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Knights of Columbus

"WHAT WORKS TEAM WORK"

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May the Peace and Glory of the Christmas Season and the Blessings of the New Year be yours. Take time to share your blessings with others and spend time with your family this Christmas

Season. Pat and I wish the best for this Holy Season to you and your family.

This issue is the last issue for 2010 and soon 2011 will be upon us, just where has the time gone. We began the year on the wave from reaching Circle of Honor last year and we have been able to hand out a large number of Star Council Awards and Double Star Awards. We encourage you and your council to reach for and achieve Star Council status.

The State Officers have been making rounds of fall Honors Nights sharing with the Honoree's the joy of the evening. We have also visited five of the Diocese to present Council Awards. Those who have attended the Council Awards presentations have commented that they really like the Officers taking time to recognize the individual council's accomplishments with their neighbors in their Diocese.

Over the last few months because of the efforts of New Council Development Director Jim Russell and dedicated District Deputies we have achieved an increase in councils with the addition of five new councils. One of those councils was a rebirth of a council that was lost but now the history of the council and the area it serves has returned.

Ray Biliskov, FM has joined the State Team as Council Redevelopment Director and it is his responsibility to locate and reestablish some of the old councils we have lost.

Two Councils in Illinois have taken and successfully met the challenge of raising funds to help purchase Ultra Sound machines that will be placed into two Crisis Pregnancy Centers. It is a fact that 9 out of 10 girls who see the baby that they carry using an Ultra Sound machine do not abort their babies. Thank you goes out to Eastern Illinois University Council 8713 and St. Charles Council 12497 for doing the right thing.

The State of Illinois is on the way to repeating the Circle of Honor recognition, the State of Illinois deserves being recognized for its greatness. The State Officers are NOT out for numbers, we are looking to add as many brothers and their families to our jurisdiction to make our councils stronger and to be sure that we are there in number to protect our Priests, Bishops and the Holy Father as well as our Catholic families. The times we are living in have NOT changed much since Fr. McGivney developed the first council at St. Mary's in New Haven. The news papers and television news people are out there writing and telling everyone about how bad we are. They take the small stories and make them big and they try to discredit the good things we do. We must grow, we must add new members and their families so that we become the force that they do not want to go against. We are the Right Hand of the Church, so said Pope John Paul II, and we must protect our church, her Priests and our history. The recognition of that strong growth is our being recognized as a Circle of Honor State.

I ask that every member go out and ask another Catholic man and his family to join us, we need them, our families need them our Church and her Priests need them. If half of our members recruited just one member we would take in 36,200 new members and if only 10% of our members brought in one new member we would have 7,240 new members to stand in defense of our Church.

Please, between now and January 1, 2011 ask at least one man to join the Knights of Columbus in Illinois and bring him to his Degree's. Let's make our Priests and Bishops

feel secure that they have ample support from the Illinois Knights of Columbus.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

STATE CHAPLAIN

Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel

Dear Brothers,

For unto us a child is born, a Son is given. (Isaiah 9:5)

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed these words of hope to a people close to despair. The infidelity of the people and their rulers had brought the kingdom of Judah to the brink of destruction. To this wayward people, Isaiah prophesizes that God in His mercy will act on their behalf to scatter the darkness of war and violence. Out of His immense love, God will send a child to them to be their king who will rule with justice and judgment. He will deliver them from their enemies and shall reign as the Prince of Peace.

Every year we hear this same good news, but we celebrate its fulfillment in a way of which Isaiah could only dream. For into our world, which is still marked by war, terrorism, infidelity and economic crisis, God has sent not an earthly king, but His own Son as our Lord and Savior. The birth of this Child in Bethlehem 2000 years ago is still the source of light and hope that shines through the gloom that often seems to surround us. The grace of God has appeared offering salvation to all and the world is not the same. Yes, there may still be conflict, violence and injustice, but we know now that their time and power are limited. For the mighty Prince of Peace has triumphed over sin and death and opened for us a kingdom of justice, truth and mercy.

This is what we celebrate in a special way in our Masses on Christmas and throughout the Christmas season. I pray that the Lord will bless each of you, your families and your Councils with renewed faith and hope as we recall the tremendous love of God, revealed in the child born for us in Bethlehem and who continues to be born in our hearts today. Be assured that you and your intentions will be remembered in my Christmas Masses.

