

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus



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Celebrating For God and Country (Pro Deo et Patria)!

That is our theme for the 114th annual convention being held May 4-6, 2012, at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. *Pro Deo et Patria* is the Latin phrase for a theme that energizes and represents all that we do as Knights of Columbus. From our very beginning in 1882 when Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney assembled men of St. Mary parish in New Haven, Connecticut, God and country were driving forces setting his vision. As a young priest, Father McGivney faced challenges involving prejudice against Catholics and cultural fears that Catholicism was a threat to American freedom. The prejudice drove many Catholic men to deny their faith in order to provide for their family. Father McGivney worked diligently to find ways of providing for his parish family's needs both materially and spiritually. Our Founder set forth a rich history built upon a sincere belief that the hope given in the Constitution of the United States of America is one to be both revered and appreciated. Now with over 130 years of growing the Order on foundational principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, Illinois Knights are very much part of this great legacy and we take time to celebrate our 114 year participation in Father McGivney's dream! We rejoice in our contributions through fellowship with our brother knights.

We gather as a state family to form one of the largest family reunions of the year! Brother Knights and their families gather to renew friendships and to make new ones. We pray together and play together as we recognize past, present and future accomplishments. These thoughts reflect my theme:

Preserving Our Past~Forging Our Future~Centered On the Eucharist

The rich history from our founding and subsequent accomplishments forms a basis to forging our future in a way that is only accomplished if we remain *Centered on the Eucharist*. All things are possible through Him and we celebrate and resolve to grow and do more good works!!

Convention Plans Provide Many Ways For Families To Make God Come First

This is a family event! Our state family is urged to not only celebrate, but to renew our resolve to grow our Order and *make sure* that we are centered on the Eucharist. Beginning Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed and ready to welcome our families; stop in and say hello to Him! The adoration chapel will remain open 24 hours through to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. We begin Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. with Deacon Steve Pautler leading us in the liturgy of the hours just before our general welcome session begins at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered Saturday afternoon. Our Mass on Saturday will be in the hotel ballroom and celebrated by our State Chaplain, Bishop Joseph Siegel, and Associate State Chaplain, Father Charles (Chuck) Tuttle. Bring your chaplain and ask him to concelebrate the Mass with us. On Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. Deacon Tom Frickie will lead us in a Marion Hour of prayer with our Lady of Guadalupe icon present.

Convention Plans Provide Many Ways For Families to Have Fun!

The Convention Packet which is also downloadable from our state website lists many points of interest near and around the convention area; those who wish to arrive early in the weekend may choose among the various activities including downtown Chicago. On Friday night our Knights of Columbus General Agents will host a movie night featuring the Life of John Paul II and they will have popcorn available for you movie goers. The price is right-it only costs a smile! Our Friday night welcome party will include a DJ playing a variety of music as the theme of the party is dancing with the STARS. This can be entertaining with the State Officers; be merciful! Ladies will enjoy the shopping in the Yorktown Shopping Mall and nearby Oakbrook Shopping Center. On Saturday afternoon ladies will be energized with a unique entertainment that is sure to put a smile on their faces! Children will also have an opportunity for fun at Lombard's Enchanted Castle, an indoor theme park with something for every one of all ages! There will be a youth hospitality room providing our young guests with activities supervised by responsible volunteer brother knights and their wives. Throughout the weekend you'll experience the pervading patriotic atmosphere in all of our activities including a couple of surprise guest speakers at the opening session.

ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION



The Knights of Columbus Council 4849 was honored by the Aurora City Council. Alderman John "Whitey" Peters a longtime member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, presented Grand Knight Chris Spinelli, with the city proclamation, as Mayor Tom Weisner declared March 29 as Knights of Columbus Day. Peters said the Catholic service organization locally has organized blood drives, coat drives, food drives, road clean-ups and has helped the homeless.

Saturday Opening Session-A Must See For the Whole Family!

