



# ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL *Knights of Columbus*

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Brother Knights and all.

The buzz all around is March Madness time. Brackets are being made and rankings are being watched very closely. The same can be said for the Illinois Knights of Columbus as before you know it April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be here and that means the 117<sup>th</sup> annual Illinois State Council State Convention will be starting. Our Convention Chair couple State Program Chairman Bob and Nancy Bukowski have been working the phones for volunteers and gifts. This year the convention will be held at the Westin Hotel in Itasca and the hotel is eager for the Illinois Knights to spend a weekend. The Convention will start on Friday night with a Marti Gras party. This will be a chance to reacquaint with friends you have not seen for a while and also a great opportunity to meet new ones. Saturday morning will begin with a prayer service and the official start of the Convention will follow. There will be many opportunities for education, planning, awards presentations. Saturday afternoon each Diocese will meet separately to conduct their caucus. This will be where the Supreme convention Delegates will be nominated for the election which will take place on Sunday. Sunday will begin with a prayer service and then lead into our annual memorial service to honor those brother knights who have gone ahead to prepare our lords table for us in this past year. We will conclude Sunday with the voting on Resolutions, election of state officers and of the Supreme Convention delegates. This will be a full weekend of Passion for our Faith, Pride of our Order and Performance of our membership.

Each Grand Knight and Convention delegate will receive their credential card in the mail. Please fill those out and send to the State office. This will make the registration process operate much smoother.

The ladies have not been forgotten either with a Luncheon and Mini Convention. Laurie Mann, our Ladies Auxiliary Liaison and her committee have been working very hard to insure our wives will have a pleasant convention experience.

We will be conducting a program fair this year as well so stop by and see what activities are available that can help you attract new members and keep your councils growing and stronger. This year we will be adding a Special Olympics table to the program fair.

Don't forget to stop by the Country Store and pick up some great Knights of Columbus merchandise.

Worthy Co-Vocation Chairman's and Past State Deputies Ron Ziembra and Bill Brown will be handing out Vocation Raffle books to councils who have ordered them and to be picked up at the convention.

*Our State membership goal is to recruit one member,  
per council, per month.*

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



*Father Sunny Castillo of St. Theresa's Parish, Pat Hisel, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of the Joliet Diocese visiting PSD Bob Hisel at St. Theresa Parish*

*Our State Programming goal is to conduct one program per council, per month.  
Our State Charitable goal is to conduct one charitable activity per council, per month.*

We still have time to meet those goals and let the Illinois Knights of Columbus shine like a beacon for support of our Church, Our Communities and each other.

God Bless to all and see you in Itasca. Please travel safe,

*Skip*

**STATE CHAPLAIN Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel**



Dear Brother Knights,

"Peace be with you" was Jesus' greeting to his apostles that first Easter evening. Coming into their midst in the Upper Room, the Risen Lord reassured his frightened and grief-stricken friends that He was truly alive and He breathed on them the new life of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' gift of peace would sustain these men through the struggles, persecutions and even martyrdom that awaited them as they set out to tell the whole world the Good News of our salvation in Jesus' death and resurrection.

The peace of the Risen Christ was bestowed on us at our baptism. It is this gift of the Lord Jesus, breathed into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which enables us to face the crosses and difficulties that are part of our life. The peace and joy of Easter is meant to fill our hearts each day and give us hope and confidence that we are never alone. As on the road to Emmaus, the Risen Lord Jesus is always beside us to guide and protect us, even when we walk through the dark valleys of life.

During the weeks of Lent, we have been preparing by our prayers, penances, works of charity and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ through our celebration of Holy Week and Easter. In the liturgies of 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 ultimately 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.

Be assured that you, your loved ones and your Councils will be remembered in my Easter Masses. I pray that you will have a blessed and grace-filled Holy Week and Easter.

Bishop Joseph Siegel  
State Chaplain

**STATE ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN Rev Chuck Tuttle**

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Sitting down and writing this letter the day following Ash Wednesday (a very frigid and snow covered ground day), I realize that by the time you read it, it will be close to (if not just after the beginning of) the Easter Season with its promise of warmth and growth of nature. Also a few very important events will have passed:

The 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in New York on February 22, 1900 and both the Northern and Southern Districts of the Marquette Province will have held their Exemplifications and welcomed new Fourth Degree members into the ranks (remember 82% of our members are potential Fourth Degree candidates).