I wish you a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



On August 24th, the St. Irene Council 6710, Warrenville, donated the flag pole in front of Saint Irene School in honor of the deceased members of Saint Irene Council 6710. Fr. Jim Antiporek, parents, teachers, students and members of St. Irene Council 6710 were in attendance for the dedication. (In attendance, PFN Raymond Scott, Father Jim Antiporek, Principal Mrs. Maureen White)

ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAIN

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Dear Brother Knights and Families,

One can hardly pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV without being overwhelmed with all the "bad news." However, recent unfolding events in Chile turned a potentially disastrous catastrophe into a celebration of hope and reunion. The thirty-three miners trapped for 70 days were rescued. You could see the relief of anxiety and the expressions of joy in each one's face as each miner came to the surface. What a story of "Good News" to be shared with all the people! In a way it was a Christmas Story. There was the promise of rescue, there was the waiting and finally there was the fulfillment of the hope, as each man came forth as if from the "womb" of the earth and was reborn. More than one of the survivors have admitted that their lives are changes forever.

Our lives have been changed through the promise that was made, the waiting that took place and formed the story of the Old Testament and the fulfillment that has given us the story of the New Testament. Christ, Jesus, Son of the living God and born of Mary is the "Good News" we share with those whose lives yearn to be freed from the darkness

of sin and doubt, from the “bad news” that tries so hard to consume them.

Let us “Rejoice and be Glad” for unto us is born He who is our hope and our longing.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your families and a Blessed and Happy New Year in 2011.

Father Chuck Tuttle



Associate State Chaplain

STATE SECRETARY

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And The Greatest of These Is Love

It's been said that life is like a journey with ups and downs; good times and bad times; happiness and sadness. As we get older and sometimes wiser, we learn that the important things in life aren't really dependent on the outcomes on God's good earth as much as they are after this journey ends and the eternal one begins. What we do in this life journey determines whether we will be rewarded for a life well spent: an eternity with God! In these challenging economic times, there are many uncertainties that we face in our life journey; and, those uncertainties sometimes easily distract us as Christians from what is really important. We want the best for our families; we want to succeed in our jobs; we want to have nice things and go to nice places. Sometimes all of those wants distract us from considering what God wants of us! From our humble beginnings as an Order, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney was faced with some of these same challenges in his journey as a young Catholic priest. In particular, he witnessed members of his Faith Community being drawn away from their Faith in order to provide for their family's necessities. While Father McGivney recognized how men of that time could be drawn from their Faith with noble interests in providing for their families, he could not stand by and let them choose to forsake their Faith for the good of the other even with the good intentions that these men may have had in their actions. Father McGivney's love of God; love of families; and, love for his Faith Community at St. Mary's Church in Connecticut is the inspiration that gave rise to our honored order and what fills the season of Christmas too! God gave us the 10 Commandments and His only begotten son taught us that the greatest of these commands is Love. As we travel our life journey as Knights of Columbus and celebrate the season of the Holy Family with the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us remember that our Faith is centered on Love. Our

founder organized us over 128 years ago following that command and that Love spirit of our Order permeates all that we do in our Church and communities throughout the world. Linda and I wish you all a very love-filled and Merry Christmas on our Lord's birthday; and, may His Love shine on you and your families then and throughout each day of the year!



STATE TREASURER

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What a fall we are having. Warmer than normal temps and such beautiful colors, it is truly an inspiration to see God's handiwork. The change in seasons are upon us and that also means 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 showcase the many different activities our councils provide there members and also show non-members how much fun being a Knight's of Columbus member can mean. The fall blitz's are underway as of this writing and looking forward to seeing many new members join our order.

The fall also means the Intellectual Disabilities fund drive is being conducted thru out Illinois. It is nice to turn a corner in any town and see the newly designed aprons for our candy drive and knowing that the monies raised will benefit God's special people. Thank you for participating either

standing on that corner or dropping a donation into the can. It is encouraging to know that even in this tough economic time the public will still donate to a very worthy cause.

The State/Supreme General Liability Insurance policy has seen an increase over last year in the number of councils who are participating in this program. Many councils have investigated and found they are saving dollars by joining this program. If your council has not joined the program I suggest that the Grand Knight contact the State Office and ask for some information and compare to your current policy, you might be surprised by the amount of money that will be saved.

This will be the last newsletter before the holidays so enough for 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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People love everything about the Christmas season the Nativity scene, caroling, scripture reading and concerts. November onwards, it is impossible to forget that Christmas is coming. Colored lights decorate many town

centers and shops, along with shiny decorations, and artificial snow painted on shop windows. During the season people take the time to enjoy the city or town when it's all decorated.

