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State Chaplain **Fr. Ken Borowiak**

State Executive Secretary **Ray Guggenberger**

State Program Director **Mike Schaeffer**

State Membership Director **Mark Dwyer**

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MEET STATE DEPUTY LOU GASPER

State Deputy Lou Gasper joined the Knights of Columbus in October 1989 in Fitzgerald Council 833 Lincoln. In 1992 Lou became a charter member of Blessed Sacrament Council 11001, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Lincoln. He served as charter trustee, council recorder and Grand Knight for 3 years and currently serves as the council advocate.

Lou is a 4th degree Knight of Saint John Paul the Great Assembly 3640 where he is a charter member. He served as Scribe, Captain, Faithful Navigator, Admiral, 3 years trustee for Assembly 0595. Lou served as District Deputy for one four year term as DD#9 and an 18 month term as DD#7.

At the State level Lou served on two membership teams, Squires co-chair, Council Director, and Community Director. He was elected into the State Wardens position, served as State Treasurer, and State Secretary.

Lou is married to Carole, they have been married for 39 years, live in Lincoln and have been members of Blessed Sacrament Church for over 20 years. Parish level activities include Acolyte, Ushers Club, Eucharistic Minister, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Parish council. Lou and Carole have two children Joe 32 and Amy 25; both kids went K-8 at Blessed Sacrament School. Joe is a 4th degree Knight.

MEET STATE CHAPLAIN FR. KEN BOROWIAK

Father Kenneth Borowiak, Nebraska State Chaplain, is a native of York, Nebraska. Ordained in 1987, Father Borowiak served as pastor at Cheney, Palmyra, Douglas, Dwight, Bee and Exeter, Nebraska. He has been the pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Lincoln since 2005.

MEET STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RAY GUGGENBERGER

Starting his 18th year as the Executive Secretary of the Nebraska State Council, Ray is responsible for assisting the State Deputy and State Secretary in the routine, day-to-day correspondence and reports that include per capita assessments and all state meeting coordination and preparation. He lives in Bellevue.

Ray has served in various leadership positions in Columban Council 6192, including Grand Knight and First Degree Team member. On the state level, he has served as Administrative Assistant, Retention Chairman, Community Chairman, Reports Chairman and District Deputy. Ray is a retired Air Force First Sergeant, having served for 23 years. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 32 years.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM RAY

****REPORT OF OFFICERS:** You must have a Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Chancellor and 3 trustees. If filing this report online with the FS Member Management system, pay careful attention to the top of the report indicating which fraternal year you are reporting on. This report is also how you make a change from previously reported information.

****REPORT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL:** Provide as much information as you have – the report does not need a name in every position. The key positions are your Program Director, Membership Director, Church, Community, Youth, Family, Culture of Life and Council Directors. If filing this report online with the FS Member Management system, pay careful attention to the top of the report indicating which fraternal year you are reporting on. This is also how you make a change from previously reported information.

**Completion of these two forms will place your officers and directors on the Supreme's mailing list to receive the "Knightline" and other informative items.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT: This report ensures that your council's FS retains the bond provided by Supreme at no cost to your council. REMEMBER, THE "AS OF DATE" IS NOT THE DATE YOU ARE PREPARING THIS REPORT. Pay special attention to the line where you record the number of delinquent members. The State and Supreme Councils use this information in the processing of any suspension requests from your council.

PRAYER REQUEST GUIDELINES: The State Council has developed an extensive list of email addresses for our Councils, Assemblies, etc. We are happy to forward any requests for prayers for our extended Nebraska State Family. We do need to keep the request simple and to the point. As an example:

"Request prayers for Brother X's wife who is having heart surgery. Brother X is from Council XXXX in Omaha."

Requests for these prayers should be forwarded to our Executive Secretary, Ray Guggenberger at rguggenberger@cox.net. No other types of solicitations, such as fundraisers will be forwarded through the email system. We request that each Council, Assembly, etc. forward these requests on to their members. Just think if every recipient says a few prayers, how many prayers the Nebraska Knights of Columbus members will generate for these special intentions. Please insure that my email address is in your contacts list or safe senders list.

REPORT DUE DATES

SUPREME REPORTS

- 185 **Report of Officers: July 1
- 365 **Service Program Personnel Report: August 1**
- 1295-2 Semi-Annual Audit Report: (June 30) August 15
- SC-KIT **Soccer Challenge Kit Order Form: August 15
- SA-KIT **Substance Abuse Awareness Order Kit: September 1
- EA-KIT **Essay Contest Kit Order Form: September 1
- FT-KIT **Free Throw Contest Order Form: November 1
- 1728 **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity: January 31**
- 4584 **Partnership Profile Report Special Olympics: January 31
- 1295-1 Semi-Annual Audit Report: (December 31) February 15
- 2863 RSVP Refund and Plaque Application: June 30
- SP7 **Columbian Award Application: June 30,**
- 2630 **Annual Report of K of C Round Table: June 30

**** May be submitted online at www.kofc.org/council/forms**

Reports in Bold are required for Star Council

STATE REPORTS

Nebraska State Per Capita Assessment: September 1

Supreme Per Capita Assessment: September 1

**First Log Book Submission: September 1

Nebraska State Per Capita Assessment: March 1

Supreme Per Capita Assessment: March 1

** Second Log Book Submission: March 1

**Award Nominations: March 1

Nebraska State Directory Updates: June 20

**** May be submitted online as www.nebraskakofc.org**

MEET STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR MIKE (SCHAEF) SCHAEFFER

My wife Shelly and I have been married for 26 years and we have two children. Our daughter Taylor teaches 3rd grade in the Lincoln Public School system and our son Garrett (a 1st Degree Knight) will graduate from UNL this December. I retired from the Air Force in 2010 after 24 years and now work as an operations analyst at Offutt AFB.

I became a Knight in 2001, joining St. Matthew Council 11879 and have served as the Membership Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and I'm currently a Trustee. I also serve on my Council's First Degree Team. I'm a 4th Degree Sir Knight with Cardinal Spellman Assembly 3486 in Bellevue and just stepped down as a Trustee on 1 July. I'm active in my Parish as an EMHC, Usher and part of the parish mowing team. As the State Program Director, I will oversee the State's Program Directors and Chairmen and my theme for the next two years is **"STRONG COUNCIL PROGRAMS DRIVE MEMBERSHIP"**.

MEET STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MARK DWYER

My wife Julie and I have been married for 41 years and live on our family ranch in Wheeler County. We are the proud parents of two sons, Thomas and Matthew. Thomas has just moved to Omaha and is employed as a corporate pilot. Matthew is employed by the University of Nebraska in Lincoln as a proposal developer in the Office of Research and Economic Development. Julie teaches at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School.

I have been a member of St. Boniface Council 2411 in Elgin since 1979 and have served as the Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Trustee. I am proud to have served as District Deputy for District #18 and as the State Church director for the past two years, I have served with Robert Hauser as Chancellor on the Formation team and am the Conferring Officer for the Knighthood team in northeast Nebraska. I am looking forward to serving the State KC family as your Membership Director.

SIX STEPS TO A STAR COUNCIL

1. Supreme Per Capita Paid.

2. Membership Quota Achieved. (Father McGivney Award)

- a. 7% or minimum of 4 and maximum of 35 new members
- b. Keep in touch with your District Deputy to track your membership numbers.

3. Insurance Quota Achieved. (Founders Award)

- a. 2.5% or 3 new Insurance members' minimum and maximum of 18.
- b. Keep in touch with your Insurance Field Agent to track Insurance numbers.

4. Report of Program Service Personnel.

- a. Form # 365, due August 1st.
- b. If not submitted on time, Ray Guggenberger will call you at 4:00 am.

5. Fraternal Survey.

- a. Form #1728, due January 31st.
- b. Again, if not submitted on time expect an early morning call from Ray.

6. Columbian Award.

- a. Form SP-7, due June 30th.
- b. 4 programs in each of the six pillars; Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth.
- c. If the Council meets the requirements of one of the Supreme programs in one of the pillars, it counts as meeting the requirement for that Pillar.

It isn't hard to achieve Star Council status, it just involves doing the things that a good council should: inviting every Catholic man the opportunity to belong to the greatest Catholic lay organization ever, promoting the Insurance program and allowing that Brother Knight to protect his family, and recording the great programs that every Council performs each year. The great thing is you don't have to do it alone, you have lots of Brother Knights to help. Your District Deputy has a lot of tools at his disposal to help you with recruiting and programs, your Insurance Field Agent is a great resource not only with the Insurance program but also with recruiting, and your State Program Directors and Chairmen are always ready and willing to help however they can. Make being a Star Council a goal of your Council every year.

AWARDS

The awards that advance to Supreme for further award consideration are Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth. The minimum criteria for Supreme or State awards in Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth are:

- Positive membership based on Supreme reports (+1 at least) by March 1
- State and Supreme Per Capita Tax paid by March 1

Below is a list of all State Awards presented at each state convention. For qualifications, please refer to ICC Awards Program section found on line at www.nebraskakofc.org. You will find all qualifying ICC reports there. Look for the ICC Champion of the year belt Icon.

Category	Award name	Divisional?	Place	Total
Awards				
Publicity	Publicity Award	Yes	1st & 2nd	8
Vocations	Vocation Award	No	up to 2 equals	2
Culture of Life	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Culture of Life	One Rose One Life	Yes	1st & 2nd	8
Culture of Life	Art Contest	No	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	3
Church	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Church	Support of Catholic Education	No	up to 2 equals	2
Council	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Council	Knight of the Year	No	1st & Runner up	2
Youth	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Family	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Family	Family of the Year	No	1st, (2) Runner up	3
Community	Supreme & State (Major activity reports)	No	1st & 2nd	2
Community	Leonard Freehand Memorial	No	1st	1
Program Director	Ongoing Projects	No	Up to 2 equal	2
Program Director	Special Projects	No	Up to 2 equal	2
Membership Director	Highest Percentage Gain	Yes	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	12
Ceremonials	George Nussrallah	No	1st	1
Insurance	Agent of the Year	No	1st	3
State Deputy	Fraternalist of the Year	No	1st	1
State Deputy	District Deputy of the Year	No	1st, Runner up	2
Program Director	ICC Gold Level	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Silver Level	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Bronze Level	No	Unlimited	
Program Director	ICC Champion of the Year	No	1st	1

Divisions (4 Total) Division 1 consists of councils with 1-70 members; Division 2, 71-125 members; Division 3, 126- 225 members; and Division 4, 226 and above.

