



Dear Brothers in Christ,

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The end of August the newly elected officers of the Chicago Archdiocese Chapter were installed by Chaplain Fr. Paul Gins at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica. During the past year I've had Brother Knights ask what is the Chicago Chapter??? I will give a brief history as to who we are and what we do.

CHAPTER HISTORY

Chicago Chapter as it originally was named owes its beginning to State Deputy Joseph Thompson in the early part of 1905. At its first officers meeting on January 28, 1905 the constitution and by-laws were accepted and the first Chicago Chapter Officers were elected. The purpose of the chapter is tersely stated in the constitution it reads.

"It shall be the object of this Chapter to undertake and execute all such works as shall be of common interest of the councils composing it and of general interest to the Order"

ELECTED MEMBERSHIP

The elective membership of the chapter consists of the Grand Knight and two members from each council plus one additional representative for each 200 members.

Included in the chapter membership is the State Deputy, all District Deputies within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CHAPTER MISSION

Its first, if not the most important function of the chapter, is its utility as a clearinghouse with information for all councils and members.

It is the reference point for anyone looking in the Chicago directory to direct inquires. As a matter of record non-members wishing to contact an individual council or the headquarters in New Haven or inquires about the State could contact the Chicago chapter.

What can we do for the council in the Chicago Archdiocese??? We are available for training of council officers and financial secretaries at the district or council level. Coordination and publication of District and Councils events using the **Chapter Newsletter** and **Website**.

Working together, the over 100 councils in the Chicago Archdiocese can make a difference in our Order, Churches and communities to ensure that we led the state in membership, charity programs and family life.

The Newly elected officers and I look forward to working with each of you to make Chicago the great leader it's always been. **VIVAT JESUS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA AND THE UNBORN.**

Stan M. Wiejak

Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter President