



# ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

## *Knights of Columbus*



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### Fellowship & Service & Charity & *Growing Our Order*

*Preserving Our Past*—Many years ago our jurisdiction boasted an Illinois Spirit of innovation and growth with almost a friendly competition among member councils. Many new programs and charitable endeavors came about through that rich spirit. In the Chicago Archdiocese a program was conceived to meet the needs of our Catholic youth; the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) was established and ran for many years. In the Peoria diocese, the first ever Newman Center was erected with the unified help of brother knights throughout Illinois. Our Intellectual Disability (ID) program began when a member from a council on the south side of Chicago needed assistance and someone thought to give Tootsie Roll candies to would be donors of change or dollars to support the cause and help a Brother Knight and his family. Later

Knights of Columbus from throughout Illinois began doing the same to help those with intellectual disabilities in their own communities. A council in Breese Illinois initiated a program to promote the concept of Keep Christ in Christmas that blossomed in the Belleville diocese and later became a state-wide program. During our formative years as a jurisdiction this innovative pride included great growth where many councils took pride in becoming STAR council such that an incoming grand knight would not want to be the first GK to *not* achieve STAR!

We did a great job of communicating our accomplishments both among our members and those within our Faith Community from which we draw new members. Who wouldn't want to be on a winning team! Who wouldn't want to remain on that team once welcomed into the family of Knights of Columbus! This is the past that we must rally to preserve and pledge not to forsake! This spirit pervaded each diocese and all of their members sharing a common mission of fraternalism, service and growth of our Order. We must build upon this spirit to forge our future.

*Forging Our Future*—Accomplishments of those who came before us are a motivator for us to “carry the torch” and keep the Spirit of Illinois growing. We owe it to those men who worked hard and unwaveringly to get done what others would not. Let our Illinois Spirit program [Illinois SP-7] be a means for councils to provide opportunities for every Catholic man and his family to be a part of our great Illinois Spirit and pride! In today's busy and complicated culture, studies prove that men are looking for ways to live their faith in a practical way; and using the Illinois SP-7 as a planning tool gives many practical ways for men and their families to live practically and grow stronger in the Faith that we share. Men don't talk about it; and, maybe don't need to. Let me assure you that you may be surprised at how men do look for these opportunities for themselves and their family! Supreme Council launched an Order-wide recruitment theme of called “365 Membership”. In the traditional Illinois Spirit, that isn't good enough for our standards!! Let me suggest that our innovative spirit of program development and charitable outreach already demonstrates a “365 day a year” mindset; our Knights are thinking every day about how to outdo the last

program or charitable assistance given to those in need! *I need your help Brother Knights! I need your help with incorporating recruitment and retention components in those planning efforts. Many express how hard recruitment is and others simply lack the courage saying why do we even need to recruit or retain members!*

George Bernard Shaw once wrote:

“Some people see things as they are and ask ‘Why?’ I see things as they could be and ask ‘Why not?’”

I like George Bernard Shaw’s thought mindset! Why can’t every council program and charity event be an opportunity for welcoming new members to grow our Order? Successful councils who include this planning tend to succeed and grow; and, I’d like to see every council experience the same success! Do you want to succeed and grow? Now is the time to share the Illinois Spirit with all those who haven’t been asked! Now is the time to include recruitment planning with our activity planning for both programs and charitable events! Illinois embraces 365 Programming; 365 Charities; and, 365 Membership!! It is time that we forge our future with a resolve for positive growth to meet the demands that challenge our values; our families; and the very Church we serve.

I believe that today’s culture has led our Faith Community to blindly embrace secular values; men and their families need the Knights of Columbus more than ever before, maybe even more than when our Venerable Founder Father Michael J. McGivney, founded our Order! Many have lost the concept of fraternalism and being a brother to a brother; relationships are more strained as we advance in a society of technology, secularism, and materialism. We need to return to the resolve and efforts to preserve the values that brought us over 129 years and assure that these values remain for many more to come!

*Centered On The Eucharist*--We have all the reason in the world to have great hope for our future; we center our world on the Eucharist! Let us resolve to work first as a Eucharistic community; and, to make our source of motivation our true Father in the Trinity of Son and Holy Spirit! I am convinced that our accomplishments of the past and our accomplishments yet to come are assured if we remain focused on the Eucharist! As Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II once proclaimed that we are in the Springtime of Evangelization, we must put into action his encouragement by inviting men and their families to our family of the Knights of Columbus. I beg that you act now as we all know that our enemy, the devil, goes about like a roaring lion seeking havoc!

Vivat Jesus!

**STATE CHAPLAIN    Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel Auxiliary Bishop Diocese of Joliet**

“WE ARE SAINTS IN PROCESS”



The Church begins the month of November with the Feast of All Saints. When we think of saints, we often picture the images we see in statues or holy cards - the saints in glory with halos and serene faces. They seem to be in a different class of Christians whose level of holiness appears beyond our reach. But when we read about the lives of the apostles, martyrs and other holy persons, we come to realize that they were people like us. With the exception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they weren’t born saints – they became saints. Almost all had to undergo a process of conversion, a change of heart that resulted in a change of life. St. Paul is a classic example of one whose life change dramatically after encountering the Lord.

