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NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HELD IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA ON THE 22nd, 23rd and 24th of APRIL, 2022**

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – INSURANCE AGENCY SOCIAL

The Swanson and Pfeifer Agencies hosted a social in the Crystal Room, Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska. The guests were offered Knights of Columbus Refreshment openers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – AWARDS BANQUET

At the start of the awards presentation, District Master Richard Lowery and District Marshall Leland Weber presented Former District Deputy Steve Graff a “Quilt of Valor” for his service during the Vietnam War area. This is the 4th year of presenting the quilt of valor to a brother knight who is a veteran. A second “Quilt of Valor” was presented to PSD Mark Borytsky for his 20 years of service in the United State Air Force. This is the 5th award.

Awards were given to various councils and brother knights across the State at the Annual Knights of Columbus Convention. Emcee for the evening was State Program Director, Michael Schaefer. The complete awards listing is at Appendix A.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – PSD/FSC BREAKFAST MEETING

Twenty-three (23) Past State Deputies and their wives, Former State Chaplains attended. Special guest as Damien O’Connor from our supreme Council/

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – HOLY HOUR

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration started the day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – MORNING FORUM

This year’s program was a “Freedom from Fear or Ultimate Joy” featuring Amy Dix who did a painting as part of her presentation. Program was well received.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – NOON LUNCHEON

The noon luncheon was held in the Crystal Room at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska. The “2022 Family of the Year” was awarded to the Robert Golka family from Hastings Nebraska, council 1123.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – LADIES PROGRAM

Bailey Graham, 12 twelve-year old young lady presented her program o, building a booming gift box business. The program was well received and very informative.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2022 – BUSINESS MEETING

State Deputy Richardson called to order the State meeting of the 117th Annual Convention in the 3rd Section at 1:40 PM in the Diamond Room at the Younes conference Center. Deputy Richardson called on State Warden Hypse, “Are all present in possession of a current membership card and are they seated in their proper seats. Warden Hypse so vouched. Deputy Richardson called on State Chaplain Very Reverend Justin Fulton to lead the opening prayer. Deputy Richardson called on District Master, Richard Lowery to lead the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Deputy Richardson introduced our special guest, The Vice President for Evangelization and Faith formation, Brother Damien O’Connor. All responded with a hearty Nebraska welcome for our Supreme guest, we are indeed honored to have you grace us with your presence and we hope your stay here will be an enjoyable and most memorable one. Deputy Richardson introduced State Advocate James Korth as the Parliamentarian for this Convention.

Advocate Korth acknowledged the assembly and stated that “Robert’s Rules of Order” would be followed for this meeting. Deputy Richardson called on Secretary Wolf to introduce this year’s recorder and to read any communications received. Secretary Wolf introduced Executive Secretary Raymond Guggenberger, from Bellevue Council 6192. Secretary Woolf read the following communications. Secretary Lowery continued, as a point of order for this convention, any council making a motion, or seconding a motion will loudly announce the number or name of your council. The Chair shall repeat the number for the recorder.

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March 29, 2022
Founder’s Day

Matthew R. Richardson
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Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Richardson:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the Nebraska State Council. Today marks the 140th Anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney founding the Knights of Columbus. As we begin this 141st year, each brother Knight should reflect with pride on our Order’s continued success in advancing the charitable and evangelical mission of the Church, particularly during recent moments of hardship.

The efforts of our brothers in Poland and Ukraine provide an example for all Knights of Columbus. In adversity, these men have risen to the challenge; fulfilling Father McGivney’s vision of caring for the needy and the outcast. In the other jurisdictions of our Order, the Founder’s call to action is no less evident. In the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Philippines, human life is under constant threat. As the Pro-Life movement shifts in focus from the national to local level, I ask councils to redouble their efforts in support of pregnancy resources centers.

The recently concluded Year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, brought with it many graces. Included among these is the new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. In the months ahead, brother Knights and their parishes will grow in devotion to St. Joseph through this program, allowing them to reflect upon the model of masculine virtue St. Joseph provides — an example so important to our Order today.

Finally, I express sincere gratitude to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and to each brother Knight in Nebraska. May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Fraternally,
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight



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April 2022

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Dear Brother Knights,

I am pleased to send my greetings to you as you gather in Kearney for the Annual State Convention of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. I continue to be very grateful to all of the Knights across Nebraska for your strong faith and your many good works that build up families, parishes and communities across our state.

As we face many challenges within the Church and in our contemporary culture, the witness of the Knights of Columbus encourages us to stay close to Jesus Christ and to be attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

I will pray that your time together will be a source of grace and inspiration for all.

With best wishes and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George J. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha



DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 23, 2022

Saturday of the Octave of Easter

Dear State Deputy, and State Delegates to the Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus of Nebraska:

Easter greetings in the name of the Risen Lord and blessings for my brother Knights attending the annual Convention in the City of Kearney. This is truly a season of hope because of the victory of Christ over all powers of darkness. At this time in the Church we surely need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the glorious cross and be confident that our Lord and God has everything under control for our good.

I am happy to claim the honor of being a Fourth Degree Knight since my days in Denver. Therefore I know from the inside the wonderful works and more importantly the fervent hearts that carry out many charitable deeds in the name of the Knights of Columbus. I commend you especially for your faithful defense of life, of the unborn, the specially challenged, and your support of refugees. In a special way, the Knights' support of vocations for clergy and consecrated life is a hallmark of your fraternity. May you continue your support of families and reconquering the depth of our beautiful Catholic faith.

I entrust you to Mary's care and wish you a very fruitful Annual State Convention with an abundance of blessings for the fraternity, unity, charity, and patriotism that always marks any gathering of the Knights of Columbus and their spouses. With my promise of prayer I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. James D. Conley
Bishop of Lincoln





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April 2022

Dear Brother Knights and members of your families,

It gives me great joy to welcome all of you to this annual gathering of the Knights of Columbus and your family members to our State Convention. I pray these days of fraternity, in gathering together once again, will be a joyful time for you.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus means you are part of one of the greatest service organizations in the world, and certainly within the Church. In a particular way we gather, mindful of our brother Knights in Ukraine, together with their families and their fellow citizens who are suffering so much from this war because of the Russian invasion. We are mindful, as well, of our brother Knights in Poland who are shouldering the humanitarian efforts of our fraternal order. Let us support them in every way we can.

More than ever, we need the strength that comes through faith. It is important that we never take our faith for granted. Otherwise, we can easily slip into being a church that forgets why we exist instead of being a Church of disciples on mission with Jesus. While we do many great acts of service as brother Knights, we must always attend to our relationship with Jesus. Prayer opens our hearts to receive the love God has for us and transforms us from the inside out.

I am continually edified by the dedication and service of you, my brother Knights. Together we offer support and encouragement to one another through the many activities of our order. However, at every Mass we experience a kind of revival in our own faith as we see a brother Knight and his family in prayer with us. May the Knights of Columbus be the first evangelists in our parishes who step out and welcome back to Mass all those who may still be away. It is at gatherings like our State Convention this weekend where we receive renewed encouragement to be strong and active Knights all throughout the year.

I regret that my Confirmation schedule prevents me from being with you this year! Know that your faithfulness and dedication is a source of great encouragement for me. Please know of and trust in my prayers for your Councils, your family members and all your personal intentions.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

+Joseph G. Hanefeldt
Bishop of Grand Island

Secretary Wolf moved that the remaining letters be entered into the proceedings without being read. Council 77343 seconded, motion passed.



Knights of Columbus

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL

Brother Knights, Families, Delegates, and Guests,

It is with great pleasure and honor I welcome you to the 117th Annual Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Convention.

I am truly blessed and humbled to serve as State Deputy and your host for this convention. The annual convention is a time to renew friendships, meet new families, and celebrate together in person. It is my hope that this convention will be a time of relaxation and enjoyment leaving you with renewed energy to share your faith and offer other families the gift of membership in our order.

I want to thank everyone involved with planning and preparing for this convention. After two years of virtual conventions, many hours were invested to make this a successful in person event, and I am grateful to all involved.

It is a blessing to welcome Bishop Conley for our Luncheon on Saturday, and Bishop Emeritus Dendinger as our Celebrant for Saturday evening Mass. Nebraska Knights are blessed to have the support of our Bishops and grateful to have them with us whenever their schedule permits.

Many councils across the state took "Do Not Be Afraid" from Matthew 1:20 quite literally. These men and their families provided aid and comfort to individuals and families in need. I encourage each of you to continue showing Christ's presence in our world. As you share your faith with men and their families, Do Not Be Afraid to give them the opportunity to deepen their faith, grow in fraternity with other Catholic men, and serve their community by joining this great order. Thank you for attending our annual convention and thank you for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,


Matthew R Richardson

State Deputy



DIocese of LINCOLN

CHANCERY

Dear Knights and Families:

Peace be with you.

On behalf of all the clergy and religious of the three dioceses of the state of Nebraska, welcome to fabulous Kearney and the 2022 Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Convention! It is a humbling service to be the current State Chaplain for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.

Adorning the north portal of the state capitol in Lincoln are enshrined the words "*Salvation of the State is Watchfulness in the Citizen.*" These words, inspired by the father of Nebraska philosopher Hartley Burr Alexander, are words taken by the Nebraska Knights and catapulted to the higher and more dignified life of grace given by Almighty God. For the Nebraska Knights and their families, a citizen cannot simply *watch*, a citizen must also *act*.

I am proud of you all. From Benkelman to Bloomfield, from Rulo to Rushville and all points in between, the Nebraska Knights of Columbus are apostles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in our beloved state. You are servant leaders in action. You are lovers of Jesus and you share His love with a world that needs it. Thank you for your bold action in service to God and country.

May we enjoy the time our Lord has allotted us to be together here in Kearney and indeed on this earth. May we never be afraid to proclaim His truth in word, deed, and action. May we live His abundant joy every day of our lives!

Thank you for your service to God's Kingdom and thank you for your faith in Jesus Christ. God bless and keep you!

Do not be afraid.

Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for Us.
St. Joseph, Pray for Us.

Cheers,

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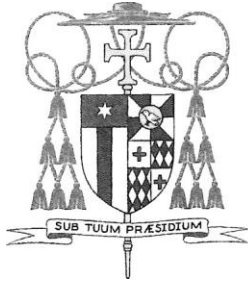
My Brother Knights of Columbus,

I send my greetings to all of you as you gather for your annual State Convention this year in Kearney on April 29 – May 1. I regret that I cannot join you this year.

The Knights of Columbus are such a vital lay ministry in promoting the cause of Catholicism in our world. I will pray for you as you gather for business and fellowship to continue the important mission of the Knights throughout Nebraska, as well as throughout our nation and in many places in our world. You provide valuable support for our Holy Father Pope Francis, and for all the bishops in union with him. I am very proud of Knights everywhere, and especially here in Nebraska.

I am sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Elden F. Curtiss
Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha



DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP EMERITUS

April 7, 2022

State Deputy, Knights of Columbus
Nebraska State Council

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for your very gracious letter to me telling me of the State Convention this coming April 22-23, 2022. Although I have sent my regrets telling you that I will not be able to attend the State Convention this year, I am very happy to note the growth of the Knights of Columbus and the great service given to the Archdiocese and Dioceses of Nebraska.

Please accept this letter - a greeting to the State Convention attendees, and as a matter of fact, to all the Knights of Columbus of Nebraska through them. Allow me to also thank you for your continued and exceptional generous support for the great causes for which you make many sacrifices, focus on areas such as priestly formation and the education of seminarians and candidates for the religious life, and the great effort that is constantly being set forth for Catholic education, and mental and physically challenged persons. The charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism of our Order is reflected in our State by unprecedented generosity, dedication, and Catholic commitment by the Knights, and their families, and loved ones.

I am sure that you realize how deeply I admire and appreciate the Knights of Columbus and everything they do and stand for. I am deeply and profoundly honored myself, to be a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and to say how they have been, not only in all my years as a priest, but also in the years before I was a priest, the object of my profound admiration.

Asking God to bless each of you personally, and asking our Divine Lord as well, to shower with His grace and a smile of His love, all those who are at the State Convention this year.

Assuring you once again of my blessing and support, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskewitz
Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln

April 5, 2022

Dear Fellow Knights of Columbus

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus State Convention 2022. I welcome you to this spiritual and informative event. Here is an opportunity for us to renew our dedication to the charism of the Knights of Columbus, and to deepen our faith with the recognition and appreciation of what Jesus Christ is doing in our personal life.

It's so good to be back to the usual convention of seeing and trusting each other face to face. We hope that the restrictive conditions of the COVID pandemic are history. May God continue to bless us with good health.

Please be assured of my prayers as you participate in the convention and may God continue to bless your work.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend William J. Dendinger
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Grand Island

Secretary Wolf continued; we will not have a roll call. Delegates must be present for both sessions to receive their expense checks.

State Deputy Richardson
State Chaplain Very Reverend Fulton
Immediate Past Deputy Borytsky
State Secretary Wolf
State Treasurer Schaeffer
State Advocate Korth
State Warden Hypse

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Worthy State Deputy, the roll call has been completed. I ask for the report of our State Deputy.

STATE DEPUTY REPORT

Your Excellencies, Very Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Past State Deputies, State Officers, State Advisor, District Master, Directors, Chairmen, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Council Delegates and Guests: It is my pleasure to welcome you, the members of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of

Columbus, to this year's 2022 State Convention. As the State Deputy of this great Order, it is my privilege to offer this State Deputy Report. My report allows me to briefly describe the events and achievements of this past fraternal year. Last year, at the 116th State Convention in Kearney, you elected me as your State Deputy, it has been an honor to serve you this Fraternal Year. Although it entails tremendous responsibility it carries with it much joy of working with all my brother knights and their families. My hope is that I have been able to perform to your expectations. My first and most critical position to fill was our spiritual leader. I consulted with The Most Reverend James D. Conley Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln for his approval to have Father Justin Fulton as State Chaplain of Nebraska, he approved with confidence Father Fulton would spiritually lead our state. Father Fulton, Connie, and I had a wonderful time bonding together before we hopefully were elected and assumed the responsibilities of the state. During our time together we planned and prayed, but two items needed little discussion. One was our saint to watch over Nebraska, St. Joseph. The other was our motto "Do not be afraid." Do not be afraid was taken directly from scripture. Matthew 1:20 where the angel appears to Joseph and says "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

I was privileged to have a great slate of state officers elected, and blessed to have an executive secretary, program and membership teams, Culture of Life, Intellectual Disabilities, McGivney Foundation, and general/field agents that I had the honor and have the pleasure of serving with. This year I assigned to the state council a State Advisor Mike Conrad, Past State Deputy, and Former Supreme Director. His responsibilities are many ensuring our state receives the advice and recommendations we need to make the best decisions for our success. Additionally assigned were five Regional Growth Directors to oversee assigned Districts. They will provide oversight ensuring their districts have the information they need to be successful. I am also fortunate to have the support of our Past State Deputies who bring their advice and experiences, always appreciated. I thank the past, present, and future leaders of our State Council for their support, advice, and friendship, it is a blessing and greatly appreciated.

I then set out on the task of selecting Directors and Chairmen. It was important for me to appoint brothers to whom I could delegate the responsibility of developing programs, guidelines, and council growth for their success, and then follow them through to their conclusion. My first and most important appointments made, were the appointment of the Membership and Program Directors. I appointed Richard Lowery, PSD to serve as State Membership Director.

Rich, being a PSD, had certainly proven that he was capable; his attention to detail, management and seeing growth opportunities was called for in this position. I appointed Brian Hamik to serve as the State Program Director given his attention to detail, management, and forward thinking. I thank both of you first for stepping up and accepting the position, and second, for your understanding, assistance, and dedicated service. I then began the task of appointing the brothers to serve as district deputies for the state. Upon accepting the position in July, we had thirty of the of the forty-three district deputies in place, ten districts are vacant, and we are working to fill them. I have asked a lot from you this Fraternal Year and I express my thanks to you for your efforts and dedication to your councils. You each were selected because of your leadership abilities within your respective districts. I feel any, and all successes are due in large part to your efforts and dedication.

The first week in June, my wife, Connie, and I attended the State Deputies Training Meeting in New Haven, Connecticut. The Supreme program for affiliate membership and the extension of McGivney 2020 were revealed and requirements for qualifying for Supreme Council awards were established. I had the opportunity to meet State Deputies from other global jurisdictions and share ideas and fellowship. Two highlights of this meeting were Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the same parish our founder Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Order. I was blessed to be present for the installation of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and then be installed by him minutes later. The second, was when the Supreme Knight unveiled the St. Joseph Icon and cited Matthew 1:20. It truly was a memorable event.

After returning to Nebraska the State Council held the State Leadership Training Seminar in Grand Island at the Ramada by Wyndham Midtown Convention Center the weekend of July 16-17. This meeting was attended by the State Officers, State Advisor, Executive Secretary, District Deputy's, Grand Knight's, Past State Deputies, General Agents, Directors, and Chairmen. At this meeting, the plans for the fraternal year, program and membership manual for district deputy and grand knights, were presented. Highlighting the meeting were the installation ceremonies for the State Officers and District Deputies. After this meeting, the district deputies and grand knights left Grand Island with the plan for the fraternal year. Goals for each district were established and pledges for program growth, faith development, and council monthly requirements were made by each district deputy and grand knight. They understood the only way for any of the goals to be reached was to enlist the support of the councils.

The following weeks, area-wide regional meetings were held, at which, our program and membership plan and goals were presented. The Regional Growth Directors along with representatives from the state team and the insurance agents, made presentations for the new fraternal year. To keep District Deputies and Grand Knights better informed of important dates and deadlines, in addition to the Program and Membership Guidebook. The monthly newsletter from Supreme and State website was published and distributed electronically each month. I encourage each of you grand knights to continue to review Supreme and State information opportunities at your meetings to reference in planning upcoming activities.

The first week of August found me, Father Fulton, and the eight delegates elected at the 116th Nebraska State Convention, we attended the 139th Virtual Supreme Convention in Kearney. This convention included many highlights, the pageantry of the convention and the leadership that our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly provides, always makes the Supreme Convention a joyous and memorable event. The exception was that it was virtual again.

October saw yet another successful State Soccer event in Schuyler. Council 2716 of Schuyler provided plenty of event help and our Program Director, Youth Director and officers who attended are grateful.

In November we the State Coats for Kids event donated over four hundred coats to the CUES Catholic Schools in Omaha, distributed coats to the Cathedral in Grand Island, provided coats to a Lincoln High School clothing closet, and donated a case of coats to a drive for the homeless. The Mid Year Meeting in December was a remarkable success. The membership team provided a wealth of information to the District Deputies in attendance. The officer's wives served lunch at the Peoples City Mission, and the officers delivered 230 plus coats to the mission for distribution. The Saturday evening event was a testimonial dinner for IPSD Mark Borytsky and his wife Audrey. It was an evening to show our gratitude to a leader who successfully navigated Nebraska through the Pandemic. Mark is a true brother and friend. Sunday afternoon everyone went home with renewed energy and plenty of information to take to the councils they serve. January, February, March, and April were busy months. I attended district meetings and Charity Unity and Fraternity Exemplifications. Officers attended events for Villa Marie, Catholic Social Services, and council anniversary celebrations. The Nebraska Knights of Columbus were honored at the Essential Pregnancy Center dinner this year. State Free Throw competition went flawlessly thanks to our Youth Director, Program Director, and all the help from the Grand Island Councils, District Deputies, and other Knights in attendance.

In addition to the various state projects, we have our beloved 4th Degree Knights lead by District Master Rich Lowery and Past State Deputy. From across our state the 4th Degree Knights have presented at many ceremonial activities. Our District Master has been a great leader of the 4th Degree, but also performs, like all of you the many hours of service to the Knights and parishes, much of it unnoticed. Our District Master is a great friend, and I am extremely fortunate to have him as District Master during my tenure. If I may on behalf of all Nebraska Knights, I extend our appreciation to the District Master and the Faithful Navigators for their leadership this year and the many 4th Degree brother knights participating promoting Patriotism.

I would ask you to review the state council reports for their message of this Fraternal Year. Each of their reports are well documented and will provide you with a great assessment of their position responsibilities and our state status to this point in time, more fraternal year to come.

I again express my sincere appreciation to our State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton for his help and spiritual guidance on behalf of all the members of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska; We thank you Father Fulton. To my State Officers, State Advisor, Executive Secretary I again convey to each of you my thanks for the efficient way you have fulfilled the duties of your office and for your assistance and guidance this fraternal year. It truly has been an honor to serve with you Brother Knights. To our Culture of Life, Intellectual Disabilities, and McGivney Foundation, I extend my utmost appreciation for all you do in matters of the managing your foundations and charitable giving to the many in need. To the Regional Growth Directors and District Deputies who have given so freely of your time, I say thank you. You ARE a vital link between the local council and the State and Supreme. I want to recognize the Past State Deputies. When I began my term as State Deputy, I asked them for their guidance and constructive criticism, and they have been generous with both, please know it is very much appreciated. Last, and most importantly, to you, the grand knights I express my sincere gratitude for your support and undying dedication to your council and our Order. You are the men who make our programs a success and keep your council viable through continued commitment to faith development, growth in fraternity and service to your parish and community. The dedication and charitable works of the local council members are truly what the Knights of Columbus is all about; to see what you men have accomplished collectively across our state so far, this fraternal year is very impressive to say the least. Please do not stop now as there is much more of God's work yet to accomplish. I hope that I have proven to be deserving of the trust and confidence you gave to me this past year.