The Illinois State Columbian Squires will have hosted their 43<sup>rd</sup> State Convention in Champaign at the Newman Center the weekend of March 20-22<sup>nd</sup> (and Councils intuitive enough to sponsor a Circle know the benefits of potential membership for their Council). Membership recruitment through Church Drives and direct invitations will be in high gear with the expectation of outstanding results (going beyond the one member, per council, per month).

Councils throughout the State will be preparing to send their delegations to the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention to be convened in Itasca the weekend of April 24-26<sup>th</sup> (for what will be a family, award-honoring, fun-filled, learning extravaganza).

Numerous Catechumens and Candidates will be receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church for the first time (primed as candidates for membership in the Order).

Parishes throughout our Jurisdiction will be celebrating First Holy Communions and Confirmations with their youth and couples will be preparing for a life-long journey of faithfulness together in Holy Matrimony (building the Domestic Church).

Students will be preparing for graduation and the next level of their educational journey (remember the graduating Seniors from high school and college would make excellent new recruits for your Council).

Sadly some of our loved ones who were with us on Ash Wednesday will have journeyed to their new home in heaven (let us remember to include our deceased members in the State Memoriam) and some families will be blessed with the expectation of a new birth (a new insurance policy would make a wonderful legacy for the future of the child).

Life is filled with many changes, challenges and celebrations – each affecting us differently and profoundly (facing all with passion, pride and performance).

As we prepare for the unknown of tomorrow and all that it will bring including its promise, possibilities and problems, let us realize that each moment is an opportunity for us to better the present, resolve the past and welcome the future with a faith that knows Jesus is with us on our journey.

Vivat Jesus

Father Chuck Tuttle



Associate State Chaplain

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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 2015-2016 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.

Just a reminder to all councils, please make sure all Supreme and State Per Capita, assessments are paid in full 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 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**

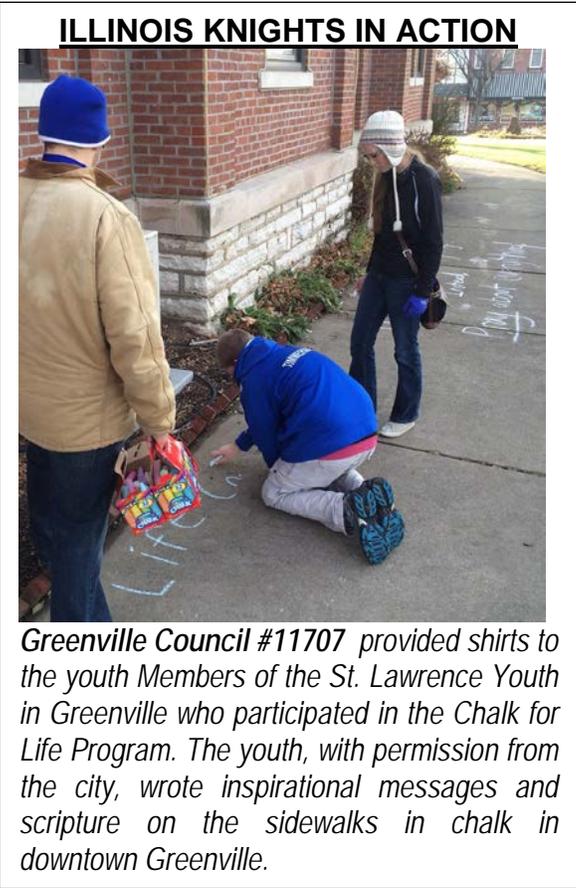
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It was only a couple of weekends ago that the Fourth Degree exemplification was held at the Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, and seven inches of snow fell Saturday night. Yesterday, March 16, it was 82 degrees here in O'Fallon. Spring has sprung forward along with the time change. Which means the state convention is at our doorstep and the fraternal year is in its final few months. Let's all work together and see this year through to a roaring success.