NOTES

MEET STATE CHURCH DIRECTORS MARK & JULIE MAIN

Mark and Julie Main, State Church Directors, are active members of Blessed Sacrament Church in Lincoln. Mark joined the Knights (Council 11001) in 2001. He served as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and Trustee. He also served as DD #9, 2012-2016. Mark joined the 4th degree Assembly 595 in 2002 and served in multiple positions including Faithful Navigator. In 2015, he became a charter member of Assembly 3640. Mark is an acolyte, Eucharistic Minister and Stadium Seats Chairman. Julie is the junior high Math teacher for their parish school. She also teaches 5th grade CCD and cantors at the weekend Masses. They have 4 children: Erin (26) and her husband, Ethan Blackledge, Ashley (25), Allison, (22) and Alex (20). Erin is a Lead Human Resources Generalist at Goodwill Industries in Omaha. Ashley is a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln. Allison will start the teacher's program at Peru State this fall. Alex (also a 4th degree charter member of Assembly 3640) will be a junior at Nebraska Wesleyan. We are very humbled to serve the Knights of Columbus at the state level.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COUNCIL FEATURED PROGRAM

The Refund Support Vocation Program, or RSVP, is the Church Activities Supreme feature program. It counts toward all four Church activity requirements for the Columbian Award. To participate in the RSVP program a Council must do the following:

- * The Council must present a check for at least \$500.00 directly to a seminarian, postulant or novice.
- * The money must be paid by a check drawn on the Council's account.
- * Copies of the front and back of the check must accompany the RSVP Refund application.
- * Substantial moral support is also required and may include;
 - Correspondence between the Council and the candidate.
 - Personnel visits to the Seminary or religious residence.
 - Invitations to the candidate to Council events.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

There are two programs in this Supreme Initiative that fall within Church Activities:

Journey to the Inn – This is a youth and family focused Advent program that teaches and transmits the faith. This program requires early planning.

Consecration to the Holy Family – This should be done in every Parish with a Knights of Columbus presence and is celebrated on the First Sunday after Christmas (most years the Feast of the Holy Family).

OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The principle of the First Degree of our Order is Charity. As Knights of Columbus, we should set an example of serving our Parish and Church by providing Our Brother Knights and the parish Community the opportunity to grow in our Catholic Faith. We can do this by monetary giving, but more importantly by using our Time and Talent for our Church and Parish.

Church Supreme and State Service Awards Criteria:

- Church or Parish Projects • Detailed Description of the project or event • Man hours and number of Knights involved (if pertinent)
- How the funds were raised to promote the project • Financial information • Benefit to the church(es) or parish(es)

Other Ideas for Church Activities or Projects:

- Council members involved in Lay Ministries • Corporate Communion • Annual Mass for Deceased Knights • Promote a Council or parish retreat (1/2 day or all day) • Promote attendance at a personal silent retreat o Council will help to support a new or potential Knight to attend o Retreat open to all Catholic families • Help with Masses for shut ins • Transportation to Mass for people in need of a ride
- “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign by selling Christmas cards • “Keep Christ in Christmas” advertising campaign on radio, TV, newspaper, billboard • Promote a Mission Sunday • Promote an inspirational speaker • Promote Eucharistic processions • Promote special services; i.e.; Benediction, Silver Rose, Marian Hour or Festival, Outdoor Mass • Lead rosary before Mass in May or October • Sponsor 40 hours of prayer • Have a presence at Stewardship Sunday • Special Lenten and Advent Liturgies
- Promote vocations • Sponsor a candidate for RCIA • Set the Eucharistic Mysteries of the World (replica of display in the Vatican) for your parish • Teach CCD or Religious Education • Present St. Joseph medals to the fathers of baptized children and a silk rose to the mothers • Recognize people receiving their First Communion, receiving the sacrament of Confirmation with congratulation card, certificates or special appreciation gifts. • Promote devotion to Father McGivney by distributing the pamphlet “The Spirituality of Father Michael J. McGivney” (#4196) and the flyer Apostle for the 21st Century (4064) available in various languages. • Show the production The Life & Legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney to your council family or ask that it be shown on the local cable access station. The DVD is available by calling the Guild at 203-752-4087 or guild@kofc.org. • Distributing Bibles, rosaries and catechisms to parochial schools, religious education classes and missions.

MEET VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN WAYNE CROME

I am married to my wife Leah and we have 9 children (Justis, Emma, Madaline, Laura, Martin, Hugh, Mary, Genevieve, and Lily). We are active members of Sacred Heart Parish in Greeley, NE, where I serve on the Parish council, the Vocations committee, and I'm the Pro-Life coordinator. I am the Development Director in Central, Western, and Northeast Nebraska for the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus in Greeley, Council #1312 and spent 7 years as a Field Agent. Our oldest son Justis is a seminarian for the Diocese of Grand Island.

VOCATIONS ACTIVITIES

The Knights of Columbus have always been defenders of the priesthood and religious life. As your vocations chairman it is my responsibility to assist and support all councils in implementing programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). The RSVP is sponsored by the Supreme Council and is a good place to begin. However, the starting point of all things should always begin with prayer. I would like to challenge every council to begin or end your meetings with a Prayer for Vocations. I would encourage you to support our seminarians and religious with prayer, personal contact and communication such as letters and cards. Include seminarians and religious in your council activities whenever possible. Organize Vocation Awareness Days and participate in the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which is usually the fourth Sunday of Easter. These are only a few of the many great ideas which have been implemented throughout the state. Please join me as we continue to develop and foster an impression in the minds of our youth and our church community, one which properly and rightfully portrays the vision of our Priests as the great teachers of the Word, ministers of the sacraments and most of all servants of God.

Supreme Council Featured Program (RSVP)

RSVP Guidelines:

- Local K of C councils or assemblies agree to make an annual contribution of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian to help with his expenses.
- Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian if their resources permit. In each case, the minimum annual contribution is \$500.
- For every \$500 donated, the council or assembly is eligible for a refund of \$100 from the Supreme Council.
- The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported.
- For Columbian Squire Circles, the annual contribution per seminarian is a minimum of \$100, with each circle eligible to receive a \$20 refund for each \$100 contributed

The Following are Eligible to Receive RSVP Funds:

- Seminarians who have been accepted by a diocese and are currently in their "spirituality" year (a year of spiritual formation).
- Seminarians attending major seminaries (usually four years) in preparation for priestly ordination.
- Seminarians in their "pastoral" year (most often they are transitory deacons).
- Seminarians attending college seminaries (sometimes called minor seminaries).
- Seminarians who belong to a religious institute (religious orders or societies) and are studying for the priesthood.
- Men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities. Those eligible for assistance do include foreign seminarians studying in the United States or Canada; U.S. or Canadian seminarians studying overseas; seminarians from your home diocese that are currently

attending seminaries in another diocese, state, or country; and seminarians from other states or dioceses attending a seminary located in your jurisdiction.

Persons Not Eligible for RSVP Funds are as follows:

- Priests or religious seeking assistance for continuing education.
- Religious brothers not currently studying for the priesthood.
- Candidates in formation for the permanent diaconate.
- Consecrated persons who are not religious brothers or sisters.

To Qualify for a RSVP Refund the Following Conditions Must be Met:

- Money given to each individual must be vocation-related, donated between July 1 and June 30 within the fraternal year applied for, and must amount to at least \$500 per individual.
- The money must have been donated to an individual and NOT to an institution or fund.
- Money must be given to a seminarian, postulant, or novice only.
- The money must be paid with a check drawn on the council account.
- Copies of canceled check(s), both front and back, or other documentation, must be attached to the application.

RSVP Moral Support Information:

Substantial moral support is required, including some or all of the following:

- Correspondence between the council and seminarian, novice, or postulant.
- Personal visits to the seminary or religious residence.
- Invitation of seminarian/postulant to council events.
- Other signs of council concern and interest.

Who are Our Seminarians, Novices, and Postulants?

We will try to provide the names and addresses of seminarians and postulants who are in training from each diocese after September. This information will come to your Grand Knight through your District Deputy. Even though you may not be able to participate in the RSVP program, we urge you to take a very active role in the support of vocations in whatever ways you can. Smaller amounts could still be donated to the seminarian/postulant of your choice even without the refund.

Other Ways to Support Our Commitment to Vocations:

- Organize and seriously participate in special prayer activities especially geared to the support of vocations.
- Help and support vocation programs that are already in place and active in your area. As the year progresses we will be in contact with the vocations offices and seminaries of the dioceses to see in what ways we may be of assistance to them and coordinate our efforts to promote vocations.

State Vocations Awards Criteria:

Vocations awards will be judged on the following:

- Detailed description of the project.
- Man hours and number of Knights participating.
- Types of fundraisers to support the project.
- Amount contributed to vocations.
- Benefit to the recipients and the benefit to The Church and The Body of Christ (YOU).

NOTES

MEET STATE COMMUNITY/ COUNCIL DIRECTOR JIM PELSTER

I am a retired corporate employee and joined the Knights of Columbus in 2003 with council 1861 Sidney. I was elected Grand Knight 3 years later and on to Trustee. I am on the councils' 1st & 2nd degree team and served on the western panhandle 3rd degree team. I am the past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 598 and I am currently the Assembly Commander. In 2012 I was appointed as Nebraska District Deputy 31.

Henrietta, my wife of 44 years and I have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Our son Greg and wife, Amber, live in Commerce City, Co, and have 2 children. Greg is a partner with a corporate firm in Denver. Amber teaches elementary school. Our son David and wife Sarah live in Longmont, Co. and have 4 children. David works for Intel and Sarah home schools. Our daughter Sarah and husband Tyler live in Wahoo with their 4 children. Tyler is the CEO of Sanders County Hospital and Sarah is a stay at home mom. Our daughter Lisa and husband Chris live in Yutan with their 2 children. Lisa is a stay at home mom and Chris manages DHPace in Omaha.

I am the co-founder and president of St. James Catholic Radio of Sidney, 107.5 LP-FM, an affiliate of Spirit Catholic Radio in Omaha. I am an EME at St. Patrick's parish and on the TMIY core team. I assist the parish priest with funerals Masses and work the kitchen during funeral dinners. Henrietta co-chairs the funeral committee, teaches CCD, and works the parish rummage house each month. In addition, she is a member of parish music ministry playing in the bell choir and sings in the church choir.

As the **Community Director**, I am charged with the running of the Silver Rose. It must run through Nebraska efficiently and on schedule. The Silver Rose run is an easy way for councils to participate in a Knights of Columbus nationwide event.

As the **Council Director** I review each council submission for its unique projects. For the Knights of Columbus, whose first principle is charity, finding ways to help those in need in their communities is a mission its members should embrace. Through their good works, whether it be bringing food to the hungry, warm coats to the cold, wheelchairs to those who can't walk, or any of the many programs conducted to help those in need, the Knights of Columbus practices a charity that evangelizes. These efforts need recognized and my charge is to evaluate, determine, and award those councils that excel with excellence each year.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Supreme Council Featured Programs

Habitat for Humanity: One of the featured programs for the Community Activities category for the Columbian Award is Habitat for Humanity. The following steps are required to participate:

- Contact your local Habitat for Humanity affiliate or visit their website at habitat.org for information on an affiliate in your area.
- Discuss with your affiliate the volunteer opportunities available for your Council
- Involve the entire Parish community in the project.
- Make it a family project and be sure to publicize the event. Invite those interested in joining your Council to participate.
- Report participation on Partnership Profile Report with Habitat for Humanity (#10092).
- Your Council must donate at \$1000.00 and 200 man hours to the project.

Global Wheelchair Mission: Another featured program for the Community Activities category is the Global Wheelchair Mission. The following steps are required to participate:

- Promote the program in your Council, Parish and community.
- Conduct targeted fund raisers with the proceeds going to the Global Wheelchair Mission.
- Hold information nights on the project to keep awareness up.
- Complete and submit the Global Wheelchair Report Form (#10071).
- Raise enough funds to purchase an entire container of 100 wheelchairs.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Your Council may receive credit for all four Community Activities on the Columbian Award by conducting one of these programs.

