



ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus

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Worthy Brothers and Sisters of the Illinois Knights of Columbus.

Soon we will be celebrating our Lord's birthday. What a fantastic time of the year it! Many of our councils will be hosting parties and sharing the fraternity that makes the Knights of Columbus special. November and December is an excellent time to invite non members to council holiday get-togethers, so they can enjoy the Knight life that we talk so much about. During this time of gift giving, how about offering membership to a Catholic man and his family? Membership is one of those gifts that keep giving each and every day. Membership in the Knights offers a Catholic man an opportunity to become a better Catholic, Father, Husband and a better person in their community. I was fortunate to be attending the State Deputies meeting in Quebec City Quebec the week that the Typhoon hit the Philippines. It was amazing to watch the Supreme Council in action to help the Philippine Islands. When I returned, on the following Tuesday: your State Officers voted to give \$10,000 to the Supreme Council's Philippine relief effort. I was thinking how special the Knights are and how we step up to the plate in times of trouble. The Fraternity of the Knights and how we help our fellow citizens, when in time of trouble, is one of our calling cards when we talk to a potential member. That was very apparent in the days after this terrible Tornado outbreak on November 17th. I feel so fortunate to be called the State Deputy of Illinois. I cannot be more proud of the Knights of Columbus fraternity. On Monday after the terrible outbreak of storms, your State Council purchased \$2500 hundred dollars worth of gift cards to be handed out to people in need in Washington, East Peoria and Pekin. An additional \$1500 worth of gift cards were handed out Tuesday in Coal City and the Diamond communities. Illinois councils called the State office and contacted the officers wanting to know how they can help. State Deputies from Indiana, Nebraska and Iowa let us know that they are praying for the people who have been affected by this tragedy and how can they help. That is the Fraternity that we talk about. That is the Knights of Columbus family that we talk about. That is why we strive for one member, per council, per month. The more members we have the more people we can help.

When we are sitting at our dinner table during this holiday season please remember the men and women of our armed services who are protecting our freedoms that are so precious to us. Please remember those who have gone before us helping to prepare the table when we all will meet again in the splendor of our Lord Jesus. May each of you receive the graces that God provides to each of us.

Diane and I want to wish each of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

Vivat Jesus.

Skip and Diane Kinyon

STATE CHAPLAIN Bishop Joseph Siegel

Christmas 2013

Dear Brother Knights,

In the familiar story of Christ's birth from the Gospel of St. Luke, the angel proclaims to the shepherds that the Christ Child in the manger is to be a sign to us (Lk 2:12). He is a sign of God's faithfulness, sending the Messiah long promised by the prophets. He is a sign that God has sanctified human life by becoming one of us in Jesus. He is a sign that we never have anything to fear, for God is with us, Emmanuel, now and always.

Into the poverty of a stable and into the fragility of human life, a Savior is born for us, wrapped in simple blankets and laid in a manger full of hay. Into the poverty and fragility of our lives, Jesus is born for us to bestow his courage, joy and new hope. Into the poverty of a world of war, violence and injustice, Jesus is born anew to bring peace, harmony and love. Into the fragility of sickness, grief, anxiety and sin, he comes to minister healing, security and forgiveness.

The presence and power of God may not always appear obvious to us, but He is always with us and at work in our world and our lives. This Feast of Christmas invites us to renew our trust that God is with us in Jesus, at all times and in all places, dwelling within the crib of our hearts. Yet for the incarnation to be complete, we must bring Christ to birth in our world by making his presence and influence felt by all those whose lives we touch, not just during this holiday season, but every day of the year.

As we gaze upon the nativity scenes in our homes and in our parish churches and reflect on the Christmas story, let us recall with devotion that the same Christ who was born in Bethlehem is with us here and now, in the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Scriptures, our prayer and in each other. This is what we celebrate in a special way in our Masses on Christmas and throughout the Christmas season. I pray that the Lord will bless each of you, your family and your Councils with renewed faith and hope as we recall the tremendous love of God, revealed in the child born for us in Bethlehem and who continues to be born in our hearts today.