The opening session is the official welcome and start to the convention where we will be welcomed by the mayor of Lombard, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. Our Columbian Squires are sure to impress you as young leaders of today and promising leaders forging our future quests. Captain Al Fuentes, retired New York City Fire Captain and brother knight will speak to us about an exciting new program being supported by Supreme Council called the Second Responders Program. The program will assist jurisdictions in being more readily responsive when disasters occur. We recently had some experiences in downstate Illinois where our brothers in Ridgway and Harrisburg were stricken with devastating tornadoes. At this session we will also be recognizing our state family of the year and knight of the year! The whole family is welcome and encouraged to attend this session that includes many more surprises!

State Awards Program- A Time To Celebrate!

This year we are introducing a new award category recognizing councils that already demonstrate winner qualities. Based on newly published criteria given in the convention awards booklet (and posted on the website), each diocese will be recognized as a competitors similar to a race car sponsor on a quest to championship! These awards recognize the top four councils in each diocese who are racing to the finish! While these awards are being given at the convention as if a pit stop in the race, the finish line is June 30, 2012. Councils meeting the published criteria will be awarded for their demonstrated lead in the year-long effort; a first place plaque will be given with a beautiful replica of the state logo and second, third and fourth place certificates will recognize the runners up! Additionally, the six program areas most outstanding activity plaques will be presented in the areas of Church, Community, Family, Council, Youth, and Pro Life. These selections will be nominations from Illinois for further competition in the international most outstanding activities presented at the Supreme Council Convention in Anaheim, California! Rising Star awards will recognize grand knights recommended by their district deputies as

outstanding leaders in their councils. Our State Family and Knight of the Year will be presented at the opening welcome session that begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Other awards will be presented during this session including outstanding insurance agents and recognizing their accomplishments. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend this session!

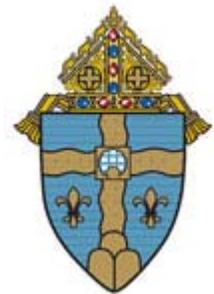
And There Is Business!

Sunday morning we begin at 7:00 a.m. with Our Lady of Guadalupe Marion prayer service before entering our business session that starts at 8:00 promptly. An important aspect of gathering as a state family is to provide an opportunity for our membership to become one voice on resolutions. This is where member councils bring forth their strong feelings on important matters to them that they wish to share with others for affirmation as one voice. Reports are presented on the accomplishments and administration of our great jurisdiction and finally elections are held for the upcoming fraternal year that will begin July 1, 2012. There will be caucuses for each diocese to discuss resolutions and to identify who would be interested in representing the state as delegates to the Supreme Convention.

ILLINOIS STATE CHAPLAIN Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel
Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of Joilet

Dear Brother Knights,

Hope is stronger than despair, salvation is stronger than sin, love is stronger than hate, life is stronger than death.



This is the Good News proclaimed throughout the Easter Season, for hope, salvation, love and life burst from the tomb when Christ was raised from the dead. But this was not just an event in the past – the Resurrection reaches through history to touch us today in 2012, because Jesus is risen. He is not limited to Palestine of the first century. He is present throughout the world, in all times and places. His risen life fills our lives with His healing, peace and love.

While we know and experience that our world is still marred by pain, suffering and death, we proclaim that the light of Jesus Christ, rising in glory, dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds. In every circumstance of life, the Risen Lord is working in us to bring God's life and hope to our world. No matter whom we are or what struggles we have faced this past year, we all hear the same Good News at Easter – *the tomb is empty – Christ is risen!* Like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we, too, have the opportunity to encounter the risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist, in His Word, in the community of the baptized gathered in the name of Christ. As we encounter him, Jesus will speak to us those words of that first Easter Sunday – *Peace be with you* -- and breathe upon us the gift of his Holy Spirit. May our celebration of the fifty days of Easter change our lives and give us new purpose, new hope and new life.

May the Risen Lord Jesus Christ bless you.

Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel
Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General and Illinois State Chaplain

STATE ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN Rev Chuck Tuttle

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As you receive this message, we will be at Convention time – a time to celebrate accomplishments, to reward successes and to firm up those areas that need more work and attention. The Convention Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter will remind us that Christ is the “True Vine” and we are the branches that must bear much fruit and in doing so we become His disciples. If there ever was a time when we needed to receive our life and our strength from Christ, it is **NOW**. Our Church is under attack, our moral values are being challenged and questioned and our society is spiraling head long into an abyss of moral decay and agnosticism. It is becoming more and more difficult for people of principle and faith to voice their concerns without the cynical criticisms of those who accuse us of bigotry, discrimination and hate. These are easy labels to project when they want to hide the real meaning and nature of their attack. Our society has gone beyond just being “secular” to being amoral where there is no need nor room for God and His Natural Law.

Anyone who is unwilling to compromise their values, beliefs, moral character is labeled an enemy of the new civil liberties which are becoming more and more pervasive. Rather than seeing our stance and values as a commitment to the dignity and inalienable rights of the individual, we are demonized and denounced as being reactionary right-winged, out-of-touch with “reality”, fools.

But should this not ring a bell? Matthew 10:22 “all will hate you because of me”; John 15:18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first” and 1 Cor. 3:18 “If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.” So, do not give up hope, trust in Him from whom your faith flows.

Our commitment to the Knights of Columbus definitely strengthens our dedication to the Church and its mission. For as we invite others to join with us, we are not only increasing our voice, but also are helping our new brothers, who share our devotion to the voice of Christ in the world, to find a sanctuary with others of like mind and belief to grow in their witness of a world filled with a new evangelization. Our task is dauntless and our mission is unambiguous: we are to be His disciples in the world, we are to make the difference **that** matters and we must be as strong and resolute to the end of that journey as He was in His journey to Calvary.

Vivat Jesu

Arthur Chuck Tuttle

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Brother Knights and all,

This article will be the last newsletter article until the Illinois State Convention. Our State Deputy Rich Spada has a very exciting State Convention waiting for all of us to attend. There will be many opportunities for education, planning, awards presentations and most importantly to see old friends and make some new ones! The guest speakers for the State Deputies banquet will be very impressive as well. As a reminder to all councils, please make



sure all Supreme Per Capita, assessments and charges are paid in full along with any State Per Capita as well. Only councils who are in good standing with the Supreme and State Councils will be admitted onto the State Convention floor when it comes time for any voting that takes place. Councils if you are not sure a call to your Worthy District Deputy or the State Council office is all that it will take to make sure all is in order.

The Illinois Membership recruitment has finally made it over the hump and our Jurisdiction has positive growth. Congratulations and Thank you to all of the proposers, council's and the Illinois membership for working so hard to accomplish this 1st step.

Our Charities year looks to be a success and in these tough economic times that is a great accomplishment. This just goes to show, you can always count on a Knight to do the right thing!

This year is looking to be a successful year in membership, programming and charities.

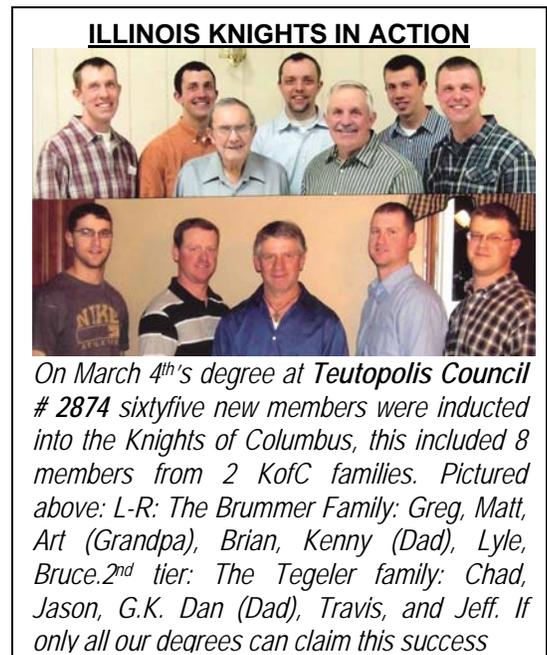
God Bless to all and see you in Lombard,

Skip

STATE TREASURER Bill Doerfler
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The Illinois State Council Convention is just around the corner. The Illinois State Council budget and Resolutions along with the election of the State Officers for 2012-2013 fraternal year are voted upon during the annual meeting.