I hope all of you submitted your semi-annual audit, which was due on February 15. If your council's is not complete, please do so as soon as possible. The State Council officers will conduct their audit on March 28, following the Budget and Resolutions meeting in our offices in Kankakee. Also, our independent auditors recently delivered the annual audit for K of C Charities. Once again our operations were found to be in good order. We have dedicated personnel working in the state office to help us ensure are we in compliance with accepted accounting principles.

The office has been processing, and I have been signing, a number of ID checks in recent weeks. Our turnaround of checks this year seems to have gone fairly smoothly. There are still some requests left and we are working to get those in the mail as soon as possible. Thank you for all of your work this year to collect funds for ID and to submit your requests in a timely manner. We've have assisted many worthy organizations this year.

January 30 was an eventful and memorable day. Along with the other State Officers, I was privileged to witness His Eminence Francis Cardinal George be presented with the Gaudium et Spes Award by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in Chicago. It was truly a worthy honor for Cardinal George for all he has done for the Church and the order. Later that evening I attended the opening round of the Father O'Malley Invitational Basketball Tourney at Mundelein Seminary. Our Vocations Co-Chairman and his wife, PSD Ron and Diane Ziembra, invited me to attend with them and it could not have been a more enjoyable way to end a great day. If you get a chance, try to attend this event in the future which includes many seminarians from across the country. They play the game the way it should be – competitive and hard, yet sportsmanship and fellowship still reign supreme!



Finally, it is important that councils are up to date on their per capita so that your delegates can be seated at the state convention. If you have not paid, please do so today so that your delegates may participate in the state convention proceedings.

Linda and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Itasca!

Vivat Jesus!

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**Is your Council Ready for this Year's State Convention**  
**In Itasca?**

The State Convention is a time for councils to take *Pride* in their accomplishments over the last year. It is a time for councils to show their *Passion* for the Order and the State Council. It is the time councils are rewarded in many ways for their *Performance* and their dedication to the principles of our Great Order Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Do not let your council lose out on their opportunity to shine to be the best of the best because they failed to pay their State Per Capita, to pay their Insurance Premium, to send in their Delegate Cards, to have all their forms filled out and filed, and finally to fill out programming paperwork in each programming areas, by submitting the best council program in each area.

In order to be seated as a Delegate to the convention the State and Supreme per capita must be paid and current. Any councils not current will not be seated for the convention. Council may check with their District Deputy or the State office at 815-935-2262 to find out if they are current with their State Per-capita.

This is also the time of year that councils can push to achieve the ultimate award by June 30, 2014 that being Start Council; by achieving their membership goals, their insurance goals and fill out their Columbian Award Form (SP-7). There is a new Supreme Council Program where council who achieve the Star Council Award will receive a rebate of \$ 4.50 per billable member of the council; i.e. 100 would be a credit of \$ 450.00 dollars on your Supreme per capita billing.

The convention promises to be a great convention (see details on the State Web site [illinoisknights.org](http://illinoisknights.org)) There will be all kinds of events for all members of the family, along with a prize raffle, several pray services, a Convention Mass and much much more. Do not let your council miss out on all the fun make your plans to attend this year's State Convention, in Itasca, Illinois today.

Do not forget to get your Hotel Reservations in by April 5, 2014.

Shelly and I hope to see you at the convention please come up to our hospitality suite and join us in a toast to all your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus.



*Holy Trinity Council 4400's Grand Knight Shane Gordan and members of the council present a \$3500 check from the proceeds of the annual Intellectually Disabled Drive to Kristi Hartz of Cornerstone.*

## *Hope see you all at this Year's State Convention*

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Frank Schwartz Jr., State Advocate*

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Spring is in the air. Flowers are starting to poke up from the ground and the birds are starting to sing. This can mean only one thing: the State Convention is just around the corner. May I recommend that you and your Brother Knights plan on attending. Come as a council and share ideas with Brother Knights from around the state. Also submit your Council newsletter and scrap books. Let everyone in the State know of all your Council's good works. These items will also be judged and plaques awarded. Imagine the pride your Council will have when the members are presented with these awards. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Itasca April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>.

