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Springtime of Evangelization



Vivat Jesus! These were the warm greetings originating from our former Supreme Chaplain, the late Bishop Charles P. Greco that has become our fraternal greeting to each other. Translated they mean "Jesus lives"! In many ways, these words also describe our mission as Knights of Columbus in what Pope John Paul II proclaimed to all of us that we are in the Springtime of Evangelization. All that we do is centered on the Eucharist; and, yet, our culture seems to be going in the opposite direction as it clings to secular values. We Knights of Columbus demonstrate every day and in all that we do in our charities and good works how Jesus lives. Now our quest as evangelizers is to draw attention to our faithful brothers and sisters that we first must please God, then we can do what we please!

Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, had declared this year ending November 24, 2013, The Year of Faith. Among the objectives that he set forth for us to follow in this Year of Faith is to connect to the ways of God through the lessons of His Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! More than ever before, our Church needs us and soon our new Pope will need us (at the time of this writing the Pope election had not yet taken place). We are the ideal organization to lead families to a more "Christ-like" way of living. Who better can we look to as a contemporary example than our founding father, Michael J. McGivney whose vision it was to have a group of lay men and their families take an active role in serving our Church faithful as living examples of what Christ-like should be for all of us! During this month of March, we celebrate Founders Day! We remember the courage and determination of a young parish priest struggling to keep his faith community together as one helping each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. As a member of the Knights of Columbus we become better husbands, better fathers, better brothers and friends to our neighbors. Indeed we become better Christians in service to even those who we do not know that need our help in other parts of our state, country and even outside of our country like in Haiti.

Supreme Council has partnered with our state plans and provided advertisements in all of our Catholic newspapers and on Catholic radio stations such as Relevant Radio to announce our plans to reach out and welcome all Catholic men and their families to join our Knights of Columbus family. This is a follow up support to the Founders Day drive that I sent each of you giving suggested step-by-step guidelines on how to prepare for the parish drive including a scheduled open house following the drive and a schedule set of first degree ceremonies to accommodate prospective members' needs. Incentives were also explained as a trinity of winnings: Supreme Council is giving a \$9 credit for each member recruited or reinstated through June 30, 2013; the State Council is giving a \$2 direct payment for those same recruited members to bring the total to the council of \$11 for each new member brought in or welcomed back! Finally, the recruiter receives a memorial medallion of Father Michael McGivney with an image

of St. Mary's church in New Haven Connecticut for each new member recruited or reinstated. What an incentive! More importantly, a council recruiting and growing their ranks enables them to do more to help the less fortunate among us; to give more to charitable causes such as Newman Campus ministries and Special Olympics; and, help men and their families find a practical way to live their faith as Jesus asked us to live. As our former Supreme Chaplain, Charles P. Greco, would say----"Vivat Jesus"!! Truly we are in the Springtime of Evangelization and truly Jesus lives!

From Our Supreme Knight

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus extend cordial best wishes and prayers to our newly elected pope. The election of Pope Francis - the first pope from the American hemisphere - highlights the fact that America is the continent of baptized Christians, and a place of central importance to the faith today. Pope Francis is well known also for his emphasis on charity - the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Both in our efforts for evangelization and in our charitable work, we will strive with him to bring the light of Christ to the people of our continent during his historic pontificate.



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

Dear Brother Knights

The last few weeks have been tremendously eventful for the Church, to say the least. On February 28, Pope Benedict XVI became the first pope to resign since 1415, and became our Pope Emeritus. We are grateful to God and to him for his ministry as the Vicar of Christ and the Successor of St. Peter. Let us remember him in our prayers.

Then on March 13, in the Sistine Chapel, the Holy Spirit once again spoke through the College of Cardinals and called a humble man of Argentina to be Peter for the Church of the 21st Century. Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio – the 76 year old Archbishop of Buenos Aires –was elected to the chair of St. Peter and chose the name "Francis" – the first Pope to select that name. He chose to honor St. Francis of Assisi – the saint of the poor called by God to rebuild his Church during a time of struggle and conflict. In doing so, Pope Francis sends a wonderful message to the Church and the world of his vision as he takes on the papacy during this Year of Faith. For he sees that the Church needs to continue the work of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict in rebuilding the Church by calling all members of the Church to a renewed practice and living of the Catholic faith after this sad time of scandal and pain. He knows that the Church also needs to speak and teach the faith in a new way to touch the lives of all people, especially those who once followed the Lord but have fallen away.