The saints come from every walk of life, every nation, every race, every color. What they all share is that they “endured the time of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.” (Rev. 7:14) In other words they all shared in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus in their daily lives. They took their baptismal call to discipleship seriously and tried to live it as faithfully as possible in their joys and sorrows, successes and failures. They endured whatever trials that were placed in their path through their faith in the power of Christ’s cross and resurrection.

The saints remind us that in baptism, we too were called to holiness, to be children of God (1 John 3:1). We are to live our faith concretely here and now. Our vocation, like that of the saints of old, is to integrate our Christian commitment into the messiness of everyday life where we live in an imperfect world among imperfect people, including ourselves. We are to stand as lamps in a world all too full of darkness, sin, and sorrow so to reveal Christ’s love, truth and forgiveness to a broken world. We are to make all life’s journeys Emmaus journeys, encountering the Risen Lord in the path of our life and helping others to meet him as well.

While some saints were called to perform extraordinary tasks, holiness is more often lived in doing the ordinary duties of life, but doing them with extraordinary Christian love and commitment. Whether as spouses, parents, adults or children, employees or employers, clergy or laity, all have this same call to holiness. We aren’t full-fledged saints yet. We are saints in progress, a process initiated in baptism which won’t be completed until we see God face-to-face. We must continue to run the race and fight the good fight of the Christian life. As the familiar expression says, “Be patient with me, God isn’t finished with me yet.”

**ASSOCIATE STATE CHAPLAIN** Rev. Charles Tuttle [cwtuttle@charter.net](mailto:cwtuttle@charter.net)

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

October and May are two of my favorite months. May is a month in which all of nature comes alive with the Spring colors and October is the month colors again dominate the scenery. Interestingly enough, October and May are also dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our devotion to her, especially in the recitation of the Rosary, is a beautiful way to celebrate as a family the real meaning of a “holy family.” I can remember the popular slogan that was so common in the 1950’s, but has gotten lost over the past decades: “The family that prays together, stays together.” If there ever was a truism that is it! Sometimes we have to ask ourselves when was the last time we took time to pray together as a family, let alone sit down to the dinner table as a family and enjoy each other’s company. Our lives have become overwhelmed with schedules, meetings, running here and there – that we rarely take quality time just to be together. Perhaps we can use October and May as starting points in arranging time together to pray the rosary and to enjoy a sit-down meal together, let alone perhaps even a family evening of games and recreation. Time too often is the enemy, for when we realize just how



important those moments could have been, they are past, never more to be regained.

Vivat Jesu

Father Chuck Tuttle



Associate State Chaplain

**STATE SECRETARY** Donald "Skip" Kinyon [kinyon@gallatinriver.net](mailto:kinyon@gallatinriver.net)

The State Council has just completed our first state officer conference call meeting in September and the end result appears to be a success. Your state officers will hold four of these conference calls in this fraternal year and it is an effort to save the state council on expenses. While the first meeting was a learning experience for everyone, there did not seem to be any major pitfalls. I plan on giving a summary of each state officer's monthly meeting and having our webmaster place those reports on the website for your reading. In reviewing the report forms and due dates I just wanted to remind councils that an audit was due in June of 2011. Thank you to those council officers who have submitted that audit report. There are number of councils who have not submitted that report and there is still time. There will be another audit due in December. Also there are a few councils who have not submitted the elected

officers (#365) and director report form (#185). Those need to be submitted as soon as possible because they were due at the beginning of this fraternal year. The officer and Director reports are an important communication tool for the State and Supreme councils to reach out for important news and events that affect the Illinois jurisdiction. With this being the October newsletter that means the first quarter of our fraternal year is complete and the second has started. I want to congratulate those councils who have recruited a new member this year and urge to continue your council growth, for those who have not introduced a Catholic man and his family to the Knights there is still time. Every council should be actively recruiting for their church, community and council. Remember recruitment is a 365 day long program. I believe our next newsletter will be in December so Diane and I at this time would like to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We hope all of our Illinois Knights of Columbus families will enjoy sharing a Thanksgiving feast with each of our loved ones. The Illinois Knights have many reasons to be thankful but the most important reason is the fact that our Lord Jesus loves each of us. As we all surround the holiday table please remember



*The 24 Brother Knights from the Archdiocese of Chicago listed below were present to insure that 1100 children, teens, and adults that attended World Youth Day Chicago Style at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine at Maryville in Des Plaines were safe and secure. Despite last minute changes in venues, logistics and some rain, our Knights were able to adapt and rise to the occasion. They received high praise from the diocesan staff, other volunteers, the participants, and the clergy, who all took time to thank them. Joe Moore, Bob Bukowski, Bob Fuggiti, Bill Kretz, Bill Doody, Walt Galiga, John Crigler, Tom Laughran, Jack McKay, Ray Biliskov, Ed Adams, Don Hall, Tom Young, John Killingrew, John Muldoon, John Walker, Jim Ciciora, Tony Mangiaracina, Roy Hilo, Mike Paolantino, Mike Centrachio, Camilo Trujillo*

the ones who have gone on before us and also our brave men and women of the military who will be sharing a Thanksgiving dinner without their families. Pray that our lord will keep them safe from harm's way and that each of them can come home safe.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless to all.

Vivat Jesus,  
Skip

**STATE TREASURER Bill Doerfler** [bdoerfler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdoerfler@sbcglobal.net)

I would like to thank all the Councils that participated in the ID drive this year. I'm sure with all the great council's in Illinois it will be another record breaking year. Just a reminder when you are requesting your money back for your organizations please allow plenty of time (6 to 7 weeks) before your presentation. Remember the first few months the office becomes overwhelmed with the amount of requests that arrive, and most requests will spend at least two weeks in the US mail.

As your State Treasurer I will try to have all checks in the mail to the councils within 48 hours after I receive them. I want to thank you in advance for getting your requests in early. Terry and I want to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving. This is a day to give thanks to our Lord for our families and everything that we have been given.

God Bless  
*Bill*

**State Advocate** Ted Stites [tstiteskc@charter.net](mailto:tstiteskc@charter.net)

As your State Advocate, I receive queries from councils seeking advice on a wide variety of issues. Many of the questions I am asked concerns how tax laws apply to the Knights of Columbus at the council level. I have found that many councils simply misunderstand what type of an organization the Knights of Columbus is. Although we are noted for our many charitable works, we are not necessarily a charitable organization when it comes to tax laws.

Below are a series of Frequently Asked Questions that the Supreme Advocate has provided answers for. I am providing some of the FAQs here and hope to include more in future newsletters.

#### Tax FAQs

1) Question: What is the Knights of Columbus?

Answer: The Knights of Columbus is a specially-chartered Connecticut corporation that has no parent companies, no stock, and no subsidiaries. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service

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

*Fr. G.H. Netemeyer Council 2932 knows the meaning of a Family fraternal organization. Out of 20 new members 17 were sons of present members.*

*Fr. Francis A. Ryan Council 5025 has held a 1<sup>st</sup> degree each month allowing their surrounding councils a chance to grow. Maybe all these first degrees might be a cause of them making them Star Council 5 years in a row.*

*Bishop Bernard J. Sheil Assembly in Palatine provided an honor guard for the Special Olympics games at Lake Zurich High School. More than 350 athletes participated in the games.*

organization. Currently, there are more than 1.78 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guam, Poland, Panama, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Guatemala, and Saipan. Founded in 1882, the Knights of Columbus operates through and maintains an active system of local and state councils through which extensive charitable and volunteer programs are conducted.

2) Question: Is the Knights of Columbus a charity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”)?

Answer: No. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society recognized under IRC Section 501(c)(8).

3) Question: Are all Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies in the United States eligible to be recognized under Section 501(c)(8)?

Answer: Yes. As a unified corporate entity, the Knights of Columbus encompasses not only the Supreme Council, but all subordinate units (i.e., state councils, local councils, chapters, and assemblies). Accordingly, all subordinate units in the United States may be recognized by the IRS as “fraternal lodges” under Section 501(c)(8). In order to be recognized under Section 501(c)(8), each council, chapter, or assembly must provide its Employer Identification Number (EIN) to the Home Office Legal Department, which in turn will report the EIN to the IRS for inclusion in the Order’s group exemption listing.

4) Question: Are all Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies in the United States exempt from federal taxation?

Answer: The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and its subordinate units in the United States are generally exempt from paying federal income tax on ordinary receipts (e.g., funds received for charitable or fraternal purposes). However, unrelated business income would be subject to federal income taxation. See IRS instructions for Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

I hope these FAQs will help you to understand more fully how the Knights of Columbus operates. This may be eye-opening information for you, as was for me when I first learned these facts. Use this information wisely to educate your current officers, as well as your up and coming leaders.

Vivat Jesus!

Ted

### **STATE WARDEN**

Rich Koerkenmeier,

I would like to share with you some thoughts regarding the great value of the materials available to us on the Illinois State Council and the Supreme Council websites. These items can be of tremendous assistance to us whether we are K of C leaders, members, or Catholic men and women in general. Both websites contain a myriad of materials to help us attract and recruit new members to the order and to build strong programs whereby our members can live out their faith and help others in our communities.



In this age of increasing electronic communication it becomes more important to accept and embrace new and more efficient methods of disseminating information. Some people by nature accept and desire to learn new ways of doing things while others dig in their heels to resist such changes. I think that often those who initially resist, then later accept, beneficial change eventually wonder (even if only to themselves) why they were so resistant for so long. Eventually, they too see the benefits of the new idea or process.