I hope you feel that my efforts have been worthwhile and for the good of the Order. I hope that years from now, these pandemic fraternal years will be recognized as we concurred, and we represented our Order well in the Nebraska Knights of Columbus history books. I hope that under my tenure as State Deputy, that my administration has exhibited charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism along with education, faith development, and motivation.

I want to thank my wife, Connie, for her love, support, great programs, and motivation while we are on this journey together. It has been our honor and privilege to serve as the State Deputy and First Lady of Nebraska.

In closing, always be proud of your country, be proud to be a Catholic man making those in need comforted, pray for our Clergy and Religious and be proud to be a member of the greatest fraternal organization in the world, the Knights of Columbus. Thank you and May God bless you, your council, and your family." Do not be afraid, Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew R. Richardson
State Deputy

I move for the adoption of my report and the reports of the other State Officers without being read and that they be entered into the Proceedings. Council 2373 seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed nay. Motion carried.

STATE SECRETARY

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Justin Fulton' Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairman, Delegates and Brother Knights attending our 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

I respectfully submit the following report.

As State Secretary I fulfilled my duties to the best of my ability. They included but were not limited to the following. Recording the official minutes of all State meetings both in person and by zoom. Collecting and recording the per capita payments from the Councils. Collecting and recording credentials for all delegates to the State Convention. I also filled out and coded vouchers for all State payments made by the State Treasurer.

I also had the honor to travel to various State and Council functions around the State as assigned by our State Deputy. This included the Leadership Seminar in July and Mid-Year Membership meeting in December. It was also my honor, along with my wife Chris, to have attended the EPS Glow prolife event in Council Bluffs along with our State Deputy, Immediate Past State Deputy, Culture of Life Couple, and the State Deputy from Iowa.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve our State and our State Deputy Matt Richardson over the past year. It has been made even more special as I have been accompanied by lovely wife Chris. To all our Brother Knights, their wives, and families, thank you for all that you do for your Councils and for the State. Thank you for welcoming Chris and I on our visits. Your hard work and heart felt support added with your prayers for our church, councils and community's truly show your dedication to the vision of Father Michael McGivney. My God Bless you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Wolf
State Secretary

STATE TREASURER

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton, Worthy Supreme Director Damien O'Connor, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Directors, Chairmen, Support Staff, Delegates, Brother Knights, and families, welcome to the 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney Nebraska on April 22-24, 2022.

I respectfully submit my 2021-2022 report. I attended all meetings called to order by the State Deputy and successfully performed all assigned tasks. All checks were written and distributed per vouchers submitted by the State Secretary. All deposits were recorded and all three accounts (General, Lottery and Disaster) were balanced and reconciled monthly. Due to State Warden Hypse's great work with the State Lottery for Vocations, the State was able to give a combined \$500 Christmas/Easter check to the Seminarians and Bishops in all three Dioceses'.

As we continue to deal with the lingering effects of COVID, State Deputy Richardson did an outstanding job of moving our State Programs and Membership forward. I endeavored to attend every meeting throughout the State but missed some due to COVID restrictions or inclement weather. It was extremely hard not seeing our Brother Knights at the different State meetings but our State leadership did an awesome job of keeping everyone informed of current events via emails, texts and phone calls. State Program Director Hamik did an excellent job in keeping State programs going and worked with State Warden Hypse to set up our monthly Zoom meetings. State Membership Director Rich Lowery went to great lengths working with our Regional Growth Directors to bring in new Brother Knights each month.

This Fraternal Year continues to be outstanding for Shelly and me. We are truly blessed that the 26,000 Brother Knights, through their convention delegates, voted me into the State Treasurer position. I would not be able to succeed without the key support of my fellow State Officers. I collaborated with State Deputy Richardson weekly about State affairs. State Secretary Wolf is always there to help answer my questions. There were a few late-night phone calls and texts between the two of us. State Warden Hypse took the State Lottery to new heights and sent me the information on the lottery deposits and bank receipts in a timely fashion. I would not be able to hold any State position without the sage advice of Immediate Past State Deputy Borytsky and Executive Secretary Guggenberger. This "Bellevue connection" is always there for me 24/7.

Let's finish the year strong for our Bishops and Priests and then look with great anticipation to the next fraternal year. May God bless you and your family. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael "Schaefer" Schaeffer
State Treasurer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL **STATE ADVOCATE ACTIVITY REPORT**

FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2021-2022

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representatives, fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Delegates, and Brother Knights, in the last fiscal year the State Advocate:

1. Regarding the Nebraska Knights of Columbus lottery account, prepared and filed activity reports with the Nebraska Department of Revenue Gaming Division, Nebraska Department of Revenue for 2021;
2. Rendered legal opinions for the State Council, Executive Committee, and State Officers concerning State Council matters as requested;
3. Rendered legal opinions for local council officers on a variety of issues concerning local councils;
4. Attended State Council Meetings as scheduled;
5. Participated or advised in several disciplinary actions needed pursuant to the laws of the Order; and
6. Solicited and prepared proposed Resolutions for the 2022 Nebraska State Convention, presided over the Resolutions Committee, and prepared to present recommendations to the assembled State Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,
James R. Korth,
Nebraska State Advocate

STATE WARDEN

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Fulton, Worthy Supreme Guest, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Directors, Chairmen, Support Staff, Delegates, Brother Knights, and our families, I welcome you to our 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska the weekend of April 22-24, 2022. This has been an exciting year as the world wakes up from the Covid Pandemic and things start to return to normal.

I respectfully submit my annual report beginning with attending all meetings called to order by the State Deputy and successfully performing all assigned tasks. I attended the Leadership Training Seminar held at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center in Grand Island. It was an honor to be present at St. Mary's Cathedral as the gavel was passed from Immediate Past State Deputy Borytsky to our new State Deputy Matt Richardson and to have State Deputy

Richardson install myself as the new State Warden. Our state leadership team provided a lot of great information to the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies at the seminar.

I attended the Mid-Year meeting held at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel. All meetings were informative and well received by the District Deputies. I briefed the attendees on the upcoming State Lottery for Vocations and emphasized that our Knights would receive three lottery tickets in the mail the week of February 14, 2022. Ad submissions for the State Convention Program Book were solicited and were due back by March 18, 2022. The highlight of the December weekend was the Testimonial Dinner for Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Borytsky and his wife Audrey.

Selling ads for the Program Book distributed at the State Convention has been handled expertly by Beth Wells. She has done the lion's share of the work selling ads, putting the State Convention Book together, and getting it to the printer. Selling ads is critically important because it offsets the cost of the State Convention Program Book. Again, this year, we were able to mail out 74,760 lottery tickets to 24,920 member Knights. As State Treasurer Schaeffer says, three tickets per member is the sweet spot, as currently I have received over 4,000 \$30 checks for lottery tickets. We hope to have another record amount of funds raised for vocations.

My first year as State Warden has been rewarding, and I attribute any success to my mentor and friend, State Treasurer Mike Schaeffer. He is always there to answer my questions. Second, I am grateful to all my outstanding fellow State Officers. Worthy Brothers (Matt, Bob, Mike, Jim, and Mark) have been there to guide me every step of the way. Our spiritual leader, Father Fulton, has kept us all focused on our Catholic faith. Br. Ray Guggenberger continues to be there to answer my questions. I want to personally thank Mark and Audrey Borytsky and Mike and Mary Conrad for asking me to join the State Team. It is a blast. Finally, thank to my wife Terri for all the help she gives me and to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Hypse
State Warden

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 117th State Convention.

I attended to all routine correspondence for the State Council and mailed out such communications as the State Officers required. I attended all meetings called by the State Deputy. I prepared the minutes and proceedings of the 116th Virtual State Meeting for 2021. I prepared and mailed to all councils the semi-annual per capita billings for State Secretary Wolf. During this past year I assisted in preparing for this convention by preparing and mailing all the documents and information sheets to our subordinate councils. I prepared new correspondence with detailed instructions for our virtual convention as well as validated the delegate roster for the phone call virtual convention.

During this past year, the state council offered 54 masses for the members of the state council with the Columban Fathers Foreign Missionary Society. These are offered for serious illnesses and the passing of the brother knight or immediate family members. The officers revised the policy on under what circumstances masses were offered. Formalizing verbal changes over the years.

The reporting of our subordinate councils is up for the same time as last year; for the Report of Officers, we are 92% complete; the Report of Service Personnel, we are 80% complete; and the Fraternal Activity we are 84% complete. The Semi-Annual Audit for the period ending June 30, 2021, is 79% complete and for the period ending December 31, 2021, is 73% complete. At this time, we have 11 councils that are two years or more reports delinquent,

our Supreme council has ended the bond on the Financial Secretary and Treasurer for these councils. It is the same councils year-after-year that do not submit these vital reports. There continues to be an increase in the number of councils filing these and other reports on-line with Supreme.

For the 2021-2022 fraternal year I prepared the annual directory for the State of Nebraska. This is a time-consuming task. I continued publishing a monthly email with directory changes to keep all update on changes to our directory. I maintain an electronic email mailing list for the purpose of notifying our members of requests for our prayers as well as sending pertinent information on our program events and exemplifications being conducted across the state. The Constant Contact platform to communicate with our state council and councils continues to work well. The cost to the state council is \$450 per year. I have approximately 1,500 addresses, subordinate councils send these on to their individual members and we estimate that approximately 19,000 brother knights receive these requests for our prayers. Three councils do not have any email address.

I attended the National Virtual Convention help in Kearney this year as a delegate.

I reviewed the Courier for content, etc., prior to publication of each issue.

In closing, I wish to give a very special thank you to State Deputy Matt Richardson for the opportunity to continue to serve as the State Council Executive Secretary. I have served in this role for 24 years; I look forward to continuing my service to our order.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Guggenberger

DISTRICT MASTER

Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights, ladies, and guest to this 117th annual State Convention, greetings.

On September 1, 2021, Guy Steier, PSD and FDM from Kansas was announced as the Vice Supreme Master for the Fr. Padilla Provence.

Due to pandemic restrictions exemplifications continued to be virtual for part of the year. The first live Exemplification was in November 2021 and a joint effort with the Iowa Jurisdiction. The exemplification was held in Council Bluffs Iowa. Nebraska had fifteen new Sir Knights initiated. Virtual Exemplifications were held in January, February, and March 2022 with 2, 6, and 16 candidates, respectively. The first live Exemplification was held in Lincoln of May 1, 2022, at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. Fifteen new Sir Knights and 8 Sir Knights from prior virtual Exemplifications were Knighted.

Again, this year Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers were invited to the virtual summer meeting held in July. State Deputy Richardson provided an opportunity for me to speak and provide updates on the 4th Degree during the meeting. The mid-year meeting was held in Lincoln in December of 2021

While this fraternal year was challenging it was gratifying to see the number of members who were enthusiastic about taking the final step in their journey to Knighthood. Assemblies continued work in the communities, and many found ways to be active in their Parishes and communities.

The bin-annual meeting of the 4th Degree was held in Kearney on Friday, April 22, 2022. 4 Sir Knights names were placed in nomination for District Master with a term beginning September 1, 2022: Mark Borytsky, Louis Gasper, Anthony Hergott and Steve Viessman.

It has been a privilege to serve as the District Master for the Nebraska Jurisdiction. I want to thank State Deputy Richardson and all the State Officers for their support and friendship. Gail and I want to thank everyone for their support and kindness as we were able to begin attending functions in 2022 and we look forward to the transition to our new District Master on September 1.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard W Lowery, PSD
District Master Nebraska Jurisdiction.

Deputy Richardson called on Treasurer Schaeffer for the report of the Milage and Per Diem Committee.

Mileage & Per Diem Committee Meeting

Greetings to you Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Fulton, Worthy Supreme Director Damien O'Connor, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 117th State Convention held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney NE, 22-24 April 2022.

The Annual State Meeting of the Mileage & Per Diem Committee met on Saturday 23 April 2022. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. with assigned councils represented by the following delegates: from Council 1906 GK Michael Buescher, from Council 4434 delegate Steve Graff, from Council 7614 DD Ken Carlstedt, from Council 8625 DD Ken Sabata, from Council 9518 GK Daniel Bourne and from Council 10387 FS Francis Sindelar. Delegates from Council's 7740, 9563, 10506 and 15101 also attended as non-voting members. I opened the meeting with a Prayer and then led them in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began by discussing the current mileage rate of \$0.45 per mile one way and per diem rate of \$15.00 a day. The committee recommended no change to the per diem rate but they did recommend the mileage rate be raised to \$0.50 per mile one way. The recommendation to raise the mileage rate to \$0.50 per mile one way will be discussed and voted on at next fraternal year's Resolution committee. There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned following a closing prayer at 8:25 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Michael "Schaf" Schaeffer
State Treasurer

Treasurer Schaeffer moved for the adoption of the report. Council 7704 seconded, motion passed.

Deputy Richardson asked the Grand Knight or a delegate from Council 11879, Bellevue to come forward and receive a plaque for being the Best of the Best council for the 2020-2021. Grand Knight Mark Kyriss accepted the plaque. Deputy Richardson continued announcing the Council 11001, Lincoln, was the 2021-2022 Best of the Best. The presentation of the traveling award would be made in Lincoln at a future date.

Deputy Richardson called on our Supreme guest, brother Damien O'Connor, vice President for Evangelization and Faith formation for his remarks.

I've worked in a variety of positions of ministry...

I have never known men that have committed so much of their lives as Knights of Columbus.

We all joined the Knights for different reasons.

I joined the Knights of Columbus because ...

We are unapologetically Catholic

We have always been in service to the Church

We are men of faith

We are men of prayer

We are called to evangelize others

We build our Domestic Churches

When I was a GK and permitted to speak about what it means to be a Knight and my explanation was always the same...

We...

Believe

Choose

Avoid

Believe

It is **believing** that how you live your faith in your councils, at home, at your jobs, in parishes and in the community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

As a Knight of Columbus, I've learned that I might be only person through which someone encounters Christ in any given day.

And how I act is a reflection of all my brothers around the world.

Choose

It describes the imperfect person (you and I) who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, "In our jurisdiction...our agency, our councils...our homes...our parishes...and in our community, we choose to live our faith boldly."

We put a stake in the ground!

And if you are ever mocked or ridiculed for living your faith...that's a badge of honor!!

It's what we signed up for as Knights of Columbus. By choosing to be Knights, we have chosen to be different from secular society and to live our faith in truth and love.

It's supposed to be hard

There are monumental problems in the world and in our Church so what are we to do?

Base everything you do in prayer, EVERYTHING.

Live your faith in whatever situation you're in and you will literally impact the world.

BE the light in the darkness...BE the example

Avoid

We must deliberately avoid that which pollutes our minds and hearts.

Too often we think that because we are so-called devout Catholics, we can put ourselves in situations in which we will be tempted to sin.

We think we'll be fine...and once we've made that decision, we just claimed that we're smarter than the evil one...and we NEVER will be!

If you truly want to know freedom, accept your powerlessness and surrender yourself completely to God.

My powerlessness...

Story: Autism diagnosis for two of our children who are 18 months apart

Horrible, Devastating

We (naively) thought we didn't deserve this because we thought we earned better from God

I actually left the Catholic faith for a few years

A decision had to be made:

Complete Abandonment to Jesus

Join in the rebellion of the evil one

But then I would be in slavery

These are the only 2 choices in life that really matter.

My wife and I realized that nothing is impossible for God

We had to mourn what we thought our children would become so that we could see the priceless gift before us.

So I offer to you...

Be aware of where your moments of frustration, discouragement, "autism" in your role as Knights of Columbus. It may very well be God allowing you to suffer so that you can then open your eyes to a magnificent plan/gift for you.

So I ask you...

What are you prepared to do personally as a KofC, after we celebrate this Convention, to ensure that Christ and His church are the foundation of everything that you do?

And as you think about that...

REALITY CHECK

We DO NOT live in a Christian culture anymore.

We are living in mission territory

Mission territory is not only in third-world countries. It's right outside these doors.

This is not about being negative. This is about understanding the world that we are currently living in – the dark parts as well as where there is great hope!

Jesus tells us that we are the Light of the World and are meant to bring the light of Christ to others.

To do that we must know the reality we are living in and plan accordingly.

As you reflect upon this past year, did you apply the systems, schedules, meetings, and goals that have been in place for decades?

While these things have served the Order well, depending on how old they are, they may very well be based in an assumption that we live in a Christian culture.

Ironically, the downfall of Christian cultures is, too often, that Catholics think we just need to maintain... "keep things going."

We are not in a Christian culture and therefore any sort of maintenance plan simply won't work.

Society (& dare I say our brother Knights) desperately needs us to be intentional about our prayer lives, our intention to emulate Christ through our actions (service) & our willingness share the gospel message with our words.

As a Knight of Columbus, the world needs for my faith life to be public, both in what I do as well as what I say.

This makes some of us uncomfortable, and that's ok.

We've been uncomfortable before. It was March 29, 1882.

A group of men led by a young priest (I'm certain) felt unequipped and unqualified.

But the Eucharist was their foundation

.....Jesus Christ was their model

.....and they grew because the world needed the Knights of Columbus.

Being “uncomfortable” for Christ and His Church has worked well for us, don’t you think?

My brothers, throughout the history of the Knights of Columbus, we have always become exactly whom God has called us to be.

Therefore, it is very clear to me that ***You have an Apostolic Mission!***

I offer that this Convention is both a celebration as well as a commencement!

WHERE TO BEGIN:

The most important decision anyone will ever make is to follow Jesus or not.

Definition of evangelization: Inviting people to meet Jesus Christ.

Remember that the most perfect preacher in the history of the world had people turn away from Him.

Persevere in prayer

Preach the gospel... “Here is what Jesus has done for me.”

Be a credible witness to the faith. Your house must be in order but not perfect.

Everyone who has met Jesus Christ has a responsibility to share Him.

Lastly, there’s no silver bullet.

Evangelization is essentially relational.

What are you going to do with the time that you’ve been given? It’s entirely up to you.

Prayer:

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths.

But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

Damien O’Connor

Deputy Richardson thanked Brother O’Connor for his remarks.

Deputy Richardson called on Chaplain Very Rev Fulton to lead the group in the Divine chaplet.

Deputy Richardson called on Program Director Brian Hamik for his report. Director Hamik requested this his report and the reports of all the directors and chairmen be entered into the proceedings without being read. Deputy Richardson is there a motion to accept the reports and that they be entered into the proceedings? Council 11364 so moved, seconded by Council 9771. Motion Passes.

State Program Director

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Justin Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairman, and Brother Knights.

It has been an honor to serve this great state of Nebraska as your Program Director. I would first like to thank State Deputy Matt Richardson for placing his confidence in me by asking me to be his Program Director. Although there have been many challenges this first year, the rewards are worth it. I would have not been able to accomplish the many tasks that this position requires without the assistance of State Warden Don Hypse. There were countless phone calls and emails with questions seeking advice. Don and all the officers were always there with answers and encouragement.

The first major milestone was the completion of the Program Book that was distributed at the Leadership Seminar in Grand Island in July. This book was handed out to the many Grand Knights and District Deputies in attendance. If the Grand Knights and DDs were not able to attend the Program Book was mailed to them. This book contains a wealth of information on all the programs sponsored by the Knights. All the Program Directors and Chairman presented the details of each of their activities. A special ceremony was held after Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island to install the newly elected officers.

The Mid-Year meeting was held the first weekend of December in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel. The main objective of this meeting was to bring together the District Deputies and present them with the "DD Binder". This "Binder" gave each DD detailed instructions on how to find and navigate the State and Supreme website. The highlight of the weekend was the testimonial dinner of Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Borytsky. This dinner gave everyone a chance to thank Mark and remind all, of the great leadership that he provided the state. His two years as State Deputy were anything but normal with the Coronavirus Pandemic. We all learned a lot about zoom meetings and how to accomplish things with no face-to-face meetings.

As I write this, I am in the middle of planning the 117th Annual State Convention. This is the first in person Convention since 2019. It will be wonderful to greet everyone in person at this great event. It is at the State Convention that Councils will be recognized for their great works of Charity that help their parishes and communities. It is through these activities that we live out the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, of helping the needy and the outcast. It has been a privilege and honor to work with all my brother Knights throughout this great state. With all the knowledge I have obtained this year I hope to make the next year better for all.

Again, thank you to all the officers and program directors for all your dedication and work this past year. I know it has been challenging at times, but you all did a fantastic job. Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Hamik

Faith Director

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Directors, and Brother Knights, I respectfully submit the following report to the Nebraska State Council.

The Faith Director provides guidance to Councils for planning, conducting spiritual events, and church activities. He works with the State Chaplain to prepare for all Masses at State events. Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. At the State Leadership Seminar, I promoted the Supreme Faith Programs that include Spiritual Reflection, Refund Support Vocations, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Holy Hour/Adoration at Church Level, Into the Breach, Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour, Rosary, and Sacramental Gifts. The participation throughout the year was excellent. Many Councils took part in more than one program.

I also promoted the State Faith Programs that include the “Keep Christ in Christmas” cards. Unfortunately, due to the Covid Pandemic, the Pre-set assorted boxes were not available at the State Leadership Seminar. The Councils had to place all orders for individual boxes through me. I received and processed orders totaling 659 boxes of Christmas cards from 21 Councils. The “Keep Christ in Christmas” company was able to fill and ship nearly all the requests for a grand total of \$4,518.75. Three Councils submitted their orders after the deadline and were unable to receive any cards because the Company’s inventory was depleted. One Council placed a separate order for promotional materials (yard signs, seals, and magnets) to promote “Keep Christ in Christmas.”