Some project suggestions are limited only by imagination and here are some we suggest:

- Help elderly with website searches for medicines, medical insurance and information
- Set up a meeting with the county sheriff or other elected officials to arrange a prayer service, such as praying the rosary, with the prisoners at the county or city jail
- Trunk or Treat at Halloween at church or public parking lots
- Book clubs
- Help at public functions such as county fairs
- Create awareness by combining efforts with other service organizations and talking to city councils for needs
- Provide rides to voting polls
- Financially assist distressed individuals with monthly utility bills
- Attend weather spotter training sessions and set up teams for severe weather
- Work with local library to create computer skills class, designed for the elderly, to teach e-mail, Skype, Facebook and other social networking skills
- When motels are renovating rooms inquire about box springs and mattress for the poor and needy

As you can see, projects are limitless and the above list may be used with the traditional ideas.

Remember to apply for the Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service Award. First given out in 2007, this award is dedicated to the outstanding service that Leonard provided to his community as well as to the Knights of Columbus. Leonard was always looking for ways to better his community and help those who lived there. The Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service Award is given in recognition to a Council that has gone out of its way to work with other community groups to improve a specific aspect of the community. Applications for this award will be available after the first of the year in the packet received by your Financial Secretary. Lastly, apply for Supreme and State Awards.

Community Supreme and State Service Awards Criteria:

- Detailed description of the project
- Man hours and number of Knights participating
- Types of fundraisers to support the project
- Amount contributed to community (if applicable)
- Benefit to the Community

The Silver Rose Program:

The State of Nebraska Knights of Columbus will receive the Silver Rose from the Colorado Knights of Columbus on August 20, 2017. On September 17, 2017, the Silver Rose will be transferred to the Kansas Knights of Columbus by one of our State Officers. For 29 days, the Silver Rose will be in Nebraska and we are asking councils to schedule a prayer service as it makes its journey across Nebraska. Each year, the Silver Rose makes its way across North America, from Canada, through the

United States, to Mexico. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson expanded the program by beginning the “Running of the Rose” from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. “The ‘Running of the Rose’ is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus,” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.” The Silver Rose program features a sculpted silver rose carried by Knights from Canada through the United States to Mexico, bringing the Culture of Life message on its journey. The Silver Rose is received at councils and parishes along its journey and masses and prayer services are offered. Special border ceremonies with Fourth Degree honor guards are held when the rose is transferred from one state to another, and internationally. It is similar to a Marion Hour of prayer. Prayer books will be provided.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

SUPREME COUNCIL FEATURED PROGRAM

Special Olympics: The featured program for the Council Activities category of the Columbian Award is the Special Olympics. Your Council may receive credit for all four of the Council requirements by conducting this program. **The requirements are:**

- Invite the local or regional Special Olympics director to your Council to explain what Special Olympics is doing in your community and what its needs are.
- Publicize the event in your Council, Parish and community.
- Host a fundraiser with proceeds going to Special Olympics.
- Coordinate your Council’s volunteers the day of the games.
- Complete and submit the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584).
- Your Council must donate a minimum of \$2000.00 and 200 man hours to Special Olympics.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Each council is asked to submit a **Knight of the Year**. The form is easy to fill out and gives the council pride to nominate one of their own. Explain why the Knight was chosen as a “Model Knight” in your council. In what ways does he show new knights what is possible in the Knights? Why does he deserve the distinction of being named State of Nebraska Knight of the Year? Explain the Knights involvement in the council, church and community. This form may be filled out on line at www.nebraskakof.org.

The Major Activity Application is for a council to showcase outstanding achievements. This may fit in to any category of Church, Community, Council, Family or Youth. Activities are eligible to win an award in only one category. There will be one State and one Supreme Award. The Council Activity Report is for the State Log Book. This report is for 10 projects the council has done in the past year. The Council Activity Report is found on the nebraskakofc.org website Logbook. Points are awarded for each activity.

These activities may include, for example,

- Families in Need
- Food Drives
- Posada
- Help a Neighbor
- 40 cans for Lent
- Recognition Night
- Fishing Tournament
- Coats for Kids/Adults
- Public Relations
- Awards Dinner

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018

NOTES

MEET STATE ATHLETICS/SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN JOE BOBER

As the Athletics Chairman for the Nebraska State Council I will direct state Athletics and will report directly to the state Program Director. I'm an honorary member of Council 3019, where my father and Grandfather were charter members. I have served in every office of 3019. I'm a member of Assembly 1854 and have served on the State Council as the Youth Director, District Deputy for District # 5 and a Supreme Delegate. I have been married to Cindy the love of my life 45 years. We have 2 children a son Chris (Jen) a member of 3019, a daughter Wendy (Sol) and 6 grand children ages 11 month to 17 years of age. I retired from Genuine Parts Co. after 46 years. I'm a lifelong member of St Stanislaus Church in Omaha and the Hall manager for the South Council Holding Co.

ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES

I will be working to ensure the success of our State athletics events. Currently, this consists of three annual events, the golf tournament, the horseshoe competition and the bowling tournament. I hope that we will be able to continue the success, and possibly find improvements on these wonderful events. One change that I will be emphasizing this year is that because these events are sanctioned by the State Knights of Columbus, and because our name is on the event, all of the money for the events need to be processed through the State Treasurer. This is not because of any problems that we have experienced in the past, but is due to liability reasons. I will work with the councils and organizers of these events to make sure that this is done, and that they still receive any profits that are due to them.

One other item that I would like to emphasize is to look for more events that would appeal to our membership. If you, or your council, has an idea for an event that you think that the State could promote, let me know and I will see what I can do to help you. I would love to explore the possibility of hosting a softball tournament again, which has been done in the past, exploring the possibility of holding a dart tournament, or something else that I haven't thought of. Please contact me if you would like to explore something new.

The last item that I would like to bring up is to keep in mind Mass times in the area when you are scheduling these events. Most of our State athletic events will be taking place on a weekend, and it is likely that travelling to, and participating in these events will interfere with our members' usual Mass attendance. So, please try to keep that in mind when we schedule these events. I would even suggest that it would be good to list Mass times at churches in the vicinity of the event in our advertisements, so that our members can make that part of their travel plans.

MEET STATE CULTURE OF LIFE DIRECTORS BRIAN & MARY JO HAMIK

Married for 25+ years and the parents of four sons, Brian and Mary Jo are honored to serve as the Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Culture of Life Directors. Brian has been a Knight since 1995 and has held several positions with Sacred Heart Council #1793 in Norfolk, including Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight and a Trustee of the Council Holding Company. Brian & Mary Jo served for several years as the Sacred Heart Council #1793 Pro-Life Chair Couple. Brian & Mary Jo are actively involved in their parish family with Brian serving as an EMCH and is one of several Knights who lead the Scriptural Rosary weekly before Mass. Mary Jo in the past served as the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women President.

Currently, son Tyler is serving in the US Navy and is stationed at Travis AFB near Fairfield, CA with his wife Giselle and our grandson Nathaniel. Spencer lives and works in Lincoln at a pharmacy, Logan attends Wayne State College and Austin is attending Norfolk Catholic High School. Brian works at Gerhold Concrete a division of the Lyman-Richie Corporation and Mary Jo is a Project Management assistant at Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. and is current Vice President of TUG. the National Users group for SAGE 300 software.

SUPREME COUNCIL FEATURED PROGRAMS

Ultrasound Initiative:

A featured program within the Culture of Life Activities is the Ultrasound Initiative. Your Council is eligible to receive one-half the cost of an ultrasound machine and receive credit for all four Culture of Life requirements for the Columbian Award. To participate in the Ultrasound Initiative your Council must:

- Raise at least one-half the cost of an ultrasound machine.
- Locate a pregnancy care center that is “pro-life” and prepared to receive, use and maintain the ultrasound machine.
- Receive written approval from your Diocese.
- The center must be properly licensed under state and local laws and a medical doctor must be affiliated with the center and oversee its operation.
- The medical personnel that will operate the ultrasound machine must be licensed and experienced. The center must have adequate insurance.
- The Council needs to complete and submit the *Ultrasound Initiative Application* (#4886).
- An Overview, Guidelines and FAQ’s can be found on Supremes’ website by copying this link to your browser. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/ultrasound/index.html>

****Note:** If you have a facility in mind that may qualify for an ultrasound, please notify us so that we can help your council navigate through the paperwork.

March for Life:

The annual March for Life (normally held on January 22) in Washington, D.C. , commemorates the anniversary of the US Supreme Court infamous *Roe v Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. Your Council can fulfill all four requirements for the Columbian Award. To participate in the March for Life your Council must:

- Plan on attending your national or state March for Life.
- Organize your own community’s March for Life with your Council.
- Be sure to advertise your Council’s participation in the March for Life.
- Display the Knights of Columbus emblem during the march.
- Have a minimum of 100 total marchers.

- Complete and submit the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) with the specific details on your Council's participation.
- Additional information as well as links to order Prayers Cards, Posters and Billboards can be found on Supremes' website by copying this link to your browser.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/march-for-life.html>

NEBRASKA CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

One Rose, One Life Campaign

One Rose One Life is a State run program where ALL funds collected must be submitted to the State Culture of Life Foundation.

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life campaign is Nebraska's premier source of income for Culture of Life. **All funds** collected will be used to support Pro Life organizations and activities throughout Nebraska. Our goal is 100% council participation. Thank you to those councils who have diligently participated in this campaign year after year. If your council has never participated, please consider it this year.

A major objective of the Culture of Life Foundation is to place Ultrasounds in qualified pregnancy care centers throughout Nebraska. To date, One Rose, One Life funds have helped to purchase **eleven** ultrasound machines in Nebraska.

In addition to the Ultrasound Initiative, many organizations, in all three Nebraska dioceses, benefit from this source of income. They include, but are not limited to, the Nebraska Catholic Conference, local Right-To-Life and Birthright chapters, and crisis pregnancy-help centers throughout Nebraska. We also support Nebraska Pro- Life Conference's Essay contest and the Culture of Life Art Contest with our funds. Councils also can receive funds for billboards (matching funds up to \$500/side) or for special prolife programs or needs.

If you know of an organization/council that would benefit from some of the One Rose One Life funds, they must complete a "Request for Funds" form and return it to the Culture of Life Directors for consideration by the Board of Directors. The form is available on the Nebraska State Knights of Columbus website, under the Rose, or by following this link.

<http://www.nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdfforms/RequestForFunds.pdf>

Prayer is the greatest action we can take in battling the culture of death. Only through prayer, fasting and our witness to Christ's love will we be able to change the hearts and minds of the many people who support abortion on demand. The One Rose, One Life Prayer cards are a good reminder for the importance of continued prayers throughout the year, not just during the campaign.

Here's how you can make a difference:

- Choose a weekend for the campaign, typically on a weekend close to the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973.
- Appoint a chairman. This usually is your council's Culture of Life Chairman. Make sure that he will enthusiastically rally the council to become involved.
- Sample Pulpit and Bulletin announcements as well as a flyer can be found on the Nebraska K of C website. <http://www.nebraskakofc.org/life.php>
- Determine how many prayer cards and envelopes your parish will need. Figure about 2 or 3 prayer cards per family; as a rule of thumb. For envelopes, figure at least half the number of families in your parish.

