

**Nebraska State Council  
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Held on April 28-30, 2023  
Kearney, Nebraska**



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NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HELD IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA ON THE 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2023**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – INSURANCE AGENCY SOCIAL**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – PSD/FSC SOCIAL**

The State Council hosted a short special for the Past State Deputies and Former State Chaplains in the Fairfield Hotel Hospitality room.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – AWARDS BANQUET**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – PSD/FSC BREAKFAST MEETING**

Twenty-three (23) Past State Deputies and their wives, Former State Chaplains attended. A special guest was Anthony Minopoli, Supreme Director from the Supreme Council.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – HOLY HOUR**

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration started the day.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – MORNING FORUM**

This year's program was a "A Son's Story of a Birth Mother's Gift" featuring Mark Schultz. Program was well received. Approximately 325 attended.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – NOON LUNCHEON**

The noon luncheon was held in the Crystal Room at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska. The "2023 Family of the Year" was awarded to the Clem and Maggie Pella family from Lincoln Nebraska, council 11001. The runner up family was the Michael and Penny Fehringer family from Wayne Nebraska, council 8579. .

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – LADIES PROGRAM**

The lady's program was a relaxing Faith and Fun session filled with fun and games with other Knights family from Nebraska.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – BUSINESS MEETING**

State Deputy Richardson called to order the State meeting of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section at 1:40 PM in the Diamond Room at the Younes conference Center. Deputy Richardson called on State Warden Hypse, "Are all present in possession of a current membership card and are they seated in their proper seats. Warden Hypse so vouched. Deputy Richardson called on State Chaplain Very Reverend Justin Fulton to lead the opening prayer. Deputy Richardson called on District Master, Mark Borytsky to lead the "Pledge of Allegiance." Deputy Richardson introduced our special guest, The Supreme Director Anthony Minopoli. All responded with a hearty Nebraska welcome for our Supreme guest, we are indeed honored to have you grace us with your presence and we hope your stay here will be an enjoyable and most memorable one. Deputy Richardson introduced State Advocate James Korth as the Parliamentarian for this Convention. Advocate Korth acknowledged the assembly and stated that "Robert's Rules of Order" would be followed for this meeting

Deputy Richardson called on Secretary Wolf **to** introduce this year's recorder and to read any communications received. Secretary Wolf introduced Executive Secretary Raymond Guggenberger, from Bellevue Council 6192. Secretary Woolf read the following communications. Secretary Wolf continued, as a point of order for this convention, any council making a motion, or seconding a motion will loudly announce the number or name of your council. The Chair shall repeat the number for the recorder.

March 6, 2023

Matthew R. Richardson  
State Deputy  
Nebraska State Council  
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Richardson:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the Nebraska State Council.

This fraternal year is the first since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned — a singularly important milestone toward which Knights of Columbus worked tirelessly for fifty years. I am very proud that, in every country, Knights are in the vanguard of the pro-life movement, and our efforts to build a Culture of Life must continue into the future.

In the coming year, the Supreme Council will introduce several new initiatives focused on the spiritual formation of our members. I encourage all councils to participate in these initiatives, including the Cor Meeting — a new opportunity for prayer, formation, and fraternity. While our charitable work remains essential to our mission as Knights, our Catholic faith is truly the heart of what makes us Knights of Columbus.

I am deeply grateful to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, and to each brother Knight who has worked so hard this past year. I am honored to serve alongside you as your Supreme Knight and look forward to working together in the days ahead.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight

April 2023

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Dear Brother Knights,

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

As we face many challenges within the Church and in our contemporary culture, we hear the voice of Jesus, who encourages us: Be not be afraid. I am grateful for the courageous witness of the Knights of Columbus. I will pray that your time together will be a source of grace and inspiration for all.

With best wishes and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha

April 29, 2023  
*Saint Catherine of Siena*

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

My cordial greetings and blessings for the annual state Knights of Columbus convention in Kearney. Unfortunately, previously scheduled events do not allow me to be with you in person this year. However, please know that I accompany you in prayer. I look forward to further collaboration with the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska.

I have been a Fourth Degree Knight since my years in Denver as Auxiliary Bishop. The many works of the Knights of Columbus are to be commended, especially the undaunted and faithful effort in defense of the unborn, as well as religious liberty, and the rights of conscience for medical and pharmaceutical providers. Of course, the Knights' support and prayers for priests and consecrated religious is deeply appreciated by all faithful Catholics.

