Supreme Knight’s Award Session
124th Annual Supreme Council Meeting — Orlando, Florida

In Service to One. In Service to All.
‘EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME’
2005 - 06 Membership Campaign

During the 2005-06 fraternal year each Knight was charged with the task of sharing the “Experience of a Lifetime” with other Catholic men.

During the past fraternal year, all recipients received 500 recruitment reward points for every new or re-admitted member they recruited into the Order. These points are redeemable for Knights of Columbus merchandise through the Supreme Council Promotional and Gift Department. Points were awarded to 16,153 recruiters.

‘VIP’ CLUB

Since 1972, the Order’s “VIP” (“Very Important Proposers”) Club has recognized exceptional recruiters, members who have made it their mission to share the experience of Columbianism with every eligible Catholic man they meet.

Membership in the “VIP” Club is open to any Knight who recruits at least two new members and properly reports them to the Supreme Council office. Club members advance through the ranks as they recruit new Knights. Membership in the “VIP” Club as of June 30, 2006, stood at 89,870 Knights. They have accounted for 586,567 members recruited over the years. To date, 30 Knights have reached the 200-members-recruited level; three have reached the 300-member level and five Very Important Proposers have each recruited 400 new Knights. We also have three brother Knights at or above the 500-member level.

Jurisdictions with the most “VIP” Club members are:
- Luzon......................7,144
- Texas......................5,441
- New York...............4,736
- Michigan................4,288
- California.................4,321
- New Jersey.............3,358

TOP RECRUITER

The Order’s top recruiter for the 2005-06 fraternal year has been awarded a trip to this Supreme convention.

This year we honor a recruiter who proposed 142 new members into the Order last fraternal year and recruited another 119 Knights this year. This brother Knight played a major role in his council’s membership success this year, as the council surpassed its membership net goal by 353 percent.

Would Ohio State Deputy and Mrs. Gerard Eckstein please escort Mr. and Mrs. Steve Drotar from Loyalty Council 2661 in Lima, Ohio, to the stage to be recognized as this year’s top recruiter for the Order.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES AWARDS

This past year our official youth organization, the Columbian Squires, reached an all-time high in the number of active circles. Four jurisdictions led the Order’s growth.

Luzon achieved the greatest gain in Squires membership recruitment, posting a net gain of 2,018 Squires to end the fraternal year with 11,414 members. In recognition of this achievement, would Luzon Deputy Rodolfo C. Magsino, come forward to accept his award and one on behalf of Luzon Squires Chairman Virgilio M. Manalac Jr.

Visayas also helped grow the Columbian Squires this year. Squires there recruited a net of 1,129 new members, thus leading the Order with a percentage net gain in membership of 83 percent. Visayas also had a net gain of nine circles, tying for the highest net gain in circles in the Order.

The Order’s top recruiter for the 2005-06 fraternal year is New Jersey Deputy and Mrs. Larry J. Tabor.

We have two awards for Visayas Deputy Eduard Laczi and Visayas Squires Chairman Weneslao Anzaon Canete. Would Visayas Deputy Laczi come forward to accept these awards for yourself and your Squires chairman.

Ontario, also with nine new circles, tied with Visayas for net gain in circles. In recognition of this achievement, would Ontario State Deputy Natale L. Gallo and Immediate Past State Deputy John P. Clancey come forward to accept awards for the Ontario jurisdiction and Paul J. Crawford, state Squires chairman.

Finally, Connecticut led the Order with a 40 percent net gain in new circles. In recognition of this achievement, would Connecticut State Deputy Phil Guerrette and Immediate Past State Deputy Robert A. Goossens come forward to accept awards on behalf of the Connecticut Knights and State Squires Chairman Thomas W. Onze.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

New council development, council reactivation and round tables continue to be the foundation of the Order’s growth and our goal to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish.

During the past fraternal, 3,751 round tables were established, 249 new councils were instituted and 103 councils were reactivated.

A state deputy attaining the new council development quota for his jurisdiction receives the Supreme Knight’s New Council Development Award. This plaque bears a replica of the jewel of office for the state deputy and lists the councils instituted during the fraternal year.