- **IMPORTANT:** Let your District Deputy know how many prayer cards and envelopes you will need by **August 15th**, to allow ample time for printing, counting and sorting. Cards and envelopes will be distributed to the DD's. Prayers cards are available in Spanish and English; so specify your desired number of each language.
- Contact your pastor and/or parish administrator early to get their approval of the target weekend. **IMPORTANT:** If this weekend conflicts with other church or council activities at your parish, by all means, choose another weekend which will provide the most exposure. Ask your priest to support the fund drive in the parish bulletin and especially from the pulpit. A few words of encouragement from your priest are perhaps the single most important thing that will determine the success of your campaign. Try to have the prayer from the prayer card recited, either before, during, or after Mass.
- Make sure your chairman has an ample number of Knights to assist at each Mass to pass out prayer cards; (before or after Mass is your council's decision). Envelopes can be passed out as well. There are some councils that put the envelopes at the end of each pew and some insert them in their bulletins the week prior to their campaign. Money can be collected as a second collection (ask your pastor first); or you can hold out buckets or baskets after each Mass.
- Make sure you follow up your campaign efforts by placing a thank-you note in the paper or parish bulletin.
- All funds collected **MUST** be sent to the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska **by March 1st** in order for us to prepare Convention reports and arrange for awards.
- First and second place awards are presented at the State Convention to the top two councils, in each division, that collect and turn in, the highest dollar amount,
- The One Rose, One Life campaign is not to be used as a council fundraising activity. Our three bishops, along with other statewide Culture of Life/pro-life organizations, rely heavily on the money that is collected during this campaign. An excellent avenue to raise Culture of Life funds for local councils is the Buck-A-Month program.
- Checks written from council funds should be made out to:
Knights of Columbus, Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska
Send to: 824 Volkman Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701

Important Dates:

- ❖ Before August 15th – Give # of desired English & Spanish cards and envelopes to your DD.
- ❖ Before March 1st – Send all funds to **Knights of Columbus, Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, 824 Volkman Dr., Norfolk, NE 68701**

Buck-A-Month

This is an excellent way to raise Culture of Life funds for your council. The Buck-A-Month program is open to anybody, not just Knights. Ask your friends, relatives, etc., or set up a table after masses and enroll your parishioners. This activity could easily be your council's largest and most profitable Culture of Life fundraiser. People will join; they just need to be asked! Many councils conduct projects and activities in order to generate funds to support their local Culture of Life organizations and educational projects. The Buck-A-Month program is a terrific and easy way to raise some of these funds.

- **Participating councils are entitled to receive back 50% of the total amount submitted to the Culture of Life Foundation.**
- Buck-A-Month refund checks will be printed and returned to councils at the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Grand Knights Seminar in July.
- Funds returned to your council (if you participate in the Buck-A-Month program) can be used for your parish and local community Culture of Life projects and activities.

- The first place to look for potential Buck-A-Month members is from your council membership roster. Include a Buck-A-Month form with annual membership dues. A sample form is on our Nebraska K of C website <http://www.nebraskakofc.org/life.php>
- It is recommended that your council conduct its Buck-A-Month drive from January 1st to April 1st.
- When preparing to send contributions to the Culture of Life Foundation, **clearly mark them as a Buck-A-Month submission and include your Council Number**. This will help to insure that your council is credited properly and the correct refund check amount is returned to your council. Funds not clearly marked as Buck-A-Month, will be assumed as a One Rose, One Life contribution. Forward Buck-A-Month contributions to the Knights of Columbus, Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska **before July 1st**.
- The suggested dollar amount for an individual membership is \$12 (Buck-A-Month); however, any amount is very much appreciated.

Important Dates:

- ❖ January – April – Hold Buck-A-Month drive
- ❖ **Before July 1st** – Forward all Buck-A-Month funds received via a check that is CLEARLY MARKED as **Buck-A-Month** with your **Council Number** to **Knights of Columbus, Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, 824 Volkman Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701**.
- ❖ **July** - Refund Checks will be distributed to councils at the Grand Knights Seminar.

Culture of Life Art Contest

This program serves as a means to collect illustrations from our youth, K-6th grade, for artwork that will be depicted on upcoming One Rose, One Life Prayer cards.

Rules

- The contest is open to ALL Nebraska students from K-6th grade.
- Design must be on a paper 8-1/2" x 11" (letter size). Design/image may be smaller.
- Picture/drawing must have a Culture of Life message or theme.
- Pencils, crayons, markers, paints, etc. can be used.
- Entries must be received prior to **March 1st**. Winners to be announced at State Convention.
- **All entries received become the property of the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation and will not be returned.**
- Each entry must include the following information:
 - Name
 - Age & Grade
 - Address & Phone Number
 - Council Name & Number
 - Grade School or Religious Education School Name, (If home schooled, include name of parent)
 - Parish
- Top three (3) entries per Council should be sent to:
Culture of Life Foundation
824 Volkman Dr
Norfolk, NE 68701-6153

Prizes

Awards are presented at the State Convention. Local awards are at local Council's discretion.

- **1st Place:** The school or religious education program from which the winning entry is received will receive a \$500 cash prize. The winning artist will receive a \$200 cash prize. This entry will be displayed on the One Rose One Life prayers cards.

- **2nd Place:** The school or religious education program from which the winning entry is received will receive a \$250 cash prize. The winning artist will receive a \$100 cash prize.
- **3rd Place:** The school or religious education program from which the winning entry is received will receive a \$150 cash prize. The winning artist will receive a \$50 cash prize.

Important Dates

- ❖ Before March 1st – Send up to three (3) artwork submissions to Culture of Life Foundation

Pro Life Essay Contest –*This is a Nebraska Catholic Conference program with prize money coming from the Culture of Life Foundation.*

- This contest is open to students from 7th – 11th grade.
- Each grade will have their own winner at the state level for a total of five winners. Each winner will receive \$150, with the sponsoring school also receiving \$150.
- Pro Life Essay Contest Theme - To Be Announced each year by the Nebraska Catholic Conference.
- Essay submissions are due in late March. **Contact your diocesan Pro Life office** for exact date and submission address.
- Diocesan contact information changes periodically. For rules and other general questions about the essay contest, including due date and where to mail essay submissions in your diocese, contact your diocesan Family Life Director.
- All the winners will be announced at the Bishops’ Pro-Life Conference.

Culture of Life Supreme and State Service Awards Criteria

Commitment to the Culture of Life cause; from natural birth to natural death.

Culture of Life awards are given at the State Convention for outstanding Culture of Life activities that councils conduct during the previous fraternal year. The awards will be judged on the following:

- Detailed description of the project (e.g. diaper drive, prolife prayer vigil).
- Man hours and number of Knights participating.
- Types of fundraisers to support the project or cause.
- The total funds raised for the Culture of Life cause (if applicable)
- Benefit to the recipients of the activity as well as the benefits to fostering a Culture of Life community

NOMINATIONS FOR THESE AWARDS ARE DUE TO THE CULTURE OF LIFE DIRECTORS NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.

Additional Suggestions for Culture of Life Activities:

- Raise money to support the state Culture of Life Ultrasound fund.
- Support the March for Life held each year in conjunction with the January anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court legalizing abortion. Thousands of Culture of Life supporters march for life in Washington, DC demanding legislative protection for the unborn. Send a delegation from your council to the March for Life in Washington, DC or support youth groups that go to Washington, DC. For more information visit <http://www.marchforlife.org/> or follow them on Facebook at “The March for Life” and on Twitter @marchforlife
- Join the Knights of Columbus, “**Day of the Unborn Child**” observed annually on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25). Knights, Squires and their families pray and fast to remind us of the importance and dignity of human life from the moment of conception to birth.
- Organize a new council Culture of Life program in your Council and submit your ideas, photos, details and results to the State Cultural of Life Foundation.

- Send letters or personally contact your chaplain, pastor and members of the clergy offering whatever assistance they request in the fight against abortion.
- Promote and support the Order's Culture of Life efforts by displaying materials featuring the Culture of Life themes. "Defend Life" (billboard #1938) and a 13 x 20 inch sign (#4238) are available at no cost from the Supreme Council Supply Department — the billboard consists of 12 sheets and measures 21 ½ x 9 ½ feet — allow 4 weeks for delivery. Other Culture of Life materials are described in the Supply Catalog (#1264).
- With the permission of the pastors, conduct a Baby Bottle campaign in local parishes by supplying baby bottles to parishioners asking them to take the bottles home and fill them with loose change and return them to the parish. Donate the monies collected to Culture of Life efforts in the local area.
- Distribute the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life as outlined in the Study Guide to Evangelium Vitae (#2914) prepared by the Knights of Columbus for groups and individuals who wish to become more familiar with the Church's teaching on the respect due human life as presented by Pope John Paul II. (Copies can be obtained for .25 each from the Supply Department).
- Contact Right-to-Life, Birthright or other pro-life organizations in your area to coordinate programs with those already in existence by volunteering support, manpower and finances.
- Create a public display of Pro-Life support by placing small white crosses on the lawn of your council home or parish, representing the number of lives lost to abortion locally each year.
- Promote letter-writing campaigns to the state legislators expressing your views clearly, firmly and courteously — be courteous, ask questions and demand answers. For a listing of state senators go to www.nebraskalegislature.gov Click on Senators tab and follow the instructions to email them.
- Raise funds for Birthright and similar Pro-Life organizations which help encourage pregnant women to carry their babies to birth rather than to abort them. Volunteer manpower and services.
- Carry the Pro-Life message to youth through the religious formation programs, high schools, colleges, FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and Squires, etc. by delivering speeches, distributing literature and sponsoring Pro-Life essay and poster contests.
- Voice your disapproval of programs aired on radio and television stations that do not depict a Catholic view on human dignity. Request that equal time be dedicated to programs displaying Culture of Life values.
- Erect a memorial to children killed through abortion.
- Support homes and facilities for unwed mothers in your area by fund-raising activities, drives to collect diapers and other layette items for newborns, and providing volunteers to help with facility maintenance and upkeep.
- Pray the rosary to end abortion — a simple, yet effective act that can have enormous impact (a poster urging the recitation of the rosary as a weapon against abortion (#2073) and a prayer card with a pro-life prayer on the back (#2072) are available at no charge from the Supply Department.
- Ask the pastors of the parishes your council serves if Knights can lead a Rosary for Life before Masses in October — Respect Life Month — and on the weekend closest to January 22, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court legalizing abortion.
- Request copies of "Winning Words of Life" (#2275) for insertion into parish bulletins with the permission of the pastor.
- Offer rosaries publicly outside abortion clinics. Individuals or groups peacefully praying the rosary outside such facilities are highly visible and effective.
 - Stay informed about efforts in Nebraska to legalize euthanasia or assisted suicide. Be prepared to oppose such efforts in letters to the editor and contact with elected representatives. <http://www.necatholic.org/>
 - Post Project Rachel information in your parish and hall restrooms for women, men and families suffering in the aftermath of abortion. www.hopeafterabortion.com.