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

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Joseph Siegel
Illinois State Chaplain

STATE ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN Rev Chuck Tuttle

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. The sense of anticipation and promise heighten the joyful expectation of the coming Season of Christmas. I had the opportunity to attend the Mid-Year joint meeting of State Chaplains and State Deputies in Quebec City from November 6-8th. This is the third time Supreme Council has brought together the State Chaplains and State Deputies. The two previous gatherings were held at Gaylord Hotels in Dallas (Grapevine) last year and Nashville (Opryland) the year before. Those two venues were unbelievable "Holiday" Winter Wonderlands and Quebec, although not as decorated, still hinted of the "holiday" season. It is amazing how the traditions of the past which were more religious in celebration and decoration are continuing to be lost amid a culture that has become "post modern" and secular.

One of the reasons we gathered in Quebec was in anticipation of the opening of their 350th Jubilee Year. Our celebration in the Basilica of Notre Dame was a prelude to the opening celebration which will take place on December 8th. Above the main

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The Knights of Columbus Diocese of Joliet Chapter held its annual "Bishop Burse" event Oct. 5 at St. Dominic Church in Bolingbrook. Due to the generosity of the councils from throughout the diocese, the event raised \$12,000, which will be used specifically for projects in Joliet at the discretion of the bishop.

Altar is the beautiful Icon of the Immaculate Conception which is the same depiction being used this fraternal year for Supreme Council's Icon Hour of Prayer.

During our meetings we were reminded of the significance of St. Joseph (one of the Patrons of Canada) and the role of Catholic husbands and men. Three significant virtues emulating from the life of St. Joseph: a quite strength, integrity and fidelity are true models for all Catholic men. The Gospels are very firm in their depiction of St. Joseph in these ways. We were challenged that in our recruitment efforts we should be looking for the good man, who wants to be a better man on his journey toward becoming the best man he can be. And in the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: "God does not call us to be successful, but to be faithful."

We were further reminded that we, like St. Joseph, must become "intentional disciples" not merely "accidental disciples". Like St. Joseph who looked after, cared for and protected the Holy Family; as Brother Knights we are called to walk with people amid their darkness and confusion.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your families and a Blessed and Happy New Year in 2014.

Father Chuck Tuttle



Associate State Chaplain

STATE SECRETARY Bill Doerfler bdoerfler@sbcglobal.net

The statement of "a season for giving" brings Christmas to mind for all of us, which will soon be here in a few short weeks. The last few days (Nov. 17th-20th) I have had a "right in your face" experience of giving right here in my county. Many people in our state were hit by devastating tornadoes, on Sunday, November 17th one of which was 8 miles from our home. Bringing it even closer, our youngest son is a fireman/paramedic for Coal City IL. (GK of Council 845). In addition to being a 1st responder he was the public information officer to all the media, I.E.: CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX. So we were brought even a little closer to this situation. After communication with State Deputy Skip Kinyon on Monday, the Illinois State Council made the decision to help the people who were affected by the tornado. Numerous Wal Mart gift cards were purchase for immediate help to those in need. On Monday, late morning, with the help of Paul Flynn and local Grand Knights (Peoria Diocese) they were able to get them distributed to victims in Washington, Pekin and East Peoria. I personally got to represent the Knights of Illinois handing out the gift cards in Coal City/Diamond. At that time no one but corresponding town's public works, and families were allowed in the area. Thanks to my son and his relationship to the mayor, we were allowed to go into the damaged area and give gift cards to the owners of the property involved. That's when I really felt "a season for giving". I was so proud that our organization could make a difference to someone at such a time of need. Some of the responses I received were as follows:

1. Young lady gave grateful hugs and thanks
2. Contractor (Brother Knight) stopped me and thanked the Knights for what we were doing
3. One homeowner was in his garage talking to his insurance agent and both were Brother Knights
4. Had one refusal, said he had a lot, give it someone else with a greater need

Fortunately we live in a very generous community, by early Tuesday so many donations of food, clothes and other items filled over 6 rooms in the local Methodist Church. Donated items are now being routed to other tornado communities that have similar needs. Terry and I are very blessed to know we live in a community of givers.

