

## **Highlights November 20 State Officer Meeting-O'Fallon, Illinois**

On the weekend of November 20, 2010, the state officers met in O'Fallon, Illinois to address the business of the Illinois State Council and Illinois Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. The following are highlights from those meetings:

- The State Deputy invited two district deputies from the area to attend our meeting: Brothers Rich Koerkenmierer and Joe Obernuefemann were observers and guests.
- The Christmas newsletter is at the printer for timely release.
- The state directory is now completed and being mailed in CD format.
- The state office staff was short help with the retirement of Mary Muller and the resignation of Sue. Office manager, Mike Herbst, hired a temporary help until permanent hire is made.
- State Secretary presented minutes of the prior meetings which were approved and the state team reviewed status of action items.
- The State Secretary reported completion of draft proceedings from the 2010 convention which the officers were asked to review for completeness and correction by December 13, 2010. The State Secretary will be releasing a letter to the membership once finalized and will advise as to the availability of the final proceedings report.
- State Treasurer Kinyon reported on our Illinois State Council and Charities Inc accounts being balanced. He also provided an update on assets of both ISC and Charities Inc. As might be expected investment interest is down due to the economy.
- The State Advocate continues to receive various reports on council issues ranging from member conduct to decisions on regulations pertaining to Home Associations.
- The State Program Director, Ted Stites, reported on participation and reporting on Illinois Spirit and program of the month activities. He is looking for ways to streamline the processes while keeping the spirit of its use as a planning tool.
- 500 coats were purchased as part of the Supreme Council "Coats for Kids" program and will be distributed to needy children in the Belleville diocese under a diocesan program there; the purchase was made from the GAF Fund. Supreme Council donated an additional 500 coats to be distributed in the Chicago area. Last year coats were distributed in the Joliet and Rockford dioceses.
- The State Squires held their annual retreat in O'Fallon.
- State Membership Director, Steve Mann, reported on a special meeting held in Breese, Illinois regarding recruitment and retention techniques. There was an open discussion and most all district deputies attended. He plans to take this forum around to the other dioceses with hopes of assisting districts and councils succeed in their recruiting approaches.

- Supreme Director, Logan Ludwig, reported on proposed changes being considered to make degrees more accessible and more easily conducted throughout jurisdictions.
- The State Deputy reported on his attendance to the November state deputies meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. He shared a number of strategic approaches to help jurisdictions succeed at the core mission of the Knights of Columbus.