I ask that each state deputy and his wife please come forward as his name is called:

Arizona, 100 percent [four councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Michael H. Kingman

Colorado, 100 percent [four councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Jerald E. Nothstine

Florida, 100 percent [10 councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Robert W. Read

Iowa, 100 percent [three councils] — Past State Deputy and Mrs. James L. Chambers

Mississippi, 100 percent [two councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Larry J. Tabor

Nebraska, 100 percent [three councils] — Past State Deputy and Mrs. John F. Melena

Nova Scotia, 100 percent [two councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Charles A. MacAulay

Virginia, 100 percent [three councils] — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Michael J. Lazzuri

Texas, 117 percent [14 councils] — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Leo E. Hanus
Councils are: Macguire Council 3851 in West Covina, California. than 200 percent of its membership net gain. Council 7275 attain Star Council status, it attained more New Haven this fall. Richard Wild of Holy Cross Council 7275 in Lafayette, Donald L. Frontenot, to escort Grand Knight and Mrs. L. Greenbelt, Maryland and Stephen M. Johnson — Father Seattle; Austin L. Conaty — St. Hugh Council 10885 in Councils are: Michael D. Cowan — Father Sullivan Council 11217 in Pennsylvania, 133 percent [16 councils] — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Joseph S. Yourish Mindanao, 147 percent [22 councils] — Deputy and Mrs. Ernesto B. San Juan Nevada, 150 percent [three councils] — State Deputy and Mrs. Wayne E. Bieniasz Luzon, 170 percent [34 councils] — Deputy and Mrs. Rodolfo C. Magsino Visayas, 300 percent [30 councils] — Deputy and Mrs. Eduardo G. Laczi CENTURY CLUB Councils that add 100 members or more over their suspensions and withdrawals earn the Order’s Century Club Award. This year seven councils qualified for the Century Club Award, with a total of 832 new members. This year’s Century Club Award winners are:

- Council 2661 Lima, Ohio — 173 members
- Council 7148 Banar Union, Luzon — 126
- Council 10104 Abang Balaiug, Luzon — 114
- Council 8250 West Point, New York — 112
- Council 3476 Seafor, New York — 105
- Council 10202 Labason, Mindanao — 101
- Council 7396 Asturias Cebu, Visayas — 102

This is the second year in a row that Council 2661 has earned the Century Club Award.

COUNCIL AWARDS

The Star Council Award is among the Order’s highest honors. It is given out to councils that excel in membership growth, insurance promotion, and charitable and fraternal programs through our “Surge...with Service” program. For the year ending June 30, 2006, fraternal year 1,366 councils were named Star Council. As a special incentive for those grand knights whose councils attained Star Council status their names were entered into a drawing for four incentive trips for their efforts. The grand prize drawing was a trip for the grand knight and his wife to this week’s Supreme convention. The runner-up grand knights will receive a trip to New Haven this fall.

At this time I would ask Past State Deputy and Mrs. Donald J. Cubbage, along with State Deputy and Mrs. Donald L. Frontenot, to escort Grand Knight and Mrs. L. Richard Wild of Holy Cross Council 7275 in Lafayette, Louisiana, to the stage to be recognized. Not only did Council 7275 attain Star Council status, it attained more than 200 percent of its membership net gain.

The grand knights who won the trips to New Haven are: Michael D. Cowan — Father Sullivan Council 11217 in Seattle; Austin L. Conaty — St. Hugh Council 10885 in Greenbelt, Maryland and Stephen M. Johnson — Father Macguire Council 3851 in West Covina, California.

The five jurisdictions with the highest number of Star Councils are: Texas.......................123
Michigan.......................67

A total of 1,079 councils earned the Father McGivney Award, which recognizes outstanding recruitment and retention efforts.

A total of 346 councils won the Founders’ Award, which is earned for excellence in insurance promotion and attainment of the council’s insurance quota.

The Columbian Award is presented to councils that have shown an outstanding effort in conducting at least 20 Service Program activities [four each in Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth]. It was earned by 1,488 councils.