Your council plays an integral part of this gathering of councils from Illinois; It is of the utmost importance that your council is represented at the State Convention. Each council is allowed two delegates as representatives: these delegates are the voice of the Brother Knights. The Brother Knights that are the delegates to the State Convention have an awesome responsibility, they give their time and talent to insure that the good works of our Order will continue to serve the Church and communities across Illinois.



The Convention is not all work. It's a weekend to have fun, meet other KofC families from across the state 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

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STATE ADVOCATE Ted Stites tstiteskc@charter.net

Throughout my first year as your State Advocate, I received a number of queries related to how certain things can or must be done in the council. As the year moved along, I came to realize that many of our councils, new and older alike, do not have a firm understanding of our laws, rules, and policies. With the fraternal year nearing its end

and the State Convention on the doorstep, this is also the time of the year for council officer elections. This is a great time to make a concerted effort to recommit your councils to conducting its activities according to the established rules and guidelines.

After your officers are elected, the Grand Knight should identify and appoint his directors as soon as possible. Each should then familiarize himself with duties of his position, as well as the basic laws and rules of the Knights of Columbus and how they relate to council operations. The official and best source is the Constitution Laws and Charter. Every council has, or should have, this pocket-size booklet. This booklet may seem confusing at first, but it is an invaluable source of information concerning the what and how of the Knights of Columbus and your council operations.

Other good sources of quick reference information include the Grand Knights Handbook and the Financial Secretary Handbook. On more than one occasion I have referred a council to these resources in response to a query for assistance. Even if you don't think the answer to your question can be found in these handbooks, check first – you may be surprised to find it there.

Your directors should all be presented with a Surge, with Service program guide. This guide explains the structure of the council and how the program directors fit into this structure. There is also information on how to appoint directors and chairmen, and how to implement a successful service program.

Finally, plan to attend a KC Academy session near your council. If there is none scheduled in your area that is convenient, contact your District Deputy and offer to host one for the councils in your area. The Academy faculty is experienced in presenting information that will help your council operate efficiently and legally.

I hope you have a have a strong finish to this year and begin your planning for next year. Look at your council operations with a critical eye to ensure you are conducting your business according to the rules of the order. If you do, your council will run more effectively, and your members will trust their officers as, they lead them to success.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE WARDEN Rich Koerkenmeier, rkoerk@yahoo.com
State Wardens Newsletter Article submitted March 30

Hopefully all of us as Knights of Columbus and faithful Catholics are aware by now of the decision by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services, an agency of the U.S.Federal government, to require health insurance providers, including those of church affiliated institutions, to provide morally objectionable services in employee health plans. It is widely agreed that this decision is contrary to the religious freedom envisioned by the framers of our Constitution, and protected by the first amendment of the Bill of Rights. Our bishops have made known their strong and forceful opposition to this decision and it is time for each of us to join with them and support them in the battle to remove this mandate.

As Catholic citizens of our nation, who value religious freedom, we must educate ourselves to fully understand the importance of this issue, as well as the potential ramifications if this mandate is allowed to stand and is



implemented. Our Knights of Columbus Supreme website, www.kofc.org, as well as the website of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org are two sources of readily available information to keep us updated on new developments as well as offering suggested action steps we can take in this battle.