MEET STATE FAMILY DIRECTORS JEFF & GINGER WARDYN

Jeff teaches 6th grade CCD at St. Joseph Church with Ginger and does various maintenance duties for the Church. Jeff has been Grand Knight, Trustee, Recorder, and Warden and is on the 1st Degree initiation team for Council 2388 in Broken Bow. Jeff works at Custer Public Power as a tech for substations, apparatus, and tower maintenance. Jeff also has his own electrical business as Wardyn Electric. Ginger co-chairs the ladies Autumn Gathering, is involved in the Altar Society and teaches 6th grade CCD at St. Joseph Church with Jeff. Ginger works as a RN at Jennie Melham Memorial Hospital in the outpatient and IV infusion department and also coordinates an annual blood drive in Broken Bow. Jeff and Ginger enjoy their three children Daine, Coy, and Ashlyn as they greet at Mass, Usher, sing together and with the Knights help at Fish Fry's many Fridays throughout Lent. Jeff & Ginger also host Totos Tuus team leaders every summer. Their favorite family hobby is camping and fishing.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Knights of Columbus, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, was established, simply-put, to take care of families. The family stands at the core of the Knights of Columbus' beliefs and ideals as a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. The importance of family is vital to our society, as family is essential to how we learn and live. As Knights of Columbus families, we hold as our example the Holy Family, were they model Love, Faith, Respect, and Obedience. On a local, state, and national level, the Knights of Columbus promotes many activities to encourage family interaction, volunteerism, and support for the Church, and a sense of community.

The Knights of Columbus offers ideas on how to promote and encourage families within your council. These are only a few ideas of ways in which to help your council get started. These activities should be fun, enjoyable, and meaningful and should be open to both members and non-members. These activities may also be compatible with other works within the council or parish.

SUPREME COUNCIL FEATURED PROGRAM

Food for Families Program: The featured program for the Family Activities category of the Columbian Award is Food for Families. If your Council participates in Food for Families it may be eligible to receive a refund for qualifying donations, and credit for all four Family Activity requirements of the Columbian Award. To participate in the program your Council must: • Contact your local food pantry or Parish soup kitchen to ensure that they will be able to receive the food and ask what their specific needs are. • Display posters / flyers promoting the event around your Parish and community. • Provide adequate receptacles for donated items and make sure they are emptied frequently. • A minimum of \$500.00 or 1000 pounds of food must be contributed. Contributions are cumulative, so the Council can make multiple contributions to reach the minimum dollar or pounds required. • Complete the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Application (#10057) and submit to Supreme.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

There are two programs that fall under the State Family Activities banner. They are;

The Family Fully Alive - This is a twelve month program that promotes family prayer with meditations and scripture readings. It is to be promoted within the Parish with the Councils participation.

Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows – This can be a special ceremony either during or after Mass and can be held with Corporate Communion. It is to be led by Catholic husbands and fathers.

OTHER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

There are many other Family programs that your Council can do. Here are some, but don't let this limit you. Get the Council families involved; ask them about new programs or events to try. And make sure that you involve them. • Celebrate Knights of Columbus Family week with a family Mass, picnic, dinner or other activities that both promote and highlight the family • Participate in the Order's Family of the Month program, honoring Council families who exemplify the values taught by our Church and our Order. Full details are provided in the Family of the Month booklet (#1993) provided to each Council. Make sure to recognize your Family of the Month in your Church bulletin and in the local media. • Promote Fathers for Good. The centerpiece of the initiative is an interactive website, fathersforgood.com, which offers the St. Joseph Series Booklets for Men and can be ordered online. • Organize family corporate Communion breakfasts that bring together Council and Parish families. • Plan an annual marriage vow renewal program for couples in your Council and Parish. Family Supreme and State Service Awards Criteria: Write a description of a family event sponsored by your council. Be sure to include the following: • What made it successful? Who was involved? How many hours were involved? • How does the event include every member of the family? • How did the event reinforce our Catholic faith?

Family of the Year Awards

Choose a family (1st Place and Runner-up)

from your council whom you believe truly reflect the traditions and relationships and fabric of the Holy Family. Be specific and detailed in your explanation so that your nomination:

- Demonstrates how the family members are interdependent and share with one another and their parish family.
- Focuses on the entire family, parents and children alike, and how the family lives out and shares their Catholic faith.
- Shows the way the family lives their lives reinforcing the message of the Church. Shows how the family makes other people's lives better.
- Includes a photograph of the family as part of the nomination.

Submit the nomination and a photograph of the family to: Jeffery & Ginger Wardyn State Family Directors 79650 Sumner Rd Broken Bow, NE 68822-6100 family@nebaskakofc.org

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NLT MARCH 1, 2018

Program Activities: (By Month – Remember these are only suggestions)

January

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Respect for Life – Present each family with a rose and medal for all Baptized babies in the parish for the previous year

February

- Reminder that Family of the Year Nominations must be post marked by March 1
- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- World Marriage Day/Valentine's Day: Organize a night out for couples and provide babysitting for children

March

- Family of the Year Nominations must be post marked by March 1
- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Lent: Promote family almsgiving & sacrifice or attend all Stations/Lenten services as a family – keep track of how many families attend each week

April

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Take the family to the Nebraska K of C State Convention

May

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Month of Mary: Promote a family Rosary
- Have a Living Rosary involving the Knights/Parish families
- Celebrate Mothers: Have a viewing of a family appropriate show/movie in a hall and serve snacks

June

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Council Family Picnic
- We All Scream for Ice Cream: Ice Cream Social for families or make homemade ice cream
- Celebrate Fathers: Have a viewing of the family show Courageous or other family appropriate show/movie in a hall and serve snacks

July

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Father-Child Fun Night: All Knights/Parishioners and their children do a fun activity – fishing, bowling, host a dance, camping, etc. August • Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month

August

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Hold a memorial Mass for deceased members of the council family – August 14 is the anniversary of Fr. McGivney's death • Host a Back-to-School Celebration for families

September

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Football Fever: Any Husker fans within the Knights? Sponsor a game day get-together. Begin with a family Rosary for safety of athletes followed by family-friendly tailgating, games such as your own punt/pass/kick contest, and of course the Husker game itself

October

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Community Cleanup: Knights and families pitch in to clean up Church grounds or adopt an elderly person to clean up their yard – mow, rake, etc.
- Halloween: Sponsor a Halloween party or Trunk-or-Treat

November

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Hold a Memorial Mass for deceased members of the council family in early November for All Souls Day
- Promote families to volunteer at a food pantry, shelter, or CSS to help people in need; have one Knight family volunteer each month or as a Council in November
- Veteran's Day: Have children and Knights make cards for Veterans in hospitals and/or nursing homes; thank them for their service to our country

December

- Offer a Mass intention for one council family each week or month
- Good Angels: Encourage Knights and Parish families to adopt a family in need or give to a Good Angel Tree

NOTES

MEET STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR DAVID MARX

I became Catholic in 2007 and joined the Knights of Columbus in 2009. Involvement with St. Gerald Council 9518 has changed my life as I now volunteer in my community and church. First, I began helping with the fish fry's, then into other areas of involvement, and finally to the founding of our Pope John Paul II Squires Circle 5517. Involvement with the Squires program has introduced my family Susan, Nathan, and I, to many Knights council activities throughout the state. We have truly been blessed to see and experience charity and fraternity working through the Knights. The Squires have given me an opportunity to get to know some families in each council and I see the strength they give to our church. My son Nathan will join the Army this August and he is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. My family benefits from Knights membership, as I believe increasing youth and their families involvement with our order is key to growing in service, charity and building our domestic church.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The future of our faith, our religion, our church, and even the Knights of Columbus itself rests with the youth of today. Therefore, as members of the Knights, we need to take an active role in supporting our youth, providing opportunities for them to learn our holy religion, and to provide them with quality examples of Christian lifestyles. As members and families of the Knights of Columbus we have a long-standing tradition of supporting youth at the Council, District, State, and Supreme levels with programs for youth of all ages and backgrounds.

SUPREME COUNCIL FEATURED PROGRAM

Coats for Kids:

During the 2016-2017 fraternal year, over 900 Knights of Columbus councils purchased and distributed nearly 43,000 coats. This winter, consider getting your council involved in this great program. To get started, find the Coats for Kids order form at http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/community/coats_form.pdf. The minimum order for coats is one case of 12 coats at a cost of \$18.33 per coat (for a total of \$220 including freight). Cases will contain either 12 girls coats (sizes 4-16) or 12 boys coats (sizes 4-18).

Another option that your council can pursue is to run a parish/community wide coat drive. Make sure to get information out to your community early enough to bring in the coats so that they can be distributed before the winter season is in full force.

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge:

The newest program for youth is the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. As a state, Nebraska offers this program to boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (based on their age on September 1, 2017). This competition is open to all youth, no matter if they attend a Catholic school or not. Make sure to take advantage of this and involve youth from neighboring public schools and the community around your parish.

The contest will be divided into four levels of competition: Council, District, Regional, and State. State winners will be forwarded on to the Supreme office of consideration at the International level. Over the last several years, approximately 30 councils across the state participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, which roughly translate to just 20% of the councils in the Nebraska Jurisdiction. During 2017, we hope to have at least 50 councils participating in this event, meaning at least one council from every district.

Council competitions should be held sometime during the end of August or early September, with Districts taking place by the end of September or early October. Regional competitions should be

scheduled for mid-October. The State Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will take place in November 2017. All of the information that you need to run your Council competition can be found in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Kit. This kit can be ordered online at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/concil/SC-KITOnline.pdf>. This kit can be ordered by your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Council Youth Director, or your Council Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Chairman, and will be provided to your council free of charge. Everything that your council needs to run a successful competition can be found in this kit. Resources can also be found by contacting your District Deputy or the State Youth Director.

If you feel that your council will not have enough participants to hold your own local competition, consider working with a nearby council or councils, combining your man power, while still providing the opportunity for the youth you serve to participate in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. If you are going to be doing this, please make sure that you clearly mark all of the entry forms for the respective councils and that each council participating fills out their own participation report form to submit to the state. If you have any concerns or questions about running the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge in your council, please make sure to contact the State Youth Director.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is a tried and proven program to involve our youth and families in the Knights of Columbus. Make sure to start your preparations for this event early enough to ensure that you can contact youth prior to the Christmas holiday by placing posters and fliers in the schools. Just like the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (this is based on their age on January 1, 2018). The competition is also open to youth both in Catholic schools and public schools. The contest is again divided into four levels: Council, District, Regional, and State. State winners will be submitted to the Supreme office for consideration in the International competition.

During the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, approximately 50 councils across the state participated in the event, meaning roughly 30% of the councils across the state held a Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. This coming year, we would like to see 60 councils across the state participate in the competition.

Council level competitions should be held during January of 2018 and the District competition should be held during the early part of February. Regional competitions should be scheduled for the later part of February or the early part of March. The State competition will be scheduled for late March or early April depending on when Easter falls during the year. All of the information that you need to run your event can be found in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Kit that your council can order using the form located at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/FT-KITOnline.pdf>. This kit will be provided to your council free of charge, and everything that you need to run a successful competition can be found in this kit. Additional resources can also be found by contacting your District Deputy or the State Youth Director. If you feel that your council will not have enough participants to hold your own local competition, consider working with a nearby council or councils, combining your man power, while still providing the opportunity for the youth you serve to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. If you are going to be doing this, please make sure that you clearly mark all of the entry forms for the respective councils and that each council participating fills out their own participation report form to submit to the state. If you have any concerns or questions about running the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in your council, please make sure to contact the State Youth Director.