In this 2011-2012 Fraternal Year our State Council has dramatically reduced the number of paper mailings from the State Office, adopting instead a system of e-mail communication and timely news postings on the State Council website. Those of you Past Grand Knights who formerly received many postal mailings, sometimes several each day, know that it could add up to large amounts of paper. But one must acknowledge that it was not the information which was cumbersome even if the delivery method was.

Today, that information remains as relevant and important as ever before, only it now comes by electronic delivery. This is why it is vitally important, especially as officers, to diligently monitor your e-mail inbox and the State Council website for those reminders, instructions etc. which are so critical to the success of our local councils in all the great endeavors we undertake. To some this is already routine, but to others it requires the learning of new practices in reviewing the needed communications. One way to stay current is to regularly refer to the State Council website at [www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org) and review the "News You Can Use" posting on the home page. This is updated weekly with timely and important notices and reminders.

At the K of C Supreme Convention held in Denver, Colorado this past August, Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant spoke to us about the "New Evangelization," a phrase often used by Pope John Paul 2. Virgil challenged us as Knights to take seriously our responsibility as Catholics to help to defend and spread our faith in a world in which religious faith values in general and especially Catholic values are often under attack by secular forces who either do not understand or disagree with us.

Those in the world around us learn by the daily example of our lives, by the things we say and do, by the beliefs and principles which we hold dear. Did you know we can greatly improve our understanding of the teachings of our faith by utilizing some of the materials available to us on the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

One of my favorite areas of the Supreme website is the Luke E Hart Series of 30 lessons on "What Catholics Believe", "How Catholics Worship" and "How Catholics Live". These are available as .pdf text files, as mp3 downloads which can be played on a computer, many phones or on an mp3 player. This fall, we Catholics prepare for the implementation at the beginning of the Advent season of the use of the "Third Edition of the Roman Missal". This would be a great time to gain a fuller understanding of the Mass by listening to or reading Lesson 11 "Introduction to Catholic Liturgy" in the Luke E Hart Series available at this internet link.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/podcasts/hart/podA.html>

Vivat Jesus,  
Rich Koerkenmeier

**IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY James Bednar** [jcbknightspontiac@gmail.com](mailto:jcbknightspontiac@gmail.com)

As we move into the second quarter of this fraternal year we must look hard at where we stand with building our local councils and retaining our members. Now more than ever before our church is being attacked by the "legal" side of our society. We are being told that we have to accept same sex unions as legal and acceptable. Our Catholic Hospitals, Physicians, Nurses and Pharmacists are being told that they will have to compromise their Catholic beliefs or be closed down or sanctioned in various forms.

Now more than ever in the History of our Order do we have need to swell the ranks of our councils with Catholic men of faith who will stand with other catholic men to defend our church and our beliefs. If we do not take action immediately, we will see our Catholic rights eliminated by the "state". We can only succeeded if we take up our cross and bring other catholic men to the Order and stand in locked arms with our brothers and with our Bishops and Priests to defend our rights.

For the last two years we were able to finish with a net/net combined membership growth of over 1000 new brother knights joining Illinois councils. This was due in part by strong leadership in our Districts and the use of frequent First Degrees. Last year we had 10 District Deputies accomplish and qualify for STAR DISTRICT DEPUTY status. I am pleased to share the names of these District Deputies with you today:

Stephen Frost - District 2	Peter Justen – District 6	Anthony Biliskov – District 14
Tim Rogers – District 30	Loni Howard - District 31	Tim Cosgrove – District 34
Robert Mayer – District 40	Mark Halper – District 43	
Anthony Scott – District 50	William Laudando – District 91	

Some of the winners did not want to wait and receive these awards in a presentation at the mid – year meeting so they all are being shipped to the winners.

If you have questions about how to swell your council membership, seek the answers from your District Deputy and other successful Knights of Columbus members. No strategy is copy written and we love to share our successes with others. Some say, "What works in one place does not work in another place" – but – what do we have to lose if we try, in fact we just might become successful.

Councils should strive for the STAR COUNCIL AWARD and in doing so we as an Order becomes healthier and successful.

God bless, j

**STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR** Frank Schwartz

Programming 365

The first quarter is over and every council should have met with their District Deputy one on one. During the one on one, a strategic planning meeting the council should have filled out their Illinois SP-7 and mailed it to the state office. If that meeting did not take place, please arrange for it now and get the Illinois SP-7 mailed to the state office a.s.a.p. The Illinois SP-7 was set up to include a programming area for membership. Membership should be planned for just as all other council programs are. It is suggested that a membership table be set up at each council event and properly manned so that men and their families can ask for and obtain information on how they may join the Knights of Columbus.



There are three new programming areas: One is to call on all brother Knights and councils to help in supporting our military, in several ways to include a; gift for our troops program to be run as a state wide event.

Next is the formation of the McGivney's Dream program. This program is to bring a focus on the care of any fallen Brother Knight family, by reaching out to led them a helping hand if needed, to keep up communications with the family, and make sure that the family knows that the council and their membership is for there for them to call upon when needed.