Spring is also the time of the year when councils start many of their outdoor activities. Easter egg hunts, soccer, council picnics, etc. Remember to invite families from your Parish to attend and let them experience the good works of the Knights. Use these programs to recruit the fathers into the Order. Invite them to share in this experience of helping their community. Many men go their entire lives wanting to join the Knights of Columbus but do not because no one ever asked them to join. So remember; JUST ASK THEM!

The GOAL of each and every council is to become a Star Council. There are still three months left in the Fraternal Year to achieve this status. As your council reviews this past year's good works and plans for Fraternal Year 2015-2016 just think about how much more your council could do with more men and Brother Knights working together. Use these last three months to grow your council and reach for the Stars. It will surprise you how far it will take you next year.

Vivat Jesus,

*Steve*

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### **Celebrating Columbianism with *Passion, Pride and Performance***

Our fraternal year is like a continuous and adventurous journey because our very core mission of service to Church, community, and those in need has a continuous need. So many brother knights demonstrate how they practice our Faith in an un-paralleled passion for charity both financially and through acts of kindness. I am convinced that our founder, the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, looks down upon us from the heavens with great pride in what we do as Knights of Columbus in our communities and throughout the world. We, Illinois Knights of Columbus, all 73,000 of us, share in fellowship and a rare fraternal bond a brotherhood with Knights throughout the world. Our pride is directed to the God we love as we focus on Him in all that we do as individual knights and collectively. A few programs that I like to refer to as legacy programs in Illinois were created by great leaders who came before us and continue to this very day! These include support to Newman Campus ministry; seminarians and seminaries, those with intellectual disabilities and particularly our Group Home Loan program; Special Olympics, and many more! These and countless other activities contribute to our passion for the Knights of Columbus mission and the pride we all share in the long-serving support that these programs provide to strengthen our Faith and to help those in need. The remarkable accomplishment that we may boast about is that we prevail in our endeavors even through adversity and the challenges of our times. Our successes in meeting our mission is a hallmark of Illinois Knights of Columbus' great history even including the Great Depression; two world wars; and, societal changes that

seemingly focus on the material aspects of the society in which we live in. Nevertheless, Illinois Knights have led the way holding firmly to those values and principles that we share with the Holy See. That is what makes us as an organization 'In Union with the Holy See' forming the compass of who we are and what we are all about. Today's challenges are not the same as those of the past; and, our resolve must be no different than those times in which we prevailed. We can and must draw from our past successes to forge ahead in meeting those challenges of today and tomorrow!

Each year as we gather in convention as a fraternal family, my family and I look forward to joining with old friends and meeting new ones. It is a great opportunity for recharging our batteries with like-minded families sharing experiences and ideas. What a wonderful part of our fraternal journey celebrating successes; and, we look forward to meeting you at the Westin Hotel in Itasca in April! Our journey continues even as we gather as a family. The question to ask each other is, why wouldn't we want to continue to ask others to join our family to become a better husband, father, and indeed Catholic? Convention is a time to recharge our batteries; make new friends; get new insights and ideas; and, have some fun!

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*Pictured are Troy Council # 9266 Deputy Grand Knight John Ansley presenting a check to Lisa Bethington, Executive Director of NAMI.*

With April comes the exciting month for youth activities with the Free Throw and the Spelling Bee Contest State Finals on April 11, 2015. The Free Throw Finals take place at Chatham Glenwood High School, 1501 E Plummer Blvd., Chatham, with the Spelling Bee Finals taking place at Glenwood Intermediate School, 465 Chatham Road, Chatham. More information can be found on the State website [www.illinoisknights.org](http://www.illinoisknights.org) under the Program tab.

The convention is also upon us. Awards being presented during the convention include the State Deputy Achievement Awards, Rising Star Awards, Knight and Family of the Year, Newsletter, Scrapbook and Public Relations Awards and Program Activity Awards in the 6 Categories of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth.

The Convention is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. It also offers you the chance to see and hear what other councils are doing and to share ideas with each other. I hope you make an effort to attend and that you enjoy the fellowship it offers.