We are just beginning to see how God's wisdom was active in the choice of Pope Francis and we will come to know more about our Holy Father and his vision for the Church in the months and years ahead. Let us pray for him, as he carries both the burdens and joys of serving as the Vicar of Christ. His life is changed forever. His life is no longer his own – he belongs to the Church in a new and more intense way, symbolized by the fact that he will never again be called by his baptismal name. He has taken on the joys and sorrows of not just an archdiocese, but those of the entire world. Our Lord reminded us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. With great love, Pope Francis has laid down his life for us, giving us himself as our Holy Father, pastor and guide.

It seems like just yesterday that we celebrated the birth of Jesus and soon we will be celebrating His resurrection. Actually, the messages of Christmas and Easter are strikingly similar. The angels at both events proclaim to us one united message: *Be not afraid!* (cf. Lk. 2:10; Mt. 28:5-7). Yet, there is also a decided difference. The message of Christmas is *Do not be afraid, because the Savior has come*; whereas the message of Easter is *Do not be afraid, because the Savior has triumphed*.

Easter reminds us of this Good News. Christ has triumphed over the very things that seemed to triumph over Him, and in Him we can do the same. Today, we are surrounded by many troubling events. Our world is being assaulted by evils such as wars, terrorism, abortion, violence in our schools and homes, attacks on religious liberty and the institution of marriage. In a more personal way we experience the pain of job loss, conflict in our families, the difficulties of old age, serious illness and the loss of loved ones.

Yet, this darkness is pierced by light of the Easter fire and the message of the Exsultet, which proclaims: "The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride." Indeed, by His passion, death and resurrection, Christ has overcome the world. He has overcome evil, sin and death! He has made all things new!

On that first Easter, those initial followers of Jesus were changed; their discouragement was replaced by hope, their weakness and fear replaced by strength and courage. On this Easter of 2013, may we too be transformed, so that we become witnesses to one another and to the world, of the new life and new hope that the Risen Jesus brings. Let us not be afraid to proclaim this message of hope to our world so much in need of it. Let us not be afraid to challenge the advance of evil. Let us not be afraid to be His disciples and to live our faith actively and fully.

During the weeks of Lent, we have been preparing by our prayer, penances, works of charity and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ through our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. In the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we walk with Jesus and His apostles from the Upper Room of the Last Supper, to Calvary and to the empty tomb. I urge you to make every attempt to join in these liturgies with your own family and your parish family so that you may arrive at Easter Sunday renewed in the Spirit and open to Jesus' gift of peace.

Viva il Papa – God bless Pope Francis.

May the Risen Christ bless each of you, your families and your Councils with His grace and joy.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel

STATE ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

Rev Chuck Tuttle

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As I sit down to write this article, the Princes of the Church, 115 Cardinals, are preparing to enter into an historic Conclave to elect the 266th Pope, Successor of Peter, Pontiff of the Universal Church, Bishop of Rome, Holy Father, Vicar of Christ on Earth. As you read this article, his name will already be included in the Eucharistic Prayer and the media will have scrupulously investigated his background and made many unsubstantiated predictions about what course he will be taking the Church. Whoever it may be, let us pray for him and the Church as they are open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

As I sit down to write this article, the Columbian Squires are preparing to gather for their 41st State Squire Convention to be held at the Newman Center in Champaign, IL. As you read this article, the newly elected State Squire Officers will be preparing to be installed at the State Knights of Columbus Convention and the newly elected State Chief Squire will be addressing the assembly.



As I sit down to write this article, this serene Season of Lent and the chill of Winter are still effecting our lives. As you read this article, Easter and the Joy of the Resurrection will be celebrated and the blossoming of nature will be announcing the arrival of Spring.