The last new area is the Pro-Life program while Larry and Marge are still focusing all councils to assist in making phone calls and write letters Mike Cummings has been assigned to come up with state wide programs to help raise funds to support the program and the Illinois pro Life program on all fronts.

The Lady of Guadalupe Icon program is in full swing. Look for the schedule on the state web site. So far, over 1300 people have attended prayer services.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest is also in full swing with 11 councils already signed upped. Again, please see the state web site for further details.

Grand Knights have received a letter on the Coat for Kids Supreme Program where council can purchase coats for a much reduced price. Please think about all those in need and consider buying coats today.

The Basketball Free Throw and Spelling Bee Contest/Programs are starting up and kits are being mailed to Grand Knights who have requested them. It is not too late to get your kit order today. Refer to the state web site for more information.

As we enter into the Thanksgiving, and Christmas Shelly and I pray that you and your family are truly blessed

## **LADIES AUXILIARY [mabear1234@aol.com](mailto:mabear1234@aol.com)**

**Grand Knights, District Deputies, Financial Secretaries and Ladies Auxiliary Presidents':**

**Congratulations!**

Our newest Ladies Auxiliaries are Lady Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, #14463, God's Divine Mercy, Council in Yorkville. President is Rita E. Jump

Lady Knights of Our Lady of Good Counsel Auxiliary, Council # 14929 in Aurora, Rockford Diocese Maureen Flinn coordinator formed this auxiliary and the Installation will be on October 18, 2011.

**Grand Knights, District Deputies, & Financial Secretaries:**

If your Council doesn't have a Ladies Auxiliary consider checking into the formation of one. Probably your wives are already helping you so why not make them an official Ladies Auxiliary?

## **ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

*Three years ago, Jim Sossong of Good Shepherd Council 5573 in Plainfield approached the Ronald McDonald House about collecting soda can pull tabs for the organization. Sossong's nephew had stayed at Ronald McDonald House before passing away at the age of 6 months, and Sossong wanted to do something to benefit the organization. In the years since, Sossong has mustered his fellow council members to collect more than 2.1 million tabs, which Ronald McDonald House then sells to scrap metal buyers to raise funds.*

*Oswego Council 7247 and Marquette Assembly in Aurora joined other community organizations like the American Legion and the Boy and Girl Scouts to sponsor a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day June 14. Knights provided an honor guard before 791 flags were formally retired. Members of Council 7247 also traveled to Oregon, Ill., to the White Pines Camp to visit with and host an event for 91 campers with disabilities.*

Contact Sandy Decker at 630-393-1891. Looking forward to hearing from you.

### Membership 365 – the Key to Success

Membership 365 that is the key to success for a Council to become Star Council this year. As you recall, Membership 365 is our theme for this year. Membership recruitment should be a part of every activity that your Council participates in. Every time you are working in your Parish or community, it gives you an opportunity to identify and invite new men to join our order. Have you put together your plan?

Once we have planned and organized our recruitment efforts, we then need to make sure we take our candidate to his First Degree. Every Council has been given the tools to put on a First Degree. You need to make yourself familiar with the materials. Practice it prior to presenting it. Schedule the Degree and let your District Deputy know the date. As the sponsor of the candidate it is important to pick him up and take him to his degree. Also you should bring him to his first meeting. Introduce him to the *"Shining Armor"* award and encourage him to get active and recruit a new member and have him do the same thing. We cannot forget to encourage them to seal their bond by taking their Second, Third, and Fourth Degree.

It is our hope and goal for every Council in the State of Illinois to be active in Membership this year. Every Knight in our Council is a recruiter. Our Council officers as leaders should be setting the example by recruiting a new member. As we approach November, let's remember the deceased members of our Council in a Memorial Mass. Invite the Family Members of our Deceased Knights to attend. Encourage them to provide an individual that might be interested in joining and sharing the experience that their loved ones were able to experience. With Christmas coming, consider giving the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Ask a fellow Catholic gentleman to join us. Remember, all you have to do is ask.

Working together, we can all succeed in making Membership 365 a successful program for our Councils. With planning, organization and frequent First Degrees, we can all work to reach our goals and become a Star Council for the hard work and dedication that you do for the church.

Let's all go out and recruit a new member into our Councils.

### Gentleman Start Your Engines Recruitment Incentive

I would like to **THANK** all the Councils in the State that recruited new members in the first quarter of this fraternal year. We announced a recruitment incentive July 1 to recognize Councils who recruited and reported at least 1 new member each month in the first quarter of the year. Congratulations go out to the following 2 Councils who took the challenge and successfully reached the goal of at least 1 new member in July, August and September:

St. Raphael Council 14171, Naperville

Holy Spirit Council 15037, Naperville

Each Council will receive a \$25.00 gift card as thanks for completing the first leg of our Recruitment Race to Star Council for this fraternal year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter incentive is in place, and councils are off and running. Details on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter incentive should have been sent to you by your District Deputy. Information is also available on the State Website.

Congratulations also go out to District Deputy Tim Rogers. Both the above Councils were from Tim's District, so Tim also qualifies for a \$25.00 gift card for his leadership in helping the Councils plan an effective recruitment program.