After the Convention we will be nearing the end of the fraternal year. Some council's tend to ease up and coast a little during this time. But it is important to resist this temptation. These may in fact be the most important two months of the year for your council. This is the time to finish strong with your programming, keeping an eye on what your council can achieve with the Spirit of Illinois Award program since the final tally takes place at the end of the Fraternal Year, June 30.

There are still things to accomplish with Year Around Programs such as RSVP, Ultrasound, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, and Wheelchair Program. The Blood Donor Program needs a push because it is running behind last year; to date we have 3,213 units donated from 36 councils with Diocese counts of **Belleville-220, Chicago-205, Joliet-1306, Peoria-181, Rockford-792, and Springfield-509**. So with two months left it's time to come out of our winter hibernation reinvigorated to have a strong finish to this Fraternal Year remembering that ***Every Program is a Membership Recruitment Opportunity.***

Roundtables are ahead of last year's number of 51 but our goal in Illinois is to have 150 round tables. We have 213 councils that show having 2 or more parishes that they support but as of the end of February, only 86 councils have sent in the **Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629)** which is required to be filed with Supreme every year even if the Coordinator has not changed. I ask every council that supports more than one parish to review if the **(Form #2629)** was submitted as required by Supreme this past year. If you find that the 2629 was not filed, or if you're not sure, please send the form in as soon as possible.

*Bob*

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Worthy Brothers:

As the 40 days of our Lenten journey of fasting, prayer and alms giving rapidly draws to a close, we look forward to the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. This is the very core of our faith, inspiring hope and devotion in us all. Our faith is the foundation of our Order. Like-minded catholic men are inspired by faith to give of themselves for the betterment of their community, their parish and for those with more challenges than themselves. As knights we band together to help bring hope to those on the fringes who are often cast aside by an ever more secular society. We are called to be part of the new evangelization by living out the gospel values in our daily lives. Many of our new members are drawn to join our ranks because of our community, church, and family programs and our charitable outreach. Many more men are still out there just waiting to be asked! Before Easter arrives take time to visit with your parish RCIA class and let them know the many benefits of becoming part of the Knights. Easter is just around the corner and they could be some of your newest recruits.

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this fraternal year. It is time to evaluate your plan to become a Star Council. Are you  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the path to Star? Is it catch-up time on Membership or Insurance goals? Work with your District Deputy, Field Agent and Pastor to take advantage of every Opportunity to succeed! In April-May-June, we ask that you engage your Pastor by utilizing the "Father Wants You" Membership Campaign. We encourage continued recruitment and ask that you hold first degrees monthly throughout the last quarter in honor of Cardinal George, Archbishop Emeritus of Chicago.

The 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention is scheduled for April 24-26 at the Westin Hotel in Itasca. This is a great opportunity to join with your brother knights and ladies to celebrate the good works and accomplishments of the past year. It's a time to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends. It can be a time for education at a lunch and learn opportunity. Come and see the program fair which highlights many of the programs sponsored by the State and exchange ideas on unique programs within your own council. Together Everyone Achieves More. Meet, greet, and share the fraternity that is the Knights of Columbus. Share Mass and the State Deputy's Banquet as a family. Come help select the men who will lead us in the future. We come together just once a year so please gather a group from your council and come share the experience!

Jalayne and I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and blessed Easter season. We also look forward to seeing you at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!  
Erik Lockett

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Brother Knights,

Can you believe it? By the time you read this newsletter, three-quarters of the 2014-2015 fraternal year will be history. I don't know about you, but the fraternal year seems to be flying by at a NASCAR pace! However, the RACE is not yet over! But, it is time for a PIT STOP, and, the State Convention is almost here.



Yes, the State Convention is your opportunity for a PIT STOP as you finish your RACE to the FINISH LINE. It is amazing to hear the number of Council's absent from the State Convention each year. The State Convention is a time to have some fun, take STOCK (car) of where we are and time to re-energize ourselves and our Council's for the final SPRINT of the fraternal year. This is a time to come together for Unity and Fraternity; a time to share with your Brother Knights and their families. I encourage all Grand Knights and elected delegates to attend the convention and represent your Council. Use the State Convention wisely. Sign-up for a KC Academy and learn about being a better Officer or conducting a better meeting. Attend the Program Fair and gather information on our many State Programs & Charities. Attend the open sessions and hear about the great programs and works that have been done this fraternal year; and the opportunity we still have to complete more. And, take the opportunity to participate in the State business meeting. The State Council is YOU, the Councils! Be a part of our great State Council and participate!