On March 29th we witnessed the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Father McGivney in 1882. Life for Catholics at that time, many of them recent immigrants to this country, presented many challenges. In addition to economic hardships, there existed a climate of rejection, exhibited in insulting remarks, even at times violent attacks by others with different or no faith beliefs. People of faith in this country today are increasingly faced with a resistance or rejection of religious tolerance from many in our secular culture. This trend, if allowed to continue, will certainly have a severely damaging effect on the moral fabric of our nation.

If we are to continue to be “The Strong Right Arm of the Church” as Pope John Paul II has called the Knights of Columbus, we must take on the responsibility to keep ourselves informed of developments and make our voices known to our elected representatives in government and in the public arena. Our Church, bishops and priests need the strength and support of Knights of Columbus families with strong, informed Catholic men and women to help fight this battle both in action and in prayer.

As Brother Knights, each of us must continually seek out other faithful Catholic men in our parishes, invite them to join our order, and work together to combat the damaging negative influences of secularism in our culture. By identifying and recruiting these men and their families to join with us, we not only increase the likelihood of success in our endeavors but also give them the opportunity to grow and put their faith into action through service in the Knights of Columbus.

I look forward to our upcoming State Convention to again be in the presence of brother knights and their families from across all of Illinois.

Vivat Jesus,

Rich Koerkenmeier

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY

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Brothers,

It is almost time for our convention and after that we will have two months to reach our yearly membership potential. Our membership growth is lacking the intake velocity needed to move us forward to a successful year at this time.

Every member in Illinois should step up and make membership a 365 day a year membership activity. Every member should carry a form 100 and be ready to ask the question and then sign up the new member. Let's join the membership team of our councils to reach out to Catholic men and their families and offer them the gift of membership.



Troy Council #9266 presented a jeweled cross to families at St. Jerome Catholic Church as a baptism gift. Pictured above: Left to right are Dennis Petry, Chuck Kempker, father Mathew Senci, mother Kelly Senci with baby Logan Senci and Reverend Fr. Pat Jakel. Pictured below: Left to right, Reverend Fr. Pat Jakel, baby Jackson and mother Jennifer Tonn, father Brad Tonn, Knights Chuck Kempker and Dennis Petry.

The Supreme Board of Directors has added the American Wheel Chair Mission as an approved Order wide charity. At the State Convention please visit the American Wheel Chair Mission table, also meet with members of several councils in Chicago who are working together to raise funds for the Mission. If you have questions about the Wheel Chair Mission, please contact me.

See you at the State Convention! God bless. j
Jim Bednar, IPSD

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Jerry Bevigani gameguru9@aol.com

Our membership recruitment efforts are paying off across the state as we had a fantastic couple of months. As I write this report we now have received over 1,700 new members into the Knights in Illinois. Over all we have reached over halfway to our goal of Illinois being a Circle of Honor recipient again this year. With an increase of another 1100+ members between now and the end of the year, and with the dedication of all the councils our continued growth in Illinois can be assured.

During your tenure as Grand Knight one of the highlights of your administration is having your council being recognized as a leader in membership recruitment as well as programming by achieving the Star Council Award. As we move into the fourth quarter of the fraternal year, check to see if your council has set itself up for a chance to receive this award. Call upon your District Deputy and Insurance Field Agent and ask them for tips to make a last push before the end of the fraternal year.

Hopefully your council had great success recruiting new members this spring. You should send a report to your District Deputy to let him know how your council fared. Don't forget to get those Form 100's into Supreme right away so that these new men are eligible for all the fraternal benefits that they deserve. Most importantly make sure they become active members. Your retention efforts begin as soon as their First Degree is over!

A few areas to explore for recruitment over the next few months include: offering membership to new members of our faith that went through the RCIA programs; recent high school graduates; to college men when they return home for the summer; to the fathers of new families who have moved into your parish; look at your list of Inactive Insurance Members as they may have more time to devote to the council and might be ready to come back, and by all means what about that new priest who has recently been transferred to your parish.

