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Held On
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**REPORT OF THE 116th VIRTUAL CONVENTION
NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Younes Conference Center
Kearney Nebraska**

Friday, April 23, 2021

The drawing of the Nebraska State Council annual sweepstakes was held in the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. The annual awards presentation was conducted both live and virtually. The winners for the 2019-2020 year were viewed in a power point presentation. The winners for the 2020-2021 year were then announced. The complete list of award winners is at Appendice B. The annual Nebraska sweepstakes was held: The winners are:

1. \$2500 Manuel Puente - Grand Island
2. \$1000 Tim Emanuel - Morse Bluff
3. \$750 Keith Vrbicky - Norfolk
4. \$500 Joseph Napoli - Crete
5. \$250 Al Thomas - York
6. \$100 Ryan Lempka - Sterling
7. \$100 George Lamperti Jr - Bellevue
8. \$100 Lyle Funk - Norfolk
9. \$100 Jim Heim - La Vista
10. \$100 Dave Linbrunner - Papillion

You may view the drawing on the following link: <https://youtu.be/yOk5zJpJaHs>

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Brother Knights, I am state deputy Mark Borytsky and I welcome you to the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Council and I now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting, I would like to ask our State Chaplain Fr. Josh Brown to open with a prayer.

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who

are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with

protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Thank you, Fr. Josh,

And now I will call on worthy PSD Richard Lowery, District Master, for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thank you, Worthy District Master.

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed with this virtual meeting:

- We know that this will be a unique experience for all, including your state officers and staff, so I am grateful for your patience. As much as possible, we will ensure that those present in person and those participating remotely are equally able to follow the proceedings, to speak, and to vote.
- Delegates with voting rights must register with the ElectionBuddy platform to be able to vote during the business session. Only those who will be voting with ElectionBuddy will be counted in the official roll of voting members for the convention. If you have not completed the registration with ElectionBuddy, you may still do so following the instructions you have received in your email prior to this business session. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam or

junk folder. If you cannot find the email form KofC - NE please contact one of the brother Knights listed on the screen.

- Only delegates with proper credentials have the right to speak during this meeting. This is the same as “floor rights” during a typical meeting. To indicate that you would like to speak please use the “Raise Your Hand” icon on the bottom of your Zoom screen. When it is your turn to speak you will receive a notice in Zoom asking you to unmute your microphone. Click the unmute box in the notice. Once you unmute you will be able to speak. Please provide your first and last name and your Council number before making your comments. Once you are done speaking the Zoom meeting will mute your microphone. Please do not mute your phone, the system automatically mutes participants. This will speed up the process when being recognized to speak.
- If you lose your connection to the Zoom meeting, use the “Click to Join” link in the meeting invite that you received to re-join. If you lose connection to ElectionBuddy, the link to re-join will be posted on the screen at the beginning of each election. Use the user ID and Password that was in your registration email.
- The Minutes of the 2020 State Convention, and all Reports of Committees, Reports of Officers, Resolutions have been posted on the Nebraska website for review.
- Our goal is to complete the required business in 90 minutes; so many items will be abbreviated, or eliminated. I ask that everyone, especially Delegates, stay connected until we have concluded the meeting.

Due to the circumstances of this virtual State Meeting, I have asked our State Secretary Matt Richardson and State Treasurer Bob Wolf to serve as our Credential’s Committee.

I have also appointed State Advocate James Korth to serve as our parliamentarian for this virtual meeting.

At this time, registration to vote through ElectionBuddy is closed.

It is now my honor and privilege to introduce to you our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for his pre-recorded remarks.

Worth Supreme Knight Kelly, thank you for your comments and your commitment to our Order. As you begin your leadership term the Nebraska State Council and its membership would like to wish you great success and know that you have our support and prayers.

And now, it is truly an Honor and a Privilege, to welcome Robert Goossens, Director of Member Services,

who is listening during our business meeting today. Welcome brother Bob and I hope you enjoy our meeting.

I now call to the podium Brother Knight and General Agent Neil Pfeiffer for his remarks.

Agent Pfeifer greeted all and stated and his agency and the Swanson Agency field agents are here to serve. Out brotherhood is our strength. During this past year with the pandemic, zoom visits with our members worked well. The fraternal benefits night done virtually also worked well and helping councils meeting the requirements for Star Council.

STATE DEPUTY: Thank you Brother Neil. I now call on our State Secretary for the Report of the Credentials Committee.

State Secretary: In reviewing the list of delegates based on information provided by our councils, and cross checking this with the members that

have joined us today for this virtual meeting, our State Treasurer and I have the following number of delegates:

5 State Officers
1 Immediate Past State Deputy
~~—~~76 Delegates (supplied by Mitchell)
~~—~~82 Total Voting Delegates

STATE DEPUTY: Without objection the roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official roll of voting members of the convention.

Without objection, the rules are suspended; the following shortened Order of Business will be adopted:

Prayer
Appointment of Committee on Credentials
Report of Committee on Credentials
Approval of 2020 Minutes
Reports of Committees
Reports of State Officers
Nomination and Election of State Officers
Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the
Supreme Convention
Consideration of Resolutions
New Business
Prayer
Adjournment

At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the minutes of the 2020 State Convention which have been posted on our Nebraska website. Are there any corrections to the minutes? Without objection, the minutes are approved.

At this time, we will proceed with the Reports of Committees, District Deputies and Directors/Chairmen. As the various reports of the committees have been posted to our Nebraska website prior to the State Virtual Convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

Program Director

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Father Josh Brown, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairmen, and Brother Knights: It has been an honor and privilege to serve you this past year as State Program Director. First of all, I need to thank State Deputy Borytsky for having faith in me and asking me to fill this position. There seems to be a new challenge every day, but with every challenge there is a rewarding feeling that comes from helping a fellow Knight. I also need to thank my mentor, State Warden Mike Schaeffer. His guidance and almost daily help and encouragement are greatly appreciated. Another big thank you goes to State Membership Director Kevin Ostdiek. His knowledge of all the workings of the State Council is invaluable.

It was a fraternal year like no other and, hopefully, like we will never have again. With the state, country, and world in the unforgiving grip of a pandemic, our State Leadership Seminar was produced virtually from the Knights Event Center in Bellevue. Thank you to Council 6192 and especially to Larry and Judy Reed for the use of this wonderful facility. A big thank you also to the production crew of Rich Lowery, Mitchell Lowery, Kevin Ostdiek, and Scott Rockwell for their technology expertise. Supreme provided the State with many informative videos to help educate the Grand Knights and other council leaders in the State of Nebraska. Since this seminar was held virtually, the decision was made to mail the typical packet of information and supplies directly to each council. This ensured that every council received a copy of the State Program / Membership Book. While we would have liked to present all the educational material in person, I feel we have done a good job providing the Nebraska Knights of Columbus with the information needed for all councils to succeed.

In August 2020, Terri and I were honored to be part of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, held virtually in Kearney. It was fun to spend time with the Nebraska Supreme Convention Delegates. We enjoyed the inspiring videos Supreme presented and excellent food that the Kearney hotels always provide.

In October 2020, we again met at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue to record the first-ever Educational Videos for the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska. The State Officers, Program Directors, Membership Director, Regional Growth Directors, Foundation Directors, General Agents, and even the First Lady of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus, recorded a complete Fraternal Year of information that will be presented to all Nebraska Grand Knights on a flash drive. This flash drive is designed to be updated with new information as needed. This will be an excellent resource for all Grand Knights.

On October 24, 2020, I was present at the State Soccer Challenge in Schuyler. Youth Chairman, Peter Peil did an excellent job of organizing this event and even with the Covid restrictions, it went on without a hitch. We had many happy soccer players at the end of the day. The Schuyler Central School District has a great facility for this event and even gave us access to

use the district's Covid thermal imaging equipment to help screen and protect the competitors, their families, and the Knights working the event.

With the whole world still in the grip of the Covid Pandemic, we again met at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue on December 11 and 12 for a virtual Mid-Year Meeting. The State Officers were able to meet in person to conduct a normal business meeting on Friday. They were also able to meet with the Foundation Directors to hear and grant requests for funds. With the help of our excellent production team, we were able to broadcast a meeting to the Knights of Columbus throughout Nebraska on Saturday, December 12th. The main goal of all of these virtual meetings is EMI (Educate, Motive, and Inform) for all Nebraska Knights.

On March 13, 2021, we were able to gather in person for the Awards Selection Meeting. Thanks go to the hospitality of Past State Chaplain Father Kenneth Borowiak and St. Michael Parish in Lincoln. Father arranged for us to use the large commons room so that we were able to social distance. It was much more efficient to be able to have this meeting in person versus the long Zoom meeting we had to have last year.

The State Free Throw contest was held April 10th at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Again, Youth Chairman Peter Peil did a great job of putting this event together. We had approximately 85 girls and boys competing. We were glad to have State Deputy Borytsky and his wife Audrey there, along with several other state representatives. Members from all four Grand Island Councils were present to help also. The ARC of Nebraska ran the concession stand, so we were all well fed.

Currently plans are well underway for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Convention to be held April 23-24, 2021, in Kearney. It was a difficult decision, but for the safety of all Knights, it was decided to present the convention virtually.

As my two years as State Program Director are coming to a close, I look back and see many things to be proud of and many things I wish I could have done better. But I will always be glad I had the opportunity to serve my fellow Knights of Columbus in Nebraska. I wish to thank all the State Directors and District Deputies for all you have done this past pandemic year. You were thrown many curve balls and managed to hit them all.

There are so many Brother Knights I need thank that the list would be too long for this report. I do want publicly thank Membership Director Kevin Ost diek and State Warden Mike Schaeffer. And most of all, thank you to State Deputy Mark Borytsky. You were most definitely the right leader at the right time for the State of Nebraska.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Hypse

Faith Directors

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 117th Annual State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska on April 22nd, 23rd, 24th 2021.

This past year my wife and I have served in the capacity of Faith Directors. We were in charge of the Keep Christ in Christmas Program. This year 29 councils participated in the program.

We were able to do a presentation for the State Deputy on Faith Programs. This production will be available to all councils as a training guide.

In December we helped with the Mass for the Virtual Midwinter Meetings.

Lastly in March we were able to help with the presentation and judging of ICC awards. The Categories we presented were Major Faith, Support of Vocations, and Chaplain of the Year.

Respectfully submitted
Mark and Julie Main

Community Director

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 116th Virtual Annual State Convention 2021.

This past year was definitely a challenge. After receiving word early in the year, the Silver Rose would not make the trip from Canada to Mexico, I was sent another notice the Rose would make the complete trip. The scramble was on to line up Councils and parishes to host the Rose, good news, we made it! The route included 18 Councils and 695 miles to make the journey across our state to be handed to Kansas. Thank you, Brother Knights, for hosting this great event to honor our Blessed Mother.

Because of family commitment I was unable to attend the State Awards selections in Lincoln, therefore I sent my selections to State Program Director Don Hypse, even in the difficult year, Brother Knights across our state did amazing work, it was a pleasure to read all the submissions and select those to be honored.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for all your hard work. It was my pleasure to serve as your State Community Director this past year.

Fraternally Yours,
Jack Revelle

Intellectual Disabilities

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Directors, and Brother Knights

As I continue to serve as Director of Intellectual Disabilities for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus, I am honored to serve in this capacity. Special thanks again to Brother Don Hypse for his support and assistance along with the State Officers.

For the Fraternal Year, 2020-21, here is some basic information relative to this year's campaign. As a result of Covid-19, the pandemic has had a profound effect on our campaign. This year's Council participation rate was 59%, down from 84% last fraternal year. Out of 172 Councils, participation reports were received from 102 Councils.

This year's contributions totaled \$95,863.84 and is down from the \$207,713.64 that was collected last year. Of those Councils who submitted participation reports, one half of the monies were sent back to them to support organizations serving Intellectual Disabilities.

Request for Funds from the Foundation were received from several larger organizations who work with Intellectually Disabled individuals. Due to the shortage of funds, a decision was made by the State Officers to table the requests at this time. I have contacted those organizations and explained our current funds situation. They have all been receptive and understand why the situation exists. Several donations were made to organizations working with intellectually disabled individuals on a limited basis as approved by the State Officers.

In the future, based on funds availability, the State Officers may decide to honor some requests on a reduced basis.

Priorities for the upcoming Fraternal Year include continuing the name of the annual fundraising drive as the Intellectual Disabilities Drive rather than the Tootsie Roll Drive. Plans are also in place to continue to enforce the Supreme Council's guidelines eliminating donations to Educational Service Units, School Districts and individual Parishes. In addition, all Councils are to adhere to the charitable donations list of organizations that support individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Plans are also in place to increase the participation rate of every Council in the State with a goal of 100%.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hubschman

Convention Coordinators

Worthy State Deputy Borytsky, State Officers, and fellow brother Knights:
The summary of the past year's efforts of the Convention Coordinator Co-Chairmen is detailed below and submitted to be placed in the minutes of the 116th State Convention minutes as a matter of record.

2020 – 2021 Events:

Due to the protocols and public guidance regular in-person events during the fraternal year were not held and thus the traditional efforts and abilities of the Convention Coordinators were not required. Rather the events were conducted virtually which implored upon the teams IT strength and ability to adapt to new and different mediums.

We pray for a return to public gatherings such that we may again join in communion with our fraternal brotherhood.