Throughout all of our lives we have been taught to share what we have. We all need to become more aware that ALL YEAR can be a season of giving. It doesn't always have to be a tangible gift. There are so many ways we can gift others. Beginning with the season of Advent, try each day to "gift" someone you love, or better yet, a total stranger. It can be something as simple as a smile, an "atta boy" or just telling someone that you appreciate them. I know each of you will come

up with many ways of giving. Sometimes that gift given to the "trying person in life" becomes a bigger gift than we realize. Let us not ever forget that at each Christmas, the gift of the Christ Child is given to each of us. What we choose to do with that gift is up to us. Do we share it or put it away till next year?

Terry and I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas season

God Bless

Bill

STATE TREASURER Ted Stites tstiteskc@charter.net

As I begin to write my Christmas greeting to you for this newsletter, you should know today is November 17. Many of us are glued to our televisions in sadness and disbelief over the tornadoes that just ripped through a large part of Illinois, and continue their march through the states to the east of us. I pray for the safety of all affected.

During this difficult day I try to turn my thoughts to one of happiness and joy, which is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. It is the time of the year when we try to slow down from our hectic lives and bathe in the warmth and love of Christmas. We draw our family and friends closer to us to share in this festive season. Many of us try to rekindle the magic that was there when we were children. But often our busy schedules get in the way and prevent us from really enjoying Christmas the way we want to.

Writing this today, I think about those whose lives have just been turned upside-down. We still don't understand the extent of what transpired today as our brave first-responders are still trying to assist the victims. It may be hard for some of them to put this behind them and move forward with their lives. During this Christmas season, keep your families, friends, and neighbors in your heart and ask Our Father to comfort them and all who suffer in life, so that they may enjoy the season of Christmas and the hope that Jesus' birth brings to all of us. Through our charities and programming, make a donation or help with your councils local activities that are designed to help those who are less fortunate. We Knights of Columbus must let the world know that Jesus is why we have Christmas, and His unconditional love is for all to know.

The Stites family wishes all of you a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ted and Linda

STATE ADVOCATE Frank Schwartz

Prepare thee the way of the Lord

As advent comes upon us Shelly and I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Advent is the season when we all prepare for the birth of Jesus. During that time we light candles, we put up Christmas trees, we wear buttons that state; it is ok to say Merry Christmas to me. We make list of things to do and busy ourselves with shopping and baking.

Christmas is also a time for us to share the great gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus to men and their families, and to put aside our needs and to extend the hand of friendship and charity. Ask yourself as you look into the mirror, what have I done to reach out to lift up those who have not yet found their way?

It is also the time for each council to prepare themselves, to evaluate where they are, and to look at corrections if needed, to ensure they grow and continue to do the good works all Knights are called to do.

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Bellarmino Council #4849 of Holy Angels Parish held their Pasta for Priesthood event. the pasta dinner raises funds to support vocations. With nearly 150 meals served, the excellent turn out provided for a fun and festive evening. There was even serenading at many of the dinner tables by one of the brother knights.

Councils grow when we as Knights reach out and ask men to join us. Invite them and their families to join us, and then as a sponsor, take that man to his degrees and his first council meeting.

Take Pride in what your council does, what you do, the great act of charity that your council, the State does and Supreme does around the world.

Be Proud to be a Knight and all that you do as a Knight.

Perform in a manner that has you walking with Christ.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all, for all your hard work and efforts as Knights of Columbus in sharing your faith, caring for your family, and looking out for your brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank and Shelly Schwartz

p.s. Council should have the following forms filed 185,365, DIRI, their first Audit is your council up to date?