A NASCAR RACE is only as good as the CREW CHIEF & DRIVER behind the wheel. Worthy Grand Knights, you are the CREW CHIEF for your Council; and Membership Directors, you are the DRIVERS of your Councils. Your membership is the PIT CREW. However, it takes a coordinated effort to make the RACE a success. Working together in Unity you can achieve your MEMBERSHIP, PROGRAMMING & CHARITABLE goals. It's never too late to put the PEDAL to the metal. With only 3-months left, the WHITE FLAG is out and it is an all-out SPRINT to the FINISH LINE & CHECKERED FLAG.

We were given three words at the beginning of the fraternal year by our State Deputy to help guide us through his fraternal term, PASSION – PRIDE –PERFORMANCE. Have you, your Council, been applying these three words to your charitable activities this fraternal year? Has your Council carried out our First Principle of the Order, Charity? Has your Council shown the PRIDE to get involved and do what is right? And, has your Council shown by its PERFORMANCE the Passion & Pride to meet and even exceed its state charitable goals?

Has your Council been passing the GAF can around at every meeting? And if so, and more importantly, have you sent in your monies? As we have seen in the past, a disaster can happen at any time and in the blink of an eye. Will we have the funds available to help next time? Only by Council's participating in the GAF fund and sending in the monies will we be able to assist those in need.

Have you sent in your 2014 ID monies? Did you meet your goal? If not, there is still time to hold a breakfast or dinner and raise a few more funds towards your goal. The 2015 Intellectual Disabilities Drive is not too far off, scheduled for September 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Have you assigned your 2015 ID Chairman; and begun to inquire about places to collect? There will be a number of summer games and events that through your support can add dollars to our ID Drive. Be sure to check out the flyers and attend one of the games and enjoy some fraternity or family time.

Have you sent in your Newman pledge? Have you encouraged the members of your Council to do so? The program only remains Number 1, if you participate. Let's make sure that our young adults will have a Catholic center to feel welcome at when they are away from home. A Newman Center provides a home away from home.

Has your Council completed a Pro-Life project or fundraiser to promote the Culture of Life and help meet your charitable goal? Did you send in your Puzzle Program monies? Consider conducting a Baby Shower or Baby Bottle Change Drive. With the monies raised, send in your Pro-Life goal and donate to a local pregnancy center; or support an Ultrasound Initiative.

The Vocations Raffle drawing may have been in December, but a new Vocations raffle is ready to begin. Have you sent your Vocations Raffle ticket order to the Vocations Chairman to have delivered to you at the State Convention? If not, why not? What easier way to meet your Vocations Support Fund goal; and support the very men who will one day be our Priests. Let's not let them down. Let's get those orders for raffle tickets sent in; and pick them up at the State Convention. The Vocations Chairman would love to prepare a box or envelope of raffle tickets for every Council in the State. Let's make it happen for them!

Brothers, too often it seems that the State Convention signals the end of the fraternal year. But, it should be used to ENERGIZE us and MOTIVATE us to FINISH LINE with a flurry! Times are tough, that is why charitable giving and programs are more important than ever. We have three months left. What will you and your Council do with them?

I hope to see everyone at the State Convention. And, keep on RACING!

Fraternally,

Jeff Peters  
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With the approaching of the State Convention I would like to remind you that the submittals for the State Public Relations Contest must be submitted to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The form can be found on the State Web site. The winners will be awarded at the Convention. As for the Newsletter Contest, Band one year of your newsletters together and bring them to the State Convention's Country Store. There will be a table that you can put them on as well as scrap books for the scrap book contest. Feel free to come and page through the submittals. The judging will be on Saturday at noon and the winners will be announced either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Awards will be presented at a later date.

Reminder: At the Country store credit cards are not accepted. We will take a personal check but Cash works best.