As I sit down to write this article, our State Deputy, his Elected and Selected Officers and the Convention Committee are busy at work planning the 115th Annual Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention to be convened in Lombard, IL the weekend of May 3-5, 2013. As you read this article, the finishing touches will be in place to make the 2013 Convention a memorable time for all who will be in attendance.

As I sat down to write this article, I could only be amazed and filled with wonder and awe: for what a difference only a few short weeks can make in the course of our lives, as you now sit down and read this article!

Father Chuck Tuttle



STATE SECRETARY Donald "Skip" Kinyon kinyon@gallatinriver.net

Brother Knights and all'

This article will be the last newsletter article until the Illinois State Convention. Our State Deputy Rich Spada and convention chairman Frank Schwartz along with the convention committee has planned 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! Our children will have many opportunities to have fun filled weekend as well.

Just a reminder to all councils, please make sure all Supreme and State Per Capita, assessments and charges are paid in full along and up to date. Only councils who are in good standing with the Supreme and State Council will be admitted onto the State Convention floor when it comes time for any voting. Grand Knights and Convention delegates should have received their credential cards by now. Please fill those out and send to the State office. This will make the registration process operate much smoother. Worthy Grand Knights if you are not sure if your council is current please call your Worthy District Deputy or the State Council office to be sure all is in order. Remember a council is allowed two votes, one by the Worthy Grand Knight and one by the council delegate. If for some reason either one of you are not able to attend the convention then a duly elected alternate to the Grand Knight or Delegate will be able to attend and place a vote. If you will be an alternate for either position please inform the brother knight when registering for the convention.

The program fair will be in full swing so please swing by the fair and take a look at what your brother knights thru out Illinois have done this year. You never know, there might be a new program that your council would like to perform. Plus the convention is a great place to get reacquainted with friends you have not seen for a while and of course make many new friends as well. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Lombard May 3rd thru the 5th.

God Bless to all and travel safe,

Skip

STATE TREASURER Bill Doerfler bdoerfler@sbcglobal.net

Audit

Our independent auditing firm has conducted the annual audit and financial procedures of the Illinois State Council and of Columbus Charities Inc.. I am happy to announce the final report states the State Council and Charities Inc. affairs are in order and continue to conduct and adhere to standard accounting principles.

The months of February and the first 10 days of March have been a very busy time the State Treasurer of Illinois. Each day I am able to see the main principles of our order charity. The State Office and the Treasurer created and mailed out 437 ID checks for a total of \$363,980.36 and Vocational with 99 checks for a total of \$9,537.00. Total checks from February to the 10 of March was, 437 check 380 for Charities and 57 for the State Council.

State Convention

The Illinois State Convention is just around the corner. The Illinois State Council Budget and Resolutions along with the election of the State officers for 2013-2014 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

Bill

STATE ADVOCATE Ted Stites tstiteskc@charter.net

The fraternal year is heading into the homestretch. The State Convention is just around the corner, May 3-5 in Lombard, IL. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention. The convention affords us a weekend to renew old friendships and develop new ones. It is a great way to exchange ideas with Brother Knights from across our great state. You may discover that your issues are not unique to your council and that another council has identified a solution. Or you might see an activity that one council does that you might want to attempt at your council. I encourage all of you to attend the convention if possible.

Another responsibility our councils have as the year draws to a close is the election of new officers. As State Advocate, I receive a number of queries on how to address issues with council officers not conducting their duties properly. Often the issues are minor, but there are cases where an officer does not take his duties seriously. The upcoming election is the best method available for councils to address these issues. If you want your council to succeed, it's important to identify and elect good, dedicated officers. Seek out members that you think can be good leaders and ask them to consider a nomination. And take a good look at all of your members as possible officers. Your next great Grand Knight could be a member who isn't as well-known as others. Sometimes a council needs a little shakeup to get back on track. Take the election process seriously and select the best leaders for your council.

Vivat Jesus!