Urge your council to promote the **Shining Armor Award** program to all new Knights. This is a great way to get new members active in the council right from the start. It also is an effective way to assist in your retention efforts! To qualify for this award, newly recruited Knights must, during their first year of membership:

- Attend at least three business meetings,
- Participate in three service activities,
- Meet with the councils insurance representative,
- Recruit at least one new member,
- and receive their Second and Third Degrees.

Councils can order a special Shining Armor Qualification Card, Certificate of Recognition as well as a special lapel pin for those who meet the award's criteria. Contact the Supreme Council Supply Department for more information.

Your council's Columbian Award Application is due on June 30th. These reports can be sent in as soon as the requirements have been met. If your council has not completed and sent in this report, please do so soon! The form

can be found on the Order's Web site or in the Council Report Forms Booklet that each Grand Knight has received. The Form can be faxed to the Department of Fraternal Services at 203-752-4108 or mailed in to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office, Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. Your council's Semi-Annual Audit was due in February. The Report of Fraternal Activities report was due in January and is a requirement for Star Council. Supreme has a short grace period, so if you did not get it in yet, please do so immediately! Also please make sure you submit the 450C for your Council for each First Degree that you conduct or participate in, as you need to conduct or participate in at least 4 First Degrees to earn Star Council, and the 450C is the reporting mechanism to report this.

The State Membership Team and your District Deputy is here to serve you and your council and we look forward to seeing you at the State Convention.

If we can help in anyway, please contact. We want to help every council achieve the best results possible.

Jerry Bevignani
State Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR Frank Schwartz
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The State Convention on May 4-6, 2012 is almost upon us. The Deadline to enter your Councils State Program for the 2012 year in each of the 6 programming areas is April 15th. The Family of the Year and Knight of the Year deadlines has been extended to April 15, 2012 as well. Any submission not received by this date will not be reviewed or accepted. Get your program of the year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year submission in as soon as possible. Do not let the good works of your council go unrecognized, *submit your package today.*

Councils should remember that the State Knight of the Year and State Family of the Year and Program of the Year awards will be given out at the State Convention and the deadline is also April 15, 2012 for these submissions. In order to qualify these awards, councils will have had to submit these individuals for the monthly award as well. If the Submittals for family of the month were sent only to Supreme, please forward a copy to the state office as well.

There will be a new award given out at this year's convention "The State Deputy Award" see the state web site, at www.illinoisknights.org, for information and the criteria

There will be many opportunities for councils to enter the State Program contest for the best membership table at a council event; with Free Throw Contests, Council Fish Fries, and many other council events. This is also an opportunity for councils to ask men to join the order. Help make our order stronger, our Church stronger and our Families stronger by asking a man and his family to join the order. With the recent attack on our beliefs by the federal government now more than ever we need to ask men to take a stand to defend our faith, our beliefs and our families.

The wheelchair program is still accepting donations from councils. What has your council done to help those in need? Consider helping a vet, a child and those who need our help by donating \$125.00 for a wheelchair today.



The blood drive continues to be a great council event with 55 councils reporting more than one blood drive conducted so far this year. This is also a great event to have a membership table out asking men to join the order.

The Free throw Contests are still ongoing with the State Finals being held in April. There will be several hundred families coming out with the children to participate in these events. Come out, assist at the event in your area, and cheer on the participants. Better yet, work the membership table at the event and help our order become stronger.

The Knights of Columbus 87th International Bowling Tournament is being hosted by Cahokia Council 4596, the tournament is being held at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights, IL, starting March 24, 2012. Illinois is also proud to be hosting the International Knights of Columbus Camporee on August 3 – 10, 2012 at O'Connell's Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park & RV resort, 970 Green Wing Road, Amboy, Illinois, 61310.

Hope to See you at this years State Convention you will not want to miss this one.