Fraternally and Respectfully,
Rob Ostdiek & Pat Rupp

Vocations

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers and Brother Knights:

Thank you, my Brothers, for allowing me the privilege of serving the Nebraska jurisdiction as **the Vocations Chairman**. **This year I contacted all councils in Nebraska requesting information** about what they did financially for religious vocations through the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program). At this date the total contribution through this program reported was \$40,500. This year we were also able to provide each seminarian a stipend at Christmas and will do again in April. This year we are supporting each of the Nebraska seminaries with a \$10,000 check to support their mission.

I submitted a vocations message for each of the quarterly issues of the Knights Courier and submitted guidelines to conduct vocations promotional activities in the Annual Program book for State, District and Council leadership.

We received 7 activity reports from councils describing their vocation 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 promotion. The councils were: First Place – Columban Council #6192 and second place - St Joseph's Council #10163 in Benkelman-Stratton. 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 and wish to thank everyone for their support of vocations. Remember that "Vocations is Everybody's Business"

Fraternally Yours:
Rod J Hofschulte, PSD

YOUTH DIRECTOR

State soccer was held at Schuyler Middle School Field House on October 24, 2020 with a good turnout. Thanks to all who participated and helped. Next year's contest will be held in Schuyler in October.

Free throw was held at GICC on April 10, 2021 with good participation and help. Thank to GI Knights for their help and to ARC for serving refreshments. Next year's contest will be held on April 9, 2022 at GICC.

Poster entrants were down but had some excellent entries in KCIC.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Peil

2021 NEBRASKA STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW WINNERS

GIRLS

9-YEAR-OLD

1.ADYLIN SALZBRENNER	OMAHA	11700
2.HALEY MICEK	OMAHA	10160

10-YEAR-OLD

1.LILY VEEREAULT	OMAHA	10160
2.MARLY MILLS	OMAHA	11700

11-YEAR-OLD

1.BROOKE KRIENKE	COLUMBUS	7762
2.KATE LAMME	OMAHA	10412

12-YEAR-OLD

1.JANE SLATTERY	OMAHA	5045
2.BROOKE THIELE	WAHOO	1833

13-YEAR-OLD

1.TARYN FRENCH	GRETN	7077
2.CAMI KUMPULA	WAHOO	1833

14-YEAR-OLD

1.ADDY KULA	OMAHA	10795
2.GRACIE WEICHMAN	JUNIATA	11823

BOYS

9-YEAR-OLD

1.PRESTYN YARPE	PAPILLION	6429
2.ANDREW PENTEL	FREMONT	1497

10-YEAR-OLD

1.BLAKE CONNOTT	CROFTON	14685
2.WYATT SIEBRANDT	VALPRAISO	8625

11-YEAR-OLD

1.BARRETT BROWN	COLUMBUS	9264	PERFECT SCORE
2.DRAYKE BROWN	FREMONT	1497	

12-YEAR-OLD

1.GRANT KOZISEK	BRAINARD	8889
2.JACK BURKE	OMAHA	10108

13-YEAR-OLD

1.NATHAN TOMCAK	HOWELLS	5439
2.HAVEN HAUXWELL	IMPERIAL	7081

14-YEAR-OLD

1.COLTON DUBAS	RAYMOND	8625
2.ADAM CRUISE	COLUMBUS	938

2020 Soccer winner Girls

- 9 Anya Phillips Hastings 1123 160
- 10 Kali Speicher Columbus 938 135
- 11 Laura Adrianna Cox Schuyler 2716 155
- 12 Ava Martinez Columbus 938 185

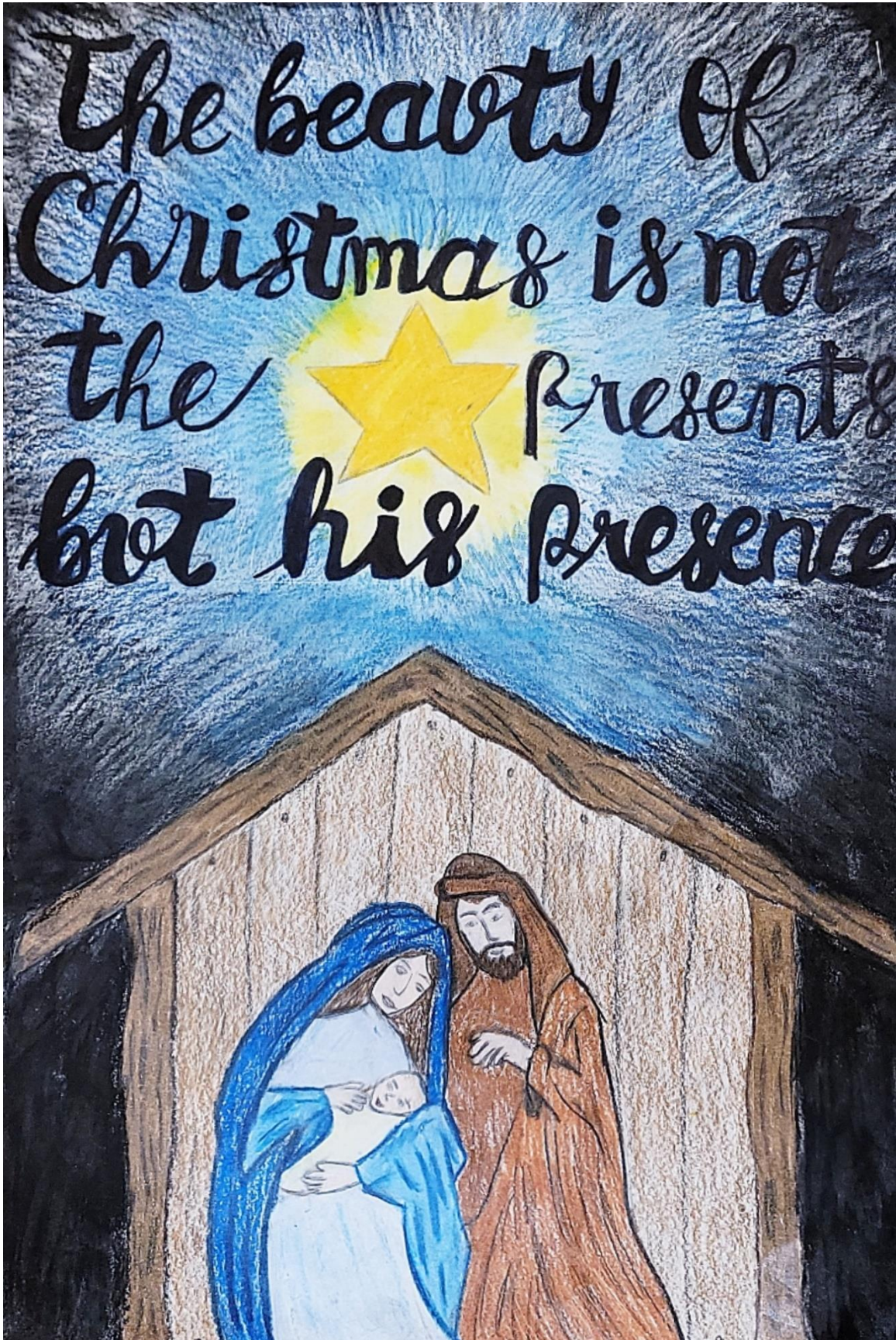
Boys

- 9 Tucker Wemhoft Columbus 938 215
- Braxton Schwartz Hastings 1123 170
- 10 Tanner Reed Bellevue 6192 225
- Alex Wilke Lincoln 11001 135
- 11 Matthew Dinslage Columbus 12086 175
- 12 Liam Casey Omaha 10108 190
- Gabriel Torres Columbus 12086 185
- 13 Riley Levos Columbus 938 235
- 14 Joshua Bixenmann Columbus 926

Safe environment training is ongoing and needs to be complied with.

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster contest winners.

- 11-14 year old Sarah Patzel 11312 Lincoln
- 5-7 year old Kyra Connolly 13576 Lincoln
- 8-10 year old -Tatum Devlin 975 Alliance





State Athletics Chairman/Special Events

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, 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 27 2020 in Bellevue Ne. We had 101 golfer play.

The second event was the State Bowling Tournament held on Feb. 21, 22 and 27. There were 139 entries 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 2021 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 26 2021 at the same location and format as last year.

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

Joe Bober

Financial Secretary

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, State Directors, District Deputies, and Delegates to the 2021 Nebraska Knights of Columbus Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

During the last Fraternal/Fiscal year, we responded to numerous questions from Financial Secretary's/Faithful Comptrollers located around the State. The pandemic affected our ability to perform in-person training, and this required us to rely more on remote contact (telephony and video (i.e., ZOOM) than we prefer. We conducted a number of one-on-one training and telephonic assistance with FS's and FCs in various councils/assemblies throughout Nebraska. We also conducted Financial Secretary Training during Regional meetings held across the state (Geneva). We also created a first-ever training video suitable for the State Web site.

Among the topics covered were: The filing of Form 990, with due date and general filing requirements; Answered general questions regarding a Council's audit; Reviewed the procedure to get a tax id number and use as a tax exempt entity; explain the differences in the procedures and requirements for Suspensions Vs. Withdrawals; Demonstrated the process on how to acquire access to the Supreme website (www.kofc.org) and then demonstrated procedures within the membership management section to process activities that previously required the submission of a written paper document; How to transfer members into a council; How to report a death of a member; How to determine years of Service for Honorary and Honorary Life Status when re-entry is involved; Provided assistance to Executive Secretary concerning information required to be included in the Semi-annual Audit report; Provided Financial Secretary's guidance in computing the new fee schedule necessary for Honorary members to cover Supreme and State assessments; and other miscellaneous questions as they arose.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Vaughn, and Mitchell O'Neill

Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION

Our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the Brother Knights, Knights of Columbus Councils, 4th Degree Assemblies, and many others who have supported our Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation during the past year. This year has been like no other, and we appreciate the continued support from Individuals, Councils, Assemblies, and organizations.

This fiscal year, the Foundation saw an increase from its balance of \$526,832 on June 30, 2019 to its balance of \$600,567 on June 30, 2020. We received donations from 19 Councils totaling \$6,200 and 25 individuals whose total giving was \$13,060.

The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation consists of a principal endowment of donated funds never to be spent. It is the earnings from this endowment which makes it possible for us as Nebraska Knights to exemplify our charity by giving to several worthy causes in dire need of assistance located within our great state. As each of us knows, charity is the greatest of the Knights' four cardinal principals, and it is through this expression of charity that we will

always be able to do the greatest good for our Church and God's 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 through their 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

State Membership Activities

Membership Team

Kevin M Ostdiek	Director
Rod Hofschulte, PSD	Regional Growth Director
Tony Hergott, PSD	Regional Growth Director
Ken Prokop	Regional Growth Director
Dave Wiedel	Regional Growth Director
Kent Lorens	Regional Growth Director

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

The state membership team attended all required meetings scheduled by State Deputy Borytsky and additionally, participated in several in-person and virtual meetings to organize and administer the state's membership programs.

As of April 11th, 2021, Nebraska is at 40.13% of our Supreme quota with 306 new members, 458 short of our goal of 765. Additionally, five councils have met or exceeded their individual membership goals for the year, most notably Council 16680, St. John Paul II – UNO council, which has already reached 766.67% of their quota by adding 23 new Knights to their council. Another four councils are at 75% or above. The membership team continues to work with the State Deputy and Officers to call councils and District Deputies, offering encouragement and assistance that they may need in obtaining their individual goals.

Pursuing membership goals within a pandemic has presented some unique challenges and opportunities throughout this year. It has been difficult for our councils to hold almost any

church drives as the Sunday obligation to attend Mass has been suspended and many councils were unable to meet in person or conduct regular activities throughout this year. We also were not able to meet in person with councils for most of the year and needed to engage council officers through virtual meetings and phone calls for the better part of this year. However, Supreme did take this into account and reduced our state goal as well as adjusting all council's membership quota for the year. This has given many councils a better opportunity to achieve their membership quota than in recent years. Several councils have taken advantage of this and are pursuing their quota and Star Council status.

From the beginning of the year, we have had to adjust our message to councils to encourage them to do anything that they can to support their council's membership: reaching out to existing members to make sure that they are doing well and reestablishing contact with old members. We have also encouraged more personal recruitment of family members, neighbors and co-workers since group recruiting has been difficult at best, and often not allowed due to local health restrictions. Many councils have taken this lull in activities to review their council roster and focus on membership retention issues. As a result of this, many inactive members either withdrew their membership or were suspended by the council. As a result, our Year-to-Date Membership has declined by 202 members to 26,449.

Our intake was steady, but not strong throughout the first eight months of the year. During these times, the team has encouraged use of the eMembership program and virtual degrees to accomplish almost all of this growth. In the last two months, as vaccines for COVID-19 have been distributed throughout the state and most areas of the state have reduced or removed their health restrictions, our growth has strengthened, and several councils have begun to hold live degrees again. The Membership team is continuing to encourage councils to pursue whatever growth opportunities they feel comfortable doing and using all tools that are available to them.

Supreme did not set a New Council Development goal for the year, and Nebraska has been unable to pursue the two possible new councils, both Hispanic, that we identified last year. The first is in Sacred Heart parish in Crete, which already has an English-speaking council, but which has a large and vibrant Hispanic community, which could be helped by establishing a Hispanic council. The second is at Cristo Rey parish in Lincoln. As soon as restrictions are relaxed, these plans will be revisited.

Finally, I personally wish to thank the membership team and all of the State Officers for their help and dedication that they have given the Knights of Columbus in the state of Nebraska. In particular, our Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky has been a great source of encouragement to our councils, Membership Team and myself. He has maintained an upbeat and positive attitude that has picked me up when I felt discouraged by our lack of progress. I wish to thank him for his great leadership through difficult challenges.