Ted



STATE WARDEN Herbert Bingham h.bingham9378@sbcglobal.net

Well, April 1st marks the start of the 4th quarter of the Fraternal Year and there is still work to be done! At the risk of covering ground that the other Officers and Directors have, or are plowing, just a short few comments on winding up the year.

Brother Knights, we should ask ourselves have we done everything possible to assure a successful year for our Councils, our Districts, our Chapters, the Illinois Knights and the Order as a whole?

The hope is that we are all looking at Membership and Programming from several angles. Membership supported by active Programming not only swells our ranks but enhances the effectiveness of the Knights and provides the opportunity for brother Catholic men and their families to join and expand our religious and charitable activities. Of Course, the added benefit to new members is the availability of our sterling insurance benefits for their families.

This is a busy time at every level but almost everything necessary to wind up the Fraternal Year originates with the Council, nomination and election of officers, convention attendance, completing year-end reports, submitting the last of charitable funds and continuing member recruitment through June and beyond.

These thoughts do not cover everything which needs doing but perhaps they will stimulate some drive to complete our tasks! God's Blessing be with you and yours!

Vivat Jesus!

Herb

IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY James Bednar jcbknightspontiac@gmail.com

Welcome to Spring!

There are just a few months left for Illinois to reach the place of honor that Illinois should be in, the **Circle of Honor**, so we must keep moving forward with membership growth. And why is the **Circle of Honor** an honor we should expect every year, by achieving this honor it means we are working to guarantee that our councils are growing and that all Catholic men are being given the opportunity to join our Order.

As this fraternal year winds down it announces that my term as an active elected State Officer for Illinois is coming to an end. I feel the same today as I did when I started this journey many years ago, that new members are critical for the Order to continue the dream of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Just as we say that membership in the Order is a Gift that keeps on giving, be sure that you take care of the "gift" that we receive when a man and his family joins our Order.

Just a few more thoughts to share! When you are looking to attract your members to become involved, try introducing or re-introducing the Newman Apostolate, Special Olympics (helping at the Spring and Summer Games), Right to Life, The Ultra Sound Program, Squires, Vocations Program, and consider The American Wheel Chair Mission (there is a need right here in Illinois, to help our Veterans).

When you are doing the paper work and you need to send the State Deputy a copy please. Do not send them to me. Please send your report copies to Rich Spada State Deputy or to the Office in Kankakee.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Jerry Bevignani gameguru9@aol.com

Faith Filled Recruiting – "One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we have spent the 40 days prior to Easter as a time of faith and resurrection that is the very core of our faith, inspiring hope and devotion in all of us. Similarly, our common faith is at the very foundation of our Order. In my travels throughout the state, I often ask members what led them to join. More often than not, their answer is the desire to be part of a group of like minded Catholic men, giving back to their church and community. In short, membership begins with who we are and what we do – and being an integral part of our church and parish.

We are also approaching the end of the third quarter of our fraternal year. We are 75% of the way through the year, and to date we have 61% of the membership goal that was set for us by Supreme. Through your good works and concerted efforts, over 1800 Catholic men have joined the Order in Illinois so far this year. We have set a goal in the state to recruit 3000 new Knights this fraternal year, so our goal is to recruit 300 members each of the last 4 months of the year. We still have work to do. Four members per district per month continue to be needed to achieve our goals for this year – nothing more than a well attended First Degree in each district each month.

“One Member, Per Council, Per Month” is the target set by Supreme. We are charged with growing the Order through a consistent and organized effort, recruiting through a combination of membership drives, council activities and parish events. Holding frequent First Degrees and initiating men on a timely basis, is also a key. Important to the success of all membership efforts is the consent and support of our Priests and Religious. In May and June we will be asking you to engage your Pastor by utilizing the “Father Wants You” to join membership campaign. I encourage you to talk with him now about implementing this as a recruitment strategy in your church or parish.