MAJOR DEGREES

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Joliet	Sunday	04/15/12		2:00 PM	Fred Kunst	31	5573	St. Mary Immaculate, 15629 South Route 59, Plainfield
Rockford	Sunday	04/15/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Thomas Griffin	47	4776	Holy Cross Hall 223 E Front Ave. Stockton
Chicago	Saturday	04/21/12		1:00 PM	Paul Isherwood			4th Degree Exemp-Marriott-Lincolnshire
Belleville	Sunday	04/22/12	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lloyd Reinkensmeier	86	12799	St. Barbara Parish Center 300 block of N. Front St., Okawville
Peoria	Sunday	04/22/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Tim Houston	57	3934	St. Mary's Parish hall 139 E. Chestnut, Canton
Joliet	Sunday	04/29/12	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	John Molin	26	1911	(KC Hall) 537 S York St., Elmhurst
Peoria	Sunday	04/29/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Tim Houston	57	6707	(KC HALL) 120 Walnut, Washington
Rockford	Sunday	04/29/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kirk Donald	41	13202	St. Peter's Church 2118 Main St. Rd. Spring Grove
Chicago	Sunday	05/20/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Bob McLoughlin	9	1567	Our Lady Of Victory School Gym 4434 N. Laramie, Chicago
Chicago	Sunday	05/20/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	William Doody	17	282	Incarnation Church 5757 W. St. Palos Heights
Rockford	Sunday	05/20/12	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	John Orso	40	13476	Sacred Heart Parish Hall 323 N Taylor Marengo
Springfield	Sunday	05/20/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Herb Durbin	78	1143	(KC Hall) 7132 Marine Road, Edwardsville
Joliet	Sunday	06/03/12	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	John Dehm	34	12014	St. Paul the Apostle Activity Center, Joliet
Springfield	Sunday	06/03/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Gene Mitchell	66	4179	(KC Hall) 141 North Lakewood Drive, Chatham
Chicago	Sunday	06/10/12	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Jeffrey R. Amour	8	3731	St. Catherine Labreo 3425 Thornwood Ave Glenview
Peoria	Sunday	06/10/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Michael Tell man	62	574	(KC Hall) 1706 R.T. Dunn Dr., Bloomington
Peoria	Sunday	06/24/12	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Michael Tellman	62	1250	(KC Hall) 126 N. Limit St., Lincoln
Chicago	Saturday	10/06/12	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Stephen Frost	2	11112	St. Paul the Apostle Church, 6401 Gages Lake Road, Gurnee
Springfield	Sunday	11/04/12	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	David Keck	73	665	(KC Hall) 1501 W. Fayette Ave. Effingham

STATE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DIR. Erik Lockett kcerik.lockett@aol.com

Brothers,

We've entered the last 90 laps in this year's race towards a successful fraternal year. The last pit stops are being made and it's a dash to the finish. There's still time to exceed your Charity Goals before June 30th. PLANNING IS THE KEY! Take stock of where you are and sit down with your spotter, pit crew and crew chief (council leadership) to plan events for the last quarter of the fraternal year. If you take a little time to plan, you WILL be a successful council.

It's never too early to plan! On the website you will find the **ID Chairman Form** for the September 21-23, 2012 ID Drive. This form is due April 30th. Consider hosting a Kick-Off meeting for this year. While you are planning, contact an older member you haven't seen in a while to see if you can get them involved again as a co-chairman. Maybe contact a new member and ask if he would be the other co-chairman. This is a part of the retention process. Keep them active. Make them feel needed and appreciated. Our greatest assets are our members!

On the website you will find a **Newman Chairman Form** consider next year's chairman NOW! Consider contacting a new enthusiastic member to show your confidence in him by asking him to be Chairman. Invite him to be involved and he will remain active!

Also available on the website, the **Vocations Raffle Book Order Form**. Order now and pick up your books at convention. This saves the cost of mailing them to your council.