In this newsletter you will see boxes with Illinois Knights in Action which are submitted by the membership. I apologize for omissions of submittals but I do try and vary the activities to show as many council, assemblies and type of activities as possible. I am also limited by the number I can put in due to space constrictions. I do hope that as well as sending these activities to our newsletter you also send them to Supreme and your local newspapers. Your activity may be the fuel to attract new members.

Vivat Jesus,

*Bob*

**ILLINOIS KNIGHTS IN ACTION**



*The Egyptian Collectors Association held their semi-annual hunting and trade show at Effingham Council # 1949 who supplied their Hall. Pictured: Lt to Rt. Greg Koester representing Catholic Charities is given a donation of \$300 to Ron Miller of ECA, from the profits earned. Bill Althoff of Effingham Council looks on.*

## **ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL OFFICE Denny, Donna & Vicki**

This fraternal year is rapidly coming to an end and with the 117<sup>TH</sup> Annual State Convention right around the corner, things are a bit chaotic. Vicki continues to log in all the reports as we receive them. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FORMS!**

The convention is coming and it sounds like the place to be, the last weekend in April! Unfortunately those councils that have not paid their State or Supreme 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 in this regard is greatly appreciated.

One final reminder to Council officers, your council has worked hard this year. Don't forget to submit your Spirit of Illinois [IL-SP7] to the State Office and Supreme forms [such as the SP-7, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form #1728, Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics Form #4584, and Semiannual Council Audit Report Form #1295] to the appropriate entity at Supreme, with copies to the State Office. 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 State Convention are "members 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 distribution to delegates at the convention provided the credential cards are in our hands no later than 12:00 Noon on April 20<sup>th</sup>!

For those holding state level positions, hopefully, you have been preparing your convention reports. All reports to be published in the 117<sup>th</sup> Illinois State Convention Report Book, **MUST BE RECEIVED** in the State Office by March 23rd! We anticipate that all programs will be well represented in this year's Convention Report book.

Looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention, April 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, in Itasca.

### **Protect Your Family with Knights of Columbus Insurance**

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

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

<b>Council #</b>	<b>First Name, M.I.</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Positions Held</b>	<b>Years as Member</b>
2869	Brother Knight Henry	Albers		63
1098	Brother Knight Jose F	Alegre		6
282	Brother Knight Jozef	Bafia		6
731	Sir Knight Warren	Behr	P.G.K.	58
14649	Brother Steven S.	Berg		5
4338	Sir Knight Irvin	Blaszynski	P.G.K., C.M.	58
790	Brother Knight Laurence T.	Corrigan		63
1098	Brother Knight Herman C	Cruse		22
3789	Sir Knight John W.	Curtner	P.G.K., P.F.N.	62
11981	Brother Knight Joe	Drahos		11
2869	Brother Knight Joseph	Eilers		17
6165	Brother Knight John G - "Jack"	Fields		34
790	Brother Knight Ervin J.	Harcharik		32
790	Sir Knight Francis A. "Bud"	Hatzer		59
7331	Brother Raymond	Hudash		13
2869	Brother Knight Gerald	Huelskamp		67
14649	Brother Robert A.	Ineich		6
11981	Sir Knight Thomas R.	Jensen		10
5081	Sir Knight Dellas "Jack"	LaFond	P.G.K.	34
790	Brother Knight Howard E.	Lopeman		58
4698	Sir Knight James	McCarthy		28
658	Sir Knight John F.	Meenan		49
658	Brother Knight David F.	Naab		22
1098	Sir Knight Jerry J	Pieper		25
2869	Brother Knight Aloysius	Rascher		67
2869	Brother Knight Rudolph	Richter		71
1057	Sir Knight Frank J.	Roytek	P.G.K., P.F.N.	72
3761	Brother Rev. James M.	Sayers	Chaplain	47
2932	Brother Knight Marvin, D.	Schulte		11
2932	Brother Knight Mark	Schwalenberg		15
11981	Sir Knight Dr. Gerald	Smith		18
790	Brother Knight Eugene W.	Washko		28
2932	Brother Knight Joseph, B.	Weisenfeld		18
2932	Brother Knight Victor, J.	Wobbe		57
6165	Brother Knight James M	Zoeller		63