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is another longstanding program that helps address the ongoing issue of substance abuse, both drugs and alcohol, in our communities. Start your preparations for this event early enough to ensure that your council can submit the council finalists to your respective District Deputy by February 1, 2018. This year we are encouraging all councils to host their Council Level competition to coincide with Red Ribbon Week at their school(s). This may mean having a few different dates depending on how many schools you are running the contest in. Make sure that your Council Youth Director or Grand Knight sends a letter to each school (or family) explaining the importance of this contest. We feel that by running the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse and Awareness Poster Contest during Red Ribbon Week at the schools, we will be able to increase our participation and give the participants a better understanding of why we are running this contest.

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is broken into two age categories; ages 8 through 11, and ages 12 through 14 (based on their age as of January 1, 2018). Each age category can then design an original poster on one of two topics; Substance Awareness and Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to boys and girls attending either a Catholic school or a public school. This contest will be split into three competition levels; Council, District, and State. State winners will be submitted to the Supreme office for consideration in the International competition. Here are some specific rules that you need to keep in mind when running your KofC Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:

- The poster needs to be about Alcohol Awareness and Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse.
- Each poster must be an original work of art.
- Posters must be on 11x17 paper. Posters using pastels, chalk, or charcoal must be laminated or covered in clear plastic.
- Each poster must have an accompanying Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entry form with the entrants name and age as well as a council number.
- Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and will not be returned.

Your council should begin promoting the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest at the beginning of the school year to give students as much time as possible to work on their posters. Council level competitions should be held during Red Ribbon Week at your participating schools, and the top two posters in each topic and age category must be submitted to the District Deputy by February 1, 2018. Posters from the Council level competitions should not be submitted directly to the State Youth Director. The District competition should be held during the early part of February with the top two posters in each topic and age category being sent to the State Youth Director by no later than March 1, 2018. All of the information that you need to run your event can be found in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Kit that your council can order using the form located at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/SA-KITOnline.pdf>. This kit will be provided to your council free of charge, and everything that you need to run a successful competition can be found in this kit. Additional resources can also be found by contacting your District Deputy or the State Youth Director. If you have any concerns or questions about running the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in your council, please make sure to contact the State Youth Director.

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, as Knights, we urge members of our parish and community to remember that it is “CHRISTmas” and that the reason for the season is the birth of our savior. Let’s take this one step further and help remind our youth why we celebrate the season of Christmas. We may also be able to learn something from our youth that will help remind us why we

celebrate the blessed season of Christmas. Over the past few years, the Nebraska Knights of Columbus have handed out awards for the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at the State Convention. Supreme has created an official packet and guidelines for this contest. It can be found under Church Activities (with the Keep Christ in Christmas Cards) on the Supreme Website. Consider having this event run by your Church Director and your Youth Director.

If you are running your Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse and Awareness Poster Contest in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, this should give you most of November and December to promote and receive entries for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Consider handing out prizes for the top poster(s). Talk to your pastor about displaying the posters in the church vestibule and school hallways during the Christmas season. Winning submissions from the Council level competitions must be submitted to the respective District Deputy by February 1, 2018 for judging. Posters from the Council level competitions should not be submitted directly to the State Youth Director. After judging at the District level, District Deputies should send their submissions to the State Youth Director NLT than March 1, 2018.

The rules and regulations for the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest are very similar to those of the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse and Awareness Poster Contest. If you are considering running this contest at your school, or if you have any questions about it, please feel free to contact your District Deputy or the State Youth Director.

Other Suggestions and Ideas for Youth Activities:

Trunk-or-Treat:

On Halloween, consider hosting a Trick-or-Treat event in the parking-lot of your church. This will give parents and children a safe place to Trick-or-Treat while still enjoying the spirit of Halloween; all the families need to do is stop by the trunk of the cars in the lot. Have members of your council bring candy, decorations and games and make this an event that kids will enjoy year after year.

Religious Emblem Program for Boy and Girl Scouts:

The Boy and Girl Scout programs each provide opportunities for youth to learn about their religion through the Scouting program. With the recent changes in society, this is a great opportunity to reach out to the youth in your parish and your community and help them understand our holy religion and the practices of the Catholic Church.

Consider sponsoring a class (or classes) for the members of your parish that are involved in either the Boy or Girl Scouts in order to help them earn these awards and learn more about the Catholic Church. If any members of your council are involved in either the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts, this would be a great opportunity to get them involved in your Youth Activities by having them teach, or help teach, these classes. If your parish does not currently have a Boy Scout or Girl Scout program for the youth, considering sponsoring a unit or co-sponsoring a unit with a neighboring parish. Recruit members of your council to serve as leaders, especially those whose children are involved in the program. If you are interested in offering a Religious Emblem Program class, or sponsoring a new unit in your parish, but your pastor has questions, feel free to contact the State Youth Director. Contacts can be made, and a meeting set up with your parish pastor to explain the Religious Emblem Program and the purpose of the Boy Scout or Girl Scout program.

More information about the Religious Emblems Program for Boy Scouts of America can be found at http://dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth_catholic-scouting.aspx.

Information regarding the awards available for the Girls Scouts can be found at http://dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth_girls-awards.aspx.

Other Youth Activity Ideas:

- Sponsor a “College Fair” for high school students / Sponsor a “Career Fair” for college students.
- Sponsor a series of movie nights with movies that are both educational and enjoyable.
- Host lock-in events for elementary and middle school students
- Sponsor a pizza / skate party for youth

Youth Supreme and State Service Awards Criteria:

The following is a list of criteria that will be considered when deciding award recipients for the Youth Activities for 2016-2017. This is not an all-inclusive list and consideration will be given based on all of the information that your council provides on the Major Activity Report. This list is just somewhere for your council to start as you begin writing up your reports. Report forms are due to State Program Director Bob Wolf or State Youth Director Mitchell Lowery no later than March 1, 2018.

- Number of youth who participated in the activity.
- Number of youth who worked the activity.
- Number of Knights who worked the activity.
- Number of Knight man-hours worked to run the activity.
- Number of non-Knights who attended the activity as a spectator.
- Number of non-Knights who worked the activity.
- What physical lessons were learned by the youth by participating in the activity?
- What mental/emotional lessons were learned by the youth participating in the activity?
- What spiritual lessons were learned by the youth participating in the activity?

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NLT MARCH 1, 2018

MEET STATE FS COORDINATOR CO-CHAIR MITCH O'NEILL

Mitch O'Neill is single, and lives in Kearney where he is the Associate Director of Application Development for the University of Nebraska at Kearney Information Technology Services. Mitch has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1994, and the Fourth Degree since 1996. He is a past Grand Knight of Council 10923, and a past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 609. He has been Council 10923's Financial Secretary since 2000, and is a member of the First Degree and Third Degree ceremonial Teams out of Kearney.

MEET STATE FS COORDINATOR CO-CHAIR MIKE VAUGHN

Along with the my Co-Chairman, I will oversee the State's Financial Secretaries in an effort to provide quality training and reach back ensuring each Financial Secretary is fully capable of supporting their Council. I became a member of the Knights of Columbus in November of 2010. Shortly afterward I was asked to become our Council's Financial Secretary. I have been the Financial Secretary ever since. I have also been the Publicity Chairman, Program Director, Outside Guard, Intellectual Disabilities Chairman and One Rose, One Life Chairman. I am a member of our First Degree team and in October of 2016 I became a Fourth Degree Knight. I retired from the Air Force in 2010 after 30 years of service. Pat and I have been married since 1979 and have four sons, three fantastic daughters-in-law and 4 wonderful grandchildren. We are active members of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth. I have recently been installed as a Lector and I have served as a member of the Parish Council.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES INFORMATION

The Financial Secretary's (& Faithful Comptroller) duties are numerous and very important to the council/assembly. Below are some summaries of the most important task to use as tools and reminders.

Submit Reports On Time:

Be sure to submit required reports on time. Refer to the Executive Secretary section of the Program Book, the State Council website (www.nebraskakofc.org), and Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org). Supreme reports and forms due will also be posted on your Council Statement received from Supreme each month and on your council Reports Online page. Perhaps the most important items due from the FS & FC are the Semiannual Audit Report due February 15 and August 15, the Survey of Fraternal Activity due January 31, and the payment of Supreme and State Assessments. If you submit a report online that does not contain a block for the e-mail address for the Executive Secretary, District Deputy and yourself, download a copy and forward as an attachment by email to them, i.e. Report of Officers, Service Program Personnel.

FS Handbook:

The basic duties of a FS and FC are explained in the "Financial Secretaries'/Faithful Comptroller Handbook". This should be your first point of reference in resolving a problem. If your handbook is missing or out of date, replacements may be ordered through the supply catalog (item #1410). If you cannot find the answer, call the resources listed above in this section. For specific information about a particular Knights record not in your Member Management, it may be necessary to contact the Supreme Office.

Officers Online:

Supreme has added a Training Mode to this program for the FS/FC's. The "Training" mode allows you to utilize the different functions of MM/MB without impacting the data base or current reports on file. You can also print reports to see what the results will display i.e. vouchers. The word

TRAINING will be printed over the printed product on the reports as well as appearing in the upper right hand corner of the screen until you return to live mode.

Online Report/Member Management:

The Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator, Financial Secretary/Faithful Comptroller, Advocate/Faithful Pilot have access to the Officers Online section of the Order's website. The Reports Online section of Officers Online provides the ability to view council/assembly records such as the roster, membership statistics and support materials. The GK/FN and FS/FC have access to Member Management, but only the FS/FC has access to Member Billing. The GK/FN and Advocate/Faithful Pilot have access to the Orders Bylaws online. Once the Supreme Council office records the new officers in its database, an Invitation Code is generated for each eligible officer. Additional information is contained in the FS/FC Handbook under General Information.

It is recommended that you order an additional FS/FC Handbook (no cost) and provide it to your GK/FN as well as your trustees and membership director. Information concerning council/ assembly audits and other related reports will be of great benefit to them.

On the Supreme Online Report, you will find roster's for your council/assembly in PDF and EXCEL, Publications, Look Ahead for reports due, and Support Materials all of which can be printed or saved to your computer.

“Moving Notice” and Other Forms:

The “Moving Notice” is a form that, when used, can help reduce the number of members in your council/assembly that have moved out of your council/assembly and are no longer paying their dues. By completing this notice and sending to the council/assembly where the member has moved, you can help promote the transfer process. If the member has moved out of state, you may send the form to the Nebraska State Deputy and he will forward it to the appropriate State Deputy in the member's new state. The form and many other forms can be found on the State Website (www.nebraskakofc.org) under the “Resources” menu.

Most of the forms used by the FS/FC are available on the State Website or on the Supreme Website, or can be obtained through the Supreme Supply Catalog. One Exception is the “Moving Notice”. This is only available on the State Website or from the FS Coordinator Co-Chairmen.

MEET STATE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DIRECTORS DON & TERRI HYPSE

Don and Terri Hypse coordinate the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. They act as directors of the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. and manage the distribution of funds collected by local councils to aid the intellectually disabled in Nebraska.

Don is currently the treasurer for Fr. Kearns Council #8579 in Wayne, where he has also served as Grand Knight and Financial Secretary in the nearly 30 years that he has been a Knight. He works as the controller at the Wayne branch of Grossenburg Implement, Inc. Terri teaches at Wayne Junior/Senior High School and serves in the music liturgy for St. Mary's Parish as a cantor. The Hypse's are active members of the Wayne parish, especially in the summer months when they maintain the parish grounds.