I also promoted an event that was held at St Mary’s Church in Denton. Patsy Urbanovsky, wife, and mother of two members of the Bishop Glennon P Flavin Council in Denton, wrote and conducted an original play called “The Knights – Fr Michael J McGivney & the Founding of The Knights of Columbus.” There were five sold out performances from October 13 – 17. Prior to the performances, the cast and crew participated in an evening of reflection learning about the life of Fr McGivney and how he took action based on the needs of the times. The Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Center north of Crete hosted the Evening of Reflection and meal on August 13, the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Larry Koerner

Community

Worthy State Deputy, Matt Richardson, State Officers, and Brother Knights:
Thank you, my brothers for allowing me the privilege of serving the Nebraska Jurisdiction as Community Director.

As State Community Director, I have completed my Safe Environment Training dated September 9, 2021.

Nebraska’s Silver Rose Prayer Route started Monday, August 16, 2021, at Gering and finished at Hebron, September 12, 2021. During this 30-day journey, not one day was missed having a prayer service. During this time there were 32 services held, 803 attendees and traveled one thousand two hundred three miles.

State Deputy Richardson has asked me to manage the Eastern route of Nebraska for the Saint Joseph Icon, our Fatherly Example. This route began March 23, 2022, in District 26 and is on schedule. The Icon will continue moving throughout Eastern Nebraska with a projected completion date of June 12, 2023, in District 33.

I have attended all meetings asked of me by our State Deputy and various Council meetings. I am proud to have served as Community Director for our Great State this year and wish to thank everyone for their support and understanding.

Fraternally Yours
Kenneth Prokop

Vocations

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights: Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as Nebraska’s Vocations Director.

This year all councils were contacted requesting information about what they did financially to support our worthy seminarians including support through the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program). The intent of these emails and phone calls were an effort to ensure that the fifty plus seminarians in Nebraska did receive some form of support from at least one council this past year. The total contributions from the councils that did report was \$62,900. In addition, at the state level, we were able to provide each seminarian a stipend of \$500 each. This brings our reported total to \$86,900 for 2021-2022. Hopefully, next year will be even more successful as more councils submit their contributions. (A reminder that this information is only collected to ensure each seminarian receives some support and to collect an overall state total)

We received 8 Activity reports from councils describing their vocations activities for the year. All showed exceptional effort to promote and support seminarians and others studying for a consecrated life. Two were selected as exceeding the rest in activities and promotions. The Councils were: First Place - Norfolk #1793 and Second Place - Beatrice #1723. We thank all the councils for their support of vocations and activities promoting vocations. It is essential that each of us do all we can do to encourage our young men and women to consider a religious life. I am proud to have served as the Vocations Chairman for the great state of Nebraska this year.

Fraternally Yours
Tom Harrington

Youth Chairman

Responsible for providing ideas and guidance to Councils and District Deputies when planning and conducting youth events and activities.

The 2021 State Soccer Competition was held on October 30 in Schuyler, NE at their indoor complex. There were 30 children qualified for the event from 5 different regions. There were 3 Regions that did not participate in the State Soccer. We had about 20 kids attend the State Soccer Challenge. 9 first place trophies and 4 runner-up trophies were awarded that day.

I collected 16 Keep Christ in Christmas posters and mailed the winners from the 3 different age groups to Supreme by their mid-February deadline. No substance abuse posters were submitted.

The 2022 State Free Throw Contest was held on April 9 at Grand Island Central Catholic High School in Grand Island, NE. The event had tremendous attendance as we had 80 contestants from across the state that had won their regional.

Tim Sealock

Family Director

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

Thank you, my brothers, for allowing Kati and me the privilege of serving the state of Nebraska as the Family Director.

We attended the opening meeting in Lincoln and the Grand Knights seminar in Grand Island. At the Grand Knights meeting we talked about the Family programs and promoted the Family of the Month/Year program. In March we attended the awards selection meeting in Lincoln with our recommendations for the ICC Family Major Activity award and the Family of the year award.

We were pleased to receive 15 applications for the Family of the Year award. As always, they were outstanding applications which made it difficult to select a winner. We had 13 nominations to Supreme for Family of the Month.

There were 26 applications for the ICC Family Major Activity Award. There were 7 different sub-categories for those applications.

We will also be attending the State Convention.

Fraternally Yours
Nick and Kati Ladenburger

STATE EVENT COORDINATORS

Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen, Delegates, and fellow Brother Knights:

The summary of the past year's efforts of the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen is detailed below and submitted to be placed in the minutes of the 117th State Convention minutes as a matter of record.

2021 – 2022 Events:

Leadership Training Seminar – July 16-18, 2021

The Summer Leadership Training Seminar was held in Grand Island on the weekend of July 16-18, 2021. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Members attending the event. During the event, we, along with the help of several other Directors and Regional Growth Directors, assisted with handing out informational packets to Officers, Directors, District Deputies, Councils, and Assemblies along with meal tickets for the weekend.

Mid-Year Meeting – December 3-5, 2021

The Mid-Year Meeting was held in Lincoln on the weekend of December 3-5, 2021. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Regional Growth Directors, and District Deputies attending the event. This year, we also assisted with the registration for other Knights and families attending the Testimonial Dinner held in honor of Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Borytsky on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Other duties at the event included distributing meal tickets and assisting with room setup.

Annual State Convention – April 22-24, 2022

The Annual State Convention was held in Kearney on the weekend of April 22-24, 2022. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Convention Delegates, and Council Members attending the event. We were also involved in working with the Younes Conference Center South Catering Staff to ensure meeting rooms were assigned and set up appropriately.

During the event, the Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with distributing meal tickets to the registered attendees.

As in past years, we have used Eventbrite as an online system to assist with registration for meals and hotel accommodations for all our events. We continue to try and improve our service for registration and make it as accessible as possible for all our Brother Knights. We are always open to suggestions on ways to improve the registration process for all the meetings we hold throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any input you may have.

We would like to thank State Deputy Richardson and all the State Officers for the opportunity to serve during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. We look forward to continuing to assist all Brother Knights across Nebraska in any way that we can.

Fraternally and respectfully,
Pat Rupp & Mitchell Lowery

Athletics Chairman/Special Events Coordinator

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors, Chairpersons, Delegates and Brother Knights.

I respectfully submit my report for the State Athletics Chair / Special Events Coordinator. This past year the State Athletic Chair sponsored two events. The first was the state golf tournament which was held on September 26, 2021, in Bellevue NE. We had 25 teams play

The second event was the State Bowling Tournament held on Feb. 19, 20 and 26 and 27. There were 70 bowlers and the winners were posted in the April Courier.

The Special Events Chair cancelled the I-80 Collar Series due to Covid 19. I'm looking into hosting the 2022 I-80 Collar Series at the new UNO softball field but do not have a date as of now.

We will have our state golf tournament September 25, 2022, at the same location and format as last year.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, the State Officers, and my brother Knights for the opportunity to serve as the State Athletics Chair/ Special events Coordinator.

Joe Bober

IT / Production Report

Worthy State Chaplain, State Deputy Richardson, State Officers, District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen and members of the Knights of Columbus, greetings.

We started the year by adding several more pieces of equipment. This included adding a new sound board and a set of 8 microphones which has allowed us to avoid borrowing this equipment from the 4th Degree Team. We also have added a new production laptop so that we do not need to use the personal laptops of the production team members for critical functions during the meetings. In addition to this, we've added a number of cords and other disposable equipment.

The State IT / Production team has helped with all required meetings scheduled by State Deputy Matt Richardson. This has included the Leadership Training Seminar in Grand Island in July. the Mid-Winter Meeting for District Deputies in December, the State Convention in April, as well as several Regional and District Meetings throughout the year. In these meetings, we have facilitated the presentation of information as well as recorded the presentations for future use and publication on the State Website.

Additionally, at the start of the new fraternal year, we launched a new State website, using the Firespring platform. Membership Director Rich Lowery, PSD and the Production Team have been the administrators for the website and have worked to publish all important news and useable information that councils and Brother Knights need to be aware of throughout the state.

As we work to keep the new website up to date, we appreciate any ideas and suggestions you may have regarding the content that our members and officers would like to see published. We want to make the website usable for all our Brother Knights with access to as much information as we can provide.

Fraternally,
Kevin Ostdiek & Mitchell Lowery

Culture of Life Foundation

In accordance with our duties, we attended all required meetings in person and through Zoom. We also ran a successful One Rose One Life campaign. Once again, this year we had an art contest for the next Fraternal years One Rose One Life Prayer Cards, the entries were well done and made the selection a difficult one.

We wish to thank State Deputy Richardson and the State Officers for the opportunity to serve the Order and the state Knights of Columbus in this capacity, we are blessed to of served this past year.

Vivat Jesus,
Michael & Mary Conrad

Intellectual Disabilities Foundation

Worthy State Deputy, Matthew Richardson, Worth State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Brother Knights, we respectfully submit the following report to the Nebraska State Council.

We are honored to serve the Nebraska State Council as the Intellectual Disabilities Directors and Directors of the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.

The 2021-2022 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities drive was extremely successful. We had 70% of the councils in the state report this year with an increase of over 65% in money raised from the 2020-2021 Campaign. This year's Campaign collected over \$168,000.00, half of which was distributed back to qualifying organizations at the request of the participating councils. The remaining funds have been used to help organizations as they have made special requests for funds throughout the fraternal year.

Future efforts will be to continue to grow the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities and strive for 100% participation from our councils. We also want to see this drive grow in the financial abilities to give back to those across our state through the many different programs that are offered. We are also looking for ways to expand the efforts of the foundation to help bring awareness to our councils of the many services that are offered in the State of Nebraska so that they can better serve the individuals in their communities. This will be through efforts both financially, with manpower, and finding out more about where there are gaps in the services offered and the needs of those with special needs. We strive to achieve the mission from the Supreme Council of "Helping People with Special Needs."

Respectfully Submitted,
Sammi & Stephen Lowery

Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

Our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the Brother Knights, Knights of Columbus Councils, 4th Degree Assemblies, and many other who have supported our Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation during the past year.

During 2021, our Foundation activity went from \$692,549 on December 2020 to \$787,603 on December 31, 2021.

The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation consists of a principal endowment of donated funds never to be spent. It is the earning from this endowment which makes it possible for us Nebraska Knights to exemplify our charity by giving to several worthy causes located throughout our great state and in dire need of assistance. As each of us knows, charity is the greatest of the four cardinal principals as Knights, and it is with this charity that we will always be able to do the greatest good for our Church and God's most precious children who are in most need of our assistance.

As all are aware, on April 12, 2016, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation was approved by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization qualified to receive tax deductible contributions. We continue our relationship with the Southern Nebraska Foundation to manage our principal endowed assets. By this relationship, our investments are managed with the utmost care and in the very best interests of our Catholic beliefs.

As always, we are most grateful to all who have assisted the foundation with your most generous contributions previously and in the future.

Respectfully submitted:
Dan Wells, CPA, CGMA, CFE
Accounting and Financial Reporting Director
Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation
Don Ferneding, FDM, PSD
Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

Deputy Richardson called on Membership Director Richard Lowery for this annual report. Director Lowery requested this the report of the membership team be entered into the proceedings without being read.

Deputy Richardson asked, is there a motion to accept the report and that it be entered into the proceedings. Council 1739 so moved, seconded by council 15101. Motion passed.

Membership Team

Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights, ladies, and guest to this 117th annual State Convention, greetings.

I was privileged to be asked to serve as State Membership Director under State Deputy Richardson. Meetings were held in conjunction with State Deputy Borytsky and his team as well as Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez prior to July 1 to prepare a plan for membership growth and develop carryover incentives to keep momentum moving forward during the transition time.

In consultation with State Deputy Richardson the following State Regional Growth Directors were asked to be part of the membership team; Michael Howick, James Haiar, PSD, FDM, Robert Ostdiek, Mitchell O'Neill, and Steve Viessman. This left one region without an RGD. Prior to the mid-year meeting Ken Prokop was asked to fill that position. Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Borytsky was asked to take over management of the E-membership program. At the July 2021 Leadership Seminar, the Membership Team presented our plans for growth for the next fraternal year with emphasis on establishing programs that would attract new members and bring existing members back to the Order and back to the Church after the pandemic. I attended monthly calls with Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez and the State Officers. Information was provided on ongoing projects as well as new ideas for membership and program.

The Membership Team attended the mid-year meeting in December 2021. Working with the District Deputies we tried to establish goals for the remaining 6 months of the year. Many of these goals were activity based to help draw members back to Church as well as recruit new members. District Deputies were provided with a score card to help them evaluate their Councils and determine the best path for each going forward. Success was defined as being active as well as increasing membership. We were also notified of a new Supreme Council initiative called the Affiliate Membership Program. This program would allow Councils to transfer members, who met specific criteria, to a State Council where they would continue to be contacted on a periodic basis by the Supreme Council. These transfers would not count against membership quotas for Supreme and State awards. Just over 100 councils participated in the pilot program in January 2022 transferring about 2,100 Knights to the State Affiliate Council. These participating councils were also allowed to use an abbreviated process for transferring members who met the criteria after the current year billing cycle was completed. Updated lists must be submitted to the Supreme Council by May 31, 2022.

In March, the Membership Team was invited to Lincoln to participate in the annual awards selection meeting.

In April, the Membership Team attend the annual State Convention in Kearney. Members of the team were assigned to various areas as support and staffed the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Membership Team has already begun planning for the next fraternal year and will work with the State Officers and the Program Team to create an environment where successful program will generate new members and new members will be invited to participate in programs that meet their needs.

Gail and I have enjoyed renewing old friendships and making new friends over the past year and we look forward to even more opportunities in the coming fraternal year.

Respectively submitted
Richard Lowery, DM, PSD
State Membership Director

Below are short summaries from the Regional Growth Directors.

Michael Howick

In my role as Regional Growth Director for the Omaha metro area, I have tried to focus on working with both District Deputies and individual council leaders to promote not only growth, but also developing new programs to engage their councils. The rollout of the Affiliate Program was a major operation ensuring that DDs and councils received the information needed and were able to get their membership lists in for approval. I have attended numerous State meetings (July Leadership Seminar, Mid-Year Lincoln Meeting, and the State Convention) along with a handful of council/regional meetings.

I have worked with several DDs to focus on individual councils who may be having difficulties with membership related issues and tried to find new ways to bring life into their councils. This includes making sure council reporting, membership, and financial procedures are being followed, but also trying to get the councils trying new programs/initiatives and working with newer officers who may need help with council leadership. I appreciate this opportunity to work with so many of our Brother Knights and to help grow the Order for the future generations of Knights to come.

Ken Prokop

Brothers, prior to our Midwinter meeting State Deputy Richardson asked me to assume duty as Regional Growth Director for Region 3. It is with great honor to be asked to help grow the membership in the order of the Knights!

After attending the Midwinter meeting, it was necessary to help Councils and District Deputies with the Affiliate Member Program. This new Program was implemented by Supreme to help Councils with stagnant members.

I have attended various other Council meetings on behalf of the State Council, as well attending our State Convention. While attending Council meetings I encourage members that it is everyone's duty to help grow the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to State Deputy Richardson for allowing me to serve as Regional Growth Director.

Jim Haiar, PSD, FDM

During the past year as a member of the Membership Team I assisted Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez, PSD Utah at Our Lady of Lourdes Council 13080 at their weekend membership drive Jan 22 and 23. I also attended the State meetings when requested by our State Deputy.

I was also assigned as the representative for the state when Supreme rolled out the new Affiliate Program which was well received by the councils in our state.

Mitch O'Neill

I attended the Leadership Training Seminar in July, and the State Convention in April. I assisted 15 councils with their affiliate membership requests, including one list that was handwritten that I was able to convert to an approved format for Supreme.

I assisted with two membership drives. I participated in 4 ECUF ceremonies. I have done a membership presentation at 5 meetings of different councils.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Matt Richardson, and to Membership Director Richard Lowery for the opportunity to serve as a Regional Growth Director.

Rob Ostdiek

Following is a brief summary report of the past fraternal years' activities of within my role and jurisdiction.

Collaborated with Mitchell Lowery and Pat Rupp, State Convention Co-Chairman, to transition the leadership and execution of the online registration system used for State Events into their hands for the Leadership Training Seminar held in Grand Island Nebraska of July 2021. In my role of RGD was able to support the Training event through presentation and relationship building within those in attendance.

Through attendance supported District Deputies of the Lincoln area in two all-District meetings along with a District meeting in Geneva for District 23. In the vacancy of a District Deputy for District 12, I have tried to support the councils of that District in that capacity, specifically councils 8469 & 11822. There have also been sporadic connections and support of other District Deputies of the region for various needs including the affiliate membership training and initiative and safe environment training and compliance.

While I desired to have regular meetings and communications with the districts it has not developed in a way that I had envisioned when assuming this role. I desire for this to improve; however, the likelihood seems low with my current responsibilities within the context of all other areas of my life.

Steve Viessman

Worthy State Officers, Program Directors, District Deputies, and Convention Guests, it is my pleasure to present to you my K of C Membership Director's report for region five in the state of Nebraska.

Region 5 encompasses the western portion of Nebraska. Thus far I have assisted, for those that needed it, the Councils that requested help with the Affiliate Member Program. I also am in the process of contacting the Grand Knights and District Deputies in the Region as to their needs ahead of a possible "road show" with Brother Ray Lopez in early May. In addition to this, I hope to start a mentorship program in the Region so local K of C Nebraska leaders can get the leadership assistance they need.

Deputy Richardson moved for the adoption of the written reports of all district deputies and that their reports be made a part of the official proceedings. Do I have a second, council 10909 seconded. Motion passed.

District 1

No report received.

Mark Keller

District 2

Worth State Deputy, Worth State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 2 which includes the following Councils: 5045 Christ the King, 10108 St. Robert Bellarmine, 10909 St. Wenceslaus, 11700 Mary Our Queen,

Council 5045: They have an active group of men participating in their Pancake Breakfasts, and Lenten Fish Fries. They participated in One Rose One Life, Coats for Kids and other pro-life activities including paying for a portion of a bus rental to go to the Lincoln walk for life. They are active in supporting and doing much of the Omaha Priest Appreciation Dinner.

Council 10108: Continuous to be very active in their parish. They continue to collect food monthly for the Juan Diego Food Pantry and continue to get record donations every month. They also have raised funds by selling Lasagna, serving breakfasts and Lenten Dinners. They participated in One Rose One Life, the Silver Rose Program, St. Joseph Icon and working towards donating funds for an ultrasound machine for Heart of a Child Ministries. The council is

well represented at the 5:30 mass on the night of their meetings and lead a Rosary before Mass begins.

Council 10909: This council is very active in their parish and community. They participated in the One Rose One Life program, Tootsie Roll Drive and hosted the Council and District Free Throw Contest. They have raised funds with their golf tournament, Calendar Club and Lenten Dinners. They distribute the funds raised under 4 pillars: Pro Life Mission, Catholic Education, Vocations and Community Outreach.

Council 11700: This council is raising money with the Calendar Club and Lenten dinners. They continue to support One Rose One Life program and donate to various Pro Life, Vocations, and community activities. Their parish also had a very strong turnout and success in the Knight Free Throw Competition.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Tokos

District 3

Vacant

District 4

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain, State Officers, fellow District Deputies, Grand Knights, and delegates to the 117th State Convention to be held in Kearney, Nebraska. I respectfully submit my report for District 4 consisting of: Council 7740 St. John Vianney Omaha, Council 10047 Fr. John V. Wallace Gretna, Council 10160 St. Stephen the Martyr Omaha, Council 10894 St. Joseph Springfield. Council reports have been submitted. Activities have included, but are not limited to, One Rose-One Life, RSVP Program, Fish Fries which were held by all four councils in pre pandemic form, three councils held free throw contests and a district contest was held as well. District four also hosted the region eight regional free throw contest; one council held a soccer challenge. Degree work has restarted, but slowly. All four councils had members transferred to the affiliate membership council.

Council 7740: Monthly meetings are well attended. The council hosts a dinner for the membership prior the meeting start, which draws member attendance. Other activities of this council are functioning in pre pandemic mode, including fish fries, an annual barbeque contest, and casino night and a slew of charitable activities, including feeding the hungry and aiding those in the greater community in need. The council lives charity and all can see by their actions.

Council 10047: Monthly meetings are well attended. This council is back in pre pandemic form, hosting a game feed, a turkey dinner at the parish, fish fries, a golf tournament, and the annual Christmas party. This council is highly active within the parish and in the Gretna community. The charity of this council is only bound by the amount of money they can raise.

Council 10160: This is my home council. Monthly meetings are well attended, and the council is back in pre pandemic form. There is a group of brother knights that weekly go to the Juan Diego center (Catholic Charities) and stock the food pantry shelves. Many of these same knights have taken on other projects for Catholic Charities as well. This past summer the members painted school bathrooms and replaced the ceiling tiles in the parish dining room and kitchen. Community wide there is another group of knights who do projects for those in need throughout the metro area. The council hosted three summer tailgate parties to aid the welcome back efforts of the parish, held five parish breakfasts after mass and Lenten fish fries.

Council 10894: This council is back in pre pandemic form. This past summer they ran their normal food stand at the Sarpy County fair, which is a family and parish event to fill work slots and provides most of their funding. After taking a year off from fish fries, they held them again this year. The parish priest is at every meeting and leads a rosary before the meeting. They are well known in their community for their generosity and community involvement. At

Christmas they paired with OPPD to deliver energy assistance and food baskets. While a smaller council, their level of charity and community spirit is large.