Celebrating Christmas has nothing to do with spending a lot of money and having elaborate parties. The biggest celebrations are the most personal ones spent with people whose company we love. A simple thing as watching a beautiful Christmas movie with a special someone can be all it takes. Or maybe share a home cooked meal with friends in front of the decorated Christmas tree.

I ask you to 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 the Holy Season, and share it with someone you encounter. 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 loved ones, that so we may enjoy yet another gift we take for granted—FREEDOM.

Merry CHRISTmas,

Bill and Theresa

STATE WARDEN

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My Brother Knights, as we enter the Christmas Season, I would like to share with you this Christmas Prayer that I found:

A Christmas Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Just as your star guided the shepherds and Magi to the stable in Bethlehem, we ask that Your light guide us again this Christmas. We come with adoration and gratitude, as we kneel before the manger of Your only-begotten Son. Help us to rejoice in Your love that You so faithfully renew in us day by day and send forth Your Spirit this Christmas to soften our hearts once more.

O Father, help us to share Your love with others, especially the needy in spirit, soul, and body. Help us to take the time, especially with our loved ones, to look into their eyes, to hear the message of their hearts sometimes hidden behind their words, and to appreciate the deep worth of each person who crosses our path.

Help us also take time to seek You in the quiet of our hearts, homes, and churches. Watch over our loved ones near and far, especially those who protect us at home and abroad. Bring peace to every part of our world, every room of our homes, and every corner of our hearts.

Dear Jesus, may You be born again in us this day. Amen.

I hope you have the opportunity to share this prayer with the members of your family, both at home and in the Knights of Columbus.

Wishing you a very Blessed and Happy Christmas season, and let's never forget to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Jerry Bevignani

Ceremonial Chairman
Philip J Barone, PSD

With the Christmas season approaching there is the gift that continues giving. Of course I am talking about the gift of membership. Reach out to a Catholic man and invite him to join our order. Find a degree that is close to you and bring him to it. Check the State Website for degrees in your area.

On Behalf of my wife Alice and myself, here's wishing you a Holy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



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Margaret Mary Council #11091 , Algonquin Il., was recently honored by Life Source -Chicagolands Blood Center as one of the top 20 groups in Illinois. This was the only religious group to make the top 20. On the pic you will see the organizers of this monthly EventL O'Brien, G. Lazansky. S Shepard, Bob Pustav) with the Kitchen Sink trophy

STATE GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:14, RSV)

With Advent upon us, these are the words we long to hear once again on Christmas morning. Words that elicit strong elations of rejoice and triumph, yet provide a sense of serenity and reassurance. These feelings are at the same time contradictory and complementary. Not unlike our everyday lives throughout the year when the successes and vitality of life intermingle with stress and failings. We could do well to remember these words on a hot and hazy July afternoon when the chill of a snowy Christmas is far off in the future. But it is during the happy season of Christmas that we take pause to celebrate the joyous event of the Savior's birth.

The holidays can be a hectic and busy time. We often toss aside our responsibilities to enjoy a Christmas play at the grade school, attend a party with co-workers, or bump elbows with other shoppers at the stores. Councils can share the joy of the season through their programming. Have a K of C Family Christmas dinner for your council. Attend Mass as a group one Sunday in Advent. And do not forget those that are not able to share the joy that the season brings. Ensure your council sponsors and participates in programs that benefit those less fortunate. Hold a dinner for the homeless, or a Christmas party for disadvantaged children. Or send a Christmas package to our troops overseas. Yes, the Christmas season can be exhausting, but with just a little more effort, you can make it an even happier one for someone else.

Linda and I, our daughter Renee and our son Andy wish all of our Illinois K of C family a very Blessed Christmas season and a joyous and prosperous 2011!

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Stephen G. Mann

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Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. This is a very special time of the year. We come together as a family to share good times and to relive memories of the past. The most important action we take is the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior; Jesus Christ. We worry and fret about giving the perfect gift, knowing that that gift has already been given. God gave it to the world when He gave his only Son, so that we may join Him in Heaven.

One of the best gifts you can give to another Catholic gentleman is the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Share fraternalism and brotherhood and help your council grow. The Knights of Columbus is a family organization. Why not share it with the members of your family? Is your father a member? Is your brother or son? This year give them a Form 100 and welcome them into the Order.

This is the third Blitz period of the year and by recruiting a new member you can help your council not only become a Star Council but also a Spirit of Illinois winner. Remember that getting a man to sign a Form 100 is only half the job. You need to get him to a Degree within a couple of weeks. After two weeks you start to lose candidates. If your council does not have a First Degree Team it needs to form one. Degree candidates quickly and do not hold them for a Major Degree.