Keep your engines running!! Work to plan and organize efforts to get on the above list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter incentive.

Jerry Bevignani

## **HISPANIC COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS**

*Ola!* I am pleased to announce a collaborative partnership with Supreme Council leaders and our state council teams to better serve our Latino communities and to grow our Order. Our common mission is to provide the Latino community, starting in the Archdiocese of Chicago, opportunities to be part of our Knights of Columbus family. In reaching out to our Latino communities and welcoming them into our Order, we further our fundamental mission of 'bringing our Church to the people, and the people to the Church' as I've often remarked. There is



a rich history of spirituality within the Latino community that appeals to much of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we are all about. At the core of our mission is the basic relationship that we all have with Holy Mother Church; our appeal to Mary, Mother of God to bring us closer to Her Son; and, the fellowship we share with each other as brothers in Christ. Only great things are coming with these efforts we make with embracing the common bonds that we share in the family of Church with our Latino Brothers.

Supreme Council Hispanic coordinator (and Illinois Knight!) for our jurisdiction, Brother Daniel Ramirez, is working with Supreme Council Director of Hispanic Development, Brother Al Cala and Brother Levi a PSD from the jurisdiction of New Mexico. The Supreme Council allocated funds to cover the initiative until it is well rooted to go on its own. We've worked together developing an action plan that includes development of new councils and redevelopment of Hispanic councils previously established that require assistance. During the weekend of September 24 and 25, 2011, we assembled member Knights of our Latino community for a kick off meeting to launch the initiative. The kick off meeting served as an orientation of our action plans and to enlist members' commitment to serve on the special task force for Hispanic Council developments. Developments will include training, mentoring council officers and assisting council leaders with communications and planning needs to succeed. State Deputy, Rich Spada attended the weekend meetings with State Program Director, Frank Schwartz; District Deputy Director Jim Russell; and, State Hispanic Council co-coordinator, Tony Diaz. Brother Ricardo Acosta is assisting as co-coordinator with Brother Diaz.

I joined with Father Claudio Diaz, newly assigned associated state chaplain of our jurisdiction assisting Father Tuttle, and Hispanic Council coordinator, Daniel Ramirez, to initiate discussions on the action plan that led to the presentations held September 24 and 25. Membership and Programming Consultant (MPC) Brother Joe Pietruszynski PSD, State NCD Director, Anthony Beaudette, District Deputy Director, Jim Russell; and, diocesan

chairman for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Dale Smith joined in the preliminary discussions. Pictured above are some of the team of 9 members who will form the special task force on the project. *Viva Christo Rey!*

MAJOR DEGREES AS OF 10/19/2011

DIOCESE	DAY	DATE	1ST	2ND/3RD	DD NAME	DD#	HOST #	LOCATION
4th Degree	Saturday	10/22/11		1:00 PM	Paul Isherwood	1		4th Degree Exemp- Rock Falls
Peoria	Saturday	10/22/11	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Tony Scott	51	7817	St. Malachy Parish Hall, 595 E. Ogden, Geneseo
Rockford	Sunday	10/30/11	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Mark Halper	42	11091	St. Margaret Mary Ed Ctr 119 S Hubbard St, Algonquin
Peoria	Sunday	10/30/11	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lee Williams	56	427	(KC Hall) 7403 N Radnor Road, Peoria,
Belleville	Sunday	11/06/11	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Greg Folden	83	2921	(KC Hall) 312 N. Gordon St., Pinckneyville
Springfield	Sunday	11/13/11	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	David Keck	73	665	(KC Hall) 1501 W. Fayette Ave. Effingham
Rockford	Sunday	11/13/11	12:00 AM	2:30 PM	Thomas Conboy	44	12120	St. Thomas Aquinas, 1400 Kiwanis Dr, Freeport
Peoria	Sunday	11/13/11	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Michael Tell man	62	1250	(KC Hall) 126 N. Limit St. Lincoln
Springfield	Sunday	11/20/11	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Bernie Mennemeyer	69	10556	Parish Center, 125 E. Washington St. Auburn,
Joliet	Sunday	11/20/11	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Ken Hansen	36	745	(KC Hall) 187 So Indiana Ave Kankakee
Chicago	Sunday	11/27/11	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Jeff Amour	8	3731	St Catherine Laboure Schooll 3535 THORNWOOD GLENVIEW
Chicago	Sunday	12/04/11	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Anthony Fortson	23	3755	(KC Hall) 11207 S Ewing Avenue, Chicago
Rockford	Sunday	12/04/11	1:30 PM	2:45 PM	Chris Brazas	39	12497	St. Patrick Church 6N491 Crane Road, St Charles
Belleville	Sunday	12/04/11	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Ray Einig	87	7682	Newman Center- SIU Carbondale
Joliet	Sunday	01/15/12	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Tim Rogers	29	14171	St Raphael Church 1215 Modaff Rd Naperville
Joliet	Friday	01/27/12		7:00 PM	Gustavo J. Moreno	37	9770	St Anthony 7659 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort
Chicago	Sunday	01/29/12	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Jim Killigrew	3	4483	(KC Hall) 15 N Hickory Ave, Arlington Heights
4th Degree	Saturday	02/11/12		1:00 PM	Paul Isherwood	1		4th Degree Exemp-Lisle
Peoria	Sunday	02/19/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Jim Polizzi	58	1775	(KC Hall) 500 Hitt Street, Utica
Chicago	Sunday	02/19/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	David J Herrmann	11	5025	St. Thecla Church 6725 W. Devon Chicago
Belleville	Sunday	02/26/12	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Chris Lindauer	82	13197	St. Joseph Parish Center, 6 North Alton St, Freeburg
Springfield	Sunday	03/04/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Jerome Goeckner	73	2874	(KC Hall) 210 S. Pearl, Teutopolis
Peoria	Saturday	03/10/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Jim Martin	60	790	(KC Hall) 806 Oakley Ave. Streator
4th Degree	Saturday	03/10/12		1:00 PM	Dean Salz	2		4th Degree Exemp- Our Lady of the Snows - Belleville
Springfield	Sunday	04/01/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Gene Mitchell	66	364	(KC Hall) 2200 South Meadowbrook, Springfield
Joliet	Sunday	04/15/12		2:00 PM	Fred Kunst	31	5573	St. Mary Immaculate,15629 South Route 59, Plainfield
Joliet	Sunday	06/03/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	John Dehm	34	12014	St. Paul the Apostle Activity Center, Joliet

**STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DIR.** Erik Lockett [kcerik.lockett@aol.com](mailto:kcerik.lockett@aol.com)

Brothers,

November is a month of remembrance. We have the feast of all Saints where we remember the apostles, martyrs and other holy people. We have the feast of all Souls where we remember those who have gone to their final reward. November is a month when a lot of councils hold their annual memorial mass. It is a time to pray for the repose of the souls of our brother knights who have left us during the last year. It is a chance to remember those knights who had been the foundation for our councils and led us to this point in our history.

This is a time of remembrance and also a time for celebration. We come together with the widows, sons and daughters as a parish family/faith community to celebrate the lives of our brother knights. We rejoice in their

contributions as we once again pay our respects. We warmly embrace the family and continue that bond and support as Father McGivney envisioned.

November is also a time to remember those away at college in a special way. Our Newman program helps to promote a catholic presence on many college campuses. This is great time to make a donation to the Newman program. Maybe even become a Century donor!

Remember to stop and give thanks for the many gifts we have received. Make it a point to reach out and share your gifts with those who are in need.

There's only a month left to make this the best vocations raffle ever. Additional books are available from the State Office. Let's show our support for our seminarians.

Vivat Jesus!

Erik Lockett  
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### On Track to Star Council

Congratulations go out to the following Councils who have already reached 100% or more of their Membership goal for the current Fraternal Year.

Council 15052 - Chicago	533%	Council 15296 - Clarendon Hills	200%
Council 8060 - Normal	100%	Council 14585 - Des Plaines	100%

Thanks go out to the Officers and Members of the above Councils for sharing the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus with our fellow catholic gentlemen. I look forward to publishing a much larger list in the next newsletter. Continue to work to plan and organize recruitment efforts with your council events. Share the good things we do in our Parishes.

**Newman**, just what is it? As a Brother Knight I know it is our oldest charitable endeavor. But, I never really understood Newman's significance or importance until a few years ago. That's when I met Fr. Antonio Dittmer, Chaplain of the St. Robert Bellarmine Newman Center at Illinois State University. Here is where my understanding of Newman started to take place.

In a nutshell, Newman Campus Ministries provides a Catholic presence or a "Home Parish on Campus" for our children who attend public colleges and universities. They help foster a faith that will grow as the students mature and accept new responsibilities in family, Church and society. It is also a place where one can go to escape the pressures of today's college life.



By now you should have received your Newman Campus Ministries Pledge Card by mail. This card is for the current 2011-2012 Fraternal Year. Any donations made between January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 were counted for the previous Fraternal Year. All our charities coincide with the Fraternal Year not calendar year.

I encourage you to visit the State Website for more information on Newman Campus Ministries. Help support the oldest and #1 Charity of The Knights of Columbus. Let's ensure our children have a "Home Parish on Campus" while away at college. Consider making a donation to Newman today.

Vivat Jesus,

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

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You have voiced your concerns and I am listing. Because some of you told me you read the newsletter on line rather than print it I have made it one column to let you scroll the articles. Since we no longer sent out printed copies, it is now up to you to get this newsletter circulated to your members. PDF files of this and past issues can be found on the State website at [www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org).

Do you send your Knights in Action information to the Supreme Website? It easy as typing:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/kia/index.action?lang=en>

into your web browser and filling in the form. If you have photos to attach, they should be in jpeg format. Taking about forms the <http://illinoisknights.org/mary/forms/forms.php> gets you to most the forms you need to fill out. Some need to be downloaded and then printed by hand. There are others that you can fill out on line. One of these is the in memoriam form which should be filled out by the Financial Secretary. Copies come to me as well as the State Council.