District 4: I did not conduct any district meetings, as our open communications via email, made them unnecessary. While membership presented some issues, including the shrinking of the district due to the affiliate membership program, the full return to activities and involvement should set the district up to achieve growth in the future.

In Closing I would also like to thank State Deputy Richardson and all the state officers and directors for the assistance they provided me.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Williams

District 5

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 5 which includes the following Councils: 3019 South Omaha, 10815 Our Lady of Guadalupe, 13080 Our Lady of Lourdes, 16680 St. John Paul II – UNO.

Council 3019 is very active in the South Omaha area. They participate in several charitable events including scholarship golf outing, One Rose One Life and Tootsie Roll Drive and religious appreciation functions. I have tried to make as many events as I could with them.

Council 10815 is active in their parish. They participate in Cinco de Mayo celebration during the year. They also participate in fundraising events for funds to their food pantry. I have made several in person meeting.

Council 13080 is a strong council with enthusiastic backing from their parish priest. They participate in One Rose One Life and hosted the District #5 free throw contest. The Council Hosted a weekend Church drive which was attended by me and the Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez PSD of Utah. I tried to attend in person meetings when available.

Council 16680 is a college council at UNO. They have done a tremendous job of working in the community and have an increase in members. They continue to work with other councils on projects in the area. I have made many of their meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
James Haiar, PSD, FDM

District 6

Vacant

Districts 7&8

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 7&8 which includes the following Councils: 1336 Falls City, 1723 Beatrice, 6750 Tecumseh, 7021 Auburn, 10000 Steinauer/Burchard, 11674 Dawson/Shubert, and 15869 Odell. In all of the Councils in the district there are several attributes that all have in common.

1. All have a Pastor that is very supportive of the Knights of Columbus and attend their meetings on a regular basis.
2. All of the Councils are dedicated to volunteer hours of support to the church and their community.
3. The brother Knights in general are supportive of their church, their pastor and their community.

The following are examples of some unique activities done by each of Councils.

1336 Falls City

The brother Knights and fellow parishioner took on the task demolition of the church during their recent remodeling project. A huge undertaking.

1723 Beatrice

Among many activities throughout the year. This Council runs a 4 day fireworks sale which nets approximately \$30,000.00. This year they also donated over 50% of the churches HVAC system, and thru matching funds they raised over \$15,000.00 for the Ukrainian Relief fund.

6750 Tecumseh

The Council host a First Friday donut and coffee after Mass on every First Friday of the month. It also supports a scholarship program for students attending their Catholic elementary school.

7021 Auburn

Support of Catholicism is always part of this Councils meeting agenda. Among the many projects that they do in support of the church and community is a parish/community corn hole contest in the summer. The main purpose of the Corn hole contest is to build parish and community support of each other.

10000 Steinauer/Burchard

This is one of the most active small councils that I have ever seen. They host regional fish fries, volunteer to bartend at events in their hall, support for the Ukrainian Relief Fund and general support Father in the needs of the parish. They are also supporting brother Knights wishing to purchase their 4th degree uniform with financial help.

11674 Dawson/Shubert

The most unique activity of this Council is the fact that during the summer months they will all meet at the cemetery with trimmers and mowers and after the all the mowing/trimming is completed they will host a monthly KofC tailgate meeting. A job well done!

15869 Odell

This Council has supported their church and community by hosting a chicken meal at the Odell Community Days as a fund raiser for their Council and church.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM

District 9

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ, I respectfully submit the following rprt for District 9 which includes the following Councils: 833 Fitzgerald, 9704 St/ Mary's, 11001 Blessed Sacrament, 13015 Our Lady of Good Council-UNL and 16878 Father Kenneth Walker.

Council 833 is highly active in the parish. They help with planning activities at St. Teresa's. One of the area's the help is with the supervision of the altar servers at their church. They also help with the purchase of bibles for the junior high of their school.

Council 9704 is one of the most active small councils in the Lincoln area. The Mach for Life in Lincoln starts with a Mass at their church. The brother Knights helped raise money for the event by walking through the crowd outside of the church which is next to the capital. They also just recently raised \$6500 for Ukraine Relief Fund.

Council 11001 is a highly active council in our state. They are the most active group in the parish. They have a yearly project with CCD students helping them learn how to make a rosary that they can use. They also have helped supply bibles to the graduating 8th grade parish school students and CCD students. This year council 11001 hosted both the regional basketball and soccer championships.

Council 13015 This council has just restarted after a two-year break because of COVID. In the short time they have restarted, they have been very active with the church and helping their pastor.

Council 16878 has been working directly with the parish priest. They have had numerous workdays to help renovate the 100-year-old church. One of the projects was to help replace the parish shed.

Mark Main

District 10

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 10 which includes the following Councils: 15407 St Margaret Mary Alacoque, 13576 Msgr David R Hintz, 11312 St Isaac Jogues and 11280 Msgr Maurice Helmann.

Council 15407 is a smaller and active in the Parish. Growth is slow but a good foundation. Activities are mostly parish oriented with Holy hours and parish picnic. They just finished a successful Lenten food drive that included encouraging family participation and prizes for the children for participation. I work hard to try and attend all general meetings that begins with a rosary.

Council 13576 is a strong and highly active church with support of both parish and community. They are very supportive of the Marian Convent with grounds cleanup. Strong support of One Rose, Intellectual Disabilities and a strong action in Food for Families. This year topping 5000# to date. Strong membership activities and have met their quota for the year. Main fundraising for Council is fireworks stand. I try to attend all meeting as this is my home Council.

Council 11312 is another very active Council with many activities that include blood drives, One Rose, Intellectual Disabilities, and food for families. Strong funding for charitable giving and parish needs is supplied by fish fries and golf tournament. A little weak in membership growth. I try and attend most general meetings.

Council 11280 is a strong and active Council as well. They support many parish activities and supports the Marian Convent and the local Veterans Administration. Very active with fundraising with UNL sports, fireworks stand and fish fries which they use for many charitable contributions and parish needs. Membership growth is weak but continually trying to encourage new members. I try and attend most general meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wilson, PGK

District 11

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 11 which includes the following Councils: 8010 Aurora/Giltner, 10386 Central City and 14070 Sutton/Harvard.

Council 8010 is very involved with their Church activities. They hold a Fish Fry for their scholarship fund, a spaghetti feed for their Council funds. They have participated in One Rose One Life campaign.

Council 10386 is active as well. They have participated in the Veterans Day Parade, Christmas of Sharing cleanup duties, participated in One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll campaign. They are big part of our annual Lenten Fish Fries held each Friday during lent. This past year they gave away 4- \$600 scholarships to our graduating Seniors. They also put on several parish breakfasts for all to enjoy. They also participate in the KOC Free throw competition.

Council 14070 is also very active in their Community and Church. They help run the food stand during their community soccer program. They host several breakfasts at their Church. They participated in the One Rose One Life and the Tootsie roll campaign. They are involved with the KOC Free Throw competition and hosted the District competition this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Hartwig
District 11 Deputy

District 12

Vacant

District 13

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 13 which includes the following Councils: 1497 Fremont, 3736 North Bend, 10305 Fort Calhoun and 10412 Blair.

Council #1497 Fremont

Participated in the following activities: Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive. Pancake Breakfasts to support youth activities and funds for the fiscal year. Council Christmas Dinner and Party, Council Free Throw contest, and the One Rose One Life Sunday campaign. In addition, they help to support the Archbishop Bergan Schools.

Council #3736 North Bend

Participated in the following activities: Awards Banquet (Honoring Knight of the Year, Family of the Year Years of service and Honorary Members.) 5th Sunday rosary, Knights Life Chain, Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive. Pancake Breakfast for Nebraska Special Olympics. Memorial mass for deceased members. Erected Nativity scene on the corner of Hwy's 79 & 30 as well as one at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Participated in the One Rose One Life Sunday Campaign. Held pancake breakfast and second collection for the Seminarian/Vocation Fund. Sponsored kids' games and tractor pull at the Old Settlers Day's.

Council #10305 Fort Calhoun

Participated in the following activities: 5th Sunday Rosary Program, One Rose One Life Campaign Fund and held a Culture of Life Brunch. The Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive. Donated 2 boxes of coats to the Winnebago Native Americans. Two truckloads of used clothing to the Macy Native American clothing store. These clothes were donated by members of the community and parish. Held a pancake breakfast for Fort Calhoun Post Prom Party. Members also participate as Lector, Servers, Cross Bearer, and EMHC's on the 3rd Sunday Knights mass. They held a Council Free Throw Contest. Held a Pre Lent-Retreat for the parish and invited other parishes to join.

Council #10412 Blair

Participated in the following activities: Culture of Life Art Contest, Council Free Throw and held the District Free Throw. The Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive and Christmas card sales. Operated the fireworks stand and gave money to the youth program to send kids to the National Catholic Youth Conference. They also volunteered at the Recycling Center and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. The 5th Sunday Rosary Program and present gifts to newly baptized babies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip Tamisiea

District 14

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates, and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2021-2022 report for District #14 which consists of Councils #5439 Howells, 7887 Clarkson, 9898 Leigh, and 12132 Stanton. All Councils have complied with the State and Supreme laws and rules of our order. All councils have completed State reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the area of Church, Community, Family, and Youth activities.

Pope John Paul Council #5439 Howells has been extremely active, during lent they are doing fish fries on Friday's serving between 250 and 300 meals, they also added drive thru service and also will deliver meals to the homebound in the community and surrounding area.

The council also has a tractor pull in July and a pork barbecue; the tractor pull usually has around 100 hook-ups. Another fundraiser is their French toast breakfast. The council participates in the tootsie roll drive, One-Rose One-life, and keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, memorial mass for deceased members, lead the rosary before mass will lead the rosary at a wake service for a member. They will have an awards night to honor the Family of the year, Knight of the year, and recognize the family of the month winners, they also have a family fun night and steak fry with games and a bounce house the children and a program for the knights and wives. The council also makes donations to the Catholic School, community projects, taking Christmas baskets to the care centers for the elderly and food baskets to less fortunate.

John Neumann Council #7887 Clarkson is active and participates with the tootsie roll drive, One-Rose One-Life, free throw contest, along with Church, Council, Youth, and Family activities. They will lead the rosary before mass, have a memorial mass for deceased members. Their fundraisers are a soup and pie dinner, pancake breakfast and a food stand at Czech days. The council also helps coordinate the Catholic School fun fest which is a major fundraiser for the school, they also donate to the school and community projects.

St. Mary's Council #9898 r small council, but active and is led by young and energetic officers. They once again hosted the district free throw contest and participates in the tootsie roll drive. One-Rose One-Life, along with Church, Council, Community, Family, and Youth activities. The council leads the rosary before mass and also will take all of the altar servers to a ball game in Omaha or to a water park and will stop at a restaurant. The council has a lunch stand at the county fair, (some of the burgers around) and will have pancake breakfasts for fundraisers. They donate money for the seminarians, spirit radio and community activities.

St. Peter's Council #12132 Stanton is a small but active council, they participate in the tootsie roll drive, One-Rose One-Life, Church, Community, Family, Council, and Youth activities. For fundraisers they will do a controlled burn on CRP acres for farmers, and hamburger feeds. They will host a luncheon for C.C.D. teachers and students. They will award a scholarship to a graduating senior. They lead a rosary before masses and also will have their KC meeting at the senior care center, so that the members that reside there can participate. This year I have attended most of all council meetings and several activities.

I wish would express my gratitude to State Deputy Matthew Richardson and all of the State Officer's, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all of my councils in District #14 for all their help and support throughout this past year. God Bless.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald F. Cech

District 15

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2021 - 2022 report for District # 15, which consists of Councils 1309 Emerson, 3844 South Sioux City, 5143 Randolph 8579 Wayne and 9939 Ponca. All councils have complied with the Sate and Supreme laws and rules of our order. All councils have completed required State and Supreme reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Much disruption has occurred this year due to the ongoing Pandemic.

Archbishop Daniel E Sheehan Council #1309 of Emerson has been active this year. The major fund raiser for the council was the Turkey Bingo held this past fall. Several Knights provide support for this event. No new recruits have been recorded to date.

Father Treacy Council #3844 South Sioux City has been active this year Fund raising events for South Sioux include the weekly Fish Fries on all Fridays of Lent and during the summer months a weekly hamburger night is held each Thursday.

St. Frances DeChantel Council #5143 Randolph has been active this year. Randolph knights maintain a community garden and donate produce to the needy of the community. Randolph has hosted a Fish Fry one Friday during Lent. Several Knights of this Council assisted in serving the parish for various functions throughout the year.

Father William Kearns Council #8579 Wayne was active this year. Activities include hosting the District and Regional Free Throw contest, 40 Cans for Lent where over 1,000 pounds of food was donated to the local Food Pantry and RSVP program provided support to Seminarian.

Gene Day Council #9939 Ponca has been active this year. This council has held it's meeting at Father Kramper's "Casa de Pas". The event began with Mass, meeting, and fellowship to follow. No new recruits have been added as of this date.

This year I have attended nearly all of the council meetings and several activities of my councils. I attended all of the required state meetings and conventions. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Matthew Richardson and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all Councils in District 15 for their help and encouragement throughout this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Podany

District 16

Worthy State Deputy, Chaplin, State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I submit the following report for District 16 which Includes the following councils: 1233 Hartington, 5218 Verdigre, 10592 Bloomfield, 14685 Crofton.

Council 1233, Monsignor Werner Council: What a year, led by Grand Knight Reggie Hochstein. 2 major exemplifications and one fourth degree exemplification. They contributed \$3000 towards an ultrasound machine at a prolife clinic in Yankton sd. Donated to the Neuman Center at WSC. Held all their meetings with every meeting ending with "Into the breach" video. Scholarships towards: Cedar Catholic, Gary Dunn memorial. Donations to: Spirit Catholic Radio, Rooted (arch diocese program for men,) Silver medallion for priesthood, one rose one life at 7 parishes and 8 masses, Priest's Christmas gifts, march for life travel host, paid for prolife speaker at schools, children fun run bicycles. They hosted District hoop shoot, tootsie roll drive, right to life breakfast, two Lenten Breakfast, Lenten fish fry, candlelight soup supper for the benefit of those in need, Corpus Christi picnic, genocide speaker at school and parish. They send out a monthly newsletter to all council members.

Council 5218 Led by Grand Knight Don Hanzlik. They are very active at their local level. They sponsor Bingo every Thursday night at Alpine Village (retirement home), they support their local veterans as an example they recently moved one to a handicap accessible home. They repaired the St. Williams Church roof, provided labor and new signage to St. Williams Parish. They are responsible for Parish snow removal. They contribute towards the high school prom safety program for the kids at Verdigre and Niobrara. Scholarships to attendee at Creighton University. Co-op with another council sponsoring their Priest 25th ordination anniversary, and much more.

Council 10592 Bloomfield: They picked up sponsoring through the RSVP program a seminarian from Creighton, \$150 per month. Sponsor drug awareness poster contest at the local school with cash prizes. Contributions include raising money for Divine Mercy Statue for St. Andrews Church Remodel, matched a deceased members funds for the parish. Scholarships to Bloomfield and Wausa students. Raised \$600 for the tootsie roll, disabilities program. Free throw contest, sending 3 to state competition. Delta time included and moneys supporting parish with remodel, retaining wall repairs and strip painted parking lot.

Council 14685 Crofton: This council is very active in the community, serving members from 3 parishes. Some of their contributions include a fundraiser breakfast for a member's son

who needs a heart transplant \$20k+, fundraiser for Zoe Care ultrasound machine in Yankton, \$2600. \$875 to Rooted retreat for men, speakers for retreat, tootsie roll drive, RSVP program \$500, Spirit Catholic radio \$500, "That Man Is You" program \$150, Saint Rose scholarship's \$750, Saint Rose Tuition assistance \$500, Saint Rose School general supplies \$300, American legion \$500 elevator fund. Delta donated \$500 to Deacon for expenses, \$545 for priest appreciation. Other programs, Members are on Parish maintenance committees, choir vocals. Council supported hoop shoot, sending two parish members to state. Tootsie roll drive, prolife "one rose one life" poster contest with Saint Rose Students, multiple meals for ccd students and teachers.

As District 16 deputy, I get to participate in GREAT LEADERSHIP among the Grand Knights and Councils in this district. I would find it hard to compare their leadership and participation. I am very fortunate to be part of such a great District.

Respectfully,
Dean Wieseler

District 17

Vacant

District 18

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 18. This includes the councils of 2411 Elgin, 8986 Madison, 7550 Neligh and 1794 Humphrey.

Council 2411 in Elgin is the largest and most active in District 18. They have a good mix of older and younger members and have good attendance at their meetings. They pray a rosary at the start of every meeting and members of the council pray a rosary before weekend masses in Elgin, Petersburg and Raeville. They participated in the Tootsie Roll campaign, One Rose One Life, Novena for Life, Food for Families, RSVP, and now ASAP. Their Hall is a center of activity in Elgin, they do fish fries, breakfasts, and host Ladies Night Out there.

Council 8986 is also active in their community, their Hall is a hub for activities in the community of Madison. They do a fish fry every Friday of Lent, run a food stand during Madison County Fair and support the grade school of St Leonard 's parish. They participate in Tootsie Roll, One Rose One Life, RSVP and ASAP .

Council 1794 is one of the oldest councils in the state, and they have done a good job of recently recruiting younger members. They participate in Tootsie Roll, OROL, RSVP. They sponsor a Wild Game Feed and hold a community clean-up day in the spring.

Council 7550 is very active for their size. They have done a good job of recruiting new members in the past 2 years. They take part in Food For Families, Tootsie Roll, OROL, ASAP. They hold a Ham and Beef Supper in the spring and host a breakfast to support a seminarian each year. They have members from 3 parishes, St Francis Neligh, St Theresa Clearwater, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tilden.

Respectfully submitted
Gary Hoefler

District 19

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairmen, and Brother Knights:

Once again, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Knights of Columbus in District 19, which consists of three councils in Columbus (Council 938, St. Anthony's Council 9264 and St. Isidore's Council 12086) along with councils in Schuyler (Council 2716) and Platte Center (Council 7762).

During the past few months, conversations have been held for the members of Council 7762, which only has about 40 members, to join up with Council 12086 and form a round table. The Platte Center council has not held a vote yet, so the proposal is up in the air at this time. Despite the challenges, our councils were still able to support many worthy causes. Our councils continue to support seminarians, including Isaac Ostdiek of St. Bonaventure Church (Council 938) and Caleb Kosch of St. Anthony's Church (Council 9264).

Council 938 hosted monthly breakfasts, and Council 9264 held their weekly fish fries during lent.

In the fall, the three Columbus councils and Council 2716 held local soccer shootouts, with the district taking place in Schuyler. There was no regional shootout because we were the only district in our region to have competitions, so our district winners advanced to the state soccer shootout, which was also held at Schuyler.

All five councils held Tootsie Roll Drives in the fall, with the three Columbus councils combining to hold theirs at locations in the city as well as after Masses at their individual churches. All five councils also held One Rose, One Life campaigns during the winter.

Members of Council 9264 led the rosary before the 7 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's and also were altar servers at those Masses. In addition, St. Anthony's continued its perpetual adoration program, with many Knights filling their hourly requirements on a weekly basis. Council 2716 said rosaries for those in the Divine Mercy parish who had passed away. The council also participated in the annual Labor Day Parade in Schuyler.

We were able to host both the all-Columbus local contest and the district contest on the same day at Columbus Middle School. We held the local competition involving all three councils early on Sunday (Council 7762 was invited to join us, but they did not have any competitors). The district contest was contested immediately following the local competition with the addition of the winners from Council 2716, which had held its local competition earlier. The district winners advanced to the regional contest, which was held in March at Boone Central High School in Albion.

The councils also held Easter Egg hunts along with seminarian breakfasts and participated in Fraternal Benefit Nights.

In closing, I appreciate having the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus as a District Deputy for the past four-plus years.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Strecker

District 20

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates, and Brother Knights:

I respectfully submit my report for **District Number 20**, which consists of the following Councils: **7699** (Holy Family of Lindsay), **7825** (St. Edward of St. Edward), **7954** (St. Peter's of Fullerton), and **10607** (St. Rose of Lima of Genoa). These four Councils have regular business meetings six to ten times per year. These Councils seek to maintain and stabilize their Council Membership – despite the current trend of depopulation found in most areas of rural Nebraska.

All four of these Councils participate in the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) fundraising drive. All four Councils participate willingly in handing out One-Rose-One-Life prayer cards in the parishes they serve, and they have done well in raising funds to support Pro-Life activities.

St. Rose of Lima Council gave a bag of treats to several nursing home residents on Valentine's Day, and they host coffee and donuts once a month at the parish center. St. Edward Council remains committed to RSVP – supporting at least two local area seminarians, as well as

a young lady from the Genoa area in a convent. Lindsay Council handed out a rose to widows of deceased Brother Knights at its annual Memorial Mass. St. Peter's Council is helping with funding renovations to their parish Church. Each Council has one or more programs unique to itself, but all of the Councils certainly serve their local Churches and communities in a very positive manner.