STAR DISTRICT AWARDS

The Star District Award goes to district deputies attaining 100 percent or more of their district’s membership and insurance quotas. A total of 520 district deputies qualified for the Star District Award during the 2005-2006 fraternal year. Award winners receive a wall plaque with a Star District medallion.

Additionally, all district deputies that attained Star District status during the fraternal year were entered into a drawing for a grand prize trip to this Supreme convention or runner-up trips to New Haven. District deputies had increased opportunities to win a trip by having councils in their district earn Star Council.

At this time I would ask Michigan Past State Deputy and Mrs. Kevin D. MacFarland Sr. along with State Deputy and Mrs. Tom Wegener to escort District Deputy and Mrs. Dean Hartenburg to the stage to be recognized for leading the councils in his district so successfully this year.

District deputies who won the trip to New Haven are: Charles Baker — District 1, Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 in Sparks, Nevada.
Joseph Sendelback — District 8, Saint Catherine of Sienna Council 11234 in Wake Forest, North Carolina.
Brian Schatz — District 2, Resurrection Council 13214 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The following jurisdictions had the highest number of Star District winners:

- Luzon ...................... 98
- Visayas .................... 62
- Mindanao ................. 57
- Texas ....................... 37
- California ................ 22

EVERY COUNCIL ACTIVE

The aim of our Every Council Active program is to have every council bring in at least one new member during the fraternal year. During the 2005-06 fraternal year, 9,826 councils met this goal. Unfortunately, a total of 3,481 councils failed to achieve this goal. This is an an increase of 298 councils over last fraternal year. Every Council Active is a program that deserves our highest attention this fraternal year.
CIRCLE OF HONOR

The Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor Award recognizes a state deputy’s performance based on achievement of 100 percent or more of his net gain quota for the fraternal year. Winners of the Circle of Honor will be guests of the board of directors at the Hilton Cancun Golf and Spa Resort in Cancun, Mexico this winter.

When state deputies surpass 125 percent their fraternal year quota they receive a Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor ring based on their attainment level. Those attaining 125 percent receive a base-style ring; those attaining 150 percent receive a ring with side diamonds; and those attaining 175 percent receive the aforementioned ring with side diamonds and a center-set diamond. State deputies who attain at least 125 percent of their quota are also able to invite their state membership director and his wife to join them on the Circle of Honor trip.

Would each state deputy and his wife come forward as their name is called and be recognized for their accomplishments in the Supreme Knight’s Circle of Honor:

150 PERCENT to 175 PERCENT
* Texas with 169 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Leo E. Hanus
Florida with 165 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Robert Read
* Mexico Central-South with 153 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Manuel Lanz-Novelo

125 PERCENT to 149 PERCENT
Georgia with 148 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. John M. Brenner
* Visayas with 129 percent
Deputy and Mrs. Eduard G. Laczi

100 PERCENT to 124 PERCENT
* Michigan with 123 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Kevin D. MacFarland Sr.
* California with 123 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gary V. Nelson
* Mexico North with 118 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gildardo Estrada-Loya
District of Columbia with 116 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Peter D. Gervais
* Pennsylvania with 113 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Joseph S. Yourish
New Jersey with 111 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Reginald F. Beckett
Arizona with 110 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Michael H. Kingman
Colorado with 108 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Jerald E. Nothstine
Tennessee with 108 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Martin E. O’Haver
* Missouri with 106 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. Ronald L. Wood
Ohio with 105 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Gerard E. Eckstein
Delaware with 104 percent
Past State Deputy and Mrs. James Gardner
* Mindanao with 104 percent
Deputy and Mrs. Ernesto San Juan
Washington with 100 percent
State Deputy and Mrs. Karl A. Hadley

— Denotes a consecutive-year winner

INSURANCE AWARDS

The Order’s insurance program is an integral part of Father McGivney’s vision for our organization. It is only proper, then, that we now recognize outstanding performances by our general agents and field agents.