Keep your motor revving and be ready for a green-white-checker finish to this fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

Erik Lockett

STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIR & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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While the hype of this newsletter has been on the convention I felt that I should go in a different direction. Let's talk about the newsletter. I have received requests from Brother Knights who would like to be added to the Newsletter mailing list. Well I think that's a great idea so at your next meeting pass the word to your Brother Knights that they too can be one of the first to receive the State Newsletter and all they have to do is E-mail me at no5025@aol.com. In the subject line print "Add me to the State NL". In the Body of the newsletter give me your Council # and your name. Due to cost of snail mailing, the newsletter is no longer mailed. I would hope that each council make copies for the few who do not have e-mail addresses.



Now back to the convention. A reminder to all you shoppers: the Country Store will be open at the hotel. Here's a chance to pick up some of those K of C items you've wanted. Don't wait until the last day because items have away of depleting. There will be no credit cards sales but the store will accept your personal checks with I.D.s. Cash can also be used.

The Friday night party theme is "For God and Country". Dress accordingly. Hint: We live in the United States of America. Having a good time is optional.

Illinois State Council Office Denny, Donna & Rosie

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May 4-6, 2012 is the date and The Westin Hotel Lombard is the place.

We hope all Grand Knights and Delegates will attend this year because a "Program Fair" is again being held featuring all the State and Charities Programs. The Fair will be open on Friday at 3PM, and Saturday morning at 8:00 AM

Denny Shook, our new Executive Secretary, will be in attendance to answer all your ID and Newman questions. So make your list of questions and forms that you need and he will more than happy to help.

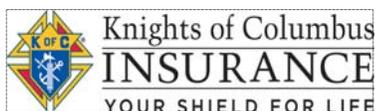
A list of those Employers that offer matching funds or volunteer hours or grants for employees donating to charitable organizations will be available at the Convention Fair. Be sure to stop at the ID table for this and other literature, especially if your council is having difficulty making your goals. This could be a tool that makes the difference!

If you have any questions about your pins or plaques, Jim Coglianese will relay your questions to the State Office so we can investigate and resolve the issue.

All membership, programming and charities will be represented. There will be forms galore for everyone to review or take home.

Questions about the *General Liability Program* coverage and costs will be answered. The new insurance will be effective July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 but will not be available until July 1st. If you need a copy of our new certificate of insurance for a Village, email the information to the state office and we will issue a 'transition letter' to the municipality. They will receive a copy of our current certificate and the accompanying letter will explain that the coverage will not change, and as soon as it is written, a certificate will be sent to them.

We hope all attendees will visit the fair, if for no other reason than to say "Hi" to Denny, but more importantly to ask questions and receive information and supplies.



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1098	S.K.	JOHN P.	MOSELEY	PKG, PFN	27
4698	B.K.	FRANCIS D	CAREY		40
7580	B.K.	EDWARD W.	TUCKER		14
13448	S.K.	ROSARIO "ROSS"	IPPOLITO		8
13448	B.K.	GEORGE S.	COLANGELO		6
731	B.K.	DONALD J.	VILLENEUVE		65
731	B.K.	EDWARD M.	GOVEKAR		34
4698	B.K.	JOHN	GILL		35
1098	B.K.	ALFRED A.	HAUG		56
2869	B.K.	CASPER W	RICHTER		45
4698	S.K.	TIMOTHY T	MC CARTHY		4
6165	S.K.	WILLIAM J	SANDER		63
665	B.K.	ROGER A.	WORMAN		41
2164	B.K.	JIM	STEFAN		35
790	B.K.	JOSEPH E.	BELLIS		4
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2869	B.K.	RICHARD	DUMSTORFF		8
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2164	B.K.	ANTHONY	CAIRATTI		48
2164	B.K.	MICHAEL	CHIAVENTONE		34
4698	B.K.	ROBERT	EICHSTAEDT		37
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2164	B.K.	BRUCE	ZANZATTERA		37
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7580	B.K.	JOSEPH W.	RICHARDSON JR.		7
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4698	B.K.	EUGENE	GRETCHOKOFF		19

May their souls and all the Souls of the faithful departed rest in Peace. Amen