May the work and deliberations of this annual state Convention bear abundant blessings, promoting fraternity, unity, charity, and patriotism, the hallmark of any gathering of the Knights of Columbus and their spouses. With my promise of prayer and wish for the happiness here and hereafter for those at the convention, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Rev. James D. Conley  
Bishop of Lincoln

April 2023

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

How good it is for us to gather from across our great state for the Nebraska State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. As the Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island I welcome you to this great gathering here in Kearney.

Each year this convention unites our brotherhood is renewed at our State Convention in a joyful celebration of our faith as we pray together, honor our individual members and their families, and salute our fine Councils. I am filled with gratitude for all members of the Knights of Columbus throughout Nebraska who dedicate themselves to the works of charity in such a variety of ways. In particular I want to thank our Grand Knights and District Deputies for their leadership and commitment to the vision of Fr. Michael McGivney.

In these challenging times, both in our culture and in the Church, we need each other for stability and encouragement. Truly, the Knights of Columbus in this State are a most positive sign of hope and vitality for us all.

As we gather in Kearney this weekend, may the Lord renew our hope in Him, especially in the joyful Easter season. Together may we be strong in faith and in the service of all who need us.

With joy in Christ who has been raised!

Most Rev. Joseph G. Hanefeldt  
Bishop of Grand Island

Secretary Wolf moved that the remaining letters be entered into the proceedings without being read. Council 2373 seconded, motion passed.

April 2023

Brothers Knights, Families, Delegates, and Guests,

It is with great pleasure and honor I welcome you to the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Convention.

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

I want to thank everyone involved with planning and preparing for this convention. After two years as State Deputy, the State Officers and I agree it takes a team. Nebraska is blessed to have a fantastic team planning and executing each event, and I am forever grateful to everyone involved.

It is a blessing to welcome Bishop Emeritus Dendinger to our Luncheon on Saturday. On Saturday evening, we are blessed to Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Hanefeldt, join Bishop Emeritus Dendinger; together they will celebrate mass. Nebraska Knights enjoy the support of our Bishops, and we are grateful to have them with us whenever their schedules permit.



Over the past two years, Councils across Nebraska took “Do Not Be Afraid” from Matthew 1:20 quite literally. These men and their families provided aid and comfort to individuals and families in need. And while the Supreme Council’s Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) fundraising competition for jurisdictions may culminate at this convention, the need for support will always be present. I encourage all councils to continue the support of pregnancy centers and maternity houses. I urge each of you to continue showing Christ’s presence in our world.

One of my brother State Deputies often says, “One is better than none.” Sometimes growing the order feels like an uphill climb, especially in smaller parishes and councils across Nebraska. Like many of you, I want this great order thriving for my children and grandchildren. As you share your faith with men and their families, Do Not Be Afraid to give them the opportunity to deepen their faith, grow in fraternity with other Catholic men, and serve their community by joining this great order. One is better than none. Thank you for attending our annual convention and thank you for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,

MATTHEW R. RICHARDSON  
State Deputy.

April 2023

Dear Knights and Families:

Peace be with you. Do not be afraid.

On behalf of all the clergy and religious of the three dioceses of the state of Nebraska, welcome to fabulous Kearney and the 2023 Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Convention! It is a humbling honor to be the current State Chaplain for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.

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

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

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

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

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

Very Reverend Justin Fulton, V.G.  
Diocese of Lincoln

April 2023

Nebraska State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
c/o Mr. Matthew Richardson, State Deputy  
2621 SW 19th St  
Lincoln NE 68522-2457

My Brother Knights of Columbus,

I send my greetings to all of you as you gather for your annual State Convention this year in Kearney on April 28 – 30. I regret that I cannot join you this year. The Knights of Columbus are such a vital lay ministry in promoting the cause of Catholicism in our world. I will pray for you as you gather for business and fellowship to continue the important mission of the Knights throughout Nebraska, as well as throughout our nation and in many places in our world. You provide valuable support for our Holy Father Pope Francis, and for all the bishops in union with him.

I am very proud of Knights everywhere, and especially here in Nebraska, who daily listen to the very words of Jesus Christ to “Be not afraid.”