These men make it their business to provide the life insurance protection our members and their families need. The men of our field force are devoted and concerned advisers, trained to be of service to their brother Knights and their families. They are second-to-none in their willingness to help a fellow member learn how our top-rated products can protect him and his family.

Here with us at this convention are four representatives of that field force: our two leading general agents and the two leading field agents for the calendar year 2005. They are special guests of the Order’s Board of Directors in recognition of their outstanding performance and as representatives of all the fine work performed by their fellow agents.

The two leading general agents are:
Marc Bouchard of Alberta — He met 240 percent of his quota with a volume per member of $14,476. His total gross volume was $219,974,000.
Gilles Duval of Ontario — He met 234 percent of his quota with a volume per member of $7,585. His total gross volume was $82,650,000.

Would Marc and Diana Bouchard and Gilles and Carole Duval please come forward to receive their awards and our congratulations.

We also would like to pay tribute to the eight general agents who, with Marc and Gilles, were our top 10 producers in 2005.

They are:
General Agent/Jurisdiction | Volume Per Member | Percent of Quota | Total Gross Volume
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Wallace (Don) Gould (California) | $9,279 | 203 percent | $92,368,000
Robert S. Marlowe Jr. (Maryland) | $8,812 | 182 percent | $122,915,000
Jean-Guy Lalonde (Ontario) | $7,620 | 169 percent | $142,995,000
Joseph Vender Buhs (British Columbia) | $9,682 | 161 percent | $94,274,000
Harry J. Canter [Maryland, D.C., Virginia] | $8,030 | 157 percent | $120,997,000
Thomas (Tony) Rangel (Texas) | $7,520 | 147 percent | $90,208,000
Jerald Pitzer (California, Nevada) | $9,150 | 144 percent | $187,726,000
Kevin Pfeifer (Nebraska) | $7,681 | 138 percent | $171,835,000

Our two leading field agents were Benito Baca III of the Gould Agency in California and Daniel R. Dean of the Bouchard Agency in Alberta.

Brother Baca met 548 percent of his quota with a volume per member of $31,169 and total gross volume of $33,551,000.

Brother Dean met 435 percent of his quota with a volume per member of $29,862 and a total gross volume of $29,832,000.

Would both men and their wives come forward to receive their awards.

Rounding out the 2005 top 10 list of field agents are:

Field Agent/Jurisdiction | Volume Per Member | Percent of Quota | Total Gross Volume
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Gregory Miskiman (Bouchard Agency, Alberta) | $16,381 | 388 percent | $13,269,000
John Stoeckinger (Pitzer Agency, Nevada) | $16,701 | 377 percent | $13,444,000
Anthony Swanson (Pfeifer Agency, Nebraska) | $18,963 | 353 percent | $15,872,000
Michael Myre (Lalone Agency, Ontario) | $9,963 | 322 percent | $10,531,000
Norman Duhamel (Duval Agency, Ontario) | $11,605 | 316 percent | $9,899,000
Joseph Q. Wolf Jr. (Supak Agency, Texas) | $18,064 | 300 percent | $16,655,000
Robert Abbate (Choate Agency, Virginia) | $34,225 | 297 percent | $32,685,000
Douglas Kelly (Pfeifer Agency, Nebraska) | $18,983 | 288 percent | $15,528,000

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

In addition to those general and field agents listed as leaders, a special achievement award in the form of an engraved plaque is presented to all agents who equal or exceed 100 percent of their assigned quota for the calendar year. In 2005, 27 general agents and 241 field agents earned this award.

**AGENCY INCENTIVE AWARD**

It is also customary to reward our top producing general and field agents through an incentive award program at the end of each year. The 2005 award was a weeklong trip to Dublin and Killarney, Ireland. Taking the trip last year were 35 general agents and assistant general agents, and 167 field agents along with their wives.