The number of Council meetings and the number of Knights attending have both declined slightly over the past few years. On a positive note, St. Rose of Lima parish was able to hold its Jig's Dinner for the first time in about three years. The Knights of St. Edward held their annual fall fundraiser in a new venue – the new community center in town. St. Peter's continues to support the Fullerton area food pantry. Lindsay donates to Spirit Catholic Radio in the fall. All Glory, Praise, and Honor be to God the Father, our Creator; the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy M. Zach

District 21

No report received.

Mitchel Nelson

District 22

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and brother knights. I submit our report from District 22, councils 11363, 10837, 9562, 1159. All 4 councils work together at the annual state fair bingo, annual deceased Knights memorial mass, tootsie roll drives and do the live streaming on weekend masses. We hold an annual Christmas mass that feeds 3 to 400 on-site and deliver 200 to 300 more. We walked together on Divine Mercy Sunday, hosted the regional and State free throw contest, knights also volunteered many hours working Special Olympics track meets and ARC of NE dances and meals.

It is with great pride that I submit this from these active and caring councils from District 22.

Steve Martin

District 23

Worthy State Deputy, worthy State Chaplin, worthy State Officers, Grand Knights, and Brothers in Christ. District 23, which consists of councils 1904 Hebron, 1906 Lawrence, 4434 Fairbury, 7684 Geneva, and 7714 Superior and Nelson submit the following report.

Council 1904 of Hebron is a very active council. They participate in the 4th of July parade, an Ice cream booth at the 4th of July celebration. They have a booth at the county fair for Pro Life and host a pork chop feed and have a float in the county fair parade. They host a parish picnic, free throw contest. They had a memorial mass for their departed members. On the One Rose One Life weekend they present roses to the mothers and thank them for giving life. These are just a few of the many activities that this council does.

Council 1906 of Lawrence is also a very active council. They also had a memorial mass, parish picnic, altar boy outing and several Pancake breakfast. They participate in the Intellectual Disabilities, TV mass, are a supporter of the McGivney Foundation. Buck a month and many other Activities.

Council 4434 of Fairbury is a very active council. They support the RSVP program. TV mass, had a free throw contest and had 19 shooters show up. They participate in the Novena for Life and many more activities.

Council 7684 of Geneva is a really very active council. They had a free throw contest . They support two seminarians, intellectual disability program. They run a booth at the county

fair and have a float in the parade. They are constantly busy with different activities in the church, community and their faith.

Council 7714 of Superior stays active by participating in intellectual disability, supporting a seminarian and many other activities.

All five councils participated in the Rose one Life, Intellectual Disabilities, they all support a Seminarian. All five have strong support from their priest and are always present at their meetings.

Respectfully Submitted
Roger Retzlaff

District 24

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights: I respectfully submit my 2022 report for District 24, which consists of Councils 1728 Kearney, 2040 Lexington, 2351 Wood River/Shelton, 10923 Kearney, and 12687 Elm Creek/Amherst/Overton. All councils have complied with the State and Supreme laws and rules of our Order. All councils have completed state reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Faith, Community, Family and Life.

St. James Council 1728 of Kearney has been busy with activities which include the following: One Rose One Life, annual Tootsie Roll® Drive, and Right to Life Prayer. They sponsor very successful Lenten Fish Fries and the drive through added last year to help with COVID-19 restrictions is still popular. They make annual donations to Catholic Radio, their parish, and other charitable organizations.

Lexington Council 2040 participates in many activities which include: One Rose One Life campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, and other events. They make annual donations to their Parish, and the community from their fundraisers.

Wood River/Shelton Council 2351 participates in many activities which include: One Rose One Life campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, Community Christmas Dinner deliveries, and other events.

Prince of Peace Council 10923 of Kearney participates in many activities which include: One Rose One Life Campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, Coats for Kids, cook for First Reconciliation meal, and assisted with the Lenten Fish Fries. They hosted the District 24 Free Throw Contest. They make annual donations to Catholic radio, their parish, and the community from their fundraisers.

Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee Council 12687 of Elm Creek/Amherst/Overton is involved in activities which include the following: the annual Tootsie Roll® Drive, the One Rose One Life Campaign, and a soup/dessert fundraiser during a high school basketball game. They also give a scholarship to every graduating high school senior from all three towns.

This year I have attended most council meetings and several activities. The councils are still working to do their charitable activities while still honoring social distancing regulations. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Matthew Richardson and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and to all of my councils in District 24 for their help and support throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell S O'Neill

District 25

No report received.

Mark Dwyer

District 26

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, All Worthy Officers and Brother Knights and Brothers in Christ. I am submitting my report on the following councils in District 26 as follows:

St. Joseph, council 4707, Atkinson. Promote Eucharistic Adoration; activities includes: 1 Rose 1 Life, tootsie roll drive, 2 scholarships to H/S seniors, Lenten fish fries, 2 random fish fries, displays K of C float in haydays parade, 10 pancakes breakfasts, place K of C markers and flags on graves, cater bar at receptions, 1/2 dozen liver and onion feeds for repairs on equipment within KC donate to new beginnings, donate hall for some special events, donate for post prom activities, 6 knights on cemetery committee, make repairs at Church and School, mowing and maint. on church and school campus, free throw contest, distribute Holy communion to elderly and assisted living, and St. Joseph icon this year, plus this year, had a family nominated for family of the year and 1 of 4 finalist for family of the year.

St. Patrick's council 701 of O'Neill, lenten fish fries, Rosary before Mass each Sunday, Free throw contest, tootsie roll drive, one rose one life, Family Christmas party, KC stag night, golf tournament, KC bags tournament, St. Joseph traveling icon, maint. where needed around Church and Hall.

St. Mary's council 3720 Spencer/ Sacred Heart in Butte. Bingo, pancake feeds, special pancake feed for funds for Ukraine, donate thousands of \$\$ for needy people during tragic times, donated \$3,500.00 towards Fr, Sunds new car, cemetery funds and free throw contest.

St. Bonafice council 5881 Stuart. Lenten fish fries, pancake feed, duck races at 4th of July celebration, family fun nights w/ games and prizes, free throw contest, plus odds and ends in helping others during difficult times.

Of course, some covid restrictions applied therefore making things a little difficult at times but still made it all work out. With my busy schedule of things going on I am unable to attend all meetings but do a lot via texting etc. With reminders and informative information. I appreciate all that these councils do and especially, the smaller ones.

Respectfully Submitted
Steve Minchow

District 27

Vacant

District 28

No report received.

William Mike Stromitus

District 29

Vacant

District # 30

2021-2022 Annual Report

Worthy state Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Bishops George Lucas, James Conley, and Joseph G. Hanefeldt, and Delegates to the 115th annual Nebraska state Knights of Columbus convention April 22-24th.

I respectfully submit the annual report of District #30 for councils 1126 McCook, 7081 Imperial-Wauneta, 7778 Grant-Elsie-Wallace, and 10163 Benkelman-Stratton.

The Year was very challenging to say the least. I attended summer Grand Knight Seminar in July. I missed mid-winter meeting due to, having covid, and missed many council meetings and activities due to illness and did not hold a district meeting either. I held free throw championships district and regionals.

The councils did a great job of doing many activities all year. Most of the councils did tootsie roll drives, one rose one life, life chain free throw contest and other fund raisers. McCook, Grant and Imperial all had fish fries that were great success's. Growth activities were very challenging but the effort still goes on. Imperial held a exemplification and has the chance to be star council.

I would like to thank the state council for all it guidance this year to keep the councils going the best we could.

I will conclude by saying it is a privilege to serve all the councils that I do to serve supreme as their messenger, and to serve the great state council of the state of Nebraska. Respectfully, Kent Lorens DD# 30

Kent Lorens
DD #30

District 31

No report received.

Mike Esselstein

District 32

Vacant

District 33

Worthy State Deputy, Matt Richardson, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

I respectfully submit my annual report of Council activities for the following

Councils:

Council 4923 Lincoln, St. Joseph's
Council 9563 Lincoln, Cathedral of the Risen Christ
Council 10510 Lincoln, St. Peter's
Council 10913 Lincoln, St. Michael's

Council 4923:

The Lincoln, St. Joseph's Council also remains very active in all events of the parish. Their major funding comes from their UNL Home Game Concession stand and several other smaller projects. Council 4923 currently supports and astounding 7 seminarians.

Council 9563:

The Lincoln, Cathedral of the Risen Christ Council also remains very active in all events of the parish. Their major funding comes from their UNL Home Game Concession stand and several other smaller projects.

Council 10510:

The Lincoln, St. Peter's Council also remains very active in all events of the parish. They are active in youth activities, such as the state Free Throw contest. This council is extremely active in Pro-Life activities.

Council 10913:

The Lincoln, St. Michael's Council also remains very active in all events of the parish. Their major funding comes from their Fall Husker Recruiting event and this year with a cornhole tournament. UNL Home Game Concession stand and several other smaller projects. They are active in youth activities, such as the state Free Throw contest and State Soccer Challenge.

Respectfully,
Bryan Welty

District 34

Vacant

District 35

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following activity report for District 35, which includes the following Councils: 6192 Columban, 6429 Archbishop Bergan, 11364 Holy Cross, and 11879 St. Matthews.

Council 6192 is quite active in the Bellevue area. They participate in Holiday Parades and religious appreciation functions in addition to charitable events such as Coats for Kids, One Rose One Life, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. They also conduct spaghetti feeds and Lenten Fish Fry dinners to raise funds for their charitable programs, in addition to their seminarian (RSVP) support programs. I regularly attend their membership and officer's meetings and try to make as many of their events as possible, all of which follow Covid 19 restrictions.

Council 6429 is very active in their Parish and the associated Catholic School. They prepare and sell sausage items and conduct regular breakfast events as fund raisers to generate funds to provide needed equipment for the Parish community, as well as scholarships to school students, School Breakfasts, and monetary gifts to clergy. The Council also participated in the Coats for Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive, and the One Rose One Life programs, as well as supporting the Parish Thanksgiving meal and the Stephen's Center meal. I was able to attend their business meetings and some of their planning meetings, all of which followed Covid 19 restrictions.

Council 11364 is a very strong council and actively participates in and supports the Parish activities. They conduct regular pancake feeds, participate in the Parish Festival, conduct a Rosary program, support Hospitality dinners and breakfasts for Holy Cross School students, and conduct fundraisers to support their charitable works. They also participate in the One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll, Spiritual Reflection, and RSVP programs. I have attended almost all of their business meetings and some of their planning meetings, all of which followed Covid 19 restrictions.

Council 11879 is a very active council and has the strong backing of their Parish Priest. They conduct regular fundraisers such as pancake breakfasts, spaghetti feeds, breakfast burrito sales, and Lenten Fish Fry dinners, to fund their charitable programs, and they support and provide manpower for the Parish School Fundraiser. They participate in the One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll, and RSVP programs, as well as conducting weekly food drives for the Food Pantry. They conduct monthly Knights Masses and Holy Hour events and have a Rosary program. The council has also conducted both District and Regional Youth Activity Contests. I have attended all of their business meetings, and most of their planning meetings, all of which followed the Covid 19 restrictions.

Respectively submitted,
Bob Hasiak

District 36

No report received.

Galen Pokorny

District 37

No report received.

Kenneth Sabata

District 38

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in our Lord Christ. First, thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as a District Deputy for the Nebraska Jurisdiction.

I am respectfully submitting the following report surrounding the health and wellbeing of the councils within District # 38:

- Victor Vifquain Council # 7704, Crete, NE.
- Fr. Wenceslaus Beranek Council # 7966, Wilber/Tobias, NE.
- Bishop Glennon P. Flavin Council # 11737, Denton, NE.
- St. James Council # 14320, Cortland, NE.

Council # 7704 is a strong and active council which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and school. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers for their school, Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest, and Free Throw Basketball Competition. For their parish, they provide manpower hosting their Annual Fireworks Sales stand which the majority of the proceeds are given to their church. They are able to fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various

charitable events but not limited to the One Rose — One Life Campaign, the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Silver Rose Pilgrimage. Although, they have recently changed leadership at the Grand Knight position, I am confident with their recently accepted and approved Grand Knight, they will not miss a step- Overall, 7704 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 7966 has a new Grand Knight for this fraternal year. He has ambitions to see the council do more. They hold one fundraiser a year, riding on these proceeds the entire year, to pay expenses and fund their activities. They operate on a shoestring budget but are able to sustain themselves. They hosted a Coats for Kids the first time this past year. Their Grand Knight could actually see the need within their local public school, and it was a major success. They also support the One Rose — One Life Campaign, the Annual Intellectual Disabilities I Tootsie Roll Drive. They support their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center with donation funding. For their Church, I can always count on them to host the Annual Silver Rose Pilgrimage. Their pastor has a deep and strong conviction to this Pilgrimage. Participation at monthly meetings is very low, but I am told their membership shows up for their Annual Pancake Feed fundraiser during the Annual Czech Festival each August.

Council # 11737 is another of the district's strong and vibrant councils. Their Grand Knight also is new this fraternal year. He also has wishes to build upon what the past GK has done for this council. They host their Annual Fireworks Sales stand in the church parking lot and sponsor the majority of the workforce. From the proceeds, they are able to fund a wide array of activities and events. This council is active in the support of their parish Church, conducting clean-up and repair/maintenance events, providing matching funding for local retreats for Knights families, and supporting students wishing to participate in Pilgrimages. They sponsor two seminarians per year with monetary donations. They also support a local food pantry in the Denton Community gathering food, workforce and funding. This council like the others, supply workforce to help support their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center. They are able to fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose — One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are also beginning to expand on events and activities, trying out different things outside their comfort zone. They hosted a Fish Fry during Lent this year and it was received by the parish and community well, even exceeding their own expectations. I believe there will be more to come. Again, overall, 11737 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 14320 is for all practical purposes, a mirror image of Crete and Denton, with one exception, their Grand Knight has been in his position for several years and is very vocal about this - they need to find a replacement. He does an exceptional job as GK and I wish he'd stay. He's young with a young growing family, and now sees where he needs to devote more time with his young children as they age. He and his wife are very active in the church parish as well. This council also is a strong and active council which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and community. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers and pancake feed fundraiser to support local parish or community struggling members. They also pull the majority of their funds from the sales of their Annual Fireworks Sales. Because of the success of sales, they are able to have sufficient funds for donations and supporting activities all year long. They are able to fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose — One Life Campaign, Catholic Spirit Radio, the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are very proud of this one fact one cause they strongly support is the Pro-Life I Unborn Initiatives and the Women's Care Center, Lincoln, NE, usually winning an award every year. And again, it's on their radar for this year again. With all this being said, this council is also a vibrant and living our faith council.

In closing, all four councils in district # 38 are doing what they can to model the way our Knights of Columbus with Fr. McGivney's inspiration has instilled. I have been privileged to be able to physically attend each monthly Knights council meetings and a few Officers' meeting, except for those in December, which were either canceled due to weather, postponed, or canceled due to Covid-19 outbreaks, or altered/suspended due to holding a Christmas Party in leu of.

Thank you, stay healthy and safe,

Vivat Jesus
Cordially
Gary Gandara

District 39

Vacant

District 40

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 40 which includes the below councils.

Council 1966 Plattsmouth Ne.

This council has been very active all major areas for Faith, Family, Community and Church.

The council had in person meetings for the year as and continued to have an ability to have a zoom option. I have attended most of these meetings and observed a very enthusiastic group of Brother Knights. For most of the year a rosary has been said in Church right before the meeting and was open to all in the parish. "Into The Breach" presentations were also conducted after meetings.

Major activities and fundraising included a large golf tournament in August. This was followed by a dinner and auction which raised almost \$20,000. The council coordinated a project for the Franciscan Sisters new motherhouse in Nebraska City. The focus was roof and other enhancements to motherhouse property. Several councils were also indirectly involved.

Other activities included a monthly breakfast, tootsie roll drive, fish fry's, free throw contest, and one rose one life. Supporting the Catholic Education, St. John the Baptist School, and The Church of the Holy Spirit are big priorities for the council.

The council is on track to get ICC Gold and Star Council awards.

Council 3152 Nebraska City

This council has also been very active all major areas The weekly food pantry which is coordinated, staffed, and partially funded by the Knights has continued to operate every week during the Covid virus period

The council had in person meetings for the year as and started a rosary before every meeting. I have attended every meeting in a dual role as Financial Secretary and District Deputy the parish.

Major activities and fundraising included a fish fry's and an applejack concession stand in September. The council participated on a several projects for the Franciscan Sisters new motherhouse in Nebraska City. These included a nativity scene and other enhancements at motherhouse property. Several councils shared in a couple of the projects.

Other activities included a subway sale, tootsie roll drive, free throw contest .and one rose one life. Supporting the Catholic Education, Lourdes Central Catholic, and the four council Churches are big priorities for the council.

The council is on track to get ICC Bronze and possibly have a chance for Star Council awards.

Council 12557 Greenwood /Ashland

This council was active with several events and fundraising activities with several of them shared with the ministerial and with other charities This included the monthly Saturday Morning breakfast which switched from Church to Church within the ministerial association. The council had in person meetings for the year. I have attended several meetings. The council is very dedicated to each activity and approaches them on a very detailed basis. Major activities included a supplying food and other help during the annual July Ashland festival and some fundraising for the CCD program. The officers are involved daily with helping the church with various roles. The officers are very active with youth sports in the family lives. Supporting the Catholic Youth, CCD and Education are big priorities for the council.

Council 7614 Syracuse (Includes Palmyra Roundtable)

The council went thru some significant challenges for the year. The covid virus played a dual role of inhibiting some of the functions and making it difficult to meet. Also, the council was without a Grand Knight for 2 years until December 2021. Fortunately, a member Randy Arnold stepped up to fill the role.

This council was active the last 3 months These included the annual fish fry's and a program to collect socks for the homeless. The fish fries were very successful attracting hundreds of people from Omaha to south of Syracuse.

The council had in person meetings starting in December. I have attended several meetings. I am very optimistic in the short term on the expected accomplishments of the council. The Grand Knight is trying to find out more programs and activities to get into. Supporting the Catholic Youth, CCD and Education are big priorities for the council.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Carlstedt

District 41

Vacant

District 42

Vacant

District 43

No report received.

Richard Lowery

Deputy Richardson called on Director Hamik for any mass instructions. Director Hamik reminded the gathering that mass is at 5:00 PM in this room.

Deputy Richardson called on Master Lowery for any honor guard instructions. Master Lowery reminded all that the 4th degree would gather in room Ruby 1 at 4:15 for mass.

Deputy Richardson entertained a motion that this meeting be recessed and reconvene on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 9:00 AM sharp. Much remained to be done including the election of officers and delegates to this year's supreme Convention in Nashville. Council 7704 so moved, seconded by council 2373. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 with a prayer by Chaplain, Very Reverend Fulton.

SATURDAY – APRIL 23rd, 2022 – MASS

The Most Reverend William J. Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island and former State Chaplain was the principal celebrant in the Diamond room of the Younes Conference Center. Concelebrating were Very Rev Justin Fulton, State Chaplain, and Rev John Rooney, Former State Chaplain. Lowery provided a 4th degree honor guard. The collection was for the support of seminarians in the three dioceses. The congregation donated \$2,002. The State

Council matched the donation for a total of \$4004.00. PSD Larry Reed presented the necrology, which follows:

Necrology
Knights of Columbus Mass
Kearney, Nebraska – April 23, 2022

We pause now to pay homage to those Brother Knights who have served the Order on the State level, as State Officers or District Deputies, and who have passed on to their Eternal Reward since our last Convention.

We pay tribute to them for their faithful and dedicated service to our Order, our Church, and our communities.

Kenneth Dean Holmes PSD

He served our State Jurisdiction as the following: Youth Director, District Deputy, Ceremonial Chairman, State Treasurer and State Secretary. In 1970 - 72, Kenny was elected State Deputy. It was during his term of Office, the State Council held a Dedication of the All Faiths Chapel at the Boys Training School here in Kearney. The total price of this Chapel was \$117,000.00 and all money was raised by our State Jurisdiction. Ken was a member of Council 1904 Hebron.

Arthur F McCarty

Was appointed District Deputy in 1996 and served until 2000. Art was a member of 10108 the St. Robert Bellarmine Council in Omaha.

James E McNamara

Served as District Deputy from 1990 to 94. He went on to serve as State Membership Director and later as State Golf Chairman. He was a member of Council 9518 in Ralston.

Robert “ Bob” A. Oldham

Served as District Deputy from 1999 to 2003. Bob was a member of Council #1123 Hastings.

Michael Thomas Leick Sr

From 2015 to 2017, Mike served as District Deputy. From 2002 to 2005 He was appointed State Vocations Chairman. He was a Deacon and was a member of Council 15101 St. Pius the 10th in Omaha.

Dale Ernest Stengel

District Deputy from 1996 to 2001. Dale was a long time FS and member of Geneva/Crafton/Shickley Council 7684.

Gary K “Sully “Sullivan

From 1976 - 80 he served as District Deputy. Gary was a member of Council 1793 in Norfolk.

Oh, Heavenly Father,

We commend our departed into your hands. We thank you for letting them be a part of our lives.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

***ALL:** And let perpetual light shine upon them*

May their souls and the souls of all our departed Brother Knights, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

***ALL:** Amen*

SATURDAY – APRIL 23rd, 2022 – STATE BANQUET

Following Mass, a no-host social was held in the Crystal Room of the Younes Conference Center. The main banquet was held in the same room. Deputy Richardson introduced Bishop Joseph James D. Conley, Bishop of the Lincoln diocese.