I am sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Elden F. Curtiss  
Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha

April 2023

Mr. Robert Wolf  
State Secretary, Knights of Columbus  
Nebraska State Council  
814 Canal Street  
Scottsbluff NE 69361

Dear Robert Wolf and Knights of Columbus

Thank you for your very gracious letter to me which I received on March 17, 2023, telling me of the state convention this coming April 28-30, 2023, in Kearney. Although I must send me regrets telling you that I will not be able attend the State Convention this year, I am very happy to note the Knights of Columbus continue to grow and to be of great service to the Archdiocese and Dioceses of Nebraska.

Because I am not able to be with you, I am happy to send in this letter a greeting to the State Convention attendees, and as a matter of fact, to all Knights of Columbus of Nebraska

through them. Allow me to also thank you in anticipation of your continued and exceptional generous support for the great causes for which you make generous sacrifices, causes such as priestly formation and education of seminarians. The charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism of our Order is reflected in our State by unprecedented generosity, dedication and Catholic commitment by the Knights, and their families, and loved ones.

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

Asking God to bless you personally, State Secretary Wolf, and asking our Divine Lord to being with His grace and a smile to His love to all those who are at the State Convention this year, and assuring your once again of my great admiration for the Knights of Columbus, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskevitz

April 2023

Dear Fellow Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the State Knights of Columbus Convention. It's a real joy to see so many Knights involved in the mission. I must say it's more than the four days of the convention. It's the day-to-day mission and dedication of the Knights in the local councils that I appreciate even more. The mission of the Knights cannot be put on cruise control or auto pilot. It takes the day-to-day attention to people and details of fraternity, unity, and charity to make the mission concrete and visible.

Thank you for your continuous participation today and tomorrow. The history of the Knights of Columbus is outstanding, but the future is even brighter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Emeritus William J. Dendinger  
Diocese of Grand Island

Mayor Stanley A. Clouse  
City of Kearney  
18 East 22nd Street  
P. O. Box 1180  
Kearney, NE 68848-1180

On behalf of the 34,000 plus residents of Kearney, I am pleased to welcome back to Kearney, members of the Knights of Columbus for the 118th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention occurring this year on April 28 – 30, 2023. The City of Kearney is delighted that the Knights of Columbus have once again chosen Kearney as their host community.

The Knights of Columbus, founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in 1882, has a long and noble history of Councils supporting their community through financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled, and needy members and their families. Today, with over 2 million members around the world, including over 300 on college campuses, we know that each Council is enhancing the quality of life in their parishes, their neighborhoods, and their communities. Kearney feels fortunate to be home to both the Knights of Columbus Council 1728 established in 1914 and the Knights of Columbus Council 10923 established in 1992, both providing numerous hours of volunteer services to the Kearney community, college students and members of their parish.

As Conference attendees and their families gather in Kearney this year, we hope there is opportunity to explore some of Kearney's world-class attractions including: The Archway, the Frank House, Trails and Rails Museum, the Nebraska State Firefighters Museum and Education Center and Rowe Sanctuary just to name a few. Kearney also offers a diverse shopping experience whether it be at one of the numerous quaint shops found in our historical Downtown District, on "The Bricks", at one of the over 37 stores found in Kearney's Hilltop Mall that has been a fixture in the Kearney community since 1984 and has recently undergone renovations adding several new shopping opportunities, offering shopping experiences at one of Kearney's nationally recognized discount or franchise operations or at the Cabela's/Bass Pro Shop.

Kearney is also home to several recreational attractions including a historic movie theatre, two additional movie theatres, a bowling alley, an indoor GoKart Track, miniature golf and an indoor golf simulator. Outdoor activities abound in Kearney whether it be golfing at the City's Golf Course, kayaking on Kearney's White-Water Trail, or exploring one of Kearney's 18 parks. Visitors can also explore the community by foot or bike on Kearney's hike/bike trail that connects City parks, neighborhoods, retail areas, and schools throughout the City.

Make sure to also allow time to partake in one of Kearney's superior dining opportunities, whose menus offer prime Nebraska steaks and burgers, mouthwatering barbeque and authentic Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Thai, and Mexican food. The fun doesn't stop in Kearney when the sun sets, as Kearney is fortunate to be home to a lively nightlife that includes local breweries and pubs as well as live entertainment venues and sports bars.

As the Mayor of Kearney, I am extremely happy that Kearney is hosting the 118th Knights of Columbus Conference and hope that attendees and their families are able to experience some of the many fun and educational opportunities Kearney has to offer. Kearney truly has something for everyone. We hope you enjoy your stay!!

Sincerely,

**CITY OF KEARNEY**

Stanley A. Clouse  
Mayor

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

State Deputy Richardson  
State Chaplain Very Reverend Fulton  
Immediate Past Deputy Borytsky  
State Secretary Wolf

State Treasurer Schaeffer  
State Advocate Korth  
State Warden Hypse

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

## **STATE DEPUTY REPORT**

Your Excellencies, Very Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Guest, Past State Deputies, State Officers, State Advisor, District Master, Directors, Chairmen, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Council Delegates and Guests: It is my pleasure to welcome you, the members of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus, to this year's 2023 State Convention. As the State Deputy of this great Order, it is my privilege to offer this State Deputy Report. My report allows me to briefly describe the events and achievements of this past fraternal year. Last year, at the 117th State Convention in Kearney, you elected me as your State Deputy; it has been an honor to serve you again this Fraternal Year. Although it entails tremendous responsibility it carries with it the immense joy of collaborating with brother knights and their families. My hope is that I was able to perform to your expectations.

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

I began the task of appointing brothers to serve as district deputies for the state. Upon accepting the position in July for year two, we had around thirty of the of the forty-three district deputies in place, ten districts are vacant, and we are still working to fill all vacancies. I have asked a lot from you this Fraternal Year and I express my thanks to you for your efforts and dedication to your councils. You each were selected because of your leadership abilities within your respective districts. All successes are due in large part to your efforts and dedication.

The first week in June, my wife, Connie, and I attended the State Deputies Training Meeting in New Haven, Connecticut. The Supreme program for affiliate membership and the extension of McGivney 2020, now Blessed McGivney was revealed and requirements for qualifying for Supreme Council awards were established. I had the opportunity to meet State Deputies from other global jurisdictions and share ideas and fellowship.

After returning to Nebraska the State Council held the State Leadership Training Seminar in Kearney at the Holiday Inn Convention Center the weekend of July 16-17. The State Officers,

State Advisor, Executive Secretary, District Deputy's, Grand Knight's, Past State Deputies, General Agents, Directors, and Chairmen attended this meeting. At this meeting, the plans for the fraternal year, program and membership manual for district deputies, and grand knights, were presented. Highlighting the meeting were the installation ceremonies for the State Officers and District Deputies. After this meeting, the district deputies and grand knights left Kearney with the plan for the fraternal year. Goals for each district were established and pledges for program growth, faith development, and council monthly requirements were made by each district deputy and grand knight. They understood the only way for any of the goals to be attained was to enlist the support of the councils. In July Immediate Past State Deputy Borytsky and I attended a 50th anniversary and officer installation for council 6385. There was an abundance of family, fraternity, and food. Later in July was an officer installation at my home council 11001.

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

The first week of August found Father Fulton, eight delegates and I in Nashville Tennessee. The 140th Supreme Convention was at the Gaylord Opry. This convention included many highlights, the pageantry of the convention and the leadership that our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly provides, always makes the Supreme Convention a joyous and memorable event. Monday night prior to the convention, there was a pin exchange at the hotel followed by a welcome concert at the Grand Ole Opry. The concert featured Craig Morgan, a lifelong patriot and man of faith. Prior to going on stage, Craig joined the order at the invitation of Supreme Knight Kelley.

During August, I was able to celebrate with council 11700 on a Friday evening. The state officers held a district meeting Saturday at Fort Calhoun, and I made it to the 6192 Big Red dinner in the evening. Brother Schaefer, Borytsky, and I were able to celebrate the 25th anniversary with council 11879 on that Sunday. Later in the month I was accompanied by IPSD Borytsky, State Treasurer Schaeffer, and Executive Secretary Guggenberger to Bethlehem House for a tour and check presentation of ASAP funds. I rounded out August with a trip to Crofton for the car show and barbeque event where we presented international free throw winner Blake Connot with his trophy.

In September, I accompanied McGivney foundation co-director Ferneding to the Superior area to distribute funds to families in need. September 18th marked the Silver Rose handoff between Nebraska and Kansas. I was accompanied by District Master Borytsky, District Deputy Retzlaff, and RGD Prokop. We were pleased to have Vice Supreme Master Steier in attendance. The first of two regional meetings in the Scottsbluff / Gering went very well and was well attended. The month concluded with a dinner at the Knights Event Center in Bellevue for a Ukraine chaplain.