Fraternally,
Kevin M Ostdiek

District 1

No report received.

Mark Keller

District 2

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and delegates to the Nebraska Council State Convention:

I respectfully submit my report for the 2020-2021 fraternal year as District Deputy of Nebraska District 2. The Councils in District 2 are: my home parish Council 10108 St. Robert Bellarmine, council 5045 Christ the King, council 10909 St Wenceslaus, and council 11700 Mary Our Queen. All are in Omaha, NE. All are in good standing. At the beginning of the fraternal year, there were 1492 members in these councils. The councils added 17 new members with a district quota of 43 and lost 19 due to members not paying their dues and withdrawn from the Knights of Columbus.

I attended the Grand Knights Seminar in July 2020. There were representatives from each of the councils in District 2. I started District meeting with each grand Knight and their Deputy Grand Knight. We meet every other month and discuss membership, council activities and how we can help each other in our projects.

Each of the councils held a dignified ceremony for installation of newly elected officers. I attended each and was pleased to see the presence of the Worthy Chaplain at each of the installations. It is my hope the officers installed and instructed by me will merit the respect of their council members.

I also attended the Mid-Winter Meeting of the State Council and learned more about my duties as District Deputy. The meeting proved fruitful in renewing my desire to help the councils in this district grow.

I attended many of the meetings and some of the events of the councils. I communicated regularly with the councils and responded to questions as they came up. I attended and assisted with Church Membership Drives for Council 5045, 10108 and 10909. The most significant events for me in this year were: 1. The opportunity to present awards to the councils. 2. Attending degree exemplifications presented by each of the councils.

Each of the councils submitted required reports and their activities and support of the order is exemplary. Each council has a number of activities and it seems all are respected and act with dignity in their parish. Support of seminarians is significant as is the outreach to youth and those in need in their communities. Each conducts activities in support of Life through programs like One Rose One Life.

I coordinated the District 2 Free Throw Contest, which was hosted by my home Council 10108. This event is a significant opportunity for recruiting and several attendees filled out form 100s to take to their home council.

The duties of District Deputy 2 were significant with a change in one of the councils. My experience from the past year helped me manage my duties and made the experience more enjoyable. I am humbled to be witness to the efforts of so many Knights in the councils of this district. The values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are exemplified by the significant role of the Knights of Columbus Councils 5045, 10108, 10909, and 11700 in the life of the parishes they support: Christ the King, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Wenceslaus and Mary Our Queen.

This report would be incomplete without recognizing the efforts of the Grand Knights of each council: Kurt Glover, Kyle Uhling, Tom Worthington, and Vince Vigneri exemplified the role to which they were elected. The efforts of the Financial Secretaries of each council are also

deserving of recognition. I am honored to be of service to these Worthy Councils and the Knights they represent as District Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Podjenski

District 3

To: Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky,
Worthy State Chaplain,
State Officers,
Fellow District Deputies of Nebraska
All delegates to the Nebraska State convention 2021

I respectfully submit my report for District 3 consisting of Councils:

- 9771 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Omaha
- 9918 St. Joan of Arc Omaha
- 10895 St. James Omaha
- 11600 St. Bernard's Omaha

Council 9771 is an excellent council in both measurable and non-measurable ways. Their meetings are well attended and efficient. Their paperwork is always on time or ahead of schedule. Their membership is eager to be involved and is always ready to jump in and do what needs to be done. Council 9771 got creative to make up for the lack of income from cancelled fish fries in 2020, and volunteered to do moving services for people in the parish who would in turn donate to the council. If all councils had their level of involvement and enthusiasm, Nebraska would be in amazing shape every year. Their recruiting has been strong this year despite COVID and I believe they are on target for Star Council this year.

Council 9918 moved to virtual meetings for most of the fiscal year, but those virtual meetings were well-attended. Their new F.S. has grown by leaps and bounds and is getting his footing now and their paperwork is now on-time. As things have started to open up again in 2021, Council 9918 has emerged active again. Some of the leaders at St. Joan of Arc are involved in both the Knights and the Men's' Group. Instead of being at odds with one another, they join forces, proving to us at other parishes that it can certainly be done. That said, both their programs and their recruitment fell victims to COVID this year and Star Council is likely not attainable this year. There has also been a bit of a lack of interest in becoming leaders of the council as most of the members interested in being GK have already done so at least once.

Council 10895, my home council, had a few virtual meetings, but most of the year has used a hybrid approach and held socially distanced meetings live and had members join on Zoom as well. Our meeting attendance is down a bit through the pandemic despite the accommodation though. We tried takeout-only fish fries this year and to our surprise managed to pull in around 75% of our normal profits. We also finished a year-long renovation in our school cafeteria kitchen, adding a fry-room to secure our ability for future fundraising. Our Chaplain, Father

Tom is a regular attendee and good supporter of the council. While our programs and insurance is on track for awards this year, it looks like we are not on track with membership to make Star Council despite our recent church drive complete with flyers and pulpit announcements.

Council 11600 is a very interesting council. On paper it's 56 members. In actuality, it's probably 10 guys, most of whom show up to every meeting and are involved in every event. They seemingly help the parish out with whatever needs help. Their meeting agendas are impressive and this core of guys is extremely well organized. Their F.S. is on point with the paperwork and has been for many many years. This is a close-knit group of guys that dedicate an amazing amount of time and effort to the council and the parish. The lack of new blood at St. Bernards makes it hard for recruiting. They are unlikely to achieve Star Council.

At the District level, we had our Soccer shootout and our Free Throw contest. We were grateful to Glen Kampschneider (District 34) for hosting the Regional Free Throw contest as well. I've attended nearly every council meeting over the last three years of these four councils. District 3 is filled with generous and thoughtful Knights.

Respectfully yours,
Jon Daly

District 4

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain, State Officers, fellow District Deputies, Grand Knights, and delegates to the 116th State Convention to be held in Kearney, Nebraska, we are saddened by its cancellation. 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 were submitted, and youth protection is up to date. Activities have included, but are not limited to, One Rose-One Life, RSVP Program, Fish Fries were conducted by three of the four councils using carry out or drive through options, two councils held free throw contests and a district contest was held as well, no councils held a soccer challenge. There was not a lot of degree work done due to the pandemic, as such membership district wide down as we failed to keep up with the losses due to suspension, withdrawal, and death. Following is a summary of my assessment of each council:

Council 7740: Monthly meetings were suspended for a few months, but once they restarted, they were well attended by the council membership and meetings are run efficiently. I have found the council to be very charitable and they take on many projects to provide support to those in need in the parish and the larger community. As of this writing making star council is highly unlikely. Recruitment and retention efforts are the one area I see that needs improvement.

Council 10047: Monthly meetings were held virtually for a few months, then back to in person meetings which are well attended by the council membership. The council is incredibly involved in the local community and schools taking part in my projects, including an annual track meet. The council is exceptionally good at getting their "paperwork" done. It seems unlikely that star council will be achieved.

Council 10160: This is my home council. Monthly meetings are well attended and efficiencies in the meeting have occurred. For a few months, the meetings were held virtually, today they are a combined virtual and in person type meeting. The council is highly active providing aid and assistance to the church and community. The council membership team is

actively seeking new members and in February held a degree with a video for four new members. Star council seems unlikely.

Council 10894: Star council may not be in the cards now. Each summer the council operates a food stand at the Sarpy County fair, which is a family type event to fill work slots and provides most of their funding. Planning is taking place to restart this event this coming summer. The priest is at every meeting and leads a rosary before the meeting. The council was very welcoming to me. A great group of men.

District 4: The free contest was held, but only half of the council participated, but even at the council level the participation was low. I did not conduct any district meetings due to the pandemic. I maintained contact with the council through e-mail and attendance at virtual and in person meetings. The councils that held fish fries found their parish and community excited that they were back. Council leadership is planning for a full return to activities for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

In Closing I would also like to thank State Deputy Borytsky 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, 14431 St. Joseph's Parish (suspended), 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. Even with Covid 19 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 meetings when allowed with Covid 19 restrictions.

Council 13080 is a strong council with enthusiastic backing from their parish priest. They participate in One Rose One Life and hosted a free throw contest. Again, because of Covid 19, I tried to attend in person meetings when available.

Council 14431 is a suspended council. I have been in touch with the Archdiocese and the parish priest about how they would like to proceed with this council. At the present time the parish is reviewing the roster in an attempt to locate members.

Council 16680 is a college council at UNO. They have done a tremendous job of working in the community and have an increase of 23 new members which leads their division in college councils for new membership. They continue to work with other councils on projects in the area. I have made many of their meetings as they continue to meet per Covid restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,
James Haiar, PSD, FDM

District 6

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Supreme Representatives, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Delegates to the State Convention. I respectfully submit my report for the 2020-2021 fraternal year as District Deputy 6. District 6 consists of Councils 7034 Fr. John Brock, St. John the Evangelist, Valley, 9518 Fr. William A. Foster, St. Gerald, Ralston and 14077 St. Charles Borromeo, Gretna.

All newly elected officers were installed and instructed of their duties and obligations as leaders of their Councils. All Councils of District 6 had officers present at the Grand Knight's Virtual Leadership Training Seminar along with myself. The Summer District Meeting, despite Covid 19, was held live August 11th 2020 utilizing all state safety protocols. All councils were represented. The State Deputy, State Membership Chair and Regional Growth Director were also in attendance. The Winter District Meeting was also held live utilizing all safety protocols on January 11th 2021. All councils were represented. The State Deputy, State Membership Chairman and our Regional Growth Representative were also in attendance. Along with myself, Councils have also been represented at all Omaha Regional Chapter Meetings.

All 3 Councils are in full compliance with State and Supreme laws and rules of our order and have completed all Audits and Fraternal Surveys and other required reports on time. Since July 1st, 2020, District 6 Councils have had both Live and On-line Admission Degrees. Live degrees were held prior to complying with the Corona quarantine that stopped all Knights gatherings and events. Those live degrees accounting for several new Knights coming into the Order. Some councils participated in Virtual Exemplifications through Supreme that include both candidates for new Knighthood and many 1st degree members as well who advanced to full Knighthood. One council has already begun again live exemplifications using all safety protocols.

I am especially proud that in this unique fraternal year, during the pandemic, all three of these Councils have stepped up and taken charge to help those who are ill, those who can't get out, those who have lost jobs and all those in the parishes and community who have asked for help. Despite major interruptions in normal council operations by the pandemic, the councils in this district have remained very active, not only continuing, but finding new ways to increase God's work in these challenging times. This fraternal year of 2020-2021, all three councils, Council 9518, Council 7034 and Council 14077 will attain the Columbian Award. All 3 Councils have been exemplary in their charitable contributions of time, talent and treasure, sponsoring and running dozens of projects/fundraisers each, benefitting their Parishes and numerous charitable organizations. These Councils have embraced and participated fully in all categories of Supremes' Faith in Action Programs and even actively held many pandemic related charitable programs, including calling programs, additional food drives, increased Coats for Kids participation, increased One Rose One Life donations and continuing to help new mothers, moving them from a shelter into independent housing with all furnishings and basic daily needs covered.

I am also proud to say that all 3 Councils still either pray the Rosary or have a Mass before each Council meeting, both virtually and live. Most still utilize "Faith in Action" talks at the meetings by either the Council Chaplain, Parish Deacon or Lecturer that educates Brother Knights in attendance each month, both live and virtually, about different areas of their faith.

It has been my honor to attend many monthly meetings, first degrees and events, both live and virtually, but most importantly, to serve as District Deputy for these very worthy Councils and their great leadership teams and Brother Knights.

Respectfully submitted.
Craig Vavak

District 7

Vacant

District 8

Worthy State Deputy, Mark Borytsky, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

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

- Council 1723 Beatrice, St. Joseph, round table Wymore St. Mary's
- Council 6750 Tecumseh, St. Andrews, round table St. Mary's St. Marys
- Council 13015 UNL Lincoln
- Council 15869, Monsignor John Kean, Odell
- Council 7967, St. Mary's Wymore – Closing moving to a round table of 1723

In general, all councils faced the same issue this year – how to continue to support their parishes through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council 1723:

The Beatrice St. Joseph Council remains very active. Their major fund raiser is their annual fireworks stand which generates much of their annual budget for all other charitable works. They are active in all events of the parish and work as one of Father Langhorst's major volunteer base for all the parish needs. This year they have set aside \$10,000-20,000.00 for the church A/C project giving a total of 30,000.00 to 40,000.00 toward this project.

Council 6750:

The Tecumseh St Andrews Council also remains very active in all events of the parish. Their major funding comes from their Fish Fries and several other smaller projects. COVID-19 prevented them from doing many of their normal activities such as the pancake breakfasts and the state free throw contest. Council 6750 enjoys the great support from the two Priests serving St. Andrews/St. Mary's. Council 6750 requires very little guidance and is an effective Council for the two churches.

Council 13015:

The UNL Council is currently going through a major transition phase and I will continue to work with the Council and the pastor of the Newman Center to re-start this Council. All officers will be new.

Council 15869:

The Odell Council is now active as hosting a chicken feed and a scholarship program for their graduating seniors. They are no longer on the suspension list and doing well. They will serve their new pastor well.

Council 7967:

This Council is currently suspended and has been for many years. The parish is now a round table of the Beatrice Council and as such they have brought in 2 new members. The parish is too small to support their own Council with only 45 families.

Respectfully,
Don Ferneding, PSD

District 9

No report received.

Mark Kistler

District 10

This year has been full of surprises as we are all aware of. The councils have done not as well as I would like but they are surviving. I have attended all council meetings to show my support for each council. Helping each council with membership drives. St. Pat's council is hosting the district free throw this Saturday. I have been working with the councils as to what each council wants to. I have attended a lot virtual meetings this last year. We have a few months left for this year; hope we can get restarted.

As your probability know I will be stepping down as of June 30,2021.

I have enjoyed being DD but I feel it's time to step aside.

Thanks for all you do.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Taylor

District 11

No report received.

Dean Hartwig

District 12

Vacant

District 13

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights, and Brothers in Christ. District 13 is comprised of four Councils. Council #1497 in Fremont, #3736 in North Bend, #10305 in Forth Calhoun and #10412 in Blair.

The fiscal year beginning on July 1st 2020 and ending on June 30th 2021 has been a very tough year. Because of the pandemic that virtually shut down the country, their activities were also limited. All four Councils were active with the Tootsie Roll Drive, the One Rose One Life Campaign and the Seminarian Fund. Each council had members involved in the Life Chain. 3736 placed a Nativity Scene in the city of North Bend and sponsored a Pro Life sign on Highway 79. They also had the PRE children participate in the Pro-Life Essay Contest.

10305 helped set the Nativity set in front of the church. They helped to paint the home of a fellow member, who was suffering from cancer. In addition, they have members who participate in jail ministry as well as pray in front of abortion clinics. The Pre children participated in the Pro-Life Essay Contest.

1497, 10305, and 10412 had kids involved with the Free Throw contest and 10305 hosted the District Free Throw.

10412 worked with the local recycling center and participated with the bell ringers to help collect Christmas Donations. They also held a BBQ drive thru.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip H. Tamisiea

District 14

No report received.

James Pfeifer

District 15

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2020 - 2021 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 State 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 Trecy 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 (drive through only) and during the summer months a weekly hamburger night is held each Thursday.

St. Frances DeChantel Council #5143 Randolph has been active this year. Activities of this council include a weekly hamburger night after CCD class on Wednesday evening. Randolph knights also 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. Randolph Council hosted a Major degree in early March and brought several new Knights into the order.

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. This Council held a Major Degree in early March and added several Knights to the order.

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 Mark Borytsky and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all of my Councils in District 15 for their help and encouragement throughout this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Podany

DISTRICT 16

Council 5218 “St. Francis of Assisi” Verdigre: This council will be having a pancake and sausage feed Saturday May 15th after Mass. This is there first internal activity in the past year. They have been active in supporting the community Parishes in Verdigre and Niobrara with the Parish activities. This council has a very small population to recruit, but have a few young candidates in the area that they are hoping to recruit.

Council 10592: “Fr. Auer” Bloomfield: This council is very active with good participation at their monthly meetings. They did meet their quota on new membership. Interesting, they recruited three college age members. They had their annual fish fry in March, with drive through only. It was nice to see the new recruits present and participating in the event. They have raised enough to manage their charities and scholarships. They also had their shortened season football card pool last fall as a fundraiser. Again, good leadership and participation.

Council 1233: “MSGR Werner” Hartington: Council 1233 is the largest council in this district. Credit to this Council, in February, they had a fourth degree, led by the Grand Knight Reggi Hochstein and Chuck Feilmieir. They had 12 young 3rd degrees complete their Knighthood exemplification. In addition, they always do well with their intellectual disabilities drive. They had their annual fish fry in March and after much discussion successfully had a dine-in and carry out dinner. They had great participation and fun and exceeded their meal count expectations.

Council 14685: “St. Rose of Lima” Crofton: This council has not missed a meeting since June of 2020. They have continued to roll with what they can do, not what they can’t do. Fund raisers include, grill fest in the park (august), February sausage and pancake feed, April fundraiser sponsor for a family in need which raised \$23k for the family through community and friend competition. This council is also having a mass and celebration on June 12th to celebrate retired Father Michael Schmitz birthday and milestone as a priest and is the council’s Chaplain. This council exceeded its recruitment quota. In addition, this council has been able to stay current with contributions to its RSVP candidate Nick Paltz, who they send a donation to directly, St. Rose Catholic school scholarships, That man is you program, Intellectual Disabilities, Connections which is an adult disabilities outreach program in Yankton, One Rose one Life, Coats for kids by giving out free coupons that can be redeemed at the local thrift store for whatever they need, Spirit Catholic radio sponsor, hoop shoots district location sponsor, and much more. Duane Schieffer is the Grand Knight and has great leadership skills.

Respectfully,
Dean Wieseler

District 17

No report received.

William Fehrigner

District 18

No report received.

Gary Hoefer

District 19

No report received.

Donald Strecker

District 20

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, 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 eight 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.

The number of regular meetings, social events, and attendees at meetings and events has been down slightly this past year. However, all business meetings remained "in person", and to my knowledge, no Brother Knight in District 20 has passed from Covid-19 to date. I attribute this to members being willing and open to share information on nutrition, prevention, and early treatment strategies for maintaining good health. I also attribute it primarily to the Knights of Columbus prayer chain in invoking the grace of God's mercy and power. Blessed be God!

St. Rose of Lima Council held a litter cleanup along Highway 22. St. Edward Council renewed its commitment to RSVP -- voting to give \$1000 each to three local seminarians for the year 2021. Lindsay Council handed out a rose to widows of deceased Brother Knights at their annual Memorial Mass. St. Peter's Council is continuing to help with funding renovations to their Parish Church by dedicating funds to help pay off a loan from the Archdiocese.

These Councils help contribute to the Catholic TV Mass program out of Hastings. 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.

No Degrees have been scheduled yet, but two of the Councils have prospects. A Degree might be scheduled in Fullerton or Lindsay in May or June.

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 19 Report for Fraternal Year 2020-21

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Father Josh Brown, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairman, and Brother Knights:

Once again, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Knights of Columbus in District 19 during the past year. As it has been for many others, this fraternal year has been a challenge, one we have all had to overcome. But despite those challenges, my district, 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), have done their best to overcome those challenges.

With the pandemic still in its early stages, several meetings had to be cancelled during the spring and summer, and events that the Knights usually host or participate in had to be cancelled. We were able to hold a truncated district meeting in August through Zoom, and it was reasonably well-attended.

Council 7762 in Platte Center was affected the most by the pandemic. That council went an entire year -- from March 2020 until March 2021 -- without holding a meeting.

Despite the challenges, our councils were still able to support many worthy causes. For example, they gave funds to support local seminarians, and the Columbus councils heard a presentation and donated funds to Jenna Zywiec representing FOCUS. Also, Council 12086 held a blood drive in July.

Council 9264 held a school supply drive in August where they asked St. Anthony's parishioners donate school supplies that would be distributed to less fortunate students in town. A total of 727 pieces and \$85 were collected.

Council 2716 in Schuyler was able to continue its practice of saying rosaries for parishioners who pass away.

In the fall, the three Columbus councils and Council 2716 were able to host 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.

District 22

Worthy State Deputy Borytsky and Worthy State officers here is my report for District 22. Councils 1159, 9562, 10387 and 11363 participated in One Rose One Life campaigns in January of 2020 with all funds being turned in on time. All had regular meetings thru March when, due to the pandemic, all meetings were suspended. Council 1159 was having fish fries thru March when they were also cancelled due to health mandates.

No in person meetings were held for months however Grand Knights called officers if there were any items needing addressed. When limited meetings were allowed those in attendance used their cell phones to have others listen in on meetings, this was how elections were held this year.

In October and November all councils held Tootsie Roll drives with some being allowed at stores and at church with all following mandates to wear masks and be gloved to hand out the candy.

In November and December councils were allowed by their Pastors to have limited meetings as long as all were wearing masks and social distance was observed.

In December all councils helped with the annual Christmas Eve meal. This year was a drive up serving only and meals sent out on meals on wheels with just over 700 meals served this year.

Worthy State Deputy Borytsky thank you for all you did in this challenging year.

Respectfully submitted
Chuck Donner

District 23

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

Council 1904 of Hebron is usually a very active council, but because of the pandemic was cut back on activities they could do this past year. However, they did meet in person. They did host a free throw contest and hosted the Region 4 free throw contest and held 1 fish fry. They had a memorial mass for the faithful departed brothers. They presented Roses to the mothers on the weekend closest to Roe vs. Wade. They participate in the One Rose One Life. They are supporting a seminarian. They only need to get one more to join to reach their quota.

Council 1906 of Lawrence is a very active council. They also met in person for their meetings and had a memorial mass. A lot of their programs were cut back because of the pandemic. They are supportive of the TV mass, McGivney Foundation, buck a month, and RSVP, and other activities.

Council 4434 of Fairbury is a very busy council. They support the RSVP program, the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, the Novena for Life. They had a Free Throw contest and hosted the District Free Throw contest. They had three fish fries during Lent. They cleaned up the church yard. The members show up when they are needed.

Council 7684 of Geneva is an active council. They support the RSVP program, tootsie roll drive and One Rose One Life. They are constantly busy in the church, Leave no neighbor behind and their faith.

Council 7714 of Superior is active in the tootsie roll, One Rose One Life, support a

seminarian.

As you can tell, a lot of programs were not able to accomplish due to the pandemic. However, I am very proud of all the councils on how they tried to do a lot of things and held in person monthly meetings. I look for council 1904 to be there for the star council as they are one short of having reached their quota on new members.

Respectfully Submitted
Roger Retzlaff

District 24

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights: I respectfully submit my 2021 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 added a drive through to help with COVID-19 restrictions with their dining area. 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 Soccer Challenge. 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 COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our normal routines, but the councils are still working to do their charitable activities while honoring social distancing regulations. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Mark Borytsky and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all of my councils in District 24 for their help and support throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell S O'Neill

District 25

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky and my Brother Knights of Columbus. I respectfully submit my report for District 25. The district consists of Councils 1918 St. Paul, 2292 Ord/Burwell, 2388 Broken Bow, and 5455 Loup City.

The council officers were instructed on the duties of their offices. Not every council hosted a first degree, but Council's 1918 and 2388 brought new members into the Order. I have attended a number of council meetings and been able to get more forms submitted and officers and directors qualified for the safe environment training.

All four councils participated in One Rose-One Life and the Tootsie Roll program. I am honored to have served under the leadership of State Deputy Mark Borytsky, and feel privileged to have worked with all of the great Knights in my councils.

With the first year of my service as District Deputy 25 coming to an end, I am grateful for the opportunity to have served these wonderful councils, but I am not satisfied, and I look forward to learning and improving through the end of this year and into the future so that I'm better able in helping my councils be all they can be for the good of our Order and our Catholic faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Dwyer

District 26

Worthy State Deputy, Chaplain and all worthy State Officers.

District 26 which consists of council 701 in O'Neill, 3720 in Spencer, 4707 in Atkinson, and 5881 in Stuart.

All these councils have kept things moving in a good direction with one rose one life, tootsie roll drive, some fish fries, etc. O'Neill and Stuart chose not to do free throw contest however Spencer and Atkinson did with awesome guidelines due to covid. Spencer is the only council that chose to not hold meetings during covid and hasn't had one for a year but still gets the paper work done.

Considering the size of towns these councils are in, I believe they are all doing well. We are doing what we can with what we have and where we're at. I have plans to get the message out to a lot more members that don't attend meetings and try to get more younger involvement.

Been quite a bit of remodeling and work done within the parishes as needed. We pray that this pandemic will ease up so that we can feel more energetic.

Thank you for all your dedication and hard time-consuming efforts to keep things going.

God Bless
Steve Minchow

District 27

Vacant

District 28

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Officers and Directors, District Deputies, Chairman, Delegates, and Brother Knights, wishing we could assemble for this year's (2021) 2nd time of a highly unusual (virtual) meeting for my annual report.

I respectfully submit my report from District 28. My District includes: St. Patrick Council 1211 in North Platte, St. Luke's Council 4979 in Ogallala, Christ The King Council 5315 in Cozad, Holy Spirit Council 10506 in North Platte, and Father McGivney Council 12530 also in North Platte. St. Patrick's Council 1211 also hosts two Round Tables, one located in Stapleton serving St. John the Evangelist Parish and the other located in Arnold serving St. Agnes parish.

Council Officers were not installed due to Covid although they were instructed in their duties and obligations. With Covid throughout the past year governing meetings I have attended only part of their Council meetings, and this has occurred only since October. The Councils and Round Tables have tried to participate in the "One Rose-One Life" and the "Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities", however again this was not normal. There was no Free Throw Contest.

I believe all Councils are involved in their Home Parish as their Pastors will allow for safety. Most of them are also involved with their communities again as much as permissible. Serving Lenten suppers, several Councils also have served monthly breakfasts with the proceeds going to their Parish for programs they sponsor. St. Patrick Round Tables also conducted programs which have benefited their Parishes.

District 28 Council's wanted to step forward in assisting the Silver Rose in its travel through Nebraska, unfortunately 4 of the five were not able.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to our State Deputy Mark Borytsky and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies and especially my Councils in District 28 for their help and support. Mostly I pray; may God allow me the wisdom and ability to continue helping our wonderful Councils with the good work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Stromitis

District 29

Vacant

District 30

Worthy state Deputy Mark Borytsky, 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 23-25 2021.

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. With the covid lockdowns hitting us in March everything came to a standstill. I was able to attend many council meetings as things started to open up. I attended many meetings virtual including the summer training and mid-winter meetings held free throw championships district and regionals.

The councils continued as well as they could with the restrictions the best they could. 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 successes. Growth activities were very challenging but the effort still goes on.

I would like to thank the state council for all its 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

District 31

No report Received

Steve Viessman

District 32

No report received.

Dr. Therial Bynum, MD

District 33

Worthy State Deputy, Mark Borytsky, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

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

Council 833 Lincoln, St. Teresa's

Council 4923 Lincoln, St. Joseph's

Council 10510 Lincoln, St. Peter's

Council 10913 Lincoln, St. Michael's

Council 833:

The Lincoln, St. Teresa's council remains very active. Their major fund raiser's is their annual fireworks stand, and Lenten fish fry's which allows the council to assist in many charitable works. They are active in all events of the parish and recently have taken on helping the Pink Sisters convent in Lincoln with maintenance needs. This council financially supported the KofC ultrasound installation in the Lincoln's Women Care Center strategically located directly across from the Lincoln Abortion Mill.

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 and 1 postulant.

This council financially supported the KofC ultrasound installation in the Lincoln's Women Care Center strategically located directly across from the Lincoln Abortion Mill.

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. This council financially supported the KofC ultrasound installation in the Lincoln's Women Care Center strategically located directly across from the Lincoln Abortion Mill.

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. This council financially supported the KofC ultrasound installation in the Lincoln's Women Care Center strategically located directly across from the Lincoln Abortion Mill.

Respectfully,
Bryan Welty

District 34

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, State Directors, Fellow District Deputies, State Delegates, and Brother Knights assembled for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Convention:

I respectfully submit my report for District #34, comprised of Councils #10795 – St. Vincent de Paul (Omaha), #10965 – St. Leo the Great (Omaha), #14914 – St. Patrick's (Elkhorn), and #15101 – St. Pius the Tenth (Omaha). All four councils are in good standing.

This has been a tough year for councils within my district (and throughout the state/world) due to the Covid-19 outbreak. In-person meetings were suspended beginning in March 2020. Some councils started having Zoom meetings late in 2020, with this continuing in two of my councils. The other two councils (#10795 & #14914) have been meeting in person since the start of 2021. Many of the regular activities hosted in a normal year were suspended as well. All of my councils have focused on member retention this past year (as member growth has been so very difficult in these times).

Additionally, adding to the difficulty of leading in these times of social distancing, three of my councils (#10965, #14914, and #15101) all elected new council leadership as of July 1, 2020. So, these three new Grand Knights have been working to learn what is expected of them as a Grand Knight and also working with their councils in this unusual year of limited council activities.

District 34 had no councils choosing to participate in 2020 Soccer Shootout during the pandemic. Two councils (#10795 & #14914) participated in the 2021 Free Throw Contest. My district hosted and awarded medals to district winners, as well as regional winners, for the Free Throw Contest.

This report would not be complete without recognizing the efforts of the current Grand Knight of each council: Dave Pastor (#10795), Brian Hamburger (#10965), James Hackley

(#14914), and Greg Berry (#15101), each of whom has exemplified the role to which they were elected. The efforts (numerous hours and timely reporting) of the Financial Secretaries of each council are also deserving of recognition.

It is truly inspiring to witness the many diverse and philanthropic activities that each of my councils typically lead throughout the year, whether for parish, youth, or community. It has been an honor to serve my Brother Knights in District 34.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen R. Kampschneider

District 35

COUNCIL 6429:

Council 6429 has been limited for the first half of this fraternal year in recruiting due to parish restrictions resulting from the Covid Pandemic. They did have interest from one candidate from, the online application process, but that individual eventually backed out of joining. Due to suspensions, they currently stand at (0) for recruiting and (-2) for insurance. Stats from the fraternal benefits nights have not been tallied yet. They did conduct a One Rose One Life campaign and did pass out tootsie rolls for the Intellectual Disabilities Campaign. They have recently reinstituted fund raising with a take -out only fish fry and take out only pancake breakfast in order to support the parish and school which heavily relies on their support.

Council 6192:

Council 6192 currently stands at (3) membership and (2) insurance. They are active in recruiting through events conducted at the Knights Event Center (KEC). They support multiple seminarians and conducted One Rose One Life and Intellectual Disability Campaigns. They are active in supporting the parish and the retention committee is doing their best to collect dues and prevent any suspensions.

Council 11364:

Council 11364 recruited one member from the online application process but currently stands at (0) for recruiting and (-2) for insurance. These numbers do not reflect stats from the recent Fraternal Benefits Night. They are active in the Parish conducting One Rose One Life and Intellectual Disabilities Campaigns as well as a limited Church Drive. They support the parish through cleanups, supporting a seminarian, and fundraisers for the school.

Council 11879:

Council 11879 had a number of suspensions which will prevent from achieving Star Council this year. They currently stand at (-8) for membership and (-2) for Insurance quotas. However, they conduct a massive food drive which supports the community (both individuals and pantries). They conducted a One Rose One Life Campaign and Intellectual Disability Campaign as well as participating in all youth programs. The council provides security for the church and will undoubtedly obtain star council next fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Whitehead

District 36

No report received.

Galen Polorny

District 37

No report received.

Kenneth Sabata

District 38

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, fellow District Deputies, and Brother Knights: I submit my 2021 Narrative for the following Councils: 7704 Crete, 7966 Wilber/Tobias, 11737 Denton and 14320 Cortland. 7704 has submitted all required Council reports and audits to Supreme and State. The State has not received the #185 Report of Officers for 11737. The last two Semiannual Audits for 14320 has not been completed. The assessments for all Councils have been paid. All Councils except for 14320 utilize the Member Management Software Application. The importance of membership growth by the District Deputy has been discussed at nearly every Council meeting but only 7966 has seen a net gain in membership. 7704 received the Star Council Award.

Faith: All Councils participated in the RSVP Program and financially supported at least one seminarian. The 2021 Clergy dinner was cancelled. 7704 still provided funds in support of our priests. 7704, 11737 and 14320 supported Spirit Catholic Radio. 11737 and 14320 held Holy Hour and Rosary programs. 7966 promoted prayer reflection programs. 11737 facilitated a Parish retreat. 7966 and 11737 supplied sacramental gifts. 7704, 11737 and 14320 served in various ministries at Mass. 7704 supported the Boy Scout Duty to God program. 7704 and 11737 maintained Church and cemetery grounds including snow removal.

Family: All 7704 Councils participated in Keep Christ in Christmas. 11737 and 14320 maintained Family Formation Programs such as Building the Domestic Church. 7704, 11737 and 14320 participated in the local Food for Families program. 7704 participated in the Crete Backpack program. 11737 facilitated a Holy Family event.

Community: 7704, 11737 and 14320 generated revenue from the sale of fireworks that supported Church and Community projects. 7704 displayed the U.S. flags at the cemetery on National Holidays. 11737 participated in Habitat for Humanity and directed a construction project at the Schoenstatt Shrine. 7704 and 11737 supported the Coats for Kids program. 11737 provided funding to support the God Teen Program. Council 14320 hosted Power Surge Youth Nights. Councils 11737 and 14320 awarded scholarships to high school and college students.

Life: All Councils participated in the Walk for Life, the One Rose/One Life Campaign and the Campaign to support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. 7704, 11737 and 14320 joined the prayer groups in front of Planned Parenthood. 7704, 14320 and 11737 contributed funds to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Ultra Sound Program and contributed funds to the Women's Care Center in Lincoln. 7704 and 11737 donated funds to support Human from Day One (We Teach Think) organization.

Meetings and Socials: All Councils held monthly meetings. 7704, 11737 and 14320 used teleconference platforms to conduct monthly Council meetings due to the social distancing requirements during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Many of the socials including pancake and

spaghetti feeds, social potlucks, coffee and rolls after Mass were limited due to the pandemic. The District Deputy attends 70% of the scheduled monthly Council meetings.

Safe Environment Compliance: The Grand Knights in 7704, 11737 and 14320 are compliant. The Grand Knight in 7966 is non-compliant. The directors in all the Councils are compliant.

Respectfully submitted
Lawrence J Koerner

District 39

Vacant

District 40
No report received.

Patrick O'Shea, Jr.

District 41

Worthy State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and to the 2021 State Convention. Councils of 2272 West Point, 15068 Tekamah, 11810 Pender, and 13496 Lyons are all Active. All four councils understand the importance of membership growth and how it will keep their council going.

Council #2272 St. Joseph's West Point is currently at 0 new members as of Today. They have however, some in the online portal waiting to be brought in. Reason for this is they have been utilizing the online registration and are saving new members for the 100th Anniversary Celebration May 23rd with a live exemplification. West Point is very active in various fundraisers for GACC Schools, Catechism, Special Olympics of West Pont Beemer HS, St Mary's, St Boniface, St. Aloysius, & St. Anthony's Parishes in Cuming County. They continue with their Lenten fish fry's, One Rose/One Life and Intellectual Disabilities Drive. They host 2 summer events one a barbecue on July 4th and also a "Religious Vocations Picnic" in September with mass in the Grandstand on the Baseball Field. They also held the Local, and District KC basketball free throw contest in 2021. They will also administer \$5,000 in scholarships for high school graduates who are either knights or sons of knights. Due to COVID-19 they did the fish fries Drive Thru Only and were very successful. They also continue with the KC Living rosaries at Brother Knight Funerals. The council was the founder of the High School Honor Chord program for the state and is now being looked at supreme wide. This will be West Point's fifth year for giving out Honor Chords to the Graduating senior men. Through the Pandemic this council did continue to meet every other month.

Council #15068 St. Patrick's Tekamah is currently has not recruited any members but have a couple on the list. They normally are very active in fundraisers for their community with breakfasts and fish fry's. Unfortunately, with the pandemic they haven't done any events. They participated in the 2021 Tootsie roll drive and are still doing a great job promoting the intellectual disabilities program. They have had the same grand knight for 7 years and are not having any luck getting new members to attend meetings.

Council #11810 St. John the Baptist Pender has not recruited any new members, but are working hard in their parish to make an impact in the community and church. In 2020 they continued their efforts in the Intellectual Disabilities drive. They are a small council but are trying hard to promote the Knight of Columbus through One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll Drives. Their

events have been cancelled also due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They hold many fundraisers and have scholarships for graduating seniors, and also support families in their community with a disaster fund which they used in the past for tornado relief. They have had the same grand knight for 6 years and are not able to get any more members to attend meetings.

Council #13496 Fr. Leo Wolpert Lyons has not recruited any new members this year yet. We have been seeing some new members at our monthly meetings which is a step in the right direction. They continue their fundraising efforts with breakfasts and other activities. Husker Football ticket Raffle and Turkey Bingo are their specialties.

They also hold The One Rose One Life Campaign along with the Tootsie Roll Drive. They are also a small council in a small community and trying to find some more leadership in the community. They have had the same grand knight for 6 years and cannot get any more members to attend any meetings.

Council #7779 Fr. Joseph Rose has not recruited any new members this year. I haven't given up getting some new blood in this council. We are having issues with the current grand knight and others not wanting him to be in that position. It has been frustrating trying to ask politely to have him step down and let someone else take on the role. Baby steps at this point with our grand knight in same position for the past 6 years. They do breakfast, and the tootsie roll drive and they participate in the One rose one life.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work with these councils over the past years. With these smaller councils in the smaller towns, I would be in favor of combining these so instead of having 4 active members in 2 we would have 8 active members in one larger one. All 4 parishes excluding West Point, have been losing parish members due to death, and not many youths are moving back to these communities. It will be interesting to see what happens when all or most of these are combined parishes if they will stay independent. It is very difficult to recruit members when there are not many attendees at mass on a weekly basis due to Covid. I would believe this would pick up at the end of May sometime. I am excited to be able to see the future of evangelizing the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska with this new "in church" exemplification. This will be my last couple months of being DD, I really enjoyed the network of brothers across the state and look forward to being more active in my local council and assembly going forward.

Fraternally Yours,
Chris Kreikemeier

Let us move on to the Reports of Officers. As the various reports of the state officers have been posted on our state website prior to the Virtual State Convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY

Worthy State Chaplain Father Joshua Brown, Worthy Associate State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton, Reverend Fathers, Fellow State Officers, State Advisor, District Master, State Executive Secretary, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Directors and Chairman, Delegates and Knights of Columbus members virtually assembled here for our 116th State Convention in Kearney Nebraska on this the 24th day of April 2021, greetings.

It has indeed been an honor and privilege to serve you Brother Knights in Nebraska as State Deputy. I respectfully submit the following report.

It was just a year ago when the delegation at the virtual 115th State Convention unanimously re-elected me as your State Deputy. This vote of confidence was only the beginning of a blessed and memorable year for me and my family.

This Fraternal Year has been filled with many challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. The “lost year” as it is called, gave fear and cabin fever a whole new meaning. Our team did a great job getting information to our beloved councils, there had to be a way forward approach to making this happen. Going from having a production specialist we had to have a Production Team. These proactive Knights Scott Rockwell, Past State Deputy and District Master Rich Lowery, Mitchel Lowery, Kevin Ost diek and Don Hypse took this on and they were able to make it happen. We learned and used words like Virtual, Zoom and Conference Calls into motion providing information through technology, instead of in person.

During this pandemic we turned to our Lord and Savior for spiritual support to make sense of a time in our lives we’ve never experience and families. The Lord has blessed me with my wife and family for support. Audrey and my family were there for me when I spent countless hours thinking of new and innovative ways, we could get support and information to our beloved councils. Their love, understanding and encouragement helped me find ways to move forward.

To my brother State Officers, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. It is your commitment and dedication to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus councils which made this pandemic fraternal year’s accomplishments possible. It is that same support and dedication that motivated me to strive for greater accomplishments to reach our council brothers, Thank you for your unwavering support.

To our Worthy State Chaplain, Father Joshua Brown, words cannot express my love for you not only as a faithful servant of our Lord and Spiritual leader of your Nebraska flock, but also as a friend. God Bless you and thank you for praying for us and being an inspiration to us all.

This fraternal year the State Officers welcomed another spiritual leader to our family. It has been a blessing to have Associate State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton on our team. I thank you for your prayers during this pandemic.

To all my program and membership directors, chairmen and regional growth directors, you are among the absolute best to have served in these capacities and I am grateful of your dedication throughout this pandemic time, you never wavered under these dreadful times. Congratulations for a job well done and thank you for sharing your energy, time, and talents

SUPREME MEETINGS

Were held virtually.

STATE MEETINGS

Our Leadership Seminar was virtually held July 18/19, 2020 at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue. State Program Director Don Hypse and his staff of directors and chairmen along with State Membership Director Kevin Ost diek and his team of regional growth directors introduced their respective programs, incentives, and goals for this fraternal year that would be accommodating to the pandemic.

The State Officers and District Deputies meeting was virtually held at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue on December 12, 2020. We discussed the many challenges we face in carrying out the mission of our councils including, but not limited to, programs and membership possibilities and familiarization with tools such as the internet, zoom, social media, and phone calls were also discussed. We designed and sent to each District Deputy a well-received three-ring binder with state and supreme membership, program and good to know information, thanks to our Program Director Don Hypse and Membership Director Kevin Ostdiek for designing and putting these binders together.

Our state program director, membership director, past state deputy's and production team set out and recorded a training video for our councils to use from a July to June approach. This recording that is coming out soon will give them a three month look ahead and information on a thumb drive they will receive around May. This thumb drive will also have an exemplification by past state deputy's and the July and December meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

State Membership Director Kevin Ostdiek and his team consisting of Regional Growth Directors PSD Tony Hergott, PSD Rod Hofschulte, Dave Wiedel, Ken Prokop, Kent Lorens, and our e-Membership Chairman IPSD Lou Gasper have done an exceptional job communicating with their regions and working the e-Membership.

As we move out of the pandemic and keeping with CDC and Nebraska guidelines, we need to evangelize our efforts to move forward to grow our councils, we must remember each of us have a moral obligation to offer the gift of membership to every eligible Catholic man and their family.

CEREMONIALS

PSD Larry Reed has done a great job with the ceremonial process. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely express my appreciation to all exemplification ceremonial teams and individual DVD presenters for your hard work and dedication to grow your councils in a pandemic environment.

PROGRAMS

This pandemic year has been a terribly busy and challenging time for all of us. State Program Director Don Hypse has done an outstanding job conducting and maintaining state sponsored programs including the ICC Awards Program. I thank him and his directors and chairmen for their good works getting information out to the councils through tough times having to use technology instead of meetings.

INSURANCE

Nebraska is blessed to have three of the orders top General Agents. Neil Pfeifer and Assistant General Agent Craig Pfeifer who serves Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa. Tony Swanson serves Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska. You will not find a better group of men more dedicated to the protection of our brother Knights and their families. Our GA's diligently work to obtain the manpower to staff councils with active viable agents. This is not an easy task, and they continue to work hard to find the right fit of professional, courteous, and well-informed agents to assist in protecting our families. Nebraska continues to

enjoy an amazing and unique relationship with our insurance force, and we are proud to call each of them our friend and brother. Thank you for all you do.

FOURTH DEGREE

It is a great honor to serve with District Master Rich Lowery. Past State Deputy Lowery has conducted successful Patriotic virtual Exemplifications. Our Patriotic Degree members are the most visible and recognizable members of the Order. I encourage all Knights to consider becoming members of the Patriotic degree and making it more visible than ever before.

VOCATIONS

In Solidarity with our Priests is the unwritten rule of our Order. Our dedication to our Clergy and Religious has earned us the reputation as the “Strong Right Arm of the Church.” We need to continue this dedication and support of all vocations. I encourage you to continue to support our seminarian fund by purchasing raffle tickets. I also thank those councils who participate in the RSVP program. Please continue your prayers for vocations.

CULTURE OF LIFE

Nebraska is blessed to have Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director Mike and Mary Conrad as Culture of Life Chairpersons. What a wonderful job they have done, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart for all their efforts. One of the states finest efforts is working to provide ultrasound machines, information, and support so many who need this life changing information and seeing life. Thank you for your dedication.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

The State Intellectual Disabilities Foundation chair Jim Hubschman continues to do an outstanding job maintaining and growing this foundation. The program formally known as the Tootsie roll drive continues to raise funds throughout the state to help those with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your dedication.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION

Foundation Advisors Past State Deputy and Former District Master Don Ferneding and Dan Wells have helped grow and promote the foundation. This is something we should all be proud of. The Foundation continues to be our future, but we need your support for it to grow. The purpose of this foundation is to enhance and support the quality of life in Nebraska while supporting the Knights of Columbus mission. Thanks to all councils and individuals who have made this possible. It is important we remember the success of your foundation depends on you!

STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The State Council has been able to help several individuals who have been the victims of natural disasters with funds to help purchase food, clothing, and other immediate needs. Chaired by Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper. Applications available on the state website are reviewed by a committee and those applications which are approved will receive a funds.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is vital to our success. Nebraska has an outstanding reputation for timely and accurate communications to members and officers.

The Courier, published four times a year, is sent to every member within the state. We continue to encourage members, and especially Financial Secretaries, to sign up for electronic delivery. Our website is another excellent source of up-to-date information, degree schedules and events throughout the state.

Ron and Duffi Goodrich continue to do outstanding work in preparing much of the printed material for the state, including the Courier and annual directory.

Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger continues to send out Prayer requests every morning. Many requests have been answered through prayers from across the state and across the country. Ray also manages all the communication for the State Convention, Leadership Seminar and Mid-Year Meeting as well as other information that needs to be distributed either by mail or in electronic format. He also tracks council reports and progress for the state. Thank you, Ray, for your support.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

This fraternal year we have 41 Districts with dedicated brother Knights who represent the State Council at local council meetings and functions. Please accept my most sincere appreciation for all your leadership and commitment to growing the order and furthering the Mission of the Knight of Columbus, you are the backbone of our Order. I have been blessed to work with this fine group of District Deputies, thank you for all you do.

CLOSING

In closing, I first wish to thank our Bishops for their continued and unwavering support of the Knights of Columbus. I also thank State Chaplain Father Josh and Associate State Chaplain Father Fulton as well as all the local council Chaplains who help form us and guide us in our efforts to live out the Gospel principals of our Order.

I wish to thank our Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for sharing their insight and leadership.

But most of all I thank each one of you across this great state of Nebraska for saying Yes when the Lord called you to serve in this family ministry, we call the Knights of Columbus. We are "Defenders of Humanity."

May God Bless you and may God Bless the mission of the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Respectively Submitted,
Mark Borytsky
Nebraska State Deputy

STATE SECRETARY

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Josh Brown, Worth Associate Chaplain Fr. Justin Fulton, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen,

Delegates, and Brother Knights attending the 116th Annual Nebraska State Convention Held virtually on 24 April 2021

I respectfully submit my report:

As State Secretary my responsibilities were several; recording the official minutes of all state meetings, including monthly teleconference calls, collecting per capita, collecting and recording all delegate forms received for the convention. Credentials received from many councils for attendance at the Virtual State Convention.

Maintaining records therein, classifying expenditures and income, writing official letters for the state, traveling to council functions, meetings, and degrees as assigned by our State Deputy.

In preparation for this year's State Convention, letters were drafted to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Bishops residing in the state, and the Mayor of Kearney, inviting them to our State Convention which we were unable to hold due to the Covid-19 Virus outbreak.

It has been a pleasure and an honor for Connie and me to travel across the state to the different council activities as assigned by our Worthy State Deputy. Although our travel was limited due to Covid-19 precautions, we enjoyed the trips we made. To all our brother Knights and their families: thank you for all you do in the name of the Knights of Columbus, and my God grant your families health this year. Your heart felt support and Prayers for your church, council, community, and the world are overwhelming and appreciated.

May God Bless you and your families my Brother Knights.

Respectively Submitted

Matt Richardson

State Secretary

STATE TREASURER

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Father Joshua Brown, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Directors, Chairmen, Support Staff, Delegates, Brother Knights and our families welcome to the 116th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney Nebraska the weekend of April 23, 2021.

I respectfully submit my 2020/2021 report starting with attending all meetings called to order by the State Deputy and performed all assigned tasks successfully. All checks were written and distributed per vouchers submitted by our State Secretary. All deposits were recorded as they were put in the bank. All three of the accounts, General, Lottery and Disaster were balanced monthly. Due to the great work of our State Warden, Brother Mike Schaefer, the State was able to give checks to the Seminarians of all three Dioceses' twice during the year, once at Christmas and then at Easter.

With the difficulties of the past year due to Covid our State Deputy Brother Mark Borytsky did a great job in keeping our State processing forward. I tried to attend every meeting that the State had, sometimes not being able to due to Covid restrictions or weather. It was extremely hard not being able to see everyone at the different State meetings but again our State leadership did a wonderful job of keeping everyone informed of current events from around the State. State Program Director Hypse did an excellent job in keeping programs going on around the State and also in setting up all of the Zoom meetings that we had to have. State Membership Director Ostdiek battled immense odds but managed to keep recruits coming into the State each month.

This Fraternal Year has been an exciting experience for Chris and me. I am blessed that the over 26,000 Brother Knights, through their convention delegates, voted me into the State Treasurer position. I would not have been able to do what I needed to do without the help and advice of several people. Our State Secretary Matt Richardson was always there to answer my questions and help me fix whatever mistakes that I made. There were a lot of texts and late-night phone calls between the two of us. State Warden Mike Schaefer got me the information on the lottery deposits and checks that needed to be written in a timely fashion. His phone calls and texts asking on how things were going mean a great deal to me. I visited with our State Deputy Mark Borytsky weekly about State affairs or just a call to see how Chris and I were doing. I hope if I get to be a State Deputy, I remember how much those calls meant to me and try to do the same. I would not have been able to do this job or any of the State positions before this without the sage advice and wisdom of my mentor, Ray Guggenberger. You are always there with an answer to whatever questions I have. Here is to finishing this year strong and looking forward to our next year.

May God Bless you and your Family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert D. Wolf
State Treasurer

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

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, filed zero activity reports to the Nebraska Department of Revenue Gaming Division and Form 35B with the Nebraska Department of Revenue for 2020;
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 2021 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 Mark Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Father Brown, 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 116th Annual virtual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska the weekend of April 23-25, 2021. This has been a unique year due to the COVID-19 virus but there is light on the near horizon with more people receiving vaccinations daily and our churches will soon be open at 100% capacity.

I respectfully submit my annual report starting with attending all meetings called to order by the State Deputy and successfully performing all assigned tasks. I attended the virtual Leadership Training Seminar held at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue. State Program Director Don Hypse and State Membership Director Kevin Ostdiek did an outstanding job facilitating the virtual meetings with the support of our top-notch State Production team. State Deputy Borytsky and our team provided a lot of great information to the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies.

I attended the virtual Mid-Year meeting also held at the Knights Event Center. All meetings were informative and well received by the District Deputies. I briefed the virtual 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 22, 2021. Ad submissions for the State Convention Program Book were solicited. Due to COVID Shelly and I were unable to attend any council functions around the State this Fraternal Year. On behalf of State Deputy Borytsky, I was able to deliver council awards to some of our Grand Knights in the greater Omaha area.

Selling ads for the Program Book given out at the State Convention was stopped due to the aforementioned virus. Selling ads is critically important because it offsets the cost of the State Convention Program Book. Special thanks to Duffi Goodrich for her expertise and support of the Courier. Due to last years' efforts of Past State Advocate John Svoboda, Past State Deputy Rod Hofschulte, State Senator and Grand Knight Mike McDonnell's work with the NE Gaming Commission, we were able to mail out over 75,500 lottery tickets this year which enabled the State to set another record by grossing over \$150,000 for Vocations.

My second year as State Warden has been challenging due to COVID so I attribute any success first to my wife Shelly and second to the mentoring of my outstanding fellow State Officers. Worthy Brothers (Mark, Matt, Bob, Jim and Lou) have been there to guide me every step of the way. Our spiritual leader, Father Brown has kept me grounded in our Catholic faith. Br. Ray Guggenberger continues to be there to answer my questions. Finally, I want to personally thank Mike & Mary Conrad, Rich & Gail Lowery, Don & Terri Hypse, and Kevin Ostdiek for joining Shelly and I on this fantastic Knights' journey because we know that greater things are yet to come. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael "Schaefer" Schaeffer
State Warden

District Master

Worthy State Deputy Borytsky, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Brown, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights, ladies and guest to this 116th annual State Convention, greetings.

On September 1, 2020 I was humbled to be re-appointed as District Master for a two-year term ending on August 31, 2022. On October 30 and 4, 2020 I attended the Provincial Meeting of the Fr. Padilla Province held in Albia, Iowa hosted by Vice Supreme Master Patrick O'Keefe, along with District Masters from Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. We discussed goals for the year as well as how to move forward during the pandemic with exemplifications and membership growth.

Due to pandemic restrictions exemplifications were moved to a virtual format. Exemplifications were held in May, June, August, September, October November of 2020 and January, February and March of 2021. Virtual Exemplifications are planned for May and June of 2021. The Exemplification team was able to put together a virtual Exemplification that was videoed and used for most of the Exemplifications throughout the year. This process was well received and Nebraska averaged over 25 members per exemplification. The November exemplification was again held close to Veterans' Day in conjunction with the Iowa jurisdiction. Even though the event was virtual it was well attended by both states.

Again, this year Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers were invited to the virtual summer meeting held on July 18. State Deputy Borytsky provided an opportunity for me to speak and provide updates on the 4th Degree during the meeting. The Midyear meeting was a virtual event held on December 12.

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.

It has been a privilege to serve as the District Master for the Nebraska Jurisdiction. I want to thank State Deputy Borytsky and all the State Officers for their support and friendship. Gail and I look forward to attending many Assembly functions and Officer Installations over the next year.

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

NEIL PFIEFER AGENCY

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2021 Nebraska State Convention.

The Pfeifer Agency, serving Northeast Nebraska and West/Central Iowa, just finished our 5th full year as an Agency. The agency currently has 16 agents, with the idea of bringing on 2 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 10th in Company out of approximately 130 agencies in the Order. Issuing \$180 million in Life Ins protection on our families, which was in the top 10 overall.

The Pfeifer Agency Agent of the Year for 2020 was **Noah Pfeifer**.

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 Noah Pfeifer, 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 – Northeast Nebraska and West/Central Iowa

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 2021 Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

The Swanson Agency of Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska had a solid year in our twelfth year of existence. The agency currently has eight 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 2020 was **Dcn. Bill Buchta, FICF**. Dcn. Bill also qualified for MDRT membership which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world.

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. Despite the pandemic, the Knights was still able to break their all-time premium record. 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.

Fraternally,

TONY SWANSON, FICF

General Agent – Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Worthy State Deputy Mark Borytsky, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 116th Virtual 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 115th Annual Virtual State Meeting for 2020. I prepared and mailed to all councils the semi-annual per capita billings for State Secretary Richardson. 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 42 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 offices 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 95% complete; the Report of Service Personnel, we are 81% complete; and the Fraternal Activity we are 88% complete. The Semi-Annual Audit for the period ending June 30, 2020 is 81% complete and for the period ending December 31, 2020 is 75% complete. At this time, we have 9 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; some improvement is noted in the submission of these reports. There continues to be an increase in the number of councils filing these and other reports on-line with Supreme.

For the 2020-2021 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. Constant Contact 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 2,000 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. All councils have at least one email address.

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 Mark Borytsky for the opportunity to continue to serve as the State Council Executive Secretary. I have served in this role for 23 years; I look forward to continuing my service to our order.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Guggenberger

We will now proceed to the elections. To facilitate the voting process this year, we are using "Election Buddy". All delegates have received an email from "Election Buddy" and should now be registered. Please note that all nominations submitted to the State Secretary will be

considered as seconded nominations made to the floor for consideration of that respective position.

It is important that voting Delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how any particular Delegate voted.

Remember that only Credentialed Delegates have rights to the floor, and you must be recognized to be heard.

Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have appointed the Immediate PSD Lou Gasper as the judge and the following PSD and FSD Mike Conrad, and PSD and DM Rich Lowery as tellers.

We will now have a practice vote to acquaint you with the voting process. Brother Mitchell Lowery, please proceed.

MITCHELL LOWERY; You will now receive an email from KofC - NE with a link to the Election Buddy website. This first vote is to establish your connection to Election Buddy for the duration of this meeting. This email will once again contain your user ID and Password. You will be asked to select a color and submit your ballot. Once you have made and confirmed your selection you will get a screen with an orange button that says "Next Vote". DO NOT click on this button until you are instructed to do so. You must leave this window open for the duration of the meeting to facilitate your vote in future ballots. You will only receive this email if you completed your Election Buddy registration.

ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE DEPUTY: I relinquish the gavel to Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director Mike Conrad.

PSD Conrad: The current slate of officers is:

State Deputy – Matt Richardson
State Secretary – Robert Wolf
State Treasurer – Michael Schaeffer
State Advocate – James Korth
State Warden – Donald Hypse

STATE DEPUTY: Thank you Brother Conrad, by the Nomination Committee presenting this slate of officers each nomination is now officially seconded.

We will now proceed to the election for the office of State Deputy. Are there any other nominations (3 times).

Hearing none, the nominations are now closed and Matthew Richardson is elected State Deputy for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

STATE DEPUTY: We will now proceed to the election for the office of State Secretary. Are there any other nominations (3 times).

Hearing none, the nominations are now closed and Robert Wolf is elected State Secretary for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

STATE DEPUTY: We will now proceed to the election for the office of State Treasurer. Are there any other nominations (3 times).

Hearing none, the nominations are now closed and Michael Schaeffer is elected State Treasurer for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

STATE DEPUTY: We will now proceed to the election for the office of State Advocate. Are there any other nominations (3 times).

Hearing none, the nominations are now closed and James Korth is elected State Advocate for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

STATE DEPUTY: We will now proceed to the election for the office of State Warden. Are there any other nominations (3 times).

Hearing none, the nominations are now closed and Donald Hypse is elected State Warden for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

ELECTION OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES

STATE DEPUTY We will proceed to the election of delegates to the Supreme Convention in Denver Colorado on August 2 through 5, 2021.

Your State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. Following Nebraska tradition, the chair nominates our State Chaplain designate Fr. Justin Fulton and State Advocate James Korth as delegates. In addition to these, Nebraska can elect six (6) more Third-Degree members to represent Nebraska at the meeting – three insurance members and three associate members.

Nominations for delegates to the Supreme meeting were opened at our mid-year meeting in January 2021 at a virtual state officers meeting. Written solicitations for nominees were provided to each council in January, February and April 2021. Nominations were required in writing by April 21, 2021 to State Secretary Matt Richardson. Nominations were closed on April 21st.

STATE DEPUTY: The election of our State Chaplain Designate and State Advocate are so ordered. In accordance with Nebraska by-laws, Secretary Richardson, how many nominations have been received.

STATE SECRETARY: We have received six nominations. The following brothers have been nominated:

George Bayer, Insured, Council 10506 North Platte
Timothy Sisco, Insured, Council 6750 Tecumseh
Alfredo Guerrero, Associate, Council 9771 Omaha
Kent Lorens, Associate, Council 10163, Benkleman
Terrance Fitzgerald, Associate, Council 10305 Fort Calhoun
Michael Conrad, Associate, Council 10305, Fort Calhoun

During the annual Past State Deputies meeting, Howard Gaffney was selected as the alternate to State Deputy Elect Matt Richardson and John Smith was selected as the Alternate to IPSD Mark Borytsky.

At this time, I call on State Advocate James Korth to present the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

Before he starts, let me state that the recommendation of the resolutions committee will act as an active motion. If anyone wishes to comment on a resolution, please use the chat feature of the zoom webinar, select "All Panelist," and type in your comments. PSD, FSD Mike Conrad or PSD Tony Hergott, our monitors, will review your comments and present them to the membership. In order to expedite the process your comments may be summarized.

If no one requests to speak, the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation.

Worthy State Advocate, please proceed.

Advocate Korth reported that the Resolutions Committee meet virtually and reviewed the resolutions. Per the recommendation of our Supreme Council, the number of resolutions to be considered were reduced to the

minimum needed for the state council to conduct the business of Nebraska. The complete list of approved resolutions is:

I. RECURRENT RESOLUTIONS

A. 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 2022 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
2. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host an annual Chaplains' Seminar during the 2022 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 2021-2022 Columbian Year and pay the actual expenses thereof.
4. RESOLVED, the State Council shall publish the Knights Courier quarterly for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, each issue of the Knights Courier published during the 2021-2022 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 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 2021-2022 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. SUBORDINATE COUNCIL PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS, State Deputy Mark J. Borytsky has loyally served the Order and the Knight of Columbus Nebraska State Council, always employing the Order's founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity;

WHEREAS, State Deputy Mark J. Borytsky lead Council 6192 to earn the coveted Star Council Award serving as Grand Knight;

WHEREAS, State Deputy Mark J. Borytsky earned the Star District Award serving as Nebraska District Deputy Number 5;

WHEREAS, State Deputy Mark J. Borytsky has led the Nebraska jurisdiction with new and innovative programs to meet all the obligations of the Nebraska jurisdiction during the national pandemic, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mark J. Borytsky be nominated for a Supreme Director position.

STATE DEPUTY: Hearing no objections, the recommendation of resolutions committee is adopted.

STATE DEPUTY: Let us proceed to New Business. We will now vote on the Best of the Best ICC Council. We have two (2) councils that qualified, Brother Mitchell proceed:

MITCHELL LOWERY: The next vote is now live. You may click on the 'Next Vote' button to open the ballot. You will have 1 minute to

vote, confirm and submit your ballot. Once you have made and confirmed your selection you will get a screen with an orange button that says “Next Vote”. DO NOT click on this button until you are instructed to do so. You must leave this window open for the duration of the meeting to facilitate your vote in future ballots.

Deputy Borytsky announced the Best of the Best ICC Council winner is Council, 10913, St. Michael's, Lincoln.

Is there any other business to come before the Convention?

Hearing none, he continued, I would like to take this opportunity and thank those who have given of their time for the success of our virtual state convention and those who have given so much to the Knights of Columbus.

Our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Father Joshua Brown State Chaplain, Supreme Regional Growth Director and Past State Deputy of Utah, Ray Lopez.

Our state officers, Secretary Matt Richardson, Treasurer Bob Wolf, Advocate James Korth, Warden Michael Schaeffer, Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper. The screeners Mike Conrad Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director, Rich Lowery Past State Deputy and District Master, Tony Hergott Past State Deputy, and Ray Guggenberger Executive Secretary.

Our General and Field Agents, Foundations, Program and Membership teams.

District Deputy's and our Grand Knights and their Councils.

Thank you all for your support to the Knights of Columbus, Churches, Communities, Clergy, Religious and those who are less fortunate. You are a blessing to all of Humanity.

I need to take a minute to thank a group of brother Knights who made your viewing and participation in this virtual convention possible. These Brother Knights have worked many hours to bring new technology and abilities to our State Council and for that I am very grateful. Thank you to our Production Team: Rich Lowery, Past State Deputy & District Master; Mitchell Lowery; Scott Rockwell; Kevin Ostdiek, State Membership Director; Don Hypse, State Program Director; and Brian Hamik, Associate State Program Director. And finally, thank you to Paul Younes and his team for their hospitality and assistance throughout this weekend.

State Deputy Elect Matt Richardson will have some remarks.

State Deputy Elect Richardson thanked all for their support and confidence in him in electing him as the next Nebraska State Deputy. He announced that Rev. Justin Fulton will be the State Chaplain, PSD and District Master Richard Lowery will be the Membership Chairman and Brian Hamik will be the Program Director. Our motto for my term at State Deputy will be “DO NOT BE AFRAID” with St. Joseph as our patron. He concluded his remarks with thanking Paul Hostert for asking him to join the Knights of Columbus.

Deputy Borytsky stated let us close this annual meeting by reciting, St. Michael the Archangel prayer.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

I thank everyone for your time today. This concludes our Virtual Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Council, this meeting is officially adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

May God Bless you and your family.

Ray Guggenberger
Executive Secretary
Convention Recorder

Appendices

- A – 2020-2021 Necrology
- B – 2020 -2021 Awards
- C – Audit State Council
- D – Audit Culture of Life Foundation
- E – Audit Intellectual Disabilities Foundation
- F – Audit McGivney Foundation
- G – Listing of Past State Deputies and Chaplains

2019-2020 NECROLOGY

District Deputy or Former District Deputy					
(Please indicate if Former)					
<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Initial</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Current or Former</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Mbr # (if available)</u>
Richard	E	Schneider	Former	1/14/2020	1003204
Stephen	A	Little	Current	6/11/2019	3406404
Beckman	J	Leonard	Former	2/20/2020	2158049
William	T	Kibler	Current	4/21/2020	236832
Donald	G	Buescher	Former	4/6/2020	503599

Necrology
Knights of Columbus Mass
Kearney, Nebraska – April 24, 2021

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 in person Convention in 2019, Due to the pandemic

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

For the Fraternal Year 2019 - 2020

John M. Lukowski

Served our State Jurisdiction as the following: Youth Director, Sports Director, District Deputy, Program Director, State Warden, State Treasurer and State Secretary. In 2000, John was elected State Deputy and served two terms. John was a member of Council 3019 Omaha.

William T Kibler

Was appointed District Deputy in 2018 and served until his death in April of 2020. Bill was a long time Second Degree Ceremonial Captain. He was a member of Council 6192 Bellevue.

Stephen A. Little

Served as District Deputy from 2014 until his untimely death in June of 2019. He was a member of Council 10160 Omaha.

Donald G Buescher

Served as District Deputy from 1981 to 85. Don was a member of Council #1906 in Lawrence.

Leonard J. Beckman

From 1991 to 1995, Leonard served as District Deputy. He was a member of Council 2411 Elgin.

Richard E. Schneider

District Deputy from 1979 to 87. From 1994- 96 Dick was State Public Relations Chairman. He was a member of Omaha Council 5045.

For the Fraternal Year 2020 - 2021

Ronald J Fitzgerald

1983 -86 Ron served as State Youth Director and the Softball Chairman from 1986 to 88. From 1992 -94 he served as District Deputy. Ron was a member of Council 1728 in Kearney.

Francis R. Hoing

District Deputy from 1974 to 78. He was a member of Council 7740 Omaha.