Bishop Conley thanked the gathering for the warm welcome he received and how he thoroughly enjoys his meeting with the Nebraska knights. He also expressed his and the other Nebraska Bishops very strong support during the Covid-19 pandemic and for the personal support he received during his illness

Deputy Richardson introduced a short video presentation from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

Deputy Richardson introduced Supreme Guest, Damian O’Connor the principal speaker for the evening. Vice President O’Connor’s remarks follow:

Thank you, Brother Matt, for that kind introduction.
Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Reverend Fathers, District Deputies, GKs, General Agents, Field Agents, delegates and all my fellow Brothers, your wives & families, and guests: It’s an honor to join you tonight to celebrate your accomplishments in NEBRASKA over the past year.

I bring you greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. We are grateful for your dedication to our Order and to Blessed Michael McGivney's vision – and for your leadership in what has been a very challenging 2 years! Each of you plays a pivotal role in the work and mission of the Knights of Columbus – and you have our sincere appreciation for all you do. To all our priests and religious – thank you for your support. We could not grow without your support. Know that we will always continue to stand with you to protect and build up our Church.

A special thank you also goes to the wives. Simply put, we love you and deeply appreciate your encouragement & support. *You allow us to be heroes (x2)*. So, I ask all brothers to join in a standing ovation for our wives!

Brothers, because of all of your collective efforts, our Order set a new standard of success in NEBRASKA last year. You put our Order's principles of charity, unity, and fraternity into practice – and put your *faith* into *action*.

Let me briefly highlight some significant accomplishments of NEBRASKA Knights! Nebraska Knights contributed \$1,398,622 and 920,004 hours to support charitable programs in the last year

Nebraska councils put 2,832 coats on the backs of children in need
Nebraska councils have supported 102 seminarians: providing \$59,950 in support
Nebraska councils have raised \$31,219 and 72,387 pounds of food in support of our Food For Families program
Significant accomplishments indeed!

Your work is changing minds, winning hearts, and saving lives all across this state. And your actions in NEBRASKA contributed to a record year across the Order, worldwide. Let me recap some highlights:

Last year, the Knights of Columbus and their families contributed more than \$185 million to worthy causes and more than 76 million hours of our time to charity and to our Church. We stepped up our support for the Special Olympics, put coats on the backs of more than 130,000 kids, and helped tens of thousands of families recover in the wake of devastating hurricanes and wildfires.

And when it comes to the sanctity of life, we made a bigger difference than ever before. To date, we have placed more than 1,500 ultrasound machines in crisis pregnancy centers across America, including right here in North Dakota. This is the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus, and the Supreme Knight has pledged that we will build on this record and save even more lives!

And around the world, the Knights of Columbus continues to support and stand with the most vulnerable and the oppressed.

Nowhere has this been more apparent of late than in Ukraine and in neighboring Poland. When war came upon Ukraine - and when millions of Ukrainians began to flow into Poland, the Knights of Columbus was there. With almost 9,000 members and almost 200 councils in the two countries, Knights offered homes and comfort to refugees in Poland, provided essential food, services and shelter in Mercy Huts on the Poland/Ukraine border - and getting essential food and medicine to those sheltering in Ukraine. Through our Ukrainian charitable relief efforts, we have raised over \$11 million dollars to date – and that # continues to grow daily!

Our wheelchair program continues to provide the gift of mobility to people in need. We have raised money to provide over 100,000 wheelchairs to people in need throughout the world.

And internationally we continue to defend religious freedom.

No matter where you look, at home or abroad, the Knights of Columbus is *A force for good*. Everywhere we go, we make a difference.

But while this weekend is a time to celebrate our accomplishments, it's also a time to ask ourselves: **How can we do more? How can we grow in action and effectiveness?**

Our mission is arguably as important today as at any point in our history!

The needs faced by communities today are very similar to those in Fr. McGivney's time. Young men are searching for meaning and striving to find faith-based community in the midst of a secular society.

Catholic families and our Catholic faith are under sustained assault by the culture around us.

And now, as then, the Knights of Columbus offer a solution to men. Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly made 2 key points about the benefits of membership in our Order: He said that... We get the man right.

If we don't evangelize the culture, then the culture will evangelize us. Society today and families need men who are committed to their wives, committed to their children, and committed to helping their neighbors – Knights in the image of St. Joseph. The Knights of Columbus leads men into community, draws them into a life of service, and empowers them to become better husbands, fathers, neighbors, citizens, and followers of Christ. Men who are committed to charity, unity, and fraternity. As the Supreme Knight has said, "We seek good men who are looking to be better men, and then we give them the opportunity to be great men."

The family has always been at the heart of our faith and at the foundation of our fraternal mission. Today, the family faces more challenges than ever before. Strengthening families is and will continue to be a priority of our Order!

In the last few years, we launched new initiatives to support families. These include our *Building the Domestic Church* and *Faith in Action* programs.

Through our *Faith in Action* programs, Councils can implement up to 32 programs at the parish level, from Family Prayer Night, Consecration to the Holy Family, Coats for Kids and a March for Life.

Our entire Faith in Action program is all about the family. It gives councils a range of options to involve families in the work that they do.

Our *Faith in Action* programs help fulfill Pope Francis' call to make the Church a "family of families" – and strong families strengthen society as a whole.

Finally, the Knights of Columbus, gives men the opportunity to defend our Church. Saint John Paul II often called the Knights the Church's "strong right arm." Our strength is critical – particularly today. We must be leaders who work for repentance, renewal, and the rebuilding of the Church and bonds of trust. We can be advocates for accountability – and champions for unity-

As Catholics, we stand for the dignity of every person. And as Knights, we know that our Order has spent nearly a century-and-a-half standing up for the marginalized. We fought the Klan in the United States in the 1920s and 30s.

We defended persecuted Catholics in Mexico. And today we defend persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

So, in closing, thank you again for all your hard work this past year. Thank you also for the warm welcome that you have shown me this weekend. In the Knights of Columbus, we have the collective power to be a beacon of life for people in need, to save lives – and to change lives. That is why we gather in our Councils all year round – and it is why we do the work that we do. I think you will agree that **the world needs the Knights of Columbus today now more than ever**. That's why the Knights of Columbus needs to inspire and recruit a new generation of men who want to put their faith into action.

When Father McGivney founded our Brotherhood, he showed men a better path. He started in New Haven with only a handful of young "go-ahead" men. They became evangelists for the Order, spreading it to surrounding cities, then states, and then across the country and beyond. **We are their heirs** – and so we must be leaders in the *New Evangelization*.

As we stand together, over two million Brother Knights and their families spread across the nation and the world, we should be excited for what our future holds! The challenges will

continue to be many, but so are the opportunities – and the rewards. As we prepare ourselves for what’s ahead, let us be confident in each other and in our shared mission and principles. And let us take comfort in the words of Scripture, which tell us “The Lord our God is with us wherever we go.”

A quick story if I may. My first job out of college was as a religion teacher in an all-boys high school. I was certain that I was God’s gift to the world and that I would change their lives forever. Little did I know I could not have been more wrong. One of my Morality classes slammed the fists on their desks and chanted “WARD” repeatedly for the entire 41 minutes I was trying to teach. They did this for (2) weeks straight.

It turns out that “Ward” was the name of their religion teacher they got to quit the year before.

For some reason the administration decided to keep this entire group of criminals together for their junior year. I truly believed they were all evil and they might need to be destroyed!

I remember calling my father after those (2) weeks to vent to him. I was certain that he would have empathy...sympathy...something!...because these kids were horrible. After I stopped complaining, he simply said, “Damien, you may be the only person through which they will encounter Christ.”

I thought, “What’s that supposed to mean?!”

But he was right. I needed to learn how to be Christ for them. And it worked. This is what Knights do.

Be the beacon of light!

Thank you very much. May God bless the great State of NEBRASKA and all of you in the coming year!

Vivat Jesus!

Deputy Richardson thanked Damien O’Connor for his remarks and presented him with a few mementos of his visit to Nebraska.

Deputy Richardson asked State Warden Don Hypse to conduct the annual sweepstakes drawing. Warden Hypse asked Bishop Dendinger to step forward and do the drawings. The winners were:

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| \$2500 | Robert Moyer | Nebraska City |
| \$1000 | Mark Borer | Omaha |
| \$750 | Art Brase | Tecumseh |
| \$500 | Mark Stock | St. Edward |
| \$250 | Seth Conrad | Fort Calhoun |
| \$100 | Nathan Jedlicka | Schuyler |
| \$100 | Robert Reiman | Hastings |
| \$100 | John Ulsher | Omaha |
| \$100 | Tim & Mary Vetick | Columbus |
| \$100 | Andrew Wiechman | West Point |

Warden Hypse stated that the winners would soon receive their winnings.

Deputy Richardson announced that we would have an oral auction to raise funds for the support of refugees from Ukraine. Past State Deputy John Smith conducted the auction. A total of \$1475 was raised. Past State Deputy Smith conducted another oral auction to the Nebraska State Council Fr. McGivney Foundation. A total of \$2300 was raised.

Deputy Richardson thanks the gathering for their generous support. He further announced the hospitality room would be open until 11:00 PM in the Fairfield Hotel. He asked Bishop Dendinger to give the gathering a final blessing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 – MASS

Mass was held in the Diamond Room. State Chaplain Fulton presided. Approximately 200 people attended.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 - LADIES BRUNCH

Mrs. Richardson hosted a lady's brunch in Diamond 1 of the Younes Conference Center. State Chaplain Very Rev Justin Fulton visited with those attending with a A & A session.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 – BUSINESS MEETING

Deputy Richardson convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the third section shall please retire from the Chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions. Please turn off or silence all pagers and cell phones.

Deputy Richardson called on Warden Hypse asking if all were in possession of a current membership card and if all delegates were seated in their proper seats, if not please have them do so now. Warden Wolf stated all were in possession of a current membership card and all delegates were properly seated.

Deputy Richardson called on Chaplain Fulton asking that he lead us in an opening prayer. Deputy Richardson called on Master Lowery to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Richardson called on General Agent Anthony Swanson for his annual report. Agent Swanson requested that his report be entered into the proceedings without being read.

Swanson Agency

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2022 Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. The Swanson Agency of Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska had a solid year in our thirteenth year of existence. The agency currently has seven agents with plans to bring on new agents soon.

All of our agents are working hard to serve their members and help further Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting and serving Catholic men and their families. The Swanson Agency Agent of the Year for 2021 was **Brian Almond**, FICF. Brian also qualified for MDRT membership which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world. In addition, three other agents qualified for MDRT from our agency: Dcn. Bill Buchta, Larry Havranek, and Mike Scholz.

The Knights of Columbus insurance division had another marvelous year with as well. The Knights again received a superior rating from AM Best and was named one of the top 6 most financially strong companies in the industry by Standard & Poor's and received their AA+ rating. The Knights also had an all-time high increase in premiums with a 12% increase over the previous all-time premium record of 2021. This is quite a testament to the strength of our Insurance Division and the trust that our members place in us during trying times.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and their families for their support. It is their faith and confidence in the Knights of Columbus and our agents that encourages us to do our best to further Fr. McGivney's charge to us as insurance agents. Fraternaly,

TONY SWANSON, FICF
General Agent

Deputy Richardson called on General Agent Neil Pfeifer for his annual report. Agent Pfeifer requested this his report be entered into the proceedings without being read.

PFEIFER AGENCY

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2022 Nebraska State Convention.

The Pfeifer Agency, serving Northeast Nebraska and Western Iowa, just finished our 6th full year as an Agency. The agency currently has 19 agents, with the idea of bringing on 3 additional men before the year end. All our agents are committed to serving their members and help further Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting and serving Catholic men and their families.

The Pfeifer Agency had a great year, finishing 29th in Company out of approximately 90 agencies in the Order. Issuing \$118 million in Life Ins protection on our families, which was in the top 10 overall.

The Nebraska Pfeifer Agency Agent of the Year for 2021 was **Kevin Weber**.

Our Agency had 13 Agents qualify for MDRT membership, which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world.

Neil Pfeifer, Craig Pfeifer, and Donnie Kenkel, also qualified for the Supreme Knight's Club, the Orders highest award for KC Agents.

The Knights of Columbus insurance division had another marvelous year with as well. The Knights again received a superior rating from AM Best and was recently named one of the top 6 most financially strong companies in the industry by Standard & Poor's and received their AA+ rating.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and their families for their support. It is their faith and confidence in the Knights of Columbus and our agents that encourages us to do our best to further Fr. McGivney's charge to us as insurance agents.

Fraternally,
Neil J Pfeifer, FICF, MDRT
General Agent

Deputy Richardson moved that the two reports of the Nebraska General Agents be entered into the proceedings. Council 2716 seconded. Motion passed.

Deputy Richardson requested Secretary Wolf to conduct a roll call of the officers and delegates. Delegates must be present during both sessions to receive their expense checks.

State Deputy Richardson
State Chaplain Very Reverend Fulton - excused
Immediate Past Deputy Borytsky
State Secretary Wolf
State Treasurer Schaeffer
State Advocate Korth
State Warden Hypse

District #1, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 2 .

District #2, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 4 .

District #3, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 2 .

District #4, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 6 .

District #5, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 3 .

District #6, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 6 .

District #7, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have 0 .

Deputy Richardson asked if there is any unfinished business to come for the state council three times. As there is no unfinished business, we will proceed to new business.

Deputy Richardson called on Advocate Korth for a report of Greetings and Resolutions. Advocate Korth read the following resolutions:

I. RECURRENT RESOLUTIONS

A. FEALTY, COMMENDATION, & SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (“State Council”) wishes to annually resolve for fealty, commendation, and support; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pledge faith and loyalty to our Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for the Roman Pontiff Emeritus, His Holiness, Benedict XVI, and offer thanks to God for having provided such a great and holy man to lead the faithful.
2. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude and appreciation to Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, for their outstanding vision, leadership, and successful direction of the Order during the past year; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation and support to each Supreme Officer, Supreme Director, and staff for untiring efforts on our behalf during the past Year.
3. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
4. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Fabian Bruskevitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
5. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, for his assistance and encouragement, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
6. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude to all state, district, and local officers and the councils which they lead for the numerous contributions and excellent work during the past year.
7. RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation to the city officials and people of Kearney, Nebraska, for assisting with the preparation and conducting of the 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention, and for the hospitality and splendid efforts in making the State Convention a success.

8. RESOLVED, the State Council is honored to host a representative of the Supreme Council as our State Dinner guest and speaker; we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council continues to support all priests in their tasks with time, energy, and resources, and also with prayers, friendship, kindness, and support for each of them and the office they hold as Jesus' representatives in our parishes.

B. POSITION RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually state its position on a variety of topics of particular interest to the State Council and Organization; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our deceased Popes and offer thanks to God, the Father of all creation, for providing such great and holy men to lead the faithful.
2. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our departed Brother Knights, may they rest in peace.
3. RESOLVED, we recommend to the Supreme Council that the Board of Directors and Supreme Officers continue to pursue the cause of sainthood of Blessed Michael J. McGivney.
4. RESOLVED, we pledge to continue to seek the reversal of court decisions legalizing abortion and the re-establishment of full legal protection for the unborn; and FURTHER RESOLVED, pending this result, we pledge to continue support of laws and public policies limiting the performance of abortion as much as possible; and FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Order at all levels to inform, educate, and motivate our own members, the public at large, and public officials regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death, and the evils of abortion and other offenses against innocent life.
5. RESOLVED, we pledge to support the lawful challenge of all Government legislation, regulation, and policy that requires the furnishing of reproductive services without exception.
6. RESOLVED, we pledge continued support for traditional marriage between one man and one woman: and FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Knights of Columbus at all levels to oppose laws and public policies legalizing or supporting "homosexual marriage," "same-sex marriage," and/or similar unions.
7. RESOLVED, that we encourage parents to foster a Christian atmosphere in their homes that allows them to openly discuss decency in media and entertainment and their concerns about misuse of the Internet with their children; FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn pornography and graphic sexual content in entertainment and the media and call on Internet providers and the media and entertainment industry to maintain high standards of decency that will protect children and promote healthy family life; FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend and thank those in the media, entertainment, and retail industries who produce family-friendly media and entertainment products and pledge to patronize them in our choices as consumers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support groups that fight pornography and graphic sexual content in media and entertainment, and that we pledge ourselves to use television, film, and the Internet to promote family values and a healthy understanding of human sexuality.

8. RESOLVED, that we express our strong support for Catholic schools everywhere and encourage legislation and policies that would establish parental choice in education through tax credits, vouchers, and scholarships which would ensure that all parents have the financial means to send their children to Catholic schools.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council again encourages all subordinate councils to pray for vocations at every council meeting in the Nebraska jurisdiction.
10. RESOLVED, the State Council encourages subordinate councils to support the Newman Centers and Catholic parishes of college youth in Nebraska to provide continuing Catholic education and social support to our youth in college.

C. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually authorize certain actions and requirements; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host the annual workshop forum during the 2023 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
2. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host an annual Chaplains' Seminar during the 2023 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
3. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a State Directory for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year and pay the actual expenses thereof.
4. RESOLVED, the State Council shall publish the Knights Courier quarterly for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof; and FURTHER RESOLVED, each issue of the Knights Courier published during the 2022-2023 Columbian Year shall be delivered to each member of each subordinate council as reflected by the membership records maintained at the office of the Supreme Council by electronic transmission (email), U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivery, or other reasonably reliable means as determined and directed by the State Council Executive Committee ("Executive Committee") and that the fair and reasonable expenses thereof be paid by the State Council.
5. RESOLVED, the State Council shall continue to levy an annual assessment on the subordinate councils of at least eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$8.75) per capita, payable pursuant to The First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
6. RESOLVED, the State Council per diem and mileage rate referenced in The First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus shall be as follows: Per diem at Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and, Mileage at Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per mile one way; and FURTHER RESOLVED, all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.

7. RESOLVED, for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year the Executive Committee shall be and is authorized to pay expenses and obligations of the State Council and select and disburse State Council funds to organizations the Executive Committee deems worthy of support as determined at any regular or special meeting of the Committee pursuant to the Bylaws, and that all such proper payments and disbursements made during the past year are approved.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a Report of Charitable Disbursements in a form and at a time as determined and directed by the Executive Committee.

II. NEW PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

A. STATE COUNCIL PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council Bylaws, the Council levies an annual assessment on the subordinate councils (last year being Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$8.75) per capita) payable in two installments; and

WHEREAS, the per capita rate has not increased for a period of eleven (11) years; and

WHEREAS, the Council has experienced and has carried a multitude of rising costs during that same time period; and

WHEREAS on February 17, 2022, the Officers of the Council voted unanimously to increase the annual assessment rate, per capita, to Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$9.75) for 2022-2023, and to Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) for 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the new Affiliate Membership Program Initiative reduced the number of Knights in Nebraska by 2100 members,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Council is authorized to increase the annual assessment and levy on the subordinate councils to Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$9.75) per capita for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year, and is further authorized to increase the annual assessment and levy on the subordinate councils to Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) per capita for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year, payable pursuant to the First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

B. SUBORDINATE COUNCILS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

None.

Advocate Korth continued; the Committee moved to approve the recurrent resolutions. Council 11001 seconded, resolutions passed.

Advocate Korth continued; the Committee moved to approve the new proposed resolution pertaining to per capita. Council 11001 seconded, no discussion followed, motion passed.

Deputy Richardson stated we will not proceed with elections, Charter Constitution and the Laws of the Order will be strictly observed during all actions today.

Only third-degree members may run for state office. Only one second to a nomination shall be accepted. Voting shall be written and be a roll call vote. Only those delegates present in the meeting room at the time of the actual voting can vote. One delegate from a council may not vote both his and the second delegate's vote if the other delegate is absent. Are there any questions with regards to the policy which will be followed in connection with the elections?

Deputy Richardson called up Past State Deputy Borytsky and relinquished the gavel. Past State Deputy Borytsky provided the current slate of State Officers and are nominated for reelection.

State Deputy Matthew Richardson
State Secretary Robert Wolf
State Treasurer Michael Schaeffer
State Advocate James KORTH
State Warden Donald Hypse

Past State Deputy Borytsky asked three times if there are any additional nominations. He moved to close nominations and declared the State Officers reelected by acclamation. Please congratulate our reelected officers. I return the gavel to Deputy Richardson.

Deputy Richardson announced the election of delegates to the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Nashville, Tennessee. I moved that Secretary Wolf be elected as a delegate to our Supreme Convention. Council 6192 seconded, motion passed.

Deputy Richardson stated that nominations were closed at the recess of our session on Saturday. We have 7 nominations, as only seven are needed, the chair will entertain a motion to accept these brother knights as delegates. Council 11001 so moved, council 6192 seconded. Motion passed. The following brothers will serve as delegates:

State Deputy Mathew Richardson
Immediate Past State Deputy Borytsky
State Secretary Robert Wolf
Benton Daniels, Council 1126
Deputy Grand Knight John Navarro, Council 2617
Dale Smith, Council 928
District Deputy Gary Gandara, Council 11737
PSD Michael Conrad, FSD, Council 10305
District James Vath, Council 10795
Christopher Kaldenberg, Council 9771\

The following brother knights have agreed to service as alternates.

PGK George Bayer, Council 10506
PSD Louis Gasper, Council 11001
State Advocate James Korth, Council 4979

During the Paste State Deputy's annual breakfast meeting, it was voted that PSD Richard Lowery will serve as alternate for Deputy Richardson and PSD Larry Reed will serve as alternate for IPSD Borytsky.

The Chair stated next year's convention will be at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska on April 28, 29 and 30, 2023.