As we end this year and start a new one, remember to thank God for the many blessings He bestows on us every day of the year. Thank Him for each and every member of your family. They are special, each in their own way. Also please remember it's OK to say: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vivat Jesus,
Steve



STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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In the 2009/2010 fraternal year, through the generosity of my fellow brother knights in Illinois, donations to the Newman Fund increased. THANK YOU for your continued support for the almost 386,000 students on 42 campuses in Illinois that depend on your donations.

Although we did not reach our goal, on your behalf, we were able to increase our gift this year to the Newman Campus Ministry by an additional \$5,000.00 for a total of \$230,000.00.

As you make your Christmas gift list out, remember those students that are depending on us to keep Christ in their lives. This year's Newman appeal is now underway and I encourage Grand Knights and Newman Chairmen to remind your members of the importance of sending in their donations so we can continue to support our NUMBER 1 CHARITY in Illinois.

Your donation to the Newman Fund can and will make a difference. Make donations to Illinois State Council K of C Charities Inc, with Newman Fund in memo line on check. Mail

your pledge card and check to: Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc., PO Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681.

Nancy and I, along with the entire Charities Team, 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

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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): Each council's fraternal survey is due at *BOTH* Supreme and the State Office by January 31, 2011. This form is extremely important because the information gathered from this form is used by Supreme to maintain our Non-Profit Status.

Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form 4584): This form is due at BOTH Supreme and the State Council Office by January 31, 2011

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

I.D. Drive Reports

Remember when completing your I.D. Report Form, if you have the 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)

On October 29th we are saying farewell and happy retirement to Mary Muller here at the office. Mary has been a long time volunteer for the State Office and began working as a paid employee in October of 2000. She is finally hanging up her 'Mouse' before the snow flies. Her cheerful attitude and 'can do spirit' will be greatly missed. Good Luck Mary!

In closing, Sue, 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!*



Bah Humbug!

This is the Christmas issue of the newsletter and unless you read my article first you have already gathered that. Unlike the rest of the writers in this newsletter I am not telling you to have a happy and joyful Christmas. I am not telling you to have a prosperous New Year. What I am saying is that you have the power to make Christmas happy and Joyous for others who maybe do not have this luxury. Some might not even have a bed to sleep on or know where their next meal comes from. Some people are far from home and family. So what I am saying is use your power. For every smile you share, every meal you serve and every heart you touch you will feel the same joyous Christmas and a happy new year that they fell.

“For in the Giving is Receiving”

My family, wife Linda, Our children Vanessa and Jason along with their spouses and Children wish you your family and Friends a Happy and Joyful Christmas and a Holy Prosperous New Year

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Associate State Chaplain Fr. Chuck Tuttle opens the awards banquet from the Belleville Diocese with a prayer. Also pictured are State Secretary Richard Spada, State Deputy James Bednar and State Charitable Director Bob Bukowski

Years of Services	Council #	Degree Attained	First Name	Last Name	Positions Held
25	658	3rd	Howard	Ehlers	
42	665	3rd	Walter B	Buening	
35	665	3rd	James J. "Jim"	Jansen	
42	665	3rd	David L.	Koon	
29	665	3rd	Frank D	Roedner	
60	790	3rd	Richard A.	Mohan	
49	790	1st	Albert J	Senko	
10	790	3rd	Robert L.	Verdun	
67	860	4th	Charles	Englum	PGK, FDD, PFN
26	985	3rd	John H.	Arndt	
25	1098	4th	Vincent J.	Ashal	
5	1098	1st	Robert W	Bosslet	
24	1555	1st	John M	Gallagher	
21	1775	3rd	Kenneth	Harmon	
24	2869	1st	Roger A	Schwierjohn	
57	3323	4th	Kenneth C.	Surowiec	PGK, FDD, PFN
14	3761	1st	Isaiah J.	Samuels	
48	4024	4th	Alphonso J.	DiPietro	PGK
38	4698	3rd	Larry	Pettenon	PGK
39	6165	3rd	Ralph H.	Spihlmann	
28	8087	1st	Leon R	Schetter	
14	10884	4th	David	Gasinski	
8	10884	4th	Michael	Messuck	GK
21	10944	3rd	Richard, H.	Kane	

May there Souls and all the Souls of the Faithfully departed Rest in Peace. AMEN.



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 For 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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FAX #	E-mail	FAX#	E-mail