles Daniels	90	2964	St. Mary's Parish Center , 115 North 14th St., Mt. Vernon
04/24/10	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Paul Albrecht	74	4417	Calhoun Council-County Rt 1 (5 mi.so). Hardin
04/25/10	1:30:00pm	2:30 PM	Gerald Smith	42	12302	St Peter's Church, 211 W Main Street, Spring Grove
04/25/10	12:30:00pm	1:30 PM	Frank Schmitt	80	4239	St.Clare Catholic School, 214 W 3rd St., O'Fallon
04/25/10	1:00:00pm	2:00 PM	Thomas Griffin	48	4776	Holy Cross Parish Hall 232 E. Front Ave. Stockton
04/25/10	12:00:00pm	1:30 PM	William Doody	17	282 /14057	Incarnation Church 5757 W. 127th St. Palos Heights
05/16/10	1:00:00pm	2:00 PM	Tim Cosgrove	35	12014	St. Paul the Apostle 18 Woodlawn Joliet
05/16/10	12:00:00pm	1:30 PM	Michael Tellman	61	574	(KC Hall) 1706 R.T. Dunn Dr., Bloomington
05/23/10	12:00:00pm	1:30 PM	John Orso	41	3880	St. Thomas the Apostle School 270 King St. Crystal Lake

MAJOR DEGREE SCHEDULE

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



Council #:	Name of Deceased:	Years	Positions
658	CARL F. HEIRES	72	
658	JOSEPH D. WIDDEL	26	
658	PAUL J. CORYN	19	
665	DONALD G. DASENBROCK	60	
1098	TONY BELLUE	35	
1098	EARNEST WALKER, SR	25	
1098	DAVID HOUSE	31	
1098	JOHN BRONNBAUER	21	
2869	ROGER HEFFRON	40	
2869	RAYMOND J HOLTSMANN	29	
2944	JOHN R. KASSAK	42	
4179	ANTHONY W. SCHRAGE	45	P.G.K.
4596	NORMAN FRISCH	59	
4688	WILLIAM JERRY ALLEN SR.	15	
5751	JAMES SARANTAKOS	63	P.G.K.
7580	RICHARD W. AYDT	30	



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