**SUPREME KNIGHT’S SALES CLUB**

In 2005, the top 22 general agents and top 71 field agents were recognized as members of the Supreme Knight’s Sales Club. All received attractive lapel pins with an appropriate diamond inset, in addition to an extra night in Ireland. Two general agents qualified for the 18th consecutive year.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS**

As Knights we take to heart the words “He is with us.” He is with us in the Eucharist and he is with us when we are charitable. Nowhere is this more evident than in these award-winning volunteer charitable and fraternal service programs. The Order’s “Surge…with Service” program encourages Knights to respond to the needs of their local parish, their communities, their council, their families, and young people. The councils whose activities are highlighted here excelled in service this past fraternal year.

The winning programs were chosen from entries judged the best in their respective jurisdictions. Reports of all state council winners were submitted to the Supreme Council office for judging. The grand knights and wives from the first-place councils have been invited to this convention as guests of the Order’s Board of Directors. Second- and third-place finishers in each category will receive appropriate recognition from the Supreme Council. We will now recognize the top finishers in Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth Activities.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Everyone has heard of a steeplechase. How about a “steeple chase” to raise funds for a new church steeple? In the case of St. Joseph’s Church in Winchester, Kentucky—about 20 miles from the horse raising capital of Lexington — the local Knights came to the aid. Having to raise $150,000 in one year, Msgr. Danz Council 2459 had its work cut out for it.
They had the manpower: Out of the roughly 350 families in St. Joseph’s Church, 106 of the men were members of the council, and 72 members participated in this project. And they had the council’s devotion: The Knights put in 524 manhours to realize this dream. They had a humorous theme: “This is our church; this is our steeple; help us rebuild, before it falls on the people!” The Knights donated $30,000 and challenged the parish community to beat it...hence the “steeple chase.” The Knights gave the parish many opportunities to fund the project — from the usual fish fries and auctions to a black-tie event. For their part the Knights issued a statewide “Shopping for Shingles” drive in which councils were asked to buy shingles at $20 each. When the year’s fund-raising was done, the goal of $150,000 was met.

We ask State Deputy Dannie Harris and his wife Sheila, along with Immediate Past State Deputy Gerald T. Roof and his wife Patricia, to accompany Grand Knight and Mrs. Jim Barlow to the stage to accept the award on behalf of Council 2459.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In the heart of Casuntingan, Mandaue City, Visayas, during the rainy season most houses were flooded due to the poor drainage system in the surrounding area. For 20 years, residents lived in fear because during each flood, emergency vehicles had no way to access this part of the town. Officials were unable to provide funding due to legal complexities. Thankfully, the Knights of Gethesmane Council 13515 could help. They negotiated with the city and local land owners to devise and construct an emergency access road and drainage system. Road construction began right away and continued for three months. Council members cleared the land needed for the emergency road by cutting down trees and digging drainage canals. Most of the work was done by hand and with simple tools. There was no heavy construction machinery available for this project. Construction of the emergency road and drainage system was completed just before the rainy season, with nearly 3,000 man hours expended. With this new system installed, residents of this area can sleep without fear knowing they will no longer be affected by the severe flooding.

Would Visayas Deputy Eduardo Laczi and his wife Fatima accompany Grand Knight and Mrs. Rey C. Ruyetas to the stage to receive the award for Council 13515.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

When Shandra Smith’s husband Sean died inexplicably in early 2005, St. John Catholic Church in Logan, Ohio, lost a valued member. His funeral Mass was filled with mourners, and they stayed by Shandra’s side after Sean was buried. Immediately following the funeral Pat Robers and Jody Blevins, the wife and daughter of Deacon Donald Robers, a past grand knight of St. James Council 2299, visited Shandra at her home. They later discussed with Msgr. William Dunn, pastor of St. John Church, some repairs the house needed. Deacon Robers sprung into action. He gathered 25 council members to assist him in the renovations. Knights waterproofed the basement and built storage shelves. They added an addition to make a new family room and replaced the porch roof. Old windows that were rotting were replaced and the stairway into the basement was replaced. A new driveway made it capable for Shandra to carry groceries right into the house instead of walking up the hill. It took a lot of time, effort and donations to pull off this project. Cash donations that came in totaled $4,495 and another $765 was made through a 50/50 raffle. The rest of the donations were individual including many of the council members and many area businesses.