STATE WARDEN Ray Biliskov

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It is that time of the year when we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, this is a very Holy Season in our Church. It brings us all together, Family, Friends, and even Strangers. We visit with Family, break bread, exchange gifts, and have a good time. But very often we forget the true meaning of this Holy Season, let's remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas". AS true "Catholics" don't forget to say "Merry Christmas". Be proud to say it to everyone you meet. When someone greets you and says happy holidays, just say "And a Merry Christmas to You" It's the reason for the season.

On the subject of giving gifts. Lets think about it, some time ago you were given a gift from someone you knew, that gift was a form 100, you filled it out and in no time at all you were a member of the finest group of Catholic Men in the world. The Knights of Columbus. Yes my Brother Knights pass that gift on to other Catholic men. They can be Fathers, Brothers, In-Laws, people you meet at Church, strangers you may meet, " Just Ask" them to join, Be proud of the Knights of Columbus

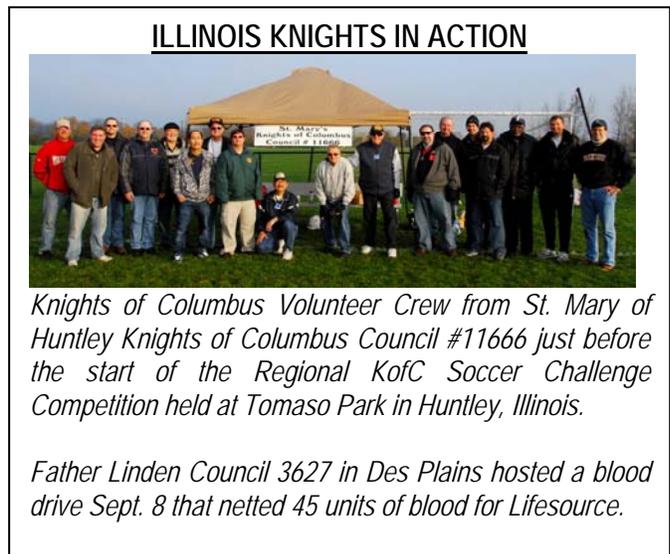
"One member per council per month" we have heard this phrase for a while now, but have we completed the task? Yes Brother Knights have you encouraged your councils to sign up "One member per Month" Almost six months of this fraternal is coming to an end, let us take advantage of the incentives offered by the State council and bring in as many new members as we can.

I will close now by saying, On behalf of my Family, we would like to wish you and your Families,

A very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Very Healthful and Happy New Year

Vivat Jesus and God Bless

Ray Biliskov



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Illinois Knights And The Christmas Season of Love

On behalf of the Spada family, we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Christmas is a wonderful and hope-filled time of the year as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. The birth of the Christ Child presents the start of the greatest expression of love given to us all by God. That Love gives great hope to all of us as we strive to follow in His footsteps to leading a life of goodness and grace. Membership in the Knights of Columbus has shown me and my family what being a practical Catholic really means. In today's increasingly secularized culture, there is hope that remains in our Church. Membership in the Knights of Columbus provides a means to living a life that counters the secularization that appears to prevail for the time being. Charity is the foundation of our principles and we are known for dispensing it both in money and in deeds. I believe that Illinois knights and their families remain a beacon of hope and love throughout the year and especially during the wonderful season of Christmas. I would like to urge council leaders to continue the good works being performed in the name of the Lord and work hard to encourage your members and their families to get involved with your programs and to suggest new ones. It is our best way to counter the secular culture and embrace a life that our newborn savior taught us to live beginning with the commemoration of His becoming man in the form of the Savior King! Merry Christmas to all of you!

STATE STATE STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR Bob Bukowski
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I want to make every council Grand Knight aware of the **Fr. McGivney's Dream Program**. This program was created to support the widows of our brother knights that have gone to their eternal reward. When the brother knights were alive and active with their councils many of the widows also participated in some form or another in their council activities. They juggled dinners, appointments and their children's activities to accommodate their husband's council meetings, assembly meetings, district deputy meetings and state meetings and many fund raisers in which many of the wives had participated.

We need to remember that our wives and children become part of the extended family of a council. When a Brother Knight passes away the widows and children need the continued support of both the council and State.