Brothers, will shall now close this meeting. Letup pray that we may ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid us to keep our pledges for His greater glory and that He may grant eternal peace to out departed brothers.

Chaplain Fulton led the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and gave the gathering his blessing.

District Deputies will now be given their mileage and per diem checks for the delegates in their district.

The brothers elected to attend the Supreme Convention in Nashville please remain after the close to receive registration information. The meeting of the 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention is now adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Guggenberger
Recorder

Appendices

A – 2020 -2021 Awards

B – Past State Deputies and Chaplains

C – Audit State Council

D – Audit Culture of Life Foundation

E – Audit Intellectual Disabilities Foundation

F – Audit McGivney Foundation

| Category | Award Type | Div. | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Project Description | Grand Knight |
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| Publicity | Publicity | 1 | 1st | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | Publicity | 2 | 1st | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | Publicity | 3 | 1st | Fr. Clement Bracht | 10184 | Omaha | | Mike McDonnell |
| | Publicity | 4 | 1st | Blessed Sacrament | 11001 | Lincoln | | Jesse Hines |
| | Publicity | 5 | 1st | Columban | 6192 | Bellevue | | John Bezy III |
| | Publicity | 1 | 2nd | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | Publicity | 2 | 2nd | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | Publicity | 3 | 2nd | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | Publicity | 4 | 2nd | St. Stephen Cathedral of the Risen Christ | 1906 | Lawrence | | Michael Buescher |
| | Publicity | 5 | 2nd | | 9563 | Lincoln | | Dan Schlautman |

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| Life | Supreme Service Award | 1st | St. Patrick | 1211 | North Platte | Life Walk in Honor of Brother Knight Pro Life Activities | Andrew Mueller |
| | State Service Award | 2nd | Fr. John V. Wallace | 10047 | Gretna | | Joseph Krajcick |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Artist | Grand Knight |
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| Life | Culture of Life Art Contest | 1st | St. Peter of Stanton | 12132 | Stanton | Bergan Pohlman | Derek Nordby |
| | Culture of Life Art Contest | 2nd | St. Luke | 4979 | Ogallala | Jessa Curtis | Paul Foy |
| | Culture of Life Art Contest | 3rd | St. Vincent DePaul | 10795 | Omaha | Gabriella Rodriguez | Chris Gries |

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| Life | One Rose - One Life | 1 | 1st | St. James | 14320 | Cortland | \$ 2,300.00 | Neil Dominy |
| | One Rose - One Life | 2 | 1st | Pope John Paul II | 13956 | Omaha | \$ 3,222.00 | William Sawin |
| | One Rose - One Life | 3 | 1st | Fr. Shine | 1966 | Plattsmouth | \$ 2,005.49 | Steve Riese |
| | One Rose - One Life | 4 | 1st | St. Matthew | 11879 | Bellevue | \$ 4,769.85 | Marxen Kyriss |
| | One Rose - One Life | 5 | 1st | St. Robert Bellarmine | 10108 | Omaha | \$ 13,000.00 | Kyle Uhing |
| | One Rose - One Life | 1 | 2nd | Fr. McGivney | 12530 | North Platte | \$ 842.00 | Gregory Vandenberg |
| | One Rose - One Life | 2 | 2nd | St. Francis | 7550 | Neligh | \$ 2,045.00 | Joe Hartz |
| | One Rose - One Life | 3 | 2nd | St. John the Baptist | 10305 | Fort Calhoun | \$ 2,000.00 | Larry McKennan |
| | One Rose - One Life | 4 | 2nd | Fr. Trayer | 1126 | McCook | \$ 4,148.00 | Benton Daniels |
| | One Rose - One Life | 5 | 2nd | St. Wenceslaus | 10909 | Omaha | \$ 6,900.91 | Zachary Royse |

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| Intellectual Disability | Money Earned | 1 | 1st | Wood River | 2351 | Wood River | \$ 1,041.50 | Dan Davis |
| | Money Earned | 2 | 1st | Fr. Ulenberg | 7684 | Geneva/Grafton/Shickley | \$ 4,409.50 | Keith Broman |
| | Money Earned | 3 | 1st | Prince of Peace | 10923 | Kearney | \$ 3,582.00 | Todd Herges |
| | Money Earned | 4 | 1st | St. Anthony of Padua | 2716 | Schuyler | \$ 6,300.75 | Doug Eisenmann |
| | Money Earned | 5 | 1st | St. James | 1728 | Kearney | \$ 6,000.00 | Andy Donovan |
| | Money Earned | 1 | 2nd | Fr. McGivney | 12530 | North Platte | \$ 1,001.79 | Gregory Vandenberg |
| | Money Earned | 2 | 2nd | Imperial | 7081 | Imperial | \$ 2,700.49 | Mark Spady |
| | Money Earned | 3 | 2nd | St. Mary | 1159 | Grand Island | \$ 2,784.26 | Jeffrey Bahr |
| | Money Earned | 4 | 2nd | St. Leo | 10387 | Grand Island | \$ 4,539.45 | Greg Hamik |
| | Money Earned | 5 | 2nd | St. Vincent DePaul | 10795 | Omaha | \$ 4,569.52 | Chris Gries |

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| Intellectual Disability | Percentage Increase | 1 | 1st | Mary Queen of Angels | 15944 | Bellwood | 185.00% | Keith Shonka |
| | Percentage Increase | 2 | 1st | St. Francis Borgia | 10412 | Blair | 1421.00% | Abe Workman |
| | Percentage Increase | 3 | 1st | Our Lady of Lourdes | 13080 | Omaha | 3232.00% | Timothy Vaughn |
| | Percentage Increase | 4 | 1st | St. Anthony of Padua | 2716 | Schuyler | 480.00% | Doug Eisenmann |
| | Percentage Increase | 5 | 1st | St. Anthony | 9264 | Columbus | 337.00% | Andrew Wieser |
| | Percentage Increase | 1 | 2nd | Wood River | 2351 | Wood River | 61.00% | Dan Davis |
| | Percentage Increase | 2 | 2nd | Pope John Paul I | 7714 | Superior | 175.00% | Arnold Miller |
| | Percentage Increase | 3 | 2nd | St. Leo the Great | 10965 | Omaha | 137.00% | Brian Hamburger |
| | Percentage Increase | 4 | 2nd | Msgr. David R. Hintz | 13576 | Lincoln | 168.00% | James Bunch |

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| Percentage Increase | 5 | 2nd | Msgr. Maurice Helmann | 11280 | Lincoln | 284.00% | Brian Egr |
| Percentage Increase | 1 | 3rd | Fairbury | 4434 | Fairbury | 19.00% | Randall Prellwitz |
| Percentage Increase | 2 | 3rd | St. Mary | 9704 | Lincoln | 113.00% | John Franssen |
| Percentage Increase | 3 | 3rd | Msgr. Michael E Dolan | 1128 | Chadron | 128.00% | Randolph Bauer |
| Percentage Increase | 4 | 3rd | St. Thomas Aquinas | 3736 | North Bend | 124.00% | Joseph Ruskamp |
| Percentage Increase | 5 | 3rd | St. Joseph | 2272 | West Point | 191.00% | Todd Dorcey |

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| Faith | Supreme Service Award | 1st | St. Michael | 10913 | Lincoln | Into the Breach Study Group Altar Server Training | Brian Rea |
| | State Service Award | 2nd | Fitzgerald | 833 | Lincoln | | James McCarville |

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| Faith | Support of Catholic Education | equal | Columban | 6192 | Bellevue | Project Endowment for Scholarships | John Bezy III |
| | Support of Catholic Education | equal | Msgr. David R. Hintz | 13576 | Lincoln | Post-Secondary Scholarships | James Bunch |

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| Faith | Support of Vocations | equal | Sacred Heart | 1793 | Norfolk | Project Christmas Breakfast for Seminarians | Thomas Harrington |
| | Support of Vocations | equal | Beatrice | 1723 | Beatrice | Letters to Louden | Frank Pribyl |

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| Faith | Chaplain of the Year | 1st | St. Elizabeth Ann Fr. Joseph Vanderheiden | 9771 | Omaha | Fr. Ryan Lewis |
| | Chaplain of the Year | 2nd | | 3152 | Nebraska City | Fr. Thomas Schultes |

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| Family | Supreme Service Award | 1st | St. Joseph | 10163 | Benkelman/Stratton | Soup Supper Food for Families Cup of Solidarity | Rodney Auffet |
| | State Service Award | 2nd | Holy Cross | 11364 | Omaha | | David Byrne |

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| Family | Family of the Year | 1st | St. Leo | 10387 | Grand Island | Robert & Patricia Golka |
| | Family of the Year | 2nd | Beatrice | 1723 | Beatrice | Joseph & Kayla Brewer |
| | Family of the Year | Honorable Mention | St. Joseph | 4707 | Atkinson | Joe & Patti Skrdia |
| | Family of the Year | Honorable Mention | Columban | 6192 | Bellevue | Dave & Patricia Cote |

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|-----------|---|-----|------|------|------|--|------|
| Community | Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service | 1st | #N/A | None | #N/A | | #N/A |
|-----------|---|-----|------|------|------|--|------|

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Project Description | Grand Knight |
|----------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------|------|---------------------|--------------|
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|-----------|-----------------------|-----|------------|-------|--------------------|--|---------------|
| Community | Supreme Service Award | 1st | Fr. Shine | 1966 | Plattsmouth | Project Work Saving \$25,000 in Labor for Franciscan Sisters | Steve Riese |
| | State Service Award | 2nd | St. Joseph | 10163 | Benkelman/Stratton | Potato Bar Supporting Kansas Fire Relief | Rodney Auffet |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Recipients Name |
|----------|------------|-------|--------------|-----------|------|-----------------|
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|-----------|--------------------|-----|------------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| Community | Knight of the Year | 1st | St. John Vianney | 7740 | Omaha | Win Lander |
| | Knight of the Year | 2nd | Fr. Shine | 1966 | Plattsmouth | Keith Wiese |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Recipients Name |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Community | Rookie Knight of the Year | 1st | Msgr. David R. Hintz | 13576 | Lincoln | Patrick Dority |
| | Rookie Knight of the Year | 2nd | St. Matthew | 11879 | Bellevue | Dale Bauermeister |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Artist | Grand Knight |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|------|--------|--------------|
| Community | Substance Abuse Poster | 1st - Ages 8-11 | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |
| | | 1st - Ages 12-14 | #N/A | none | #N/A | | #N/A |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Artist | Grand Knight |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| Community | Keep Christ in Christmas | 1st - Ages 5-7 | Pope John XXIII | 5439 | Howells | Kreightyn Janata | Vernon Bourek |
| | | 1st - Ages 8-10 | Bishop Glennon P. Flavin | 11737 | Denton | Lena Gropp | William Jeffrey |
| | | 1st - Ages 11-14 | St. Isaac Jogues | 11312 | Lincoln | Connor Gueret | Steven Douglas |

| Category | Award Type | Div. | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Percent Gain | Grand Knight |
|----------------|----------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Membershi p | Highest Percent Gain | 1 | 1st | St. John Paul II - UNO | 16680 | Omaha | 20.59% | Andrew Nigro |
| | | 1 | 2nd | Fr. Kenneth Walker | 16878 | Lincoln | 20.00% | Anthony Montag |
| | | 1 | 3rd | Fr. McGivney | 12530 | North Platte | 3.44% | Gregory Vandenberg |
| Membershi p | Highest Percent Gain | 2 | 1st | Holy Spirit | 10506 | North Platte | 16.67% | Leonard Hassel |
| | | 2 | 2nd | Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee | 12687 | Elm Creek | 4.76% | Lloyd Wolfe |
| | | 2 | 3rd | St. Francis | 7550 | Neligh | 4.71% | Joe Hartz |
| Membershi p | Highest Percent Gain | 3 | 1st | Our Lady of Good Counsel | 13015 | Lincoln | 13.00% | Jared Prevette |
| | | 3 | 2nd | St. Elizabeth Ann | 9771 | Omaha | 6.79% | Rudy Mettler |
| | | 3 | 3rd | Fr. John F Brock | 7034 | Valley | 4.50% | James Little |
| Membershi p | Highest Percent Gain | 4 | 1st | Holy Cross | 11364 | Omaha | 7.07% | David Byrne |
| | | 4 | 2nd | Msgr. Werner | 1233 | Hartington | 4.21% | Reggie Hochstein |
| | | 4 | 3rd | St. Leo | 10387 | Grand Island | 4.00% | Greg Hamik |
| Membershi p | Highest Percent Gain | 5 | 1st | Msgr. Maurice Helmann | 11280 | Lincoln | 3.24% | Brian Egr |
| | | 5 | 2nd | St. Robert Bellarmine | 10108 | Omaha | 2.60% | Kyle Uhing |
| | | 5 | 3rd | St. Joseph | 2272 | West Point | 1.43% | Todd Dorcey |

| Category | Award Type | Div. | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Award Type | Grand Knight |
|------------|--------------------------|------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| ICC Awards | Champion (Previous Year) | | | St. Michael | 10913 | Lincoln | ICC Champion Plaque | Daniel Mickells |
| ICC Awards | ICC Gold | | 1st | Blessed Sacrament | 11001 | Lincoln | Plate | Jesse Hines |
| ICC Awards | ICC Silver | | 2nd | Beatrice | 1723 | Beatrice | Plate | Frank Pribyl |
| | ICC Silver | | 2nd | Fr. Shine | 1966 | Plattsmouth | Plate | Steve Riese |
| | ICC Silver | | 2nd | St. Thomas Aquinas | 3736 | North Bend | Plate | Joseph Ruskamp |
| | ICC Silver | | 2nd | St. Elizabeth Ann | 9771 | Omaha | Plate | Rudy Mettler |
| | ICC Bronze | | 3rd | Fr. Joseph Vanderheiden | 3152 | Nebraska City | Plate | Joshua Whitney |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Project Description | Grand Knight |
|---------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| State Council | Special Project | equal | St. Mary | 9704 | Lincoln | Parish Visioning Committee | John Franssen |
| | Special Project | equal | Fr. William Kearns | 8579 | Wayne | Burrito Sales for Scholarship | Francis Kantai |
| | Special Project | equal | St. Pius the Tenth | 15101 | Omaha | Refurbishing Handrails for the Parish | Gregory Barry |

| Category | Award Type | Place | Council Name | Council # | City | Project Description | Grand Knight |
|---------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| State Council | On-Going Projects | equal | Blessed Sacrament | 11001 | Lincoln | Bibles for 8th Graders | Jesse Hines |
| | On-Going Projects | equal | Archbishop Bergan | 6429 | Papillion | Brats & Sausage Fund-raiser | Thomas Thibodeaux |
| | On-Going Projects | equal | Columban | 6192 | Bellevue | Knights of the Altar | John Bezy III |

| Category | Award Type | Place | DD Name | District # | Hometown | Councils Served |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|---|
| State Deputy | District Deputy of the Year | DD of the Year | Mark Main | 9 | Lincoln | 833, 9704, 11001, 13015, 16878 |
| | | Runner Up | Jim Haiar | 5 | Omaha | 3019, 10815, 13080, 16680 |
| | | Runner Up | Don Ferneding | 8 | Beatrice | 1723, 6750, 15869, 1336, 10000, |
| | | | | | | 11674 |
| Category | Agency | Place | Agent's Name | Council # | Hometown | Councils Served |
| Insurance | Pfeifer Agent of the Year | 1st | Kevin Weber | 10047 | Gretna | 10047, 6268, 9518, 10909 |
| | Swanson Agent of the Year | 1st | Brian Almond | 1123 | Hastings | 1123, 1708, 1904, 4434, 7684, 11822, 11823, 11824, 14070, 14508 |

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL

| YEAR | STATE DEPUTY | STATE CHAPLAIN |
|---------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1905-06 | Timothy J. Mahoney, Omaha | Rev Thomas Walsh, Norfolk |
| 1906-07 | Constantine J. Smythe, Omaha | Rev Thomas Walsh, Norfolk |
| 1907-09 | Constantine J. Smythe, Omaha | Rev W. G. McNamara, Alliance |
| 1909-11 | Arthur F. Mullen, O'Neill | Rev William Windolf, Creighton |
| 1911-13 | W. E. Straub, Lincoln | Msgr W. Wolf, Grand Island |
| 1913-15 | Thomas P. Redmond, Omaha | Most Rev J. H. Tihen, Lincoln |
| 1915-19 | George F. Corcoran | Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton |
| 1919-21 | Edward J. Whelen, O'Neill | Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton |
| 1921-23 | William J. McNichols, Lexington | Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton |
| 1923-25 | Francis P. Matthews, Omaha | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1925-27 | William M. Whelen, Hastings | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1927-29 | Dr. E. E. Zimmerer, Lincoln | Msgr James W. Stenson, Omaha |
| 1929-31 | Albert A. Kjar, Lexington | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1931-33 | John W. Delchant, Beatrice | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1933-36 | John E. Fitzpatrick, Omaha | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1936-38 | Dr. L. A. Donahoe, Omaha | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1938-40 | Richard A. Daughtery, Kearney | Rev Anton Link, Sidney |
| 1940-42 | Dr. J. R. Hughes, St. Paul | Most Rev John L. Paschang, Omaha |
| 1942-44 | James L. Kudrna, Wahoo | Most Rev John L. Paschang, Omaha |
| 1944-46 | Charles L. McDonald, Omaha | Rev Francis J. Tschida, Kearney |
| 1946-48 | Edward A. Dosek, Lincoln | Rev William A. Murphy, David City |
| 1948-50 | George W. Dittrick, Norfolk | Msgr Joseph B. Falke, VF, Creighton |
| 1950-52 | Cyril P. Shaughnessy, St. Paul | Rev Leo Keating, Grand Island |
| 1952-54 | George M. McCarthy, O'Neill | Rev Clarence J. Crowley, Hebron |
| 1954-56 | Glenn J. McEniry, Kearney | Rev Virgil P. Walkowiak, West Point |
| 1956-58 | Ernest A. Ondracek, Greeley | Rev Raymond Miles, Chadron |
| 1958-60 | Leon V. Michael, Lincoln | Msgr M. M. Kaszmarek, Lincoln |
| 1960-62 | George A. Nussrallah, Omaha | Rev Edward J. Hunkeler, Bloomfield |
| 1962-64 | Walter F. Mruz, Fremont | Msgr Lawrence A. Portney, Lexington |
| 1964-66 | Raymond J. Burbach, Hebron | Msgr Charles J. Keenan, Hebron |
| 1966-68 | Leonard Feehan, Columbus | Rev Charles Oborny, VF, Verdigre |
| 1968-70 | H. Edward Jacobi, Hastings | Rev Stanley C. Gorak, Ord |
| 1970-72 | Kenneth D. Holmes, Chester | Msgr A. J. Kisko, David City |
| 1972-74 | John H. McCarville, O'Neill | Rev Emmett F. Meyer, Columbus |
| 1974-76 | Edward L. Wagner, Winnetoon | Rev Hubert J. Spanel, Ainsworth |
| 1976-78 | John T. Carpenter, Omaha | Msgr John J. McCabe, Wahoo |
| 1978-80 | Edgar N. Portz, North Platte | Rev Frederick Snyder, Anselmo |
| 1980-82 | Jerome F. Jarecke, Columbus | Rev Edmund Placek, Burwell |
| 1982-84 | Thomas Olson, Fremont | Msgr Robert Nienaber, Cedar Rapids |
| 1984-86 | Richard Batenhorst, North Platte | Msgr Ivan Vap, Hastings |
| 1986-88 | Eugene Bartunek, David City | Rev Raymond Hain, McCook |
| 1988-90 | Jerome Smith, David City | Rev John Cook, Burwell |
| 1990-92 | Robert H. Ostdiek, Gretna | Msgr Robert P. Hupp, Boystown |
| 1992-94 | Larry J. Reed, Bellevue | Rev Lyle M. Johnson, Nebraska City |
| 1994-96 | Rod J. Hofschulte, Omaha | Msgr Andrew Meister, Cedar Bluffs |
| 1996-98 | Allen Koliha, Clarkson | Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna |
| 1998-00 | Howard Gaffney, Anselmo | Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna |
| 2000-02 | John M. Lukowski, Omaha | Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna |
| 2002-04 | John F Smith, Broken Bow | Most Rev Lawrence McNamara, Grand Island |

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|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2004-06 | John Melena, Wayne | Rev Robert Rooney, Kearney |
| 2006-08 | Donald A. Ferneding, Beatrice | Most Rev William Dendinger, Grand Island |
| 2008-10 | Michael G. Conrad, Fort Calhoun | Rev Michael Gutsell, Omaha |
| 2010-13 | James N Haiar, Omaha | Rev James Tiegs, Omaha |
| | | Rev Scott A. Hastings, Omaha |
| | | Rev Norman Hunke, Omaha |
| 2013-15 | Richard W. Lowery, Lincoln | Rev Troy Schweiger, Lincoln |
| 2015-17 | Anthony W. Hergott, Columbus | Rev John Rooney, Shelby |
| 2017-19 | Louis R. Gasper, Jr., Lincoln | Rev Kenneth Borowiak, Lincoln |
| 2019-21 | Mark J. Borytsky, Bellevue | Rev Joshua Brown, North Platte |

(City of residence during term of office)
 (Some titles may reflect later honors)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors
Knights of Columbus
Nebraska State Council
Bellevue, Nebraska