We ask State Deputy Gerard Eckstein and his wife Sandy to accompany Grand Knight and Mrs. Thomas Roberts to the stage to accept the award on behalf of Council 2299.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The permanence of the marriage bond is the foundation of healthy families and the glue that holds society together. With this in mind, St. Edward’s Council 6546 in Richmond, Virginia, sponsored a Wedding Vow Renewal Liturgy to highlight the sacredness of marriage.

Twenty council members and their wives, who had a combined total of 897 years of married life, attended Mass, renewed their wedding vows and received a blessing from Father Donald Lemay, pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Church. More than 150 relatives and friends of the couples came from a number of states to witness the ceremony.

After Mass, the celebration continued at a catered lunch in the parish hall, with a live band and dancing. Each of the 20 couples was presented with “A Covenant Renewal” certificate by Grand Knight Alexander Anonick, who, along with his wife of 47 years was one of the honored couples. The event also served as a witness to the sacredness of marriage to the wider community. The proceedings were covered by the local 6 o’clock television news, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch published a story with photos.

Would State Deputy Cy Alba, his wife Joann, and Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Lazzuri and his wife Glada accompany Grand Knight and Mrs. Alexander J. Anonick to the stage to accept the award on behalf of Council 6546.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

For many children who become seriously ill in the rural areas of Newfoundland and Labrador, receiving treatment often involves a lengthy amount of travel and a financial strain on parents. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 in Stephenville, Newfoundland, sought a remedy to this problem when they founded the Bay St. George Sick Children’s Foundation with the help of other local organizations in 1996.

The 2005-06 year was a banner one for the Sick Children’s Foundation. Its annual telethon, held at the Stephenville Lions Club, raised a record-breaking $76,083 in pledges — well exceeding the council’s $50,000 goal. A variety show, curling tournament and flea market raised an additional $4,000.

During the past decade, the Sick Children’s Foundation
has raised more than $320,000 and provided more than 150 families with financial assistance. For the past six years, the foundation has also covered the costs of hotel and hostel accommodations in cities where children are being treated.

We ask that State Deputy William O’Rielly and his wife Jacqueline escort Grand Knight and Mrs. Patrick J. Merrigan to the stage to accept the award on behalf of Council 3742.

PAST STATE DEPUTY RECOGNITION

State deputies work year round to promote the principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As past state deputies, they become a valuable source of encouragement, wisdom and leadership for their successors and the Order as a whole. It is, therefore, only appropriate that the board of directors annually recognize the accomplishments of the immediate past state deputies.

As we honor them, we also express our heartfelt gratitude to their wives, who shared with their husbands most of the responsibilities of leading their respective jurisdictions. Together, they helped to promote Columbianism, and they are to be congratulated for their dedication to the task.

We will now present our immediate past state deputies with a plaque expressing the appreciation of the board of directors for their dedicated service and leadership. Each plaque bears the state deputy’s jewel and the seal of the appropriate jurisdiction. Its inscription reads as follows:

PRESENTED TO

(NAME)

IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED
LEADERSHIP AS STATE DEPUTY
(YEARS OF SERVICE)
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As the names are read, would each past state deputy and his wife please come forward:

Alabama — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Bryant H. Collins
California — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gary V. Nelson
Connecticut — Past State Deputy Robert A. Goossens
Delaware — Past State Deputy and Mrs. James S. Gardner
Dominican Republic — Past State Deputy José A. Mendoza
Hawaii — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Joaquin M. Borja
Indiana — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Jeffery J. Biel
Iowa — Past State Deputy and Mrs. James L. Chambers
Kansas — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Thomas W. Rottinghaus
Kentucky — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gerald T. Roof
Louisiana — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Donald J. Cubbage
Maine — Past State Deputy Dale L. Voisine
Maryland — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Ronald B. White
Massachusetts — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Richard F. Guerriero
Mexico Central South — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Manuel Lanz Novelo
Mexico North — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gildardo Estrada Loya
Michigan — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Kevin D. MacFarland Sr.
Missouri — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Ronald L. Wood
Montana — Past State Deputy and Mrs. John J. Glen
Nebraska — Past State Deputy and Mrs. John F. Melena
Ontario — Past State Deputy and Mrs. John P. Clancey
Prince Edward Island — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Claude L. Parent
Quebec — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Jean Richard
Rhode Island — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Rene Trudel
Saskatchewan — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Robert J. Barkman
South Carolina — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Raymond W. Hock
Tennessee — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Martin E. O’Haver
Texas — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Leo E. Hanus
Utah — Past State Deputy James N. Leccia
Vermont — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Philip F. Mollitor
Virginia — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Michael J. Lazzuri
West Virginia — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Gerald C. Schmidt
Wisconsin — Past State Deputy and Mrs. Richard H. Ammon

COLLEGE COUNCILS

The 2006 College Council Conference was attended by 132 college Knights from 57 Catholic and public universities and colleges throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. The theme of this past fall’s meeting was “Leaders for Life.”

During the conference, awards were presented for outstanding performance in membership growth. Santa Maria de los Angeles Seminary Council 11902 in La Riviera, San Juan, Puerto Rico, attained the award for highest membership net gain for recruiting 126 new members.

Texas A & M University Council 10624 in College Station grew its roster by 76 percent, earning the award for highest percentage gain in membership.

College councils were also recognized for promoting the insurance program. Santa Maria de los Angeles Seminary Council 11902 in La Riviera, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Rico, earned the award for highest net gain in insurance membership by recruiting 22 new insurance members.

The award for highest percentage gain in insurance membership was earned by Rockhurst University Council 8970 in Kansas City, Missouri, with 18.7 percent.

College councils were also recognized for their outstanding activities in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.

Msgr. Cornelius George O’Keefe Council 8250 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., earned the Outstanding Council Activity Award for a variety of service projects, including visiting retired soldiers at a hospital in Washington, D.C.

The University of Wisconsin Catholic Center Council 6568 in Madison, Wisconsin, earned the Outstanding Church Activity Award for the support it showed St. Raphael Cathedral after a fire destroyed the church.

Georgetown University Council 6375 in Washington, D.C., earned the Outstanding Youth Activity Award by mentoring 45 low-income seventh- and eighth-graders.

The Outstanding Community Activity Award went to St. Thomas Aquinas Council 11949 at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota, for holding a canned food drive that collected more than 250 bags of donations.

There was a tie for the Outstanding Family Activity Award: Texas A & M Council 1062 for its “40 Days of Life” pro-life project, and Nicholls State University Council 13411 in Thibodaux, Louisiana, for a bike ride fund-raiser that helped local anti-poverty programs.

The Outstanding College Council for the 2004-05 fraternal year was given to the Knights at West Point.

TO BE A PATRIOT’ AWARD

Annually the “To Be a Patriot” Award program recognizes the top three patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies during the fraternal year. Entries are submitted to the district master who determines the best patriotic program in his district. He forwards his selection to the vice supreme master who selects the best program in the province. The provincial entries are then sent to the supreme master who appoints a committee at the Supreme Council office to select the top three international “To Be a Patriot” Award winners. The international winners for the 2005-06 fraternal year were:

Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly in Dallas, Texas and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. Members worked with Catholic Charities of Dallas and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network at workshops educating legal immigrants on how to become U.S. citizens. The Knights assisted 43 people in completing applications for citizenship.

Bishop Charles P. Greco Assembly in Marietta, Georgia and the DeSoto Province. Sir Knights sponsored a softball tournament pitting four teams from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines against four teams of Knights. Dubbed the “Patriot Games,” the tournament raised funds for assembly charities.

General Licerio L. Geronimo Assembly in Montalban, Luzon and the Ferdinand Magellan Province. Through the assembly’s efforts, Gen. Licerio L. Geronimo, a hero in the Philippines’ fight for independence from Spain, was given proper government recognition. The assembly helped get a police training center renamed for him and led public ceremonies to honor his accomplishments.

CIVIC AWARD

Assemblies conducting a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year qualify for the Supreme Council Civic Award.

During the 2004-05 fraternal year, 470 assemblies received the Civic Award.