We are charged with growing the Order through a

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation the Founder's Day membership campaign. Membership drives have traditionally been an important means of growing the order, engaging the interest of a large number of men at one time. Ongoing one-on-one recruiting is also important if we are to achieve our goal. Continue to work on forming Round Tables, new councils, Squires circles and reactivating councils that have been dormant, and welcoming back brothers that have left the order, but who may be willing to come back. The year 2013 marks the 131st anniversary of our Order. Recruit to honor our Founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and continue to grow his dream of an organization of faith based Catholic men.

Carol and I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and blessed Easter season.

Jerry Bevignani



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR Frank Schwartz fjschwartzjr@ameritech.net

Councils are reminded that The State Convention is almost upon us, May 3-5, 2013 as is the follow Deadline of April 15, 2013 to enter your

- ✚ Councils State Program of the year in each of the 6 programming areas.
- ✚ The Family of the Year and Knight of the Year deadlines are also April 15, 2013 as well. Submissions not received by that date will not be reviewed or accepted.

So 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 that your council does 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. The deadline is also April 15, 2013 for these submissions. In order to qualify for 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 is also "The State Deputy Award" see the state web site for information and the critia. The numbers for this report are based on the March 31, 2013 Supreme and State Council reports.

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 Fry's, and many other council events.

These Programs are also an opportunity for councils to ask men to join the order. By doing so councils and our order become stronger, our Church stronger and our Families are made 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 88 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.

Councils are also encouraged to push to end the year as one of the Best of the Best, to do all they can to make the ultimate Council Award; The STAR COUNCIL AWARD. The year is not over until June 30, 2013 so every council has 100 days to reach this award. The Star Council Award deals with Programming, which drives Membership, that allows for all the Charity work your council does. Councils should have a 90 day plan to complete programming. This will help them achieve their membership goal, insurance goal, and allow for 10 days for paperwork to be received and processed by the Supreme Council. Push your council to be one of the best of the best to Finish the year strong and achieve Star Council or even better Double Star Council.

Shelly and I hope to see you at this years' State Convention you will not want to miss this one.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank J. Schwartz Jr

Father Michael J. McGivney Report Charles H. Foos, Director, Fr. McGivney Guild

We continue to grow our statewide membership in the Father McGivney Guild. On March 7, 2013 we passed the 7,000 member figure. While this is a positive trend the pace is paltry. With over 72,000 members in Illinois why are so many hesitant to join the Guild? Part of the answer is due to a lack of awareness of the existence and purpose of the Guild. Without awareness there can be no acceptance there can be no joining.

Do you want to be part of something BIG? Do you want to be part of something significant? Do you want to be part of History? Here is your opportunity. Join the Father McGivney Guild. When he is canonized you can say to your family and friends that

you helped make it happen. Membership in the Guild lets Rome know how many people care , how many people believe in Fr. McGivney's holiness and spiritual heritage.

Do it NOW. There is no cost to join and anyone can be a member. Applications can be found on our website and the state office.

Father McGivney Pray for Us,

State Ladies Auxiliary Chairlady mabear1234@aol.com

CHAIRLADY'S CORNER

Attention Auxiliary President & members:

You are invited to the upcoming Knights of Columbus convention the weekend of May 3-5, 2013 held at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. The convention is not just for the Knights but families too. Ladies Luncheon is on Saturday and the Ladies Auxiliary Meet & Greet Session (Mini Convention) is on Sunday 9:15 am to 11:30 am. Details on costs are on the illinoisknights.org website and click on Knights of Columbus convention.

Attention Grand Knights, District Deputies & Financial Secretaries:

If you are interested in forming a Ladies Auxiliary, stop at the Program Fair Ladies Auxiliary table and pick up information. Looking forward to talking with you at that time.

Sandy Decker

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

Brothers,

You've heard that: **You need to make a PLAN and then you have to work your PLAN!** In my opinion it's **NEVER too late or too early to PLAN!** Even though we are entering the 4th Quarter of this fraternal year, you can still **PLAN** fund raising activities that will help your council exceed their goals and stay on the path to being a **STAR**.