When this program was established last year a letter was sent to all Grand Knights regarding the founding of the Fr. McGivney's Dream program and also expressed how the widows feel, - alone and disconnected. A survey was included with the letter that was to be sent by the council to the widows of our deceased Brother Knights. The purpose of the survey was to get the information needed to Fr. McGivney's Dream Chairwomen Lynn Brust in a timely way enabling Lynn to review the survey and ascertain what level of help and communication the widow is expecting from their council and the State.

The survey and letters are available at www.illinoisknights.org click on **Programs**, on the Program page, on the right hand side below **Council**, just click on **Father McGivney's Dream**.

Reminder, councils should be underway with **Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Christmas Poster Contest, Pro Life Christmas Puzzle Program and Marian Hour of Prayer**. Councils should start promoting the **Free Throw Contest**.

Remember "Every Program Represents a Membership Recruitment Opportunity"

Take time this Christmas Season to slip into the stillness of winter and let the Spirit of the Holy One reveal something new to your soul. Nancy and I pray that the Wonder and Magic of Christmas fill your heart with Peace, Happiness and Joy and may God's love surround you, protect you and be with you and your loved ones on Christmas and always.

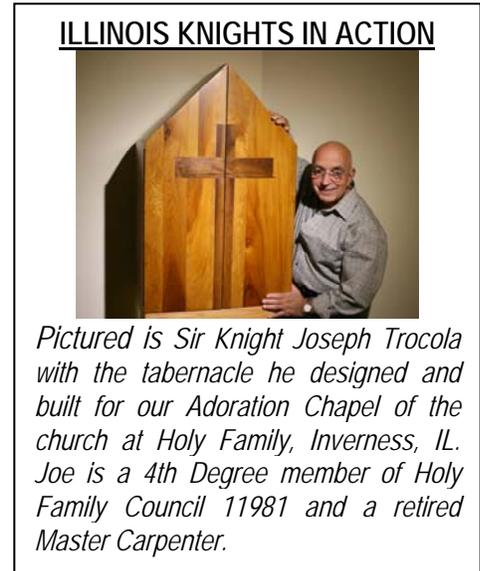
STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Erik Lockett

Brothers:

Growth in Membership is more important now than ever before. We see attacks on our Church and religion every day. We must grow in number so that our voice becomes stronger. We need more workers so we can contribute more man-hours and raise more funds for those in need. We must grow so we can continue to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of our religion and our clergy. We must continue to promote the Gospel values in our ever more secular society and to stand strong defending religious freedoms!

In order to accomplish our goals, we need to:

1. Utilize your District Deputy for he has a wealth of knowledge to share. Meet with your Pastor and find out what the Knights can do for him and for the Parish. Enlist his help to promote the Council and encourage parishioners to join. We need each brother knight to reach out and recruit on a regular basis!
2. Plan and organize you Council's Membership Plan. If you put together a plan that incorporates recruitment efforts into your Programming and Charitable Opportunities, you **WILL** be successful. Use your new fraternal year planner to plan ahead and be prepared to grow your Council. Every Council needs a plan so they can utilize the many tools that are available to their best advantage.



As your Council drives forward on the path to **Star Council** pay attention to your membership! Reach out to everyone, but especially those you haven't seen lately. Open your arms to embrace not only the new member, but welcome his entire family. The fraternal year still has many months left, but it is important that you get your Council moving forward in a positive way to grow the order. What better thing to do for the Christmas season but to give the *Gift of Membership* to a fellow Catholic. As you work to prepare the parish and council facilities, **NOW** is the time to invite prospective members. **NOW** is the time to **Keep Christ in Christmas!** Offer a fellow catholic gentleman an opportunity to become a better husband, family man, and a better Catholic. Recruit a KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

An excellent tool for success is: ***“The Power Of One”***

ONE MEMBER - PER COUNCIL - PER MONTH
ONE MAJOR DEGREE - PER DIOCESE - PER MONTH
ONE NEW COUNCIL - PER DIOCESE

ONE FIRST DEGREE - PER DISTRICT - PER MONTH
ONE STAR COUNCIL - PER DISTRICT
ONE NEW MEMBER - IN EVERY COUNCIL

ONE Brother Knight in a council **CAN** make a difference! We need each Officer sharing his council pride, each member sharing in the council's accomplishments, each council making a difference in the Parish and the community that they serve. "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren" WE ARE CALLED to help those in need.

