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HILTON SPRINGFIELD HOTEL

(watch your mail for more information)



To obtain additional information on the Hilton Springfield Hotel or to make your hotel reservations online, please visit our Website at www.ifc-fic.com.

Catholic Order of Foresters makes Haitian relief donation

Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), headquartered in Naperville, donated \$29,000 to assist Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Haitian relief efforts. The Order's members, sales agents, and home office employees contributed more than \$14,000, which COF matched through its Welfare and Relief Fund.

Immediately following the earthquake, CRS workers began distributing food, water, and hygiene kits at a make-shift camp in Port-au-Prince. COF's donation assists ongoing efforts, which include erecting temporary shelters, building latrines and clean water storage tanks, and promoting strategies for controlling disease outbreaks.

Modern Woodmen sends vets on a trip of a lifetime

Modern Woodmen of America partnered with Honor Flight of the Quad Cities to send a flight of veterans to Washington, D.C. The trip included 100 Modern Woodmen members who are World War II veterans.

The veterans visited the national monuments and were honored at Modern Woodmen's National Convention.

The intention of the flight was to honor local and regional heroes who were selfless in their military duty with a free trip to visit their memorial.



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Greetings from Darcy Smith, *IFC President*

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and we're looking forward to 2011 already. It seems like our lives are moving at an ever-increasing speed and we reach this point more quickly with each passing year.

Although we should take the time to count our blessings all throughout the year, it is even more fitting that we do so now. I hope you have had the opportunity to slow down a bit and enjoy the celebrations that go along with the season while reflecting on the joys in your life.

As we look ahead, we see our 2011 Annual Meeting in our future. It will be held on March 3 and 4 at the Hilton Springfield, a perfect place to reconnect with our colleagues and meet with our state legislators. I would like to challenge each of you to reach out to others in your society and encourage their participation in this event. The more attendees we have, the more "noise" we can make in the city where laws are passed and voices are heard. We also have a fraternal project planned for Friday morning at Mission Outreach. Let's make this the best-attended meeting we've ever had!

On behalf of all of us at Royal Neighbors, I extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year with time for your families and friends. See you in March!