The Special Olympics Spring Games are about to start. Are you **PLANNING** to bring some volunteers? Dates and contact info are at [Partnership with Special Olympics](#) under the Program tab on the website. Do you have a **PLAN** for the Fall ID Drive? What about naming your ID Chairman for this fall? The ID Chairman form is on the website at [Intellectual Disabilities Fund](#) under the Charities tab and its due April 1! Let the State Office know who will be in charge and where to send information. One more thing to: **PLAN** on ordering your *Vocations Raffle Tickets*, **IMMEDIATELY** and pick them up at Convention!

In case you haven't heard, **CONVENTION IS COMING!** Does your council **PLAN** to attend? The convention is a great time to come together in celebration of all we have been able to accomplish thus far. It's a time to reconnect with your brother knights from another diocese and to remember those we've lost in the past year. It's a gathering of our State as a Family. It is also a time to re-energize as we strive to end our fraternal year in a very positive way. We celebrate both councils and individuals who are doing an outstanding job, and try to recognize the *Rising Stars*



among us. We gather together to select the men who will lead us in the future as we celebrate being catholic and pray together for our new Pontiff.

As we enter the 4th Quarter of our fraternal year, it is time to **PLAN** to be successful. We need to strive even harder for **ONE MEMBER – PER COUNCIL – PER MONTH**. We must remember that every charitable activity or program is an *OPPORTUNITY*. Every opportunity is a chance for *RECRUITMENT – RETENTION – REACTIVATION*! We CAN do great things as we band together, but just try to imagine what another 3000 brothers working in solidarity could accomplish. That worthy brothers CAN be our future! Jalayne and I hope to see you at Convention!

Vivat Jesus!

Erik Luckett

STATE DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR Dale Smith dms4070@aol.com

Will your council be represented at the Illinois State convention on the weekend of May 3 - 5, 2013? It's easier than ever to pay for your delegates to attend. AD sales for the Commemorative Keepsake Book from the convention make it simple to raise the necessary funds without putting a strain on the council budget.

Why go to the convention? To see and hear what's going on beyond the borders of your district and diocese. You can get a first hand view on the many programs, some of which you may not be aware of, or are not involved in because of a lack of understanding. You will find out about the state of the State. Training classes will be available for council officers and those who might be interested in becoming a District Deputy. You will be able to pick up many of the awards that your council has qualified for. There very well be an award there for you that you are unaware of, such as the Rising Star award. Attend the State Banquet on Saturday evening to see who will receive the State Medallion from the State Deputy. Stop and say a prayer at the Adoration Chapel and attend mass with the State family on Saturday afternoon before the banquet.

It is important that your council is represented at the business meeting on Sunday morning where the resolutions sent in by councils will be presented and voted on. It is very important that your delegates are there to consider those State Officers who are seeking to move up to the next level. And, to consider those candidates who are seeking the office of State Advocate and State Warden. These Worthy Brother Knights will determine the future of the Illinois State Council. They need to know that you support them.

Please do not forget the welcome party on Friday evening. There is the program fair and the country store that will be open all weekend. There are trips available to local attractions and activities available for the children. There will be a Ladies Luncheon and Raffle hosted by Mr's State Deputy, Linda Spada on Saturday afternoon and another ladies program on Sunday morning. Did I mention the many hospitality suites that will be open for everyone to meet and share our unity and fraternity on an informal level.

Check out the packet that was mailed to you. Mark the dates. Make your reservations early. Come and have a great time!

Judy and I are looking forward to seeing you there!

Dale

STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIR. & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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We now have a new Pope Frances and we as Catholics celebrate his office. What an overwhelming position to be trusted into. As I watched him come out on the balcony I could not help but wonder what must be going through his mind. I believe that he gave us some insight when he started out asking for us to pray for him. I'm sure that all who were watching gave their silent prayer for him. I know I asked God to give him strength to face each day as Pope. From what I read and seen on TV he has

devoted himself to a life of simplicity. He focused on the poor and lived simply. I'll continue to pray for him to never lose his inner strength to live the life of Christ.

Mark your calendars for May 3-5, 2013. You members who are coming to the convention remember to visit the Country store which will be open Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. While you're there visit the booths that will be set up for your convenience. Be inspired by the programs that are available and pick up some pamphlets and forms. For you Council's and Lady Auxiliaries that are bringing scrap books and bounded Newsletters have them on the appropriate table before noon on Saturday or they won't get judged.