Jalayne and I hope you are all blessed with the joys and wonder of the Christmas season. We would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Erik Lockett

STATE CHARITIBALE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Jeff Peters

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Brother Knights,

"Dear Santa Claus,

How've you been? Did you have a nice summer? How is your wife? I have been extra good this year, so I have a long list of presents that I want."

"Please note the size and color of each item and send as many as possible. If it seems too complicated, make it easy on yourself. Just send money. How about tens and twenties?"

"All I want is what I have coming to me. All I want is my fair share."

And so says Sally in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." I have to admit that I am a kid at heart and I love animated movie TV specials and movies, with "A Charlie Brown Christmas" being one of my all-time favorites. Even though it's considered an animated kids TV special, I think that in only 30-minutes Charles Schultz was able to convey a little bit of wisdom and show all of us what we go through during the Christmas season, knowingly or unknowingly. Anticipation, Anxiety, Depression, Joy; and the hope that we will find the true meaning of Christmas before it's too late. Charlie Brown struggles with the commercialism of Christmas; and in our own way, don't we all?

If we try, maybe we can turn around Sally's words and try to use them in a positive way. "I have been extra good this year, so I have a long list of presents that I want." How about, "Our Council's have been extra blessed this year, and we have a long list of those we can help; GAF, ID, Newman, Pro-Life & Vocations Support.

"Please note the size and color of each item and send as many as possible." To clarify, "Our Council, our District is participating in the Coats for Kids Drive and please send as many as possible, girls & boys, all colors, all sizes needed. We have lots of kids that good use a new winter coat."

"Just send money. How about tens and twenties?" Hey, let's think about sending in our GAF & Pro-Life dollars and support those funds. Or, maybe your Council could adopt a family at Christmas and purchase a nice Christmas dinner, presents for the kids on Christmas morning; and don't forget Mom & Dad who want the best for their kids and try so hard. Maybe a small gift card for them too.

"All I want is what I have coming to me. All I want is my fair share." Wow, a tough one, but don't we all really want what we have coming to us. Don't we all want a share? And, yes, I'm talking about Jesus, the Reason for the Season. We should all be wanting, desiring, preparing for the true gift of Christmas, shouldn't we?

The rest of the show sees Charlie Brown searching for that true meaning and running into obstacles all along the way; like most of us do during the rush of the Christmas season; Snoopy decorating the doghouse, Christmas parties, and finding the perfect Christmas tree. All of these are fine and should be enjoyed as long as we don't lose sight (or time) of what Christmas is all about, the birth of Jesus.

As Linus recites; "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them. And they were so afraid. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men."

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Holy Family Council 11981 in Inverness served food to more than 500 teens, parents and teen ministers at a local teen homecoming barbecue.

"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Yes, That is what Christmas is all about, Brother Knights.

I wish everyone a Blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Jeffery J. Peters



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With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner we direct our thoughts to good times with Family and Friends. This is not so for many of the people in our state who felt the devastation of the tornados. Please keep them in our prayers. This is also a good time to get your GAF Charitable monies into the State. This is the reason for this Charitable fund and it does no good sitting in your treasury waiting for the end of the year. As you heard in our State Secretary's article we Knights have once again stepped up to help these victims in their time of need.

I am saddened on the passing of Past State Deputy John "Jack" Ray. He is survived by his wife Rosalena "Rosie", their two sons, Robert Ray, John Martin and daughter Karen Ray. Our prayers go out to the Ray Family. Ray served as State Deputy in 1984 and was also a Former Master of the 4th Degree.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming our lives get a little more hectic. Keep Christ in CHRISTmas, On behalf of my wife Linda and myself, have a Holy Christmas. Share the joy of the season with everyone you meet.

Bob Fuggiti

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL OFFICE Denny, Donna & Vicki illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org

Thank you to all Councils that participated in this year's Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive. Over 250 Councils have submitted their ID Drive Report. Great work! For those Councils that have yet to submit their report, the due date was November 1st, so please get them in to the State Office as soon as possible.

Newman donations have been coming in, steadily and heavy! Thank you for utilizing the donation cards, but please remember to mark your donation clearly on the card and to indicate your Council number on the card and on your check. The Century Donor plaques are sent to the Grand Knight of each Council for presentation at a Council meeting. Pins and year plates are sent to the Donor unless indicated otherwise on the donation card.

Each year we receive a significant number of cards returned marked "DECEASED" We are asking the Financial Secretaries to please submit a Form 100 to Supreme for the deceased members of your Council. Additionally, we ask that notification of Change of Address be submitted to Supreme and the State Council. Fortunately, we are able to mail the Newman solicitation to all members in Illinois at a "bulk" rate, however every envelope returned, because the addressee has moved or due to an incorrect address, the State Council is charged \$.46 per envelope. With thousands of returns, we are facing thousands of dollars in postage for returns.

REMEMBER to submit **Knight of the Month**, **Family of the Month** and **Program of the Month** forms to the State Office, regularly each month. Just a reminder, **Program of the Year** for each Category will be selected from the **Program of the Month** winners.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" pins are available from the State Office while supplies last. Order yours NOW! If you need an order form they are available on the State website, just click on the Charities tab and then Vocations. Check out the SPECIAL OFFER!

As you prepare for the New Year ahead, make a resolution to submit your report forms in a timely manner. The **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)** and the **Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584)** are due by **January 31, 2014**. The **Semi-Annual Council Audit for the Period ending 12-31-2013** is due by **February 15, 2014**. These forms should be submitted to Supreme with a copy to the State Council at illinoiskc@illinoisknights.org or denny@illinoisknights.org and a copy to your District Deputy.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from Denny, Donna and Vicki at the State Office.



**FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS,
HAVE A HOLY CHRISTMAS AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

IN MEMORIAM

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

Council #:	Name			Years
658	S.K.	William G.	Lawrence P.G.K.	73
658	B.K.	Edward K.	Otten	29
658	B.K.	Thomas	Tady	1
665	B.K.	Wilbert A	Niebrugge	55
665	B.K.	Victor A	Ritz	62
665	B.K.	Phillip J.	Stock	32
734	B.K.	Joseph	Ast	6
734	B.K.	Robert L.	Miller	8
734	B.K.	Victor T.	Ptasnik	49
790	B.K.	Gene N.	Chamberlain	14
790	B.K.	Leo J.	Francis	22
790	B.K.	James T.	Swain	31
1098	S.K.	Raymond E	Williamson	20
1143	B.K.	Ralph E	Allard	60
1143	S.K.	Marvin J.	Boyer P.F.N.	59
1143	S.K.	Robert L.	Bucks	45
1143	B.K.	Walter R	Gorski	28
1143	S.K.	Joseph L	Horvath	36
1352	S.K.	Jerome	Wirth	53
1456	S.K.	Lawrence	Michienzi, Sr.	24
1712	S.K.	John "ED"	Clark	61
1712	B.K.	Elmer F	Molitor	59
1775	S.K.	Harold	Aubry P.G.K.	57
1775	B.K.	Robert	Pezanoski G.K.	38
1949	B.K.	Francis	Dolan	36
1949	B.K.	Francis H	Toland	35
2869	S.K.	Vincent J	Albers	62
3800	B.K.	Deacon Robert R.	Gagon	50
4338	S.K.	Joseph E	Bednarz	38
4338	S.K.	Walter M	Beusse P.G.K.	54
4338	B.K.	Oscar R	Winkler	56
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10325	S.K.	Joseph	Bono P.G.K.	23
10325	S.K.	William	Booth	23
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