Eugene T. Manley

Gene served as State Church Director, Council Director, and Membership Director. In 1992 he was appointed District Deputy and served for 4 years. He was a member of Council 3844 South Sioux City.

John A. Miksch

A member of Council 7762 Platte Center, John served as District Deputy from 1998 to 2002.

Jerald J. Owens

From 1994 to 1998, Jerald served as District Deputy. He also served as State Publicity Chairman. He was a member of Council 10163 Benkelman.

Harry J. Weidel

A member of Council 1904 Hebron, Harry served as District Deputy from 1987 to 1991.

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Publicity	Publicity	1	1st	Wood River	2351	Wood River	135 pts	Ken Schroeder
	Publicity	2	1st	Msgr. Michael E Dolan	1128	Chadron	785 pts	Jacob Rissler
	Publicity	3	1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	865 pts	Shawn Wilke
	Publicity	4	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	655 pts	Robert Hasiak
	Publicity	1	2nd	St. Joseph's	10163	Benkelman/Stratton	120 pts	Nicholas Ladenburger
	Publicity	2	2nd	Fr. Clement Bracht	10184	Omaha	120 pts	Mike McDonnell
	Publicity	3	2nd	St. Stephen	1906	Lawrence	710 pts	Dale Kimminau
	Publicity	4	2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	420 pts	Phillip Frost



Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Life	Supreme Service Award	1st	Monsignor David R. Hintz	13576	Lincoln	Pro-Life Education Series	James Bunch
	State Service Award	2nd	Sacred Heart	1793	Norfolk	Novena for Life and Burger Bash	Thomas Harrington

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Artist	Grand Knight
Life	Culture of Life Art Contest	1st	St. Joseph	2272	West Point	Joelle Peatrowsky	Scott Eisenmenger
	Culture of Life Art Contest	2nd	St. Vincent DePaul Council	10795	Omaha	Eva Pflaum	David Pastor
	Culture of Life Art Contest	3rd	Saint Anthony	9562	Grand Island	Alexxa Hiegel	Pete Morgan

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Amount	Grand Knight
Life	One Rose - One Life	1	1st	Wood River	2351	Wood River	\$ 1,194.40	Ken Schroeder
	One Rose - One Life	2	1st	St. Joseph	10894	Springfield	\$ 2,808.00	Kenneth Callicutt
	One Rose - One Life	3	1st	Christ the King	5045	Omaha	\$ 2,477.00	Kurt Glover-Ettrich
	One Rose - One Life	4	1st	St. Robert Bellarmine	10108	Omaha	\$ 7,820.61	Martin Callaghan III
	One Rose - One Life	1	2nd	St. Anthony	7889	Cedar Rapids	\$ 1,000.00	Byron Moseman
	One Rose - One Life	1	2nd	St. James	14320	Cortland	\$ 1,000.00	Neil Dominy
	One Rose - One Life	2	2nd	St. Francis Borgia	10412	Blair	\$ 2,058.65	Dale Kovar
	One Rose - One Life	3	2nd	St. Leo's	10387	Grand Island	\$ 2,123.00	Brent Keenportz
	One Rose - One Life	4	2nd	St. Wenceslaus	10909	Omaha	\$ 4,906.57	Thomas Worthington
	One Rose - One Life							



Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Amount	Grand Knight
Intellectual	Money Earned	1	Imperial	7081	Imperial	\$ 2,582.06	Mark Spady
Disability	Money Earned	2	Father Ulenberg	7684	Geneva/Grafton/Shickley	\$ 4,192.50	Arnold Schendt
	Money Earned	3	Prince of Peace	10923	Kearney	\$ 12,348.00	Jim Schaefer
	Money Earned	4	St. Wenceslaus	10909	Omaha	\$ 5,185.53	Thomas Worthington

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Percentage	Grand Knight
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Intellectual	Percentage Increase	1	1st	Father Robert Barry	6385	Bassett/Ainsworth	103.38%	James Arens
Disability	Percentage Increase	2	1st	Msgr Thomas Barden	6750	Tecumseh	173.41%	Tim Sisco
	Percentage Increase	3	1st	St. Luke	4979	Ogallala	246.80%	James Lempke
	Percentage Increase	4	1st	Father William A. Foster	9518	Ralston	117.66%	David Fowler
	Percentage Increase	1	2nd	High-Line	7778	Grant	90.30%	Justin Coats
	Percentage Increase	2	2nd	All Saints	8590	Holdrege	154.06%	Mike Pelster
	Percentage Increase	3	2nd	St. James	10895	Omaha	183.13%	Christopher Moriarty
	Percentage Increase	4	2nd	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	75.32%	Steven Douglas
	Percentage Increase	1	3rd	St. Francis of Assisi	5218	Verdigre	82.75%	Don Hanzlik
	Percentage Increase	2	3rd	Indianola	2693	Indianola	98.90%	Roger Buschkoetter
	Percentage Increase	3	3rd	Msgr. Raymond Wageman	8625	Valparaiso	167.07%	Roger Benes
	Percentage Increase	4	3rd	Father Treacy	3844	So. Sioux City	56.17%	Jon Conway

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Faith	Supreme Service Award	1st	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Spiritual Reflection Day	Dave Boone
	State Service Award	2nd	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast	Greg Jochum
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Faith	Support of Catholic Education	equal	Fitzgerald	833	Lincoln	Renovation of School Kitchen, Lunch Room and Library	James Stell
	Support of Catholic Education	equal	Fr. Joseph Vanderheiden	3152	Nebraska City	Scholarships and Education Assistance	Ken Carlstedt
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Faith	Support of Vocations	equal	St. Charles Borromeo	14077	Omaha	Support of Religious Formation Classes	Ryan Phillips
	Support of Vocations	equal	Saint Michael's	10913	Lincoln	Support of Deacon Alec Sasse and family	Daniel Mickells

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
Faith	Chaplain of the Year	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Rev. Lydell Lape
	Chaplain of the Year	2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	Fr. Justin Wylie

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Family	Supreme Service Award	1st	St. Boniface	2411	Elgin	Consecration to the Holy Family	David Kerman
	State Service Award	2nd	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Mardi Gras Fund-raiser for Teacher's Compensation	Dave Boone

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
Family	Family of the Year	1st	Msgr. Michael E Dolan	1128	Chadron	Tom & Linda Yeradi
	Family of the Year	2nd	St. Charles Borromeo	14077	Omaha	Michael & Maria Edward

Family of the Year	Honorable Mention	Saint Michael's	10913	Lincoln	Craig & Patty Marmie
Family of the Year	Honorable Mention	St. Leo's	10387	Grand Island	Greg & Angie Fisher

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Community	Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service	1st	Archbishop James Hugh Ryan	3019	South Omaha	P.A.C.E. Youth Events	Joseph Laitner

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Community	Supreme Service Award	1st	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Treasures of the Church	Greg Jochum
	State Service Award	2nd	St. Anthony of Padua	2716	Schuyler	In God We Trust' on County Courthouse's Entrance	Thomas Bayer

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
Community	Knight of the Year	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Ray Guggenberger
	Knight of the Year	2nd	Saint Michael's	10913	Lincoln	Pat Wagner

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
Community	Rookie Knight of the Year	1st	St. Elizabeth Ann	9771	Omaha	Michael Howick, Sr.
	Rookie Knight of the Year	2nd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Michael Hall

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Artist	Grand Knight
Community	Substance Abuse Poster	1st - Ages 8-11	Msgr. Maurice Helmann	11280	Lincoln	Kaelin Tae	Steven Wallingford
Youth		1st - Ages 12-14	Msgr. Maurice Helmann	11280	Lincoln	Olivia Pokorney	Steven Wallingford
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Artist	Grand Knight
Community	Keep Christ in Christmas	1st - Ages 5-7	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	Timos Miller	Steven Douglas
Youth		1st - Ages 8-10	Pope John XXIII	5439	Howells	Evan Hegemann	Ron Coufal
		1st - Ages 11-14	Holy Rosary	975	Alliance	Alexis Libsack	Brent Kusek

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
Ceremonials	George Nussrallah	1st	St. Wenceslaus	10909	Omaha	Rod Hofschulte, PSD
Ceremonials	George Nussrallah	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Larry Reed, PSD

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Percent Gain	Grand Knight
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	1	1st	Wood River	2351	Wood River	100.00%	Ken Schroeder
	Highest Percent Gain	1	2nd	St. John Paul II - UNO	16680	Omaha	75.00%	Andrew Nigro
	Highest Percent Gain	1	3rd	Victor Vifquain	7704	Crete	60.00%	Mark Pribyl
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	2	1st	St. Rose of Lima	10607	Genoa	116.67%	Mark Strnad

	Highest Percent Gain	2	2nd	St. Michael's of Spalding	13584	Spalding	112.50%	Robert Esch
	Highest Percent Gain	2	3rd	St. Francis	7550	Neligh	100.00%	Brian Hain
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	3	1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	84.62%	Shawn Wilke
	Highest Percent Gain	3	2nd	Father William Kearns	8579	Wayne	83.33%	Timothy Reinke
	Highest Percent Gain	3	3rd	St. Leo's	10387	Grand Island	76.92%	Brent Keenportz
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	4	1st	Saint Michael's	10913	Lincoln	118.75%	Daniel Mickells
	Highest Percent Gain	4	2nd	St. Vincent DePaul Council	10795	Omaha	90.48%	David Pastor
	Highest Percent Gain	4	3rd	Msgr. Maurice Helmann	11280	Lincoln	81.82%	Steven Wallingford

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Award Type	Grand Knight
ICC Awards	Champion (Previous Year)			Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	ICC Champion Plaque	Shawn Wilke
ICC Awards	ICC Gold		1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Plate	Shawn Wilke
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Plate	Dave Boone
ICC Awards	ICC Silver		2nd	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Plate	George Johnson
	ICC Silver		2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	Plate	Phillip Frost
	ICC Silver		2nd	St. Leo's	10387	Grand Island	Plate	Brent Keenportz
	ICC Silver		2nd	St. Vincent DePaul Council	10795	Omaha	Plate	David Pastor
	ICC Silver		2nd	Saint Michael's	10913	Lincoln	Plate	Daniel Mickells
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Phil Sheridan	1497	Fremont	Plaque	Richard Beran
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Beatrice	1723	Beatrice	Plaque	Dr. Joseph Brewer
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. James	1728	Kearney	Plaque	Andy Donovan
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Joseph	2272	West Point	Plate	Scott Eisenmenger
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Fairbury	4434	Fairbury	Plate	Randall Prellwitz
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Joseph's	4923	Lincoln	Plaque	Michael Sibbel
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Frances Dechantal	5143	Randolph	Plate	Mark Korth
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Plate	Robert Hasiak
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Msgr Thomas Barden	6750	Tecumseh	Plaque	Tim Sisco
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Victor Vifquain	7704	Crete	Plate	Mark Pribyl
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Father William Kearns	8579	Wayne	Plate	Timothy Reinke
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Saint Peter	10510	Lincoln	Plaque	Raymond Davis, Jr.
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Our Lady Of Guadalupe	10815	Omaha	Plaque	Samuel Lara
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Joseph	10894	Springfield	Plate	Kenneth Callicutt
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Msgr. Maurice Helmann	11280	Lincoln	Plate	Steven Wallingford
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Margaret Mary	11800	Omaha	Plaque	Jeffrey Steiner
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Cecilia	11823	Hastings	Plate	Marv Schultes
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Plate	Greg Jochum
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Father McGivney	12530	North Platte	Plate	Loren Baxa
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Monsignor David R. Hintz	13576	Lincoln	Plate	James Bunch

ICC Bronze	3rd	St. Patrick of Elkhorn	14914	Elkhorn	Plate	Jim Sperry
ICC Bronze	3rd	St. Mary's / St. Patrick's	15647	Davey	Plate	Gerald Mestl
ICC Bronze	3rd	Mary Queen of Angels	15944	Bellwood	Plate	Kenneth Schmid

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	Special Project	equal	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee	12687	Elm Creek	Flood Damage Repair and Benefit Fundraiser	Lloyd Wolfe
	Special Project	equal	St. Luke	4979	Ogallala	Caregiver Beds	James Lempke

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	On-Going Projects	equal	St. Leo the Great	10965	Omaha	Irish Soda Bread	Christopher Woodward
	On-Going Projects	equal	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Minute Man Program for Helping Parish	Dave Boone

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name
District Master	Quilt of Valor	1st Place	Fairbury	4434	Fairbury	Stephen Graff

Category	Award Type	Place	DD Name	District #	Home Town	Councils Served
State Deputy	District Deputy of the Year	DD of the Year	Glen Kampschneider	34	Omaha	10775, 10965, 14914, 151
		Runner Up	Dr. Bryan Welby, DVM	33	Lincoln	833, 4923, 10510, 10913

Category	Agency	Place	Agent's Name	Council #	Home Town	Councils Served
Insurance	Pfeifer Agent of the Year	1st	Craig Pfeifer	8579	Madison	1123, 5143, 8579, 8986, 9939, 10592, 11054, 146
	Swanson Agent of the Year	1st	Tim Nowak	4979	Ogallala	1126, 1211, 2693, 4979, 7081, 7734, 7778, 10163, 10506, 12530

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

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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
		Rev Robert Rooney, Kearney
2004-06	John Melena, Wayne	Most Rev William Dendinger, Grand Island
2006-08	Donald A. Ferneding, Beatrice	Rev Michael Gutsell, Omaha
2008-10	Michael G. Conrad, Fort Calhoun	Rev James Tiegs, Omaha
2010-13	James N Haiar, 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

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