October saw yet another successful State Soccer event in Schuyler. Councils 938, 9264, 12086 of Columbus, and 2716 of Schuyler provided plenty of event help and our Program Director, Youth Director and officers who attended are grateful. I was blessed to attend a 100-year anniversary dinner in Elgin and present them with a certificate from Supreme Knight Kelly. Coats for kids was conducted at Sacred Heart Parish in Lincoln. Additional coats were donated to the Peoples City Mission and the Winnebago Reservation. The month ended with a regional meeting in Lincoln.

During the month of December my travels were limited due to the death of my father. I was able to celebrate with council 6429 at their Christmas Party and attend the Mid-Year Meeting. Mid-Year was a remarkable success. The membership team provided a wealth of

information to the District Deputies in attendance. Sunday afternoon everyone went home with renewed energy and plenty of information to take to the councils they serve.

January regionals were well attended in both Norfolk and Syracuse. The officers attended the annual Villa Marie fundraiser, and I was able to hang out with the UNL Newman Center council for one of their meetings and a trophy presentation.

In February members of the state family participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics; the water was a balmy 31 degrees. Regional meetings were conducted in Omaha, Scottsbluff, and North Platte. One of the highlights was the recording of an on demand fraternal benefits night. I give special thanks to Father Borowiak for hosting, our general agents, and the state production team for making it a reality. In early March, the recording was put on the website for all councils to use at their discretion.

During the month of March award recipients were selected when the state team gathered on a Saturday morning in Lincoln. The officers were able to attend the Catholic Social Services fundraising dinner the same evening. Council 12086 celebrated 25 years and Past State Deputy Hergott and I presented the council with the certificate from Patrick Kelly at a well-attended dinner event. The month concluded with the St. Gregory the Great Seminary dinner served by seminarians.

In April I attended district meetings and Charity Unity and Fraternity Exemplifications. The State Free Throw competition went flawlessly thanks to our Youth Director, Program Director, and all the help from the Grand Island Councils, District Deputies, and other Knights in attendance. The state was represented at the IPF banquet honoring Archbishop Lucas, a priest appreciation dinner in Geneva, St. Michaels dedication of the new church, and the placement of ultrasound number 17 at Wellspring in Hastings.

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

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

I again express my sincere appreciation to our State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton for his help and spiritual guidance on behalf of all the members of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska; We thank you Father Fulton. To my State Officers, State Advisor, Executive Secretary I again convey to each of you my thanks for the efficient way you have fulfilled the duties of your office and for your assistance and guidance this fraternal year. It truly has been an honor to serve with you Brother Knights. To our Culture of Life, Intellectual Disabilities, and McGivney Foundation, I extend my utmost appreciation for all you do in matters of the managing your foundations and charitable giving to the many in need. To the Regional Growth Directors and District Deputies who have given so freely of your time, I say thank you. You ARE a vital link between the local council and the State and Supreme. I want to recognize the Past State Deputies. When I began my term as State Deputy two years ago, I asked them for their guidance and constructive criticism, and they have been generous with both, please know it is very much appreciated.

Last, and most importantly, to you, the grand knights I express my sincere gratitude for your support and undying dedication to your council and our Order. You are the men who make our programs a success and keep your council viable through continued commitment to faith development, growth in fraternity and service to your parish and community. The dedication and



charitable works of the local council members are truly what the Knights of Columbus is all about; to see what you men have accomplished collectively across our state so far, this fraternal year is very impressive to say the least. Please do not stop now as there is much more of God's work yet to accomplish. I hope that I have proven to be deserving of the trust and confidence you gave to me this past year.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew R. Richardson  
State Deputy  
Nebraska Knights of Columbus

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

## **STATE SECRETARY**

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Justin Fulton' Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairman, Delegates and Brother Knights attending our 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

I respectfully submit the following report.

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

I also had the honor to travel to various State and Council functions around the State as assigned by our State Deputy. This included the Leadership Seminar in July and Mid-Year Membership meeting in December. It was also my honor, along with my wife Chris, to have attended the Institute for Priestly Formation Gala along with our State Deputy and the First Lady. We were also honored to be able to attend the Supreme Convention in Nashville, Tennessee along with our State Deputy, our First Lady and their family, our State Chaplain, Father Fulton, and the delegates from Nebraska.