HEALTH SERVICES ACTIVITIES

2017 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive)

The work the Nebraska Knights of Columbus do to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities is funded through the Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (formerly identified more often as the Tootsie Roll Drive). Tootsie Rolls are still the calling card for this drive, but the Supreme Council wants to emphasize the reason for the fundraising drive more readily in the name of the drive. Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities is a mouthful, but it really does communicate clearly who the Knights are raising funds to assist.

Here are some frequently asked questions concerning the Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities and how the money raised is allocated.

Who should be sent the money raised? State Health Services Directors, Don and Terri Hypse, 1019 Sherman Street, Wayne, NE 68787-1036, should receive 100% of the money collected in the local drive along with the required reporting forms and the local Council's request for its half. Funds and reports are due by January 31, 2018, in order for a council to be recognized for awards at the state convention.

How does a Council qualify for Health Services Awards at the Nebraska State Convention? In order to be considered for percentage gain awards, councils must have participated in two consecutive Knights of Columbus Campaigns for People with Intellectual Disabilities and must have submitted the required forms. Health Services Awards are also given in recognition of the most money raised.

Who can the funds go to? It might be best to start with who cannot receive money, and that includes school districts, educational service units, and individuals. The following is a partial list of groups who benefitted from Knights of Columbus donations from last year's drive: Madonna School, Villa Marie, ARC of Nebraska, Special Olympics, MOSAIC, and SMILE. Basically, any non-profit group who works with individuals with intellectual disabilities is eligible to receive money raised through the Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Where are the forms to order Tootsie Rolls? You can find the order forms in the packet that Grand Knights received at the Leadership Seminar in July or on the state website (www.nebraskakofc.org). You can also email State Health Services Directors Don and Terri Hypse (health@nebraskakofc.org) or call them at 402-375-4574, but the website is the quickest source for additional forms.

Where are the reporting forms to use when the Council sends in its money? Reporting forms are on the state website (www.nebraskakofc.org) and in the Grand Knight's packet from the July seminar.

When is this year's drive? October 2017.

Can the local Council change the dates for the Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities? Local Councils can change the date to adjust for community needs, but the date change needs to be approved in advance by the Health Services Directors. Please email or telephone Don and Terri Hypse to request a change.

When is the money due? All funds collected in the Knights of Columbus Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities are due to Don and Terri Hypse, State Health Services Directors, 1019 Sherman Street, Wayne, NE 68787-1036, by January 31, 2018. Checks should be made out to K of C Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.

Can local Councils keep their share of the funds raised? No, Councils must send all funds collected along with the required report to the Health Services Directors. On the reporting form, Councils identify the group(s) to whom they would like to donate their portion of the funds raised, and then the Health Services Directors write and distribute the checks accordingly.

How can we find groups that serve people with intellectual disabilities? Asking families who have children with intellectual disabilities for the names of groups who provide services or activities for the children is a good way to begin the search for a deserving group.

How do we get more aprons and canisters? There is an apron order form on the Nebraska Knights of Columbus web site (www.nebraskakofc.org). With every 16 cases of Tootsie Rolls ordered, a case of 12 canisters is included.

REPORT FORMS AND ALL PROCEEDS COLLECTED ARE DUE TO THE HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTORS BY JANUARY 31, 2018

MEET STATE CONVENTION CO-CHAIR ROB OSTDIEK

I have been a Knight for 28 years, born and reared in a strong active Catholic environment. I've been married to my wife Kris of 15 years with Sons Brock (13) and Byron (11). Beatrice has been our home for the past 13 years, and the Knights of Council 1723 welcomed me and our family into the community where we knew very few. I've held leadership positions in many of our activities and provided organization with the administration of the council culminating in being the immediate Past Grand Knight of Council 1723 Beatrice. Currently I hold a trustee position within the council and am current Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3146 – St. John Paul II.

I enjoy the community and fraternity of events and look forward to the opportunity to increase my knowledge and involvement with the Knights as a Convention Co-Chair. More importantly though, I look forward to meeting and learning how to become a better Knight through meeting people at our upcoming state meetings and pray that the events continue to foster community, fraternity as well as providing opportunities for evangelization and strengthening of the Faith.

MEET STATE CONVENTION CO-CHAIR PAT RUPP

I joined the Knights in 1988 as the founding Financial Secretary of Council 9918 (St. Joan of Arc in Omaha). In 1996, I transferred to Council 10160 (St. Stephen the Martyr in Omaha) where I served as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Trustee. In 2006, I became the founding Grand Knight of Council 14077 (St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna) where I currently serve as Chancellor. I also serve as the Captain of our council's First Degree team.

In 1990, I joined the 4th Degree with Assembly 594 (Fr. Michael P. Dowling) and in 1998, I became the founding Faithful Comptroller of Assembly 2541 (Mother Teresa in Gretna) where I am still a member. As for the State Council, I served as State Membership Director for PSD the late John Melena from 2004 to 2006 and District Deputy from 2009 to 2013.

I married Cindy in 1986 and have two children, Stephanie (28) and Thomas (24). Stephanie is a Licensed Dietician for Spartan Nash (Family Flare Stores) in Omaha and married Andrew Edson in 2016. Andrew is a First Degree Knight in Council 14077. Thomas works for Papillion Sanitation and is a First Degree Knight in Council 14077. Cindy and I are active in our home parish, St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna as an Usher and EMHC.

STATE MEETING INFORMATION

The State Convention Coordinator Co-Chairs are charged with the duties of gathering and compiling reservations, and then securing the rooms and meals for the three State meetings held each year. These meetings are: Grand Knight Seminar, Midwinter Conference, and the State Convention. In doing so, we have to keep track of 200 – 450 meal tickets and 150 – 300 room assignments for the Knights, their wives and families, and State guests.

Following are some simple ideas that would greatly help us to do our job better and insure that you have a wonderful time at all of our meetings.

- Read the instructions thoroughly. Pay special attention to the date that they need to be returned by. The hotels have pretty strict timetables about cutoff dates and we want to make sure that you have a room. Also make sure that you send it to the proper people. We are now handling all three meetings, so the reservations come to us and not to Ray Guggenberger. Ray has enough to do trying to answer all of our questions without having to forward reservations also.
- Please print your name clearly were it says “Print Name”. It makes it a lot easier when you have a lot of reservations to go through. Also please put your full title / position down. If you are a DD please include your District number, again it makes it easier for us to make sure of the billing and that you get a room and get fed.
- Make sure that you include yourself in the number of meals if you have someone else with you. If you and your wife or a friend will be having dinner and you just put down 1 (for them) and assume that we know that you will be eating also, someone isn’t getting dinner. If you are married, I assume that it will be you not eating.
- If you do not plan to attend the meeting, send you reservation in anyway, showing that you are not planning to attend. This will save us having to call you to see if you just forgot.
- Have the Councils send their reservations in together as a Council, that way they don’t get mixed up and the tickets get given to someone else.
- Checks are payable to “Nebraska Knights of Columbus”.
- Have a good time at the meetings. It is a time to learn, to visit with old friends and to make new ones. We are all family here, blessed to be Knights and to belong to the greatest organization in the world.

MEET STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN RON GOODRICH

In his fifteenth year as co-publisher of the Nebraska Knights Courier, Ron Goodrich has accepted the position of Public Relations Chairman for the State Council. Along with his wife, Duffi, and their adult son, Aaron, Ron continues to be responsible to oversee and produce annually four issues of Knights Courier, and many other volunteer print projects. He will also oversee and produce any other publications/printed pieces the State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen deem a priority.

This coming fraternal year, Ron will be also be responsible to oversee a monthly reminder to all councils to submit all types of publicity their council has done the previous month to promote the Knights and their council programs. Submitting these informal reports will help councils earn points toward the Publicity Award presented each year at the State Convention.

Ron is a member of Fr. William A. Foster Council 9518, Ralston, and has been an active member and a Third Degree Knight since 1990. He became a Fourth Degree member in June of 2008. Also active in parish and community life, Ron served on the St. Gerald Parish Council, the Building Committee, as a mentor in the RCIA Program and a RENEW coordinator. He was also a youth leader in the Godparent Program, visited homebound for over 10 years to bring them the Eucharist, created and headed the parish parking lot and lock-up security patrols and was a youth baseball coach and Cub Scout leader.

Ron currently serves as an EMHC at Masses and helps with annual events such as 40 Hours of Adoration (Lent) and is the parish photographer. He volunteers his services to an Omaha-area Catholic high school and several other Omaha-area organizations. A 29-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department, Ron and Duffi, his wife of 48 years, and their adult son, Aaron, have owned their own business for the past 25 years.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Publicity and Public Relations: Public relations are an important component of the Knights of Columbus. Public relations in its broadest sense is the art of making the public aware of:

- What an organization is doing
- Why it is doing it
- The people it serves
- How it contributes to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Through communication, we can inform people about the activities of the Knights and when these activities will be taking place. By doing this, we can motivate our members to get involved in the Council through participation in the activities and through individual action. We can give our members a sense of responsibility and pride. We can also make recruitment easier since more people will be familiar with what our organization is and what we are doing.

When you check out the points available to be earned, please note that there have been additions and changes from previous years. In order for your council to earn any of these points, the specific items must be brought to the attention of the PR Chairman. Do not expect him to hunt through newspapers, bulletins, etc. to find your council's name/article. Simply having your council's name on a calendar of events or space reservation within a parish does not qualify for points.

Publicize Your Events: Create a yearlong calendar with the planned events, adding more as they occur. Assign a member the task of handling the PR for each event. Members responsible for the communication of council activities should acquaint themselves with the appropriate people at the diocesan and local newspapers, radio, and television stations.

Always write a news release about each event and send to diocesan and local newspapers. When writing news releases for the press or providing the newspaper staff with information, always remember to give them background information. The information should include the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the local program or project.

Publicize the event well in advance through whatever other media is appropriate (parish bulletin, pulpit announcement, flyers and posters, newspapers, radio/TV community calendars). Always be sure to include the name of a contact person and their phone and email.

Assign someone to take as many photos as possible. (Please check out the photo publishing policy at <http://nebraskakofc.org>), take notes and get comments from participants, the Grand Knight and anyVIPs. Events such as the kickoff of the Tootsie Roll[®] Drive, an annual fish fry, or recognition of council award winners might offer special visual appeal, and therefore, special efforts should be made to get a photo of these activities.

If you use your mobile phone or tablet to take these photos, take them at the highest resolution possible. A medium quality digital camera is best suited for these events. Take the photos at the highest quality possible. If the photos are to be taken outdoors, make sure the sun is not in the eyes of the subjects and that they remove their hats and sunglasses.

Write a summary and publicize in the same manner as you did in “advance” the results of the event (money raised, benefactors, community enjoyment) as is appropriate. Consider sending your final article to Supreme for one of their online publications or Columbia magazine. Even if you are politely rejected, keep trying after each event. Instructions on how to write and send articles and photos can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Council Newsletter: An editor should be appointed for the council newsletter. He should have a sense of organization. His duties are to get items of interest, possibly solicit advertisements and oversee the layout of the publication. A single copied sheet is the simplest format. More elaborate council newsletters may be used. The choice of format usually depends on the budget and the volume of available news. If the publication is to be printed, it may be financed through the acceptance of carefully chosen advertisements. Many Councils choose to send their issues through email or post them online on the council website.

