



Matthew Richardson, State Deputy

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Leadership Training Seminar Wrapup



Fellowship, Honors, Tips, New Programs and Much More



The Leadership Training Seminar was held on July 15, 16, and 17 in Kearney at the Holiday Inn.

The Brother Knights attending, (DDs, GKs, Deputy GKs and FSSs) received their “packet” upon registration. It contained informational materials from the various program directors to take back to their councils.

A highlight of the seminar was the new and updated “Program Book,” which includes a growth section from the membership team. It also features valuable information for council use in conducting successful programs and information from all the program directors and chairman. Grand Knights unable to attend will have their packets delivered to them.

Saturday consisted of presentations from the program directors and chairmen with questions

answered about form submissions and program activities. Saturday evening, Mass was celebrated with the 4th Degree serving honor guard, followed by installation of officers and district deputies.

Following the installation, all enjoyed visiting during a social hour and an excellent State dinner meal. The evening ending with Knights and their spouses enjoying time together in the hospitality room, sharing stories and ideas in a relaxed atmosphere.



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Photos by Ray Guggenberger

Dignity of Work is a Gift to All

*I keep my nose on the grindstone, I work hard every day
I might get a little tired on the weekend, after I draw my pay
Then I'll go back workin', come Monday morning I'm right back with the crew
I'll drink a little beer that evening
Sing a little bit of these working man blues
-Merle Haggard, "Workin' Man's Blues"*



Father Justin Fulton
State Chaplain

Happy September, Everybody!!! School is back in session. Harvest is right around the corner. Football season is here. Playoff baseball is coming. And in America, we pause to celebrate the working person as we enjoy Labor Day! Who doesn't like a little Merle Haggard singing about the working world!??

The Catholic Church has always been a fan of the dignity of work. We realize that God has given each of us a memory, intellect, and free will. It is through labor that we use these gifts for the betterment of the world and the betterment of each other. God has charged us, in His first words to man in Genesis, to fill the earth and subdue it...and part of subduing it is working. Many Popes have written about the dignity of work and how work was made for man, and not man for work (Laborens exercens, by St. John Paul II). Each of us can take pride in a job well done. Subjectively, when we have a personal motivated reason to work, we work more diligently and objectively do a better job. We are not simply "cogs in a wheel." We are human beings, and we need work to show our creative intelligence, our abilities, and our love.

The Nebraska State Knights of Columbus understands this, and we echo it in our charitable works. We aim not to give a "handout" but a "hand-up". We are the heart and hands of Jesus Christ when we reach out and help our neighbors of the great State of Nebraska.

The Nebraska Knights have recently helped folks dealing with fires in southwest Nebraska, those affected by storms and hail, and those who have lost crops due to wind and storms. We have helped people who have lost work and those who have been dealt a blow in life. When we help, we spread more of God's love in our state—and we have fun doing it.

Let's celebrate the gift of work and the gift of love. Let's celebrate the wonderful work and gratuitous love of Christ and neighbor displayed by the members of the Knights of Columbus in our beloved Nebraska. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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

Cheers,

Very Rev. Justin Fulton

Chaplain, Nebraska State Knights of Columbus

Words from our State Deputy

Brother Knights,

The Leadership Training Seminar this July was a wonderful experience. Connie and I enjoyed seeing friends and making new ones throughout the weekend. The State Program and Membership teams put on a dynamic, valuable, and informative event for District Deputies and Council Leadership.

The Dodd decision that overturned Roe is an answer to many years of prayer. The answer to our prayers creates another need. Our work is not done. It is just starting, and prayer is still needed. As Knights, we are called to be men of action. Now more than ever, we must be ready to support women and their children in our communities. The Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program from Supreme does just that. It focuses directly on resource centers and maternity homes for women who choose life.

With the advent of a new fraternal year, we are again asking councils to focus on programs that develop faith, promote fraternity with other Catholics, and serve their parish and community. It is our belief that good programs will promote a return to Mass. These same programs will offer the opportunity for conversations about membership.

My take on membership: The latest numbers show, Order-wide, we lose 180 or so men each day. These numbers also show, Order-wide, we gain on average each day between 210-230 men. I want my children and grandchildren to experience the faith, joy, and camaraderie of the Knights of Columbus. To ensure viability as an organization that promotes faith, fraternity, and service to our parish and priests, we must continue to offer membership to eligible Catholic men.

Additionally, we must remember to focus on faith. Look around you at what secular society is and what it promotes. We are in mission territory. As Damien O'Connor reminded us, "the world desperately needs the Knights of Columbus." Young men and their families need somewhere to turn, and the Knights of Columbus is it. Be unapologetically Catholic and Do Not Be Afraid.

Vivat Jesus,



Matthew R. Richardson
State Deputy



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Leadership Training Wrapup (continued from pg. 1)

Sunday morning started with the celebration of Mass, concelebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Justin Fulton and Associate State Chaplain Fr. John Rooney.

The morning session was primarily devoted to the State membership team, with the focus on programs. Their reasoning came squarely from the belief that strong programs lead to more individuals becoming involved and asking to join the Knights of Columbus.

There was also a testimony shared by brother Knight

Caleb Mitchell from Hebron on the meaning of fraternity. He and his family received aid from the Nebraska Knights' McGivney Foundation after a fire destroyed their home in 2021.

The seminar concluded with closing remarks from all the State officers.

Brian Hamik
State Program Director

Winning I-80 Collar Series for Fun and Vocations



Joseph Bober
Athletics Chairman
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The I-80 Collar Series sponsored by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Council was played on June 12, 2022, at the University of Nebraska Omaha, Tal Anderson Field.

After a two-year hiatus, the priests from the Archdiocese of Omaha played the priests from the Diocese of Lincoln in a softball game.

The game is a way to celebrate Father's Day and raise funds. All proceeds from this year's game assist in promoting vocations and religious life in the Diocese of Lincoln and the Archdiocese of Omaha. The gates opened at 3:00 p.m., and the game started at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets were \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth, 4-17 years of age. Family packs were \$30.00 for 2 adults and 4 youths. Priests and Religious and children under 4 years were free.

The game drew about 1,200 spectators, who watched the Lincoln clerics win. The final score was 17 to 9. The traveling trophy was awarded to the Diocese of Lincoln. They hold a 5-1 record in the series.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Fr. Mike Zimmer from the Diocese of Lincoln.

Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament



The State Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 25, 2022
at Eagle Hills Golf Course.

We will use the same format as last year.

Please see the flier and reservation form in this Courier.



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Order Forms

Christ is Christmas, LLC, the Company that prints the Keep Christ in Christmas cards has not yet fully recovered from the Covid pandemic.

As a result, the Christmas cards printed in English are not available in 2022. In order to keep the true meaning of Christmas, you are encouraged to order specialty items including magnets, bumper stickers, seals and yard signs.

There is a full line of ethnic Christmas cards, including a Spanish display box.

An updated order form and color brochure can be found on the State Website www.nebraskakofc.org. They were also part of the packets the councils received at the State Leadership Training Seminar.

Be sure to use the order form for 2022.

After you print the order form, you will need to fill out the form and mail it along with your payment (including freight cost) to me.

Larry Koerner, State Faith Director
1700 St. Andrews Drive
Crete, NE 68333

Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy program.

Vivat Jesus,

Larry Koerner
Faith Director

New Programs of Interest

The following are some of the new programs and opportunities Supreme has implemented this year.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

This program is intended to encourage Councils to support Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes.

Supreme gives \$100 to centers that councils support with \$500 donations, up to \$400 per center, per year, per council. The Nebraska Culture of Life Foundation is also matching Supremes' donations with the same amount. If your council donates \$500 to a qualifying center or home, it turns out that the recipient will receive \$700.

Details can be found on the Supreme website under the Faith In Action "Life" category.

Eucharistic Processions

"The procession with the Blessed Sacrament...reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."

Pope Francis, Homily on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 6 June 2021

In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist, is emphasized as we go forth into the world.

It is not only in gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, that we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago. They walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world.

A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host.

For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith.

The procession is, finally, an invitation from Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live.

Ukraine Solidarity Fund

Supreme is offering a special credit for a donation of \$1,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund earns your council 1 credit in any category. A \$4,000 donation to this fund earns your council 2 credits in any category.

These three new programs were created to complement existing ones. With these new programs, your council can help people who are in a time of need.

As we know...

- Good Programs = Engagement, Evangelization.
- Engagement = Satisfaction.
- Satisfaction = Retention and Growth.
- Growth = More Evangelization.



Brian Hamik
Program Chairman
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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



State Knights of Columbus announces their
Nebraska Knights of Columbus
State Golf Tournament
Sunday September 25, 2022
Four Person Scramble



Check in opens at 7:00 A.M

Shotgun start at 8:00 A.M.

Eagle Hills Golf Course

501 Eagle Hills Drive

Papillion, Ne. 68133

402-592-7788

\$80.00 per golfer - Foursomes encouraged

Open to any Catholic age 18 and older

Men 65 and older shoot from seniors' tees

Women shoot from Red Tees

**Includes golf cart and steak dinner at the
South Council Hall**

4323 Washington, Omaha, NE

Cocktails 12:30 p.m. Ribeye dinner 1:00 pm.

**Not golfing? Join us for drinks and dinner for
just \$15.00 per person.**

Mail RSVP and checks to:

Joe Bober
4070 I Street
Omaha, NE 68107

Checks Payable to:

Knights of Columbus
Deadline: Sept. 22, 2022

Questions? Call Joe at 402-290-7954

Players in Foursome

Name	Address	Phone	Parish

Dinner only

Supreme Council Updates

There is much going on within the Knights of Columbus. Here are a few updates from Supreme.

The **Aid and Support After Pregnancy** program (ASAP) focuses on providing support to pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and locations where Supreme has placed an ultra-sound machine.

It will operate similar to the RSVP program. For every \$500 a council donates to an approved center (up to \$2,000), Supreme will send the council a \$100 check payable to the center.

Free online membership will continue. For anyone joining the Knights online using the new code **blessedmccgivney**, the first year of membership is free. Once they take part in the Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) exemplification, the financial secretary transfers them into the council via Member Management.

The Affiliate program will enter Phase III with its international focus. This program has returned over

10,000 members to councils so far.

The affiliate members raised over \$150,000 for Ukraine. We are unsure of when the next window for Nebraska will be. If it happens, it will occur sometime in the spring of 2023.

One modification to the Founders Award is that a council must hold two fraternal benefit nights and have seven member or member-eligible attendees. It is an honor system. It must be reported to the General Agent within seven days of the event. The award is a certificate. Only the Star Council Award is a plaque.

The McGivney award has been changed to a minimum of five members and maximum of fifteen members. The award is a certificate. Only the Star Council Award is a plaque.

Membership cards will no longer contain signatures.

There is no longer a form 450 to submit, and the DD form 944 happens once per year. This is due September 1.

IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.

SEPTEMBER

2629

Sep 1

Report of K of C Round Table

To: Supreme Council
Cc: Executive Secretary
Cc: District Deputy

SA-KIT

Sep 1

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

To: Supreme Council
Cc: Community Dir
Cc: District Deputy

EA-KIT

Sep 1

Essay Contest

To: Supreme Council
Cc: Culture of Life/
Mike and Mary Conrad
Cc: District Deputy

Sep 1 July State Per Capita Assessment

State Secretary Wolf

Sep 1

July Supreme Per Capita Assessment

Supreme Council

Sep 1

First ICC Reports

Program Director
Brian Hamik

NOVEMBER

FT-KIT

Nov 1

Free Throw Contest

Order Form

Supreme Council
Cc: Community Dir/Ken Prokop

Nov 4

Courier Articles due

Courier Editor

DECEMBER

Dec 10-12

Mid-winter Meeting

Nebraska City

State Officers
District Deputies

10784

Dec 15 Soccer Challenge Participation

To: Supreme Council
Cc: Community Dir
Cc: District Deputy

Ray Guggenberger, Executive Secretary
(402) 681-6572

3101 Washington St, #7
Bellevue, NE 68005

Per Capita Due September 1, 2022

**Your September per capita must be paid on time
to be eligible for ICC Gold next year**



Bob Wolf
State Secretary
bbwolf1955@gmail.com

What is per capita? Where does it go? How much is it? Where do the assessed numbers come from? These are some of the frequently asked questions when it comes to the per capita billing. Following are answers to each of these questions. Hopefully this will help everyone understand the per capita assessment.

What is per capita?

Per capita is an assessment on every member of the Knights of Columbus in all jurisdictions. Only Disabled and Honorary Life members are excluded from this yearly per capita assessment. Both the State Council and Supreme have per capita assessments.

Where does the money go?

The state assessment is designed to assist the State Council in funding items such as programs, conventions, Knights Courier, and the other expenses that are associated with running an organization like ours. Your State Council does not have other fund-raising programs to pay the general expenses of the State Council. Fundraisers, such as Tootsie Roll

Drive, Buck-a-month, One Rose – One Life, and the Vocation Lottery, all go to the Foundations that promote them for their use and that of the local Councils.

How much is it?

State per capita assessment

At this year's State Convention, the delegates voted to raise the State per capita by \$1.00 per member per year starting with the July 1, 2022, billing and \$1.00 per member per year starting July 1, 2023. Your state per capita invoice is sent two times each fiscal year. Invoices are sent directly to your council's Financial Secretary and are to be paid from your council's annual dues. Starting the 2022 Fraternal year, \$9.75 per member is assessed by the State Council and is your council's State per capita billing. One part will be billed July 1, 2022, and due by September 1, 2022, for \$4.88 per member. The remainder will be billed at \$4.87 per member on January 1, 2023, and due by March 1, 2023.

Supreme per capita assessment.

Supreme per capita assessment is currently \$4.50 per member per billing (twice yearly) and is your council's Supreme per capita billing. These invoices need to be downloaded from the Supreme website as Supreme no longer mails the assessments to the councils.

Where do the assessed numbers come from?

For both per capita invoices, the State Council uses the number of members that each council has on the Supreme membership roster as of July 1st of that current fiscal year. This is another reason why it is important that your council's Financial Secretary accurately maintains and updates your membership records with Supreme.

Worthy Grand Knights

Please think of us when your council hosts an event or conducts a service project. Please send us pictures from your events and include a description and council number so we can credit you. We can't promise to post each one we receive, but we would sure like to post what we can.

We have Facebook @NebraskaKofC, Instagram @kofc_nebraska, and Twitter @kofc_nebraska. If you haven't followed us yet, Do Not Be Afraid. The pictures can be sent to Josh at jprichardson248@gmail.com, and Nathan at nrichardson2139@gmail.com.



Be sure to follow the Nebraska Knights of Columbus on Facebook,
Instagram and Twitter and at www.nebraskakofc.org

The Inter-Council Competition (ICC) Just Got A Whole Lot Easier

The Inter-Council Competition (ICC) is back for its eighth year, and your council still has a chance to take home the coveted ICC Championship Belt.

The ICC program has been designed to encourage service to the Knights of Columbus, strengthening our Faith, Families, and Communities, and supporting all Life.

This year, we have made the submission process for ICC forms simpler to aid in the process. No more fillable PDF files to download, fill-out, save, and email to several people.

Now, all submissions can be completed directly through the State Website and can be found on the Inter-Council Competition Program Page (<https://nebraskakofc.org/programs/icc-forms.html>).

The layout on this page has changed slightly from previous years. As we are working to update all of the forms, you will notice two different buttons on the web page. The buttons that say to “Download” a specific form are still the fillable PDF files. We are working quickly to update these and hope to have them all converted to the new submission forms no later than the end of this year.

The new submission forms can be found by clicking on a button saying “Go to.” This will take you to a new web page with a form to fill out on line. Certain information will be required to submit each form. For example, Council Name and Number and Grand Knight or Program Director Name and Email are required to complete. There will also be information on the submission form that can be filled out for each of your programs/submissions that State officers, directors, and chairmen will use to evaluate submissions and determine the award winners for the 2023 State Convention in April.

You will also have the ability to upload documents and pictures with your submission for the officers, directors, and chairmen to see.

With these new website-based submission forms, once you have completed the required information, as well as any additional information you may choose to provide, you can click the “Send” button at the bottom of the page. This will automatically send a copy of your submission to the State Program Director, any additional directors or chairmen that may need it, and your council’s Grand Knight or Program Director (depending on the email you provided on the submission form). You will also see a new page on your screen saying that your submission form has been sent.

As you work on filling out your submission forms for the ICC Program, please make sure that you retain a copy of the email verifying your submission. This will be a way to double-check if there are any questions regarding form submissions.

If you have any questions or problems when using the new website-based ICC Program submission forms, you can contact several people for help. First, use the ‘Contact’ link at the bottom of the State Website to reach out to the website administrators. You can also contact State Program Director Brian Hamik or Assistant State Program Director Mitchell Lowery with any questions.

And don’t forget, submit early and submit often. It is great to see all of the wonderful projects that happen around the State throughout the year.

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*Questions?
Contact State Program Director Brian Hamik or Assistant State Program Director Mitchell Lowery.*

2023 State Free Throw Contest

Mark your calendars!

The date for the 2023 State Free Throw Contest has been set for April 15, 2023.

This event will again be held at Grand Island Central Catholic High School.

Let's see if we can exceed the 80 contestants from regional winners across the State of Nebraska from 2022.



2022 State Soccer Challenge October 29, 2022

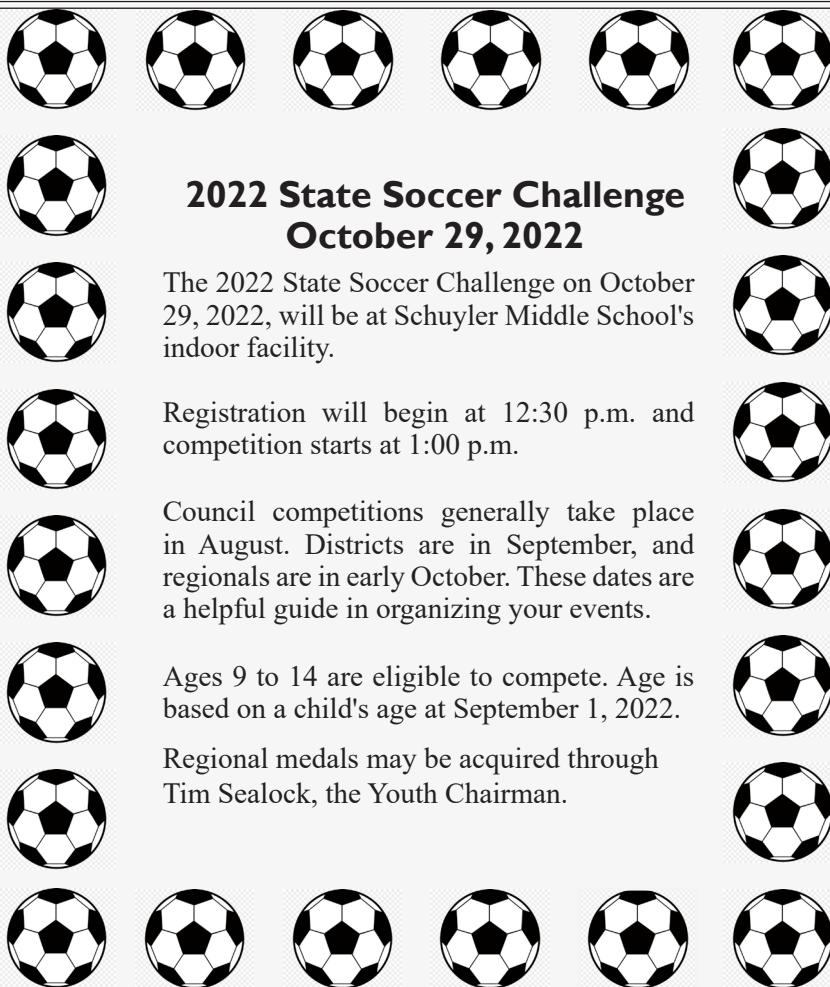
The 2022 State Soccer Challenge on October 29, 2022, will be at Schuyler Middle School's indoor facility.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and competition starts at 1:00 p.m.

Council competitions generally take place in August. Districts are in September, and regionals are in early October. These dates are a helpful guide in organizing your events.

Ages 9 to 14 are eligible to compete. Age is based on a child's age at September 1, 2022.

Regional medals may be acquired through Tim Sealock, the Youth Chairman.



Encourage Youth to Submit Poster Entries for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Posters are due to the Youth Chairman
by December 1, 2022.

Get entries to District Deputies before Nov. 30th
so they can get them to Youth Chairman in time.

This is a new date this year, so the posters can be
judged at the winter meeting in early December!

Be the one to animate a budding artist!



ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY)

Help mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100.

With the recent Supreme Court decision concerning Roe vs. Wade, the Knights of Columbus have introduced a new program to help support mothers and babies after birth.

The program is like the RSVP Program that supports Seminarians in that for every \$500 your Council or Assembly donates to a qualified pregnancy center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), Supreme will donate \$100.

The Nebraska Culture of Life Foundation will also donate an additional \$100 to these centers upon a council or assembly that donates a \$1,000 in support.

Please remember that we still have much work in the Pro-Life area that still needs our support prayerfully, financially, and physically. We may have won a victory in June but the battle is still before us.

In closing, please read and meditate on this quote from Saint Mother Teresa: "How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts."

Vivat Jesus,

Mike and Mary Conrad
Culture of Life Directors
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Fort Calhoun, NE 68023
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For more information or to print the ASAP handbook visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life-pregnancy-center-support/11371-aid-and-support-guide-book.pdf>.



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint 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 heavenly hosts,
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.

Fourth Degree News – So Long, but not Good-bye



Richard Lowery, PSD

District Master

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There have been several versions of the statement “when one thing ends a new thing begins.” While that may be true, I have never been a great fan of change.

On the other hand, change allows for new ideas and fresh perspectives. This is what I hope for your next District Master of the Nebraska Jurisdiction.

My term ends on August 31. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this position. Chances to make new friends and renew old friendship. Opportunities to exemplify the degree of Patriotism to new Sir Knights and continue to learn something about our faith and our country each and every time I participate in the exemplification. The chance to honor Brothers and their families by standing Honor Guard at their Rosary or Funeral. Honoring our commitment of In Solidarity with our Priests through attendance at Ordination Masses, working with seminarians, and providing our Bishops with our unwavering support. Honoring our Country through our support of current and past military members and their families.

All of these things, and so many more, are the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. To be a 4th Degree Knight is to truly wear your intentions as a Catholic and a Knight on your sleeve. It is an opportunity to continue these good works and the legacy of so many Sir Knights that have gone before us we need to do two things.

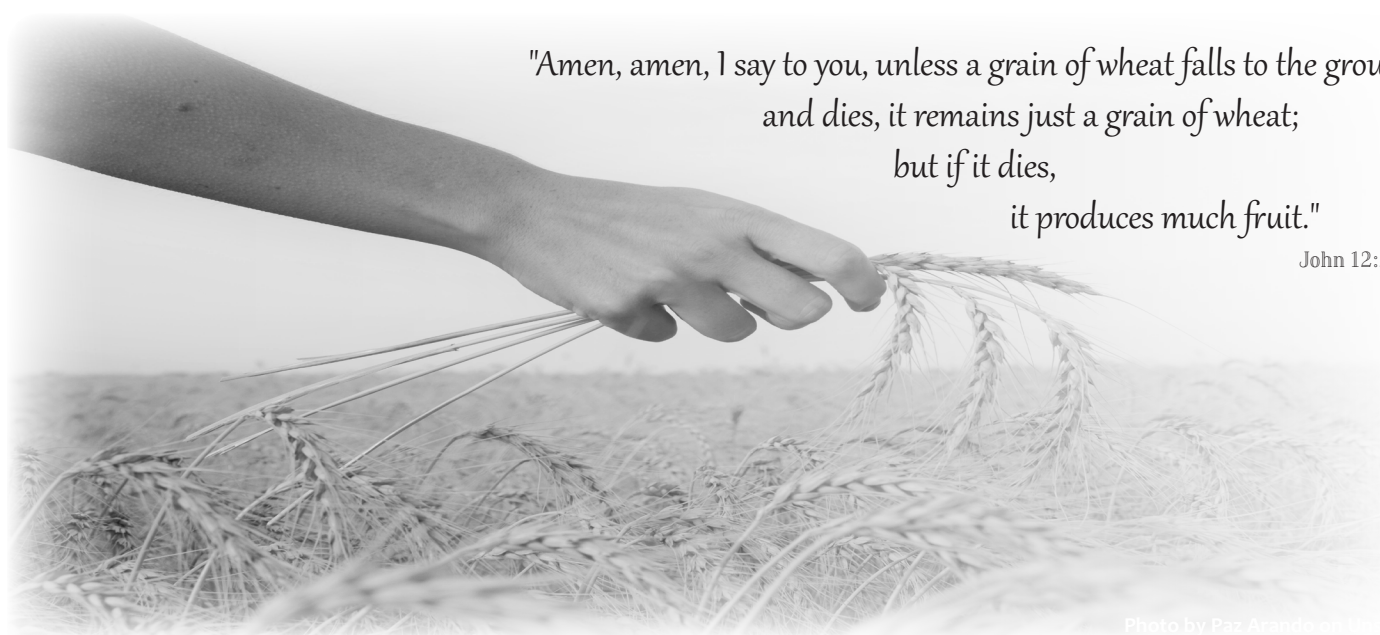
The first is to make sure that our Assemblies are active in the Church, in the parish and in the community. The second is our Assemblies need to host exemplifications to allow others to participate in these great works.

Words are not enough to thank you for your support and for friendships and memories that Gail and I will carry with us. I know that you will support our new District Master with the same enthusiasm and respect that you have shown me, and I so look forward to continued success for the 4th Degree. I would like to introduce you to your new District Master, but as I write this article that announcement has not been made. It is not expected until later in August. Whichever of the four Sir Knights, whose names were submitted and receives this position, will serve the Order and Nebraska well, and he will have my full support.

May God Bless each of you and I look forward to serving the Order in new and hopefully successful ways.

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces much fruit."*

John 12:24



PSD John T. (Jack) Carpenter **Loving and Faithful Servant of the Lord**

Jack Carpenter, Nebraska Knights of Columbus Past State Deputy, was a loving and faithful servant of God. He died on July 14, 2022, and is remembered for many things, least of which was his strong faith and love of family.

He was born on August 5, 1936, in Bronx, New York, and attended parochial schools in New Jersey. He went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame in 1958 and the Fordham School of Law in 1963.

Jack was a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a Company Commander with the 9th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California, from 1958 to 1960. He married Omaha native, Mary Virginia Clapp, at St. Philip Catholic Church on August 26, 1961.

In addition to his Omaha law practice as a plaintiff attorney from 1963 to 2000, professionally he served as president of the Nebraska Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates from 1978 to 1980, and was a fellow in the American College of Trial Attorneys, a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and an advocate with the American Board of Trial Advocates.



PSD Carpenter was very active in the Catholic Church. He served on the high school boards at Mount Michael Benedictine, Creighton Prep, Roncalli and Marian, as well as at Madonna School and Community Based Services.

Brother Carpenter thoroughly enjoyed his 50-year history with the Knights of Columbus. During this time, he served as the Grand Knight for Santa Maria Council 5287 (1966 to 1968), several State officer positions over 16 years and State Deputy of Nebraska (1976 to 1978). Additionally, he was a member of the Serra Club of Omaha, the Archbishop's Committee for Educational Development, Nebraska Chapter President of the Catholic League, 40 years as a Eucharistic Minister, and a daily communicant until his health failed him.

PSD Jerry Smith, a long-time friend, was recruited by PSD Jack Carpenter to join the Knights in 1962. Jerry said that during Jack's long illness, he visited Jack often at his home. During this time, he witnessed firsthand Jack's strong faith in God, as well as his deep love for his family and the countless friends he made throughout his life.

Jerry also said that Jack never had a bad word for anyone and was always in the presence of a rosary, either visible or on his person, his chair or a nearby table. Jack was always interested in others and would regularly ask Jerry about his family, Jerry's brother a Holy Cross priest, Notre Dame sports, and the status of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska.

Jerry remarked that he was inspired by Jack's strong faith in God and his deep love for his wife Mary of 61 years, for his children John, Molly and Jenny and for his six grandchildren.

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

News from the **NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY**

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa

Awesome!
Agents of the MonthApril
Tim DagelMay
Matt HarmJune
Donnie Kenkel**Looking
for a great
career and team?**Call or Email
Neil Today
402-379-0180
neil.pfeifer@kofc.org**Certified Long Term Care Designations Announced**

Neil Pfeifer



J. Krawczyk

Congratulations to Neil Pfeifer and J. Krawczyk, from the Neil Pfeifer Agency, and Brian Almond, from the Swanson Agency, who have received the Certified Long Term Care (CLTC) designation.

Through comprehensive training, they gained knowledge in long term care services, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans benefits, self-funding long term care, long term care insurance and much more.

Their better understanding of these programs and long term care options through this in-depth education translates to more options in educating others and helping people with extended care and nursing home costs. It is another excellent way these agents serve Knights of Columbus families in Nebraska and Western Iowa.



Brian Almond

**Congratulations
Million Dollar Round Table Qualifiers**

Agents from the Neil Pfeifer Agency who qualified for Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) this year are from left, top: Neil Pfeifer, Tim Dagel, Brent Graettinger, Stewart Havranek, Donald Kenkel, Roy Metter, Craig Pfeifer, Noah Pfeifer, Pete Seuntjens, and Kevin Weber! MDRT agents rank in the top three percent of financial professionals in the world.

MDRT is the Premier Association of Financial Professionals. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of sales excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.



News from the **TONY SWANSON AGENCY**

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska



**Tanner Lockhorn Joins
the Swanson Agency**

Tanner Lockhorn is the newest member of the Swanson Agency Team! He comes to the Swanson Agency after working in the banking industry for the past several years and is eager to serve Catholic families and advance Blessed McGivney's mission.

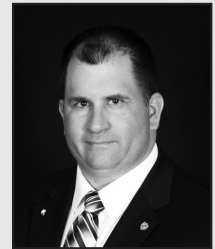
Tanner will be serving members in the following councils in Lincoln and the surrounding area: 1833 (Wahoo), 8889 (Brainard), 9563 (Cathedral – Lincoln), 11652 (Abie/Bruno), 12557 (Ashland/Greenwood) 15407 (Sacred Heart – Lincoln), 15647 (Davey).

New Office Opens in Lincoln



Agents Ian Johnstone (ian.johnstone@kofc.org), Tanner Lockhorn (tanner.lockhorn@kofc.org), and David St. Hilaire (david.st.hilaire@kofc.org) have opened a new office at 6221 S. 58th St., Ste. F in Lincoln.

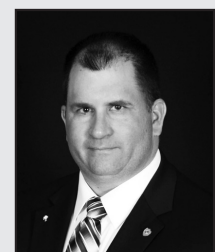
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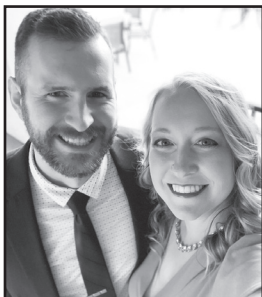
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Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities October 13-16, 2022



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As the summer draws to a close, we start to look ahead to the many activities we enjoy each fall. From football games to trips to the pumpkin patch, we all have activities that bring our families closer at this time of year. One activity to consider adding to your annual list is the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Once again, brother Knight and Governor, Pete Ricketts, has been asked to sign a proclamation declaring the week of October 13-16, 2022, as "Support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week" in the State of Nebraska. To follow suit, the State Council has designated October 13th to 16th as the official dates for the campaign. Each council, however, is welcome to pick dates based on their availability.

The 2020 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities was not exempt from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Contributions that year were down significantly, which has forced the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation to decrease the amount we have been able to provide to organizations across the state serving those with special needs.

We were extremely encouraged to see the success of the 2021 drive as contributions were up over 65% compared to the 2020 drive! We are hoping to see this success and the strong efforts continue again this year as we work back to normal giving levels.

However, for this to happen, we need the help of all our councils. If you have not already done so, please reach out to local businesses and schedule a time where the Knights can conduct their drive.

Please speak with your parish priest about setting up a weekend to hold the drive at your parish as well. If a traditional drive does not work for your council, we

"Helping People with Special Needs"

encourage you to come up with another way to raise funds. We are more than willing to help you create a plan, if needed.

As a reminder, the final report and ALL money collected are due to the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation Directors by January 31, 2023. All of the money that a council collects during the drive MUST be submitted to the Foundation.

Once the money and report are received, the Foundation will write a check(s) back to the organization(s) each council notes on their report, up to 50% of the collected funds.

The remaining 50% is used by the Foundation to provide support for special requests from organizations throughout Nebraska. Any funds that have not been requested back by a council by June 30, 2023, will be forfeited by the council and become part of the Foundation's funds.

We are counting on each of you to make the 2022 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities a success. Do not hesitate to include your families and friends.

Growing up, some of my first memories of the Knights of Columbus were of helping hand out Tootsie Rolls® with my dad and grandpa.

Allowing your families to be part of the philanthropic experiences that we do as Knights help to create the memories and traditions that will live on for years to come. Remember that the Knights of Columbus is for the whole family.

If you have any questions, need any assistance with your campaign, or have an idea for conducting a drive that could benefit other councils, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

God Bless you and all you do,

Stephen and Sammi



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Project Lori

Make a Difference in the Life of a Youth with Intellectual Disabilities



Brother Knights,

As the holiday season approaches, memories of my family flood my thoughts. Each year around this time, my parents Paul and Jan Hostert would start the Region 4 Christmas program.

Many of you know that I had a sister, Lori, with special needs. She attended Region 4 Services and lived in a group home in O'Neill.

The first Christmas she was there, my parents bought every resident a jar of candy decorated as a Santa Claus. The staff told my parents how much the residents loved their gift and how many of them did not have any gifts for Christmas because they had no family.



This was so hard for my parents to hear, so the following year my mom requested from each resident a list of what they would like for Christmas. With no idea how we would pay for such an extensive list, we prayed that it would work out.

The lists we received taught us the true meaning of Christmas. The lists were simple and heart felt. Their requests included soap, Kleenex, a book, socks, and maybe a shirt. Our extended family heard about our gift giving project and wanted to be involved.

Word spread to other family, to our local Knights council, our town residents, and to towns across northern Nebraska.

We were so blessed with donations and gifts that we would stay up all hours of the night wrapping, sorting, and labeling present after present. The excitement of watching these special residents open the gifts taught everyone the true meaning of giving. For many years, my family and our community continued to provide gifts for this special group of people.

So, with these memories fresh in my mind, I started "Project Lori" last year. For the first project, I chose Villa

Marie Home and School in Waverly. The Marian Sisters and Villa Marie staff provide 24-hour care for children with special needs.

When I asked Sister what the children may need, the responses were similar to what my parents heard all those years ago. The requests are simple...hair bows, football cards, maybe a book. Sister also said they could use new sheets for their beds. Simple requests that I believed the Knights could fulfill.

The Knights and councils across Nebraska were so generous!! This year, I would love to expand "Project Lori" to provide Christmas gifts to special needs individuals in all three dioceses of Nebraska. We would like to provide gifts to Villa Marie again, as well as additional places in the Diocese of Grand Island and the Archdiocese of Omaha.

I am asking all Knights and councils across Nebraska to express the true meaning of giving this Christmas. Please take a moment and consider a donation gift to "Project Lori." All donations will be used to purchase gifts for these special needs individuals.

We would like to receive all donations by December 1st so the finishing touches for the gifts can be completed at the Mid-Year Ladies Program on December 10th in Nebraska City.

If you can assist us in this effort to bring a smile to a child's face, please send your monetary donation payable to Nebraska Knights of Columbus to:

Nebraska Knights of Columbus
C/O Connie Richardson
2621 SW 19th Street
Lincoln, NE 68522

Your donation will make a difference in the life of a child.

Thank you for all your support, and may God Bless you and your families.

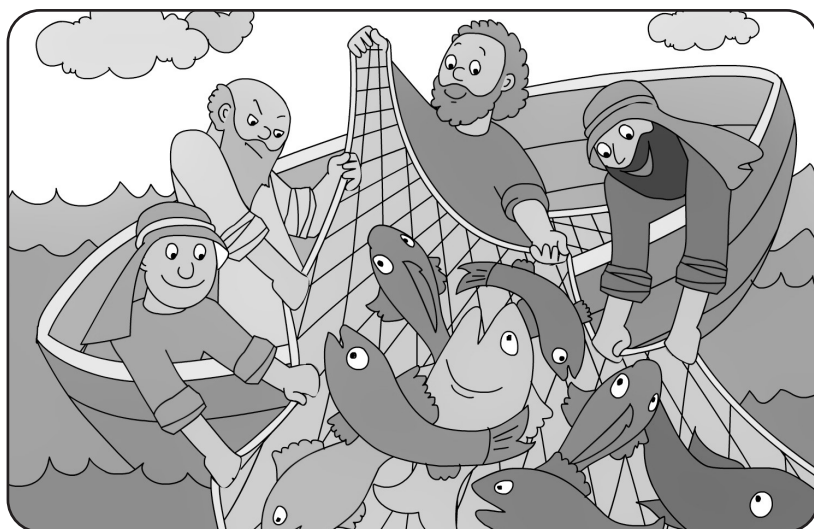
Connie Richardson
Wife of State Deputy Richardson

Father Justin Fulton
State Chaplain

Fishers of Men

Over the past few weeks Gail and I have been watching the series *The Chosen*. For what it is worth, I think it is really good. As I have watched, I have begun to appreciate the human side of Jesus. To see him portrayed as someone who laughs, jokes, smiles, and just thoroughly enjoys life, is very refreshing.

One scene continues to stick in my mind. Jesus is teaching at the sea when Peter and Andrew bring their boat in after being out all night and catching nothing. Jesus asks Peter if he can come on his boat to continue teaching because those on the shore are having trouble hearing. Peter reluctantly allows him.



When he finishes teaching, Jesus turns to him and says put your net over the side. Peter argues but finally gives in, and you all know the rest of the story – a catch large enough to cover all his debts and take care of his family. Then Jesus turns to him and says, “follow me.” Again, Peter tries to say no, that he is just a fisherman. Jesus is persistent and tells him he will experience something completely new and different by becoming a “fisher of men.” In the series, Peter turns to Andrew and says, “what does that mean?” Andrew replies, “If He wanted you to know, He would tell you.”

We have that same call from Jesus to be “fishers of men.” But what does that mean in today’s world? I think, for me, it means giving Catholic families not only the opportunity but solid reasons to join a Catholic, family, fraternal organization that will help their families grow in faith and find ways to give back to their parish, community, and the Order.

What programs has your council put in place to attract young families? How are you providing opportunities to grow the faith of your members and your parish community? Is your council active and showing the way for families to live as Jesus did – joyful and caring for those in need?

This is what the Knights of Columbus is about. Giving ourselves to others. Taking care of those in need. Serving the poor. In today’s world, we are “fishers of men.”

Help your council cast nets that will benefit your parish, your community, and most importantly, Catholic families who are yearning for a place to grow and protect their faith.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our regional meetings.

Vivat Jesus,

Richard Lowery, PSD
State Membership Director



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Cash Gifts

To make a cash gift, make a check payable to Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, and send to PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Or you can make an on-line gift at www.catholicgift.org. On the Southern Nebraska home page hit the DONATE button, follow the prompts to the drop-down menu where you will find the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, and then make either a one-time gift or a recurring gift via electronic funds transfer (EFT), or your credit card.

Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds

To make a gift of stock or mutual funds, contact the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska at 402-488-2142, or send an email request to chris-raun@catholicgift.org. He will provide you with the instructions you need to transfer stock or shares of mutual funds directly to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation.

Gifts of Grain

If you own grain that you would like to donate to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, call Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen at the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska. They will provide you with simple instructions for a grain donation. If your local elevator or coop does not already have a Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska account, call Chris Raun at 402-488-2124, and one will be immediately opened to receive your gift (transfer of grain). The Foundation's account will receive the donation, the grain will be immediately sold and a check will be sent directly to the Catholic Foundation for depos-

it into the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation. There will be no fees charged by the Catholic Foundation to reduce your gift.

Memorials

People often struggle to decide where memorial money should be directed at their deaths. For an active and committed member of the Knights of Columbus, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is a natural choice for memorial gifts or planned estate gift. Memorial gifts to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation will be a gift of principal, which when endowed will continue to generate ongoing gifts to the charity every year into perpetuity. It is a one-time gift that becomes an ongoing legacy gift.

Gift Acknowledgment

In all cases, once your gift is received, you will receive a gift acknowledgment letter. With the exception of grain donations, you can use the acknowledgment letter to claim a charitable deduction from your income tax. In the case of a grain donation, the acknowledgment letter will confirm and thank you for your gift. Once sold, the value of the grain sold will constitute your gift, and you will not have to pay income tax on the value of the grain donated.

Questions

For further information on any and all types of gifts that can be made to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, call Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen at 402-488-2124 or email Chris at chris-raun@catholicgift.org.

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