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL OFFICE

Denny & Donna & Vicki illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org

This fraternal year is rapidly coming to an end and with the Annual State Convention right around the corner, things are a bit chaotic. Our new temp Vicki Taylor is logging in all the reports that we receive. She is being kept VERY busy. **PLEASE GET YOUR FORMS IN!**

The convention is coming and it sounds like a lot of fun. Unfortunately those councils that have not paid their State Per Capita may not be seated at the convention. It's important that you send in your Per Capita payment.

Additionally, when sending in contributions or payments to the State Office, please submit separate checks for each Charity or fund, since we "scan" our deposits directly into the appropriate account with our bank. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

One final reminder to Council officers, your council has worked so hard this year. Don't forget to turn in your forms. Submit your Spirit of Illinois, the New State Deputy Award, Service Program Awards and all Supreme forms to the appropriate entity at Supreme and State. All State forms may be found on the State website (www.illinoisknights.org), under the "Forms" tab and there is also a link to Supreme for the other forms you will need. . Your members deserve to be recognized for their efforts!

We would like to remind all Financial Secretaries to sign the credential cards signifying that the delegates your members have selected to represent your council at the convention are in good standing. Mail those cards in to the state office as soon as possible. Mileage and per diem checks will be issued and waiting for your delegates at the convention if the credential cards are in our hands by April 26th at the latest!

For those holding state level positions, start preparing your convention reports NOW. Final numbers can be added just before sending to the printer. We hope all programs are well represented in this year's convention book. The office will be sending your letterhead via electronic mail so you can download it to your computer for preparing your report.

Don't forget to send your Ad copy and payment for placement in the New Convention Ad book. Remember, for each Ad sold, the council receives a rebate which will help defray the costs of your delegates attendance at the convention.



IN MEMORIAM

MAY THERE SOULS AND ALL OF THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Years as Member	Council #:	Council Location	Title	First	Last Name	Positions Held
50	1057	Mattoon	S.K.	James A	Bennett	PGK, FDD, PFN
9	4024	Charleston	S.K.	Lawrence A.	Brunswick	
6	1098	Granite City	S.K.	Michael J.	Cadell	
60	10884	Itasca	S.K.	Thomas F	Cummins Sr	PGK, FDD, PFN
44	665	Effingham	S.K.	Larry N.	Fehrenbacher	PGK
50	6165	Columbia	B.K.	William E	Friedrich	-
7	4400	Joliet	B.K.	Samuel	Gambosi	
13	790	Streator		Leo A.	Grennan	
42	665	Effingham	B.K.	Harold J.	Grunloh	
50	11707	Greenville, IL	S.K.	Victor	Kaltenbach	PGK
47	6165	Columbia	S.K.	Forrest "Dean"	Keim	
66	1580	Highland	B.K.	Clinton, P	Kerin	
51	658	Rock Island	S.K.	Terrance	Lenaghan	
55	4024	Charleston	S.K.	John H.	Morrissey	
69	854	Pontiacq	S.K.	James R.	Nolan	PGK, FDD, PFN
20	4400	Joliet		Isabel	Palacios	
64	665	Effingham	S.K.	Col. Thomas E.	Peters	
50	6165	Columbia	B.K.	Anthony "Tony" J.	Range	
46	790	Streator	B.K.	Darrell "Scotty"	Scarbeary	
30	1580	Highland	B.K.	Leonard, J	Sedlacek	
44	1580	Highland	B.K.	Morris, L	Seefeldt	
10	1098	Granite City	B.K.	Basil K.	Snider	-
27	1580	Highland	B.K.	James, E	Stack	
25	790	Streator	B.K.	Patrick V.	Sullivan	
36	1580	Highland	B.K.	Felton, G	Tschannen	
6	665	Effingham	B.K.	Jonathan	Wernsing	
29	1580	Highland	B.K.	Leroy, S	Zobrist	