Council Website: A council website is important; not only for current members, but for anyone in your area seeking information about the Knights. Your council webmaster should have a basic knowledge of working with a website. Often members ask their children to help. It’s also important to keep your website current. A website is only as good as its information.

Free web space is provided to councils on the state site. The State Website Chairman will assist you in setting this up and guide your person through the process. There is usually no expense incurred.

Other Tools: When using other media pieces, make sure you are identified as the Knights of Columbus. For example, roadside signs and banners need to at least display the 3rd Degree emblem, but would be best to have the council name and location (Knights of Columbus Council 1234, Omaha).

DON'T WAIT UNTIL MARCH 1, 2018 TO SUBMIT! It is not necessary to wait until March 1 to send any publicity information for award consideration. Send any publicity with the form on a monthly or quarterly basis and we'll keep track. Gather your information and fill out the form (online under “Resources”, “PDF Forms” or http://nebraskakofc.org/ICC/PR_Award_Points.pdf)

Public Relations Points for Awards

Accepted article/picture in <i>Columbia</i> Magazine or any other online or printed publication from Supreme (<i>send sample to PR Chairman</i>)	15 points
Rejected article/picture in <i>Columbia</i> Magazine or any other online or printed publication from Supreme (<i>forward email from Supreme to PR Chairman</i>)	5 points
Article in “Around the State” on the State Website (<i>send sample to PR Chairman</i>)	10 points
Photos accompanying article (each)	1 point
Photo submitted to “Around the State” on the State Website without an article but with a caption (each) (<i>PR Chairman will check online</i>)	5 points
Article/Picture in Diocesan Paper (<i>send sample to PR Chairman</i>)	10 points
Article/Picture in Local Paper (<i>send sample to PR Chairman</i>)	10 points
Extra pictures included with article in diocesan/local newspapers (each)	1 point
National TV/radio interview/feature story (<i>send description, date & time of airing to PR Chairman</i>)	15 points
Local TV/radio interview/feature story (<i>send description, date & time of airing to PR Chairman</i>)	15 points
Local Community Calendar spots on radio/TV, in newspapers (<i>send description, date & time of airing</i>)	5 points
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Roadside/billboard signs with Knights of Columbus identified as sponsor of the sign (<i>send a photo of the sign with its location to PR Chairman</i>)	5 points
Family of the Month from Supreme (<i>send documentation to PR Chairman</i>)	5 points
Council newsletter (<i>send to PR Chairman</i>)	5 points each, 60 points max
Council brochure describing the good works that your council does (<i>send to PR Chairman</i>)	5 points
Council website kept current (<i>send URL to PR Chairman</i>)	10 points
Each item listed on final Log Book and submitted by the deadline(s) (supplied by Program Director)	5 points each, 50 points max

All items to be counted toward award points **MUST BE** easily identified/seen by the Public Relations Chairman. PLEASE have your submittals organized according to the points earned as listed above and include a summarized list with the actual items.

To be eligible for points, you must send tear sheets (sample)/requested documentation of any of the items listed above to:

Ron Goodrich, 8818 Ohern St, Omaha, NE 68127-2536.

All emails **MUST** be directed to publicity@nebraskakofc.org to be considered.

DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018

These points are used only to determine Publicity Awards; they do not directly affect the ICC Award. The top two councils in each division will be given awards at the State Convention.

NOTE: If one of your members serves at the state level (State Officer, District Deputy, Director, or Chairman) their actions at the state level **DO NOT** count as PR points for your council.

ICC Publicity Award Form

DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018

Check appropriate items below and include any requested information and attachments. URL = complete web address.

You may copy this form as often as needed.

Featured Article/picture in *Columbia* magazine or any other online or printed publication from Supreme

Include a copy or identify URL here:

Rejected article/picture in *Columbia* magazine or any other online or printed publication from Supreme.

Print and attach email from Supreme.

Article/picture in diocesan paper/website.

Include a copy or identify URL here:

Extra picture(s) included with article in diocesan paper/diocesan website.

Identify which article if submitting more than one.

Picture showing your council visible as Knights (shirts, aprons, etc.) serving the community

Identify how you are serving community, date, location.

Article/picture in local paper/website.

Identify which article if submitting more than one.

Article/picture sent to Nebraska Knights *Courier* but not used.

Email to Publicity@NebraskaKofC.org or include with this form.

Article/picture in Nebraska Knights *Courier*.

Identify which issue of *Courier* it was featured in:

National TV/radio/webpage/Facebook story.

On a separate sheet of paper, summarize story, indicate date & time of airing.

Local TV/radio/webpage/Facebook story.

On a separate sheet of paper, summarize story, indicate date & time of airing.

Local Community Calendar spots - radio/TV/newspapers/online.

If radio/TV, name the station, event, dates. If online, identify URL here:

Roadside/billboard signs with Knights of Columbus identified as sponsor of the sign.

Include a photo of the sign and give its location.

Family of the Month designated by Supreme.

Include documentation or give the month/year here:

Council newsletter and/or regular article in parish bulletin/parish newsletter.

Attach a sample or email to Publicity@NebraskaKofC.org.

Council brochure describing the good works that your council does.

Include a sample.

Council website or page on parish site kept current.

Identify URL here:

Council social media account (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) monitored and current.

Identify URL here:

Council recruitment/other videos.

Include a DVD or URL if posted on a website:

Other - name what it is here:

On a separate sheet of paper, describe and include any copies, photos, URL, etc.

MEET STATE WEBSITE CHAIRMAN AARON GOODRICH

As State Website Chairman for the past nine years, Aaron's responsibilities are to revise, maintain, and update the state website. He has been co-editor and co-layout artist for the Courier the past fourteen years, as well as handling the Nebraska Knights Directory and other printed pieces. He knows the importance of having the Courier and the state website complement each other as communication tools, offering up-to-date information and resources, as well as sharing activities and news from members across the state.

Educated at UNO in Graphic Arts and Website Development, as well as Project Management, Aaron has written and produced film clips and short videos for nonprofits across the state, as well as creating their printed pieces, and setting up their websites. He started working with his parents (Ron and Duffi) in 1997, and is currently a full partner with them at Goodrich and Goodrich, LLC, as well as recently purchasing his own publication, The Real Estate Book of Omaha.

Aaron volunteers his time to his home parish, St. Gerald, Ralston, as their special projects layout artist and photographer. He has also written, recorded and produced several videos promoting vocations for the St. Gerald websites and has links to his work on the Omaha Archdiocese website. Aaron is a Third Degree member of Fr. William A. Foster Council 9518, Ralston.

STATE WEBSITE INFORMATION can be found at nebraskakofc.org

- ICC Awards Program forms can be filled out online and when submitted they are automatically sent to the appropriate people.
- ICC forms can also be obtained in PDF format to be printed off and mailed.

News:

- You can find a link under the "News" menu item to Around the State, Courier, Memento Mori and our photo publishing policy.

Calendars:

- There is a "Calendar" menu for dates such as: "Reports Due" (both State and Supreme); "Important Dates" (programs, activities, and events); and "Exemplification Schedule".

Directory:

- You will find phone numbers and email links for the Officers, DDs, Directors/Chairmen, and Insurance, as well as email links to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries of all Nebraska councils.

Resources: Under the "Resources" menu item is a wealth of items such as: • Printable ICC forms • Tax exempt letters • Moving notice • Sample DD expense form • Tootsie Roll® Drive information • Golf registration forms and much more • Knights emblems and current State Deputy pin art are available for download.

The last four menu items take you to the state Foundation site, the state 4th Degree site, the state Squires site, and Supreme.

"Around the State": • "Around the State" is now featured online. Articles and photos submitted will still be eligible for PR points toward an award at the state conventions.

Courier Online: • You can view Courier online or on your tablet/iPad. Sign up for the eNotice and you will be taken off the print mailing list.

Go to <http://www.nebraskakofc.org> on a regular basis to check out updates and important information.

MEET STATE IT SPECIALIST KEVIN OSTDIEK

In my role as IT Specialist, I will help to organize presentations for all State Meetings to include the State Convention and help out in any way that I can. I joined the Knights (Council 1906) in 1991 as a Senior in High School. After college, I transferred to Council 11001, and have served in most of the offices, including twice as Grand Knight. From 2008 to 2012, I served as District Deputy. For the last four years, I have served as a Director for the State of Nebraska. I also serve on my council's First Degree Team and as the Conferring Officer for the Lincoln Third Degree Team.

I work for the Diocese of Lincoln, serving as the Special Projects Coordinator in the Finance Department. In my home parish of Blessed Sacrament in Lincoln, I serve as an Acolyte, EME and Usher.

MEET STATE PRODUCTION SUPPORT JOE GASPER

I joined Blessed Sacrament Council 11001 in 2003 and became an insured member. At the Council level I have served as Guard, Warden and currently serve as the Chancellor. I am a charter member of Saint John Paul the Great Assembly 3640 where I serve as a charter trustee. I am the Assistant manager at White Cap construction Supply.

MEET STATE FOUNDATION ADVISOR MANNY GALLARDO

Manuel S. "Manny" Gallardo has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1970. Manny joined the Order simply because he was asked. In 1999, upon the recommendation of another field agent, Manny took on the role of Knights of Columbus Field Agent to help create personal plans of insurance protection for members in his area. Prior to becoming an agent, Manny worked for the Nebraska State Patrol, retiring in 1994 as a captain. From 1994 to 1999, he served as the vice chairman of the Nebraska Board of Parole. Manny is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.

Manny and his wife Lucy were married in 1964 and have four children and 13 grandchildren. Lucy operates a daycare with her daughters in Lincoln, NE. Manny is active in his Parish and Council. He is a Lector at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church in Lincoln, and is a member of the Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council #9563. Manny has served as Warden, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. He is currently the Advocate for the Council. He is also a member of the Bishop Kucera Fourth Degree Assembly #595, having served in all of the officers' positions including Commander of the Assembly. Manny is currently the Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly. He has served as Eastern Membership Director for Past State Deputy Howard Gaffney, and has assisted in developing five new Councils and two Roundtables. In 2004, Manny received Honorable Mention as Nebraska Knight of the Year and was the top recruiter in Nebraska in 2009. Manny currently works in security at Pinnacle Bank in Lincoln on a part-time basis.

MEET STATE FOUNDATION ADVISOR DAN WELLS

I'm a member of Council 10909 in Elkhorn. My wife's name is Beth. Dan was one of the founding members of the Mary Our Queen Council #11700 and transferred to St. Wenceslaus #10909 in November 2016. He has been a 4th degree member for over 15 years. Dan has been involved in parish activities over the years as a school board member and president, as well as a member of the finance committee, an EHMC and a lector. Dan was also a board member and president of Music in Catholic Schools. He and his wife of 35 years have three children and two grandchildren.

Dan is a CPA, CFE and CGMA and works at the accounting firm, Massman, Nelson, Reinig, PC. He is a member of the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants and has served as a member for many years, was chairman of the board from 2013-2014, and is currently chairman of the industry committee and on the society's foundation committee. Beth is a freelance writer, artist and business consultant.

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