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis and statements of functional expenses - modified cash basis, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and its revenues and expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
May 18, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Checking - FNB Omaha - General | 82,756 | 97,741 |
| Checking - FNB Omaha - Disaster | 117,841 | 92,217 |
| Checking - FNB Omaha - Lottery | 265,231 | 174,634 |
| Endowment Fund - K of C Charities, Inc. | <u>132,840</u> | <u>132,840</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>598,668</u> | <u>497,432</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES | <u>- 0 -</u> | <u>- 0 -</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Without donor restrictions | 465,828 | 364,592 |
| With donor restrictions | <u>132,840</u> | <u>132,840</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>598,668</u> | <u>497,432</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>598,668</u> | <u>497,432</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS | | |
| REVENUES | | |
| Per capita - State Council | 186,311 | 102,424 |
| Income from sports activities | 12,272 | 11,599 |
| Income from Christmas cards | 5,945 | 6,441 |
| State meetings - meals sold | 23,102 | |
| State Convention - other income | 4,680 | |
| Sweepstakes income | 144,310 | 166,220 |
| Contributions | | |
| Donations - outside causes | 8,085 | 125 |
| Donations - disaster relief | 32,639 | |
| Miscellaneous income | 1,447 | 138 |
| Total support and receipts | <u>418,791</u> | <u>286,947</u> |
| EXPENSES | <u>317,555</u> | <u>275,726</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS | <u>101,236</u> | <u>11,221</u> |
| NET ASSETS, beginning of year | <u>497,432</u> | <u>486,211</u> |
| NET ASSETS, end of year | <u>598,668</u> | <u>497,432</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|--------|--------|
| Advertising | | 200 |
| Bank charges | | 80 |
| Bereavement expense | 585 | 1,089 |
| Cost of sales - Christmas cards | 5,192 | 5,624 |
| Courier expenses | 42,253 | 29,827 |
| DD expenses - meals | 41 | |
| DD expenses - mileage and per diem | 281 | 141 |
| DD expenses - other | 5 | |
| Donations to outside causes | 15,953 | 14,075 |
| Executive Secretary contract | 1,800 | 450 |
| Insurance | 873 | 640 |
| Membership expense - lodging | 194 | 92 |
| Membership expense - meals | | 15 |
| Membership expense - mileage and per diem | 157 | 186 |
| Membership expense - other | 3 | |
| Membership promotion | | 7,291 |
| Mid-summer meeting - lodging | 14,651 | 1,234 |
| Mid-summer meeting - meals | 1,232 | 668 |
| Mid-summer meeting - mileage and per diem | 2,809 | |
| Mid-summer meeting - other | 2,212 | 1,000 |
| Mid-winter meeting - lodging | 7,127 | 776 |
| Mid-winter meeting - meals | 8,656 | |
| Mid-winter meeting - mileage and per diem | 2,079 | 762 |
| Mid-winter meeting - other | 3,830 | 2,059 |
| Miscellaneous expense | 447 | |
| Operating supplies | 5,602 | 27,831 |
| Postage | 21,527 | 18,064 |
| Printing | 8,969 | |
| Professional fees | 150 | 9,253 |
| Seminarian and religious donations | 40,500 | 78,700 |
| Sports activities | 9,941 | 7,500 |
| State Convention - lodging | 15,012 | 9,512 |
| State Convention - meals | 21,521 | 6,314 |
| State Convention - mileage and per diem | 17,353 | 4,084 |
| State Convention - other | 7,690 | 1,162 |
| State lottery taxes | 3,244 | 221 |
| State meetings - lodging | 6,163 | 1,747 |
| State meetings - meals | 4,127 | 2,064 |
| State meetings - mileage and per diem | 302 | 1,380 |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
 STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---------|---------|
| State meetings - other | 2,736 | |
| State Officer expense - lodging | 1,013 | 378 |
| State Officer expense - meals | 468 | 128 |
| State Officer expense - mileage and per diem | 2,537 | 286 |
| State Officer expense - other | 3,840 | 5,340 |
| State Program Director - lodging | 191 | |
| State Program Director - meals | 2,095 | |
| State Program Director - mileage and per diem | 470 | |
| State shirts and pins | 8,988 | 7,913 |
| Stationery, printing, and processing | 8,692 | 6,313 |
| Subscriptions and dues | 3,364 | 6,083 |
| Sup. Convention expense - lodging | | 960 |
| Sup. Convention expense - meals | 196 | 2,292 |
| Sup. Convention expense - other | 572 | 448 |
| Sweepstakes winners | | 5,400 |
| Trophies and awards | 9,912 | 6,044 |
| Vocational gifts | | 100 |
| Total program service expenses | 317,555 | 275,726 |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (the Council), is a Nebraska not-for-profit fraternal organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(8) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Council commenced operations in 1902 and operates as a subordinate state organization of the national organization located in New Haven, Connecticut, known as the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. The Council is composed of Catholic men dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and religious vocation. Its support comes primarily from local councils across Nebraska, in addition to receipts generated from an annual convention and various donations. The Council fulfills its exempt purpose by providing financial assistance, organizing events, and providing services related to its mission.

Basis of Accounting

The Council maintains its books and records, and reports its financial operations on the modified cash basis of accounting. As the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis does not include accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accrued revenues and expenses, the financial statements do not reflect the financial position or the results of operations of the Foundation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements reflect investments at cost basis.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Council utilizes FASB ASC 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Revenue Recognition

Membership dues are recognized as revenue in the accounting period the revenue is received. Receipts from annual conventions and other fundraising and gaming events are also recognized as revenue in the accounting period the revenue is received.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Council requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Council considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Council had no cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost basis, as provided by the custodians of each endowment.

Income Taxes

Under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Council is exempt from federal income tax on all income except unrelated business income as noted under Section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code. Internal Revenue Code Section 513(a) defines an unrelated trade or business of an exempt organization as any trade or business which is not substantially related to the exercise or performance of its exempt purpose.

The Council utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Council continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Council believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the program have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis. Accordingly, a detailed listing breaking out these costs is reflected in the statements of functional expenses - modified cash basis.

Advertising

Advertising costs were recorded as expended. The advertising expenses for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, were \$- 0 - and \$200, respectively.

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Council maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. Accounts at this institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Council had uninsured balances totaling \$237,260 and \$157,976, respectively. The Council has not experienced any losses on such accounts and management believes the risk is mitigated by maintaining all deposits in high quality financial institutions.

NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Council's endowment consists of one fund established to fulfill the Council's exempt purpose. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and earnings on investments that have accumulated and have not been distributed. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The State Officers and Directors of the Council have interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Council classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Council considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the fund, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Council, and (7) the Council's investment policies.

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NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

The Council has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the State Officers and Directors, for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment fund while also maintaining the purchasing power of those endowment assets over the long term. Accordingly, the investment process seeks to achieve an after-cost total real rate of return, including investment income as well as capital appreciation, which exceeds the annual distribution with acceptable levels of risk. Actual return in any given year may vary from this amount. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy

The Council shall award grants and support as approved by the State Officers and Directors on an annual basis and these shall only be awarded from the Endowment Fund's earnings. The Council considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets, the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions, and the possible effects of inflation. This is consistent with the Council's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, is as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Donor-restricted endowment fund | <u>132,840</u> | <u>132,840</u> |

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Endowment net assets, beginning of year | 132,840 | 132,840 |
| Contributions, donor-restricted | <u>- 0 -</u> | <u>- 0 -</u> |
| Endowment net assets, end of year | <u>132,840</u> | <u>132,840</u> |

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NOTE 4. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted endowments for grants to charitable projects and programs, and for the benefit of the Council in fulfilling its mission, in which the principal is invested in perpetuity. Net assets with donor restrictions were \$132,840 and \$132,840 as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTE 5. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Council's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash - FNB Omaha | <u>465,828</u> | <u>364,592</u> |

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Council has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 18, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
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**DANA F. COLE
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors
Knights of Columbus
Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.
Bellevue, Nebraska

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
May 18, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS
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| | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash - FNB Omaha | <u>310,485</u> | <u>301,439</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES | <u>- 0 -</u> | <u>- 0 -</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Without donor restrictions | <u>310,485</u> | <u>301,439</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>310,485</u> | <u>301,439</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
 STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Buck-A-Month | 8,372 | 35,556 |
| Contributions | | |
| One-Rose One-Life | 146,181 | 150,211 |
| Ultrasound Fund | | 72,208 |
| Other income | | 535 |
| Total receipts | <u>154,553</u> | <u>258,510</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| Program services | 140,458 | 99,364 |
| Management and general | <u>5,049</u> | <u>4,288</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>145,507</u> | <u>103,652</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 9,046 | 154,858 |
| NET ASSETS, beginning of year | <u>301,439</u> | <u>146,581</u> |
| NET ASSETS, end of year | <u>310,485</u> | <u>301,439</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Program Services | Management and General | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Bishops Pastoral Plan | 18,000 | | 18,000 |
| Buck-A-Month refunds | 18,234 | | 18,234 |
| Catholic Conference | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| Foundation audit | | 4,100 | 4,100 |
| Lodging | 364 | | 364 |
| Meals | 312 | | 312 |
| Office supplies | | 199 | 199 |
| One-Rose One-Life expenses | 3,863 | | 3,863 |
| Postage | | 750 | 750 |
| Pro-life art contest | 150 | | 150 |
| Pro-life essay | 600 | | 600 |
| Pro-life march | 14,000 | | 14,000 |
| Pro-life organization support | 6,440 | | 6,440 |
| Pro-life special events | 19,880 | | 19,880 |
| Public relations | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| Request for funds | <u>50,115</u> | | <u>50,115</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>140,458</u> | <u>5,049</u> | <u>145,507</u> |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

| | Program Services | Management and General | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Bishops Pastoral Plan | 18,000 | | 18,000 |
| Buck-A-Month refunds | 3,921 | | 3,921 |
| Foundation audit | | 3,914 | 3,914 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | | 374 | 374 |
| One-Rose One-Life expenses | 3,428 | | 3,428 |
| Pro-life march | 2,300 | | 2,300 |
| Pro-life organization support | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Pro-life special events | 22,500 | | 22,500 |
| Public relations | 1,200 | | 1,200 |
| Request for funds | 4,930 | | 4,930 |
| Ultrasound purchases | <u>42,085</u> | | <u>42,085</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>99,364</u> | <u>4,288</u> | <u>103,652</u> |

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CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (the Foundation), was created as a nonprofit corporation on August 15, 1977. The purpose of the Foundation is to support "right to life" initiatives throughout the state of Nebraska. The Foundation provides various organizations with grants in order to promote education to the public about "right to life" issues and various related matters, such as unwanted pregnancies, adoption, assistance to unwed mothers, and the fight against cloning and human embryo research. The Foundation's support comes primarily from individual donors of the general public and grants from public charities.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation prepares its financial statements on the cash basis; consequently, these statements represent a summary of the cash activity of the Foundation and do not include certain transactions that would be included if the Foundation prepared its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations. Under the cash basis, receipts are recognized when collected rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that

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CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions (Continued)

resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

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CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the program have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis. Accordingly, a detailed listing breaking out these costs is reflected in the statements of functional expenses - cash basis.

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. The account at this institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Foundation had uninsured balances of \$61,201 and \$51,739, respectively.

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash - FNB Omaha | <u>310,485</u> | <u>301,439</u> |

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 18, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**DANA F. COLE
& COMPANY LLP**
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors
Knights of Columbus
Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.
Bellevue, Nebraska

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
May 15, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS
CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| ASSETS | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash - FNB Omaha | <u>41,228</u> | <u>36,969</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES | <u>- 0 -</u> | <u>- 0 -</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Without donor restrictions | <u>41,228</u> | <u>36,969</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>41,228</u> | <u>36,969</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Fall drive | <u>168,978</u> | <u>101,431</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| Program services | 163,192 | 93,508 |
| Management and general | <u>1,527</u> | <u>8,546</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>164,719</u> | <u>102,054</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 4,259 | (623) |
| NET ASSETS, beginning of year | <u>36,969</u> | <u>37,592</u> |
| NET ASSETS, end of year | <u>41,228</u> | <u>36,969</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Program Services | Management and General | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Angel Guardians, Inc. | 212 | | 212 |
| Arc of Nebraska | 14,852 | | 14,852 |
| Breakfast of Champions | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy | 8,467 | | 8,467 |
| DUET/ENCORE | 11,212 | | 11,212 |
| Foundation expenses | | 1,527 | 1,527 |
| Madonna School | 21,457 | | 21,457 |
| Mid Nebraska Individual Services | 2,891 | | 2,891 |
| Miscellaneous donations | 5,901 | | 5,901 |
| Mosaic | 14,714 | | 14,714 |
| NorthStar Services | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Ollie Webb Center, Inc. | 8,651 | | 8,651 |
| Parish | 5,706 | | 5,706 |
| People First of Nebraska, Inc. | 1,387 | | 1,387 |
| S.M.I.L.E. Inc. | 9,404 | | 9,404 |
| Special Olympics Nebraska | 23,570 | | 23,570 |
| SWATS | 1,956 | | 1,956 |
| Villa Marie School | <u>30,812</u> | | <u>30,812</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>163,192</u> | <u>1,527</u> | <u>164,719</u> |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

| | Program Services | Management and General | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Angel Guardians, Inc. | 368 | | 368 |
| Arc of Nebraska | 12,014 | | 12,014 |
| Breakfast of Champions | 1,500 | | 1,500 |
| Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy | 4,934 | | 4,934 |
| DUET/ENCORE | 4,720 | | 4,720 |
| Madonna School | 8,002 | | 8,002 |
| Mid Nebraska Individual Services | 3,062 | | 3,062 |
| Miscellaneous donations | 6,165 | | 6,165 |
| Mosaic | 7,350 | | 7,350 |
| Ollie Webb Center, Inc. | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| Parish | 3,350 | | 3,350 |
| People First of Nebraska, Inc. | 796 | | 796 |
| Professional fees | | 7,900 | 7,900 |
| S.M.I.L.E. Inc. | 5,270 | | 5,270 |
| Sheltering Tree | 3,700 | | 3,700 |
| Special Olympics Nebraska | 14,746 | | 14,746 |
| Travel expense | | 425 | 425 |
| Villa Marie School | 13,531 | | 13,531 |
| Voucher expense | | 221 | 221 |
| Total expenses | <u>93,508</u> | <u>8,546</u> | <u>102,054</u> |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (the Foundation), is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation that was established on November 12, 1975. Its purpose is to provide assistance to organizations, schools, and groups throughout the state of Nebraska who work with individuals facing intellectual disabilities. The Foundation's support comes primarily from individual donors of the general public.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, these statements represent a summary of the cash activity of the Foundation and do not include certain transactions that would be included if the Foundation prepared its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to nonprofit organizations. Under the cash basis, receipts are recognized when collected rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by ASU 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2022 and 2021.

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes FASB ASC 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional disbursements. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at one financial institution. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the Foundation's cash balances were fully insured.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash –FNB Omaha | <u>41,228</u> | <u>36,969</u> |

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 15, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

JUNE 30, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation
Bellevue, Nebraska

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation as of June 30, 2022, and its revenue and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.


Dana J. Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
May 30, 2023

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | 9,576 |
| Investments | 667,828 |
| Cash value - life insurance policies | <u>91,929</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>769,333</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| LIABILITIES | <u>- 0 -</u> |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Without donor restrictions | 10,291 |
| With donor restrictions | |
| Restricted by purpose or time | 169,989 |
| Restricted in perpetuity | <u>589,053</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>769,333</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>769,333</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Without Donor Restrictions | <u>With Donor Restrictions</u> | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Restricted by Purpose or Time | Restricted in Perpetuity | Total |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Contributions | 14,264 | | 1,050 | 15,314 |
| Investment earnings | | 16,350 | | 16,350 |
| Decrease in cash value of life insurance | | | (5,262) | (5,262) |
| Unrealized loss on investments | | (91,269) | | (91,269) |
| Miscellaneous income | 525 | | | 525 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | <u>11,238</u> | <u>(11,238)</u> | | |
| Total receipts and other support | <u>26,027</u> | <u>(86,157)</u> | <u>(4,212)</u> | <u>(64,342)</u> |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Program services | 18,738 | | | 18,738 |
| Management and general | <u>1,338</u> | | | <u>1,338</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>20,076</u> | | | <u>20,076</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 5,951 | (86,157) | (4,212) | (84,418) |
| NET ASSETS, beginning of year | <u>4,340</u> | <u>256,146</u> | <u>593,265</u> | <u>853,751</u> |
| NET ASSETS, end of year | <u>10,291</u> | <u>169,989</u> | <u>589,053</u> | <u>769,333</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | Program Services | Management and General | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Grants | 7,500 | | 7,500 |
| Investment management fees | 11,238 | | 11,238 |
| Office supplies | | 1,098 | 1,098 |
| Travel | | 240 | 240 |
| Total expenses | 18,738 | 1,338 | 20,076 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business

Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation (the Foundation) is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation was established November 30, 2015, in Bellevue, Nebraska. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to serve as an endowment fund to receive donor contributions from the general public, which are invested in perpetuity. The Foundation's investment income and earnings are available to be used to provide grants to charitable projects and for the benefit of other good works.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation maintains its books and records and reports its financial operations on the modified cash basis of accounting. As the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis does not include accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accrued revenues and expenses, the financial statements do not reflect the financial position or the results of operations of the Foundation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements do reflect the fair value of investments.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and are not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis as net assets released from restrictions.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the Foundation to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers short-term highly liquid investments to be cash and cash equivalents provided that they are both readily convertible to cash and had an original maturity of three months or less when purchased. The Foundation had no cash equivalents at June 30, 2022.

Investments

The Foundation utilizes FASB ASC 958-320, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*. FASB ASC 958-320 sets standards of reporting at fair value certain investments, and debt and equity securities held by not-for-profit organizations. Therefore, investments in equity securities that have a readily determinable fair value and all investments in debt securities are stated at fair value, with gains and losses included in the statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis. Fair value is determined by quoted market values. Investments in money markets are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. In addition, the Foundation qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes (Continued)

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at several financial institutions. At June 30, 2022, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

The Foundation utilizes FASB ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements*, which provides a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles. FASB ASC 820-10 applies to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis.

As defined in FASB ASC 820-10, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Foundation uses various methods including market, income, and cost approaches. Based on these approaches, the Foundation often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about the risk and/or risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market-corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques, the Foundation is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1 - Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Level 1 also includes U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and federal agency mortgage-backed securities, which are traded by dealers or brokers in active markets. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third party pricing services for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets has been consistent. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value:

Pooled Accounts

The fair value of investments in pooled equity investments and pooled fixed income funds is based on their reported net asset values (NAV) per share.

Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at June 30, 2022, at fair value on a recurring basis.

| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska | <u>667,828</u> | <u> </u> | <u>667,828</u> | <u> </u> |

The carrying amounts, market value, unrealized gains, and unrealized losses of the investments at June 30, 2022, are as follows:

| | Total Cost | Unrealized Gains | Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|---|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska | <u>529,361</u> | <u>138,467</u> | <u> </u> | <u>667,828</u> |

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Management evaluates securities for other than temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial conditions and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Foundation to retain its investments in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. As management has the ability to hold securities for the foreseeable future, no declines are deemed to be other than temporary.

NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Foundation's endowment consists of one fund established to fulfill the Foundation's exempt purpose. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and earnings on investments that have accumulated and have not been distributed. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the fund, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Foundation, and (7) the Foundation's investment policies.

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the Board of Directors, for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment fund while also maintaining the purchasing power of those endowment assets over the long term. Accordingly, the investment process seeks to achieve an after-cost total real rate of return, including investment income and capital appreciation, which exceeds the annual distribution with acceptable levels of risk. Actual return in any given year may vary from this amount. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Spending Policy

The Foundation shall award grants and support as approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis, and these shall only be awarded from the Endowment Fund's earnings. The Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets; the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions; and the possible effects of inflation. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets, as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

Endowment net asset composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2022, is as follows:

| | With Donor Restrictions |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash value - life insurance policies | 91,929 |
| Donor-restricted endowment fund | <u>497,124</u> |
| | <u>589,053</u> |

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2022, are as follows:

| | With Donor Restrictions |
|--|----------------------------|
| Endowment net assets, beginning of year | 593,265 |
| Contributions, donor-restricted | 1,050 |
| Decrease in cash value of life insurance | <u>(5,262)</u> |
| Endowment net assets, end of year | <u>589,053</u> |

NOTE 5. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net Assets Restricted by Purpose or Time

Net assets restricted by purpose or time consist of the earnings from the endowment fund. These funds are temporarily restricted until restrictions have been satisfied. At June 30, 2022, the total amount restricted is \$169,989.

Net Assets Restricted in Perpetuity

Net assets restricted in perpetuity consist of donations of cash and life insurance policies from the public to the Foundation's endowment fund. By donor restriction, the corpus of the fund is permanently restricted, and the earnings may be spent to fulfill the Foundation's exempt purpose. Endowment fund assets that were permanently restricted by donors totaled \$589,053 at June 30, 2022.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6. CASH VALUE - LIFE INSURANCE

At June 30, 2022, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation owns and is the beneficiary of life insurance contracts with the Knights of Columbus. The life insurance contracts are reported at their respective cash surrender values, net of any policy loans, which totaled \$91,929 at June 30, 2022.

NOTE 7. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

| | |
|------|--------------|
| Cash | <u>9,576</u> |
|------|--------------|

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of June 30, 2022. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash, on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 30, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.