My parting words of wisdom: For success in the Knights of Columbus as well as in any organization or business we need to utilize all the tools that are available to us. First and foremost find out what and where these tools are.

When was the last time you went to a Chapter meeting? This is a great place to talk to other knights who have already walked in your shoes. I have yet to be at a chapter meeting where I could not get an answer to a question regarding the Knights of Columbus. Your success is our success.

To put everything in a nutshell, JUST ASK!

Vivat Jesus, *Bob F*



**Illinois State Council Office** Mike, Donna & Rosie

**VOCATION RAFFLE:** The vocation raffle books have been mailed to all Councils who requested them. If you need more, just e-mail the State Office or call 815-935-2262. **REMEMBER:** All sold books and monies @ \$ 6.00 per book must be turned in to the State Office no later than Monday, November 28, 2011.

**NEWMAN SOLICITATION:** The solicitation letter and pledge card have been mailed. If there is a change of address or council, please annotate that on pledge card. Be sure to note your council # on the check. **NOTE:** Our solicitation card gives you the option to pay with a Visa or Master Card credit card **ONLY**.

**ID FUND DRIVE:** The ID Report Form, as well as the Request for Distribution of funds and a List of Approved Organizations have been mailed to either the Grand Knight of record or the ID Chairman of your council. The use of the 'on line' forms in the Excel format will allow your computer to do the math for you.

To avoid delays in receiving funds, be sure that a copy of the candy order form has been sent to the State Council; receipts for miscellaneous and advertising expenses must accompany the reporting report (along with a copy of the AD). **BE SURE THAT THE MATH IS CORRECT** and the check is the correct amount as shown on Line 6 of the report. We included in the Final Packet, a list of "Do's and Don'ts" which will assist you in completing the Report correctly using the appropriate expenses. Please read and complete your report form accordingly. Just as a reminder, deductions for snacks for volunteers will only be accepted if the "Volunteer" section at the bottom of the form is completed.

Note: For those councils who are participating in the General Liability Insurance Program, cross out the \$ 50.00 charge for Insurance.

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

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

Also included in the final ID packet this year, was an ID Fund Recipient application to add a new charitable 501C3 group to our ever growing approval list. Simply have the group complete the application, attach their IRS Determination Letter which states they are a 501C3 organization and attach any literature that further supports their application and send to the State Office. In most cases approval is speedy and funds can be disbursed immediately. Both the organization and the sponsor council will receive a letter of approval (or denial) for their records.

**FREE THROW AND SOCCER CHALLENGE** are both coming up. Remember, this year councils order their Soccer kits from the State Council office. If your council participates in the new State General Liability Program, there will be no charge for the council level insurance for either event. If a certificate of insurance is needed for your specific location, please contact the State Office and a certificate will be provided.

If you council *does not participate* in the State General Liability Policy, each council should contact their own insurance carrier for coverage.

Contact the State Council if you have questions about your insurance needs.

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.

The 2011-2012 DIRECTORY is going to press. All State Family Members, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and Insurance Agents will receive a CD which can be downloaded to their computers and printed. Those not included in the above can request a CD from the State Deputy.

Paper Copies will only be printed upon approval of the State Deputy ☺

***May their Souls and all the Souls of the Faithful  
Departed Rest In Peace. AMEN.***



Years of Service	Council #		NAME		Position(s) Held
22	282	Brother Sir Knight	Richard	LeBeau	
8	665	Brother Knight	Robert C	Dahlmann	
34	665	Brother Knight	Kenneth K	Kornig	
61	790	Brother Sir Knight	Ronald J.	Collner	Past Grand Knight
13	790	Brother Knight	Louis J.	Palochko	
38	1098	Brother Knight	Gerald S	Nizinski	
68	2869	Brother Knight	Robert	Haselhorst	
68	2869	Brother Knight	Eugene O.	Niemeyer	
58	2869	Brother Knight	Andrew	Wilke	
47	2932	Brother Knight	Deacon John	Dilley	
52	2944	Brother Knight	Herman L. (Red)	Davis	
45	4698	Brother Knight	Charles	Hoff	
50	4698	Brother Sir Knight	John	Huges	
38	4698	Brother Sir Knight	Joseph	Paskauskas	
21	4698	Brother Knight	Frank	Serio	
2	4849	Brother Knight	Matthew	Leurck	
55	5025	Brother Sir Knight	Thomas S.	O'Donohue	Charter Member
3	5574	Brother Knight	Lawerance M.	Lewis	
42	6165	Brother Knight	Arthur L.	McAuliffe	
61	6165	Brother Knight	Earl W.	Wilde	
49	10212	Brother Sir Knight	James O.	Berlage	Past Grand Knight
37	11111	Brother Sir Knight	Edward	Vene	Charter Member, Former District Deputy, Past Faithful Navigator