As the end of my term as your State Secretary draws near, we will miss seeing all of our Brother Knights and their families across the State. It has been my privilege and honor to serve our State and our State Deputy Matt Richardson over the past year. It was made even more special as I was accompanied by my lovely wife Chris. To all our Brother Knights, their wives, and families, thank you for all that you do for your Councils and for the State. Thank you for

welcoming Chris and I on our visits. Your hard work and heartfelt support added with your prayers for our church, councils and community's truly show your dedication to the vision of Father Michael McGivney.

My God Bless you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob Wolf  
State Secretary

## **STATE TREASURER**

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Justin Fulton, Associate State Chaplain Father John Rooney, Worthy Supreme Director Anthony Minopoli, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Directors, Chairmen, Support Staff, Delegates, Brother Knights, and your families, welcome to the 118th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney Nebraska on April 28-30, 2023.

I respectfully submit my 2022-2023 report. I attended all meetings called to order by the State Deputy and successfully performed all assigned tasks. All checks were written and distributed per vouchers submitted by the State Secretary. All deposits were recorded and all three accounts (General, Lottery and Disaster) were balanced and reconciled monthly. Due to State Warden Hypse's great work with the State Lottery for Vocations, the State Council was able to give \$600 to every Seminarian, \$500 to the Bishops in all three Dioceses, \$5,000 to all 10 Nebraska Convents and \$20,000 to St. Gregory the Great Seminary. From our Disaster account we were able to distribute over \$20,000 to fire departments battling the Nebraska wildfires.

As we continue to deal with the final effects of COVID, State Deputy Richardson did an outstanding job of moving our State Programs forward while growing our Membership. I endeavored to attend every meeting throughout the State, but missed some due to family commitments, work, or inclement weather. It was extremely valuable bonding with our Brother Knights at the different State and regional growth meetings. The State leadership did a great job of keeping everyone informed of current events via monthly zoom meetings, the State website, emails, texts, and phone calls. State Program Director Hamik and Assistant Program Director Lowery did an excellent job in keeping our State programs going while introducing new Supreme Programs. State Membership Director Lowery did an exceptional job working with our Regional Growth Directors to bring in many new Brother Knights each month.

This Fraternal Year continues to be amazing for Shelly and me. We are truly blessed that the 26,400 plus Brother Knights, through their convention delegates, voted me into the State Treasurer position. I would not be able to succeed without the key support of my fellow State Officers. I collaborate with State Deputy Richardson weekly. State Secretary Wolf is always there 24/7 to answer my questions. State Advocate Korth continues to provide sage advice. State Warden Hypse took the State Lottery to another new height and sent me timely information on the lottery deposits and bank receipts. I would not be able to achieve my State goals without the mentorship of Immediate Past State Deputy Borytsky and Executive Secretary Guggenberger. My "Bellevue connection" has always been there for me. I challenge every Brother Knight to finish this year strong for our Bishops and Priests and continue to pray for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. May God always bless you and your family. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael "Schaf" Schaeffer  
State Treasurer

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

FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023

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

1. Regarding the Nebraska Knights of Columbus lottery account, prepared and filed activity reports with the Nebraska Department of Revenue Gaming Division, Nebraska Department of Revenue for 2022;
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 2023 Nebraska State Convention, presided over the Resolutions Committee, and prepared to present recommendations to the assembled State Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

James R. Korth,  
Nebraska State Advocate

## **STATE WARDEN**

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Father Fulton, Worthy Associate State Chaplain Father Rooney, 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 118th Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska the weekend of April 28-30, 2023. This has been an exciting year, and we are looking forward to another great year for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.

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 Leadership Training Seminar held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. Our state leadership team provided a lot of great information to the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies.

I attended the Mid-Year Meeting held at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. It was nice to experience a different venue. All meetings were informative and well received by the District Deputies. I briefed the attendees on the upcoming state lottery for Vocations and emphasized that our Knights would receive three lottery tickets in the mail the week of February 14, 2023. Ad submissions for the State Convention Program Book were solicited and were due back by March 22, 2023. One of the highlights of the weekend in Nebraska City was Mass at Saint Benedict Church where Knights packed the small church Saturday evening.

Selling ads for the Program Book distributed at the State Convention has been handled expertly by Beth Wells. She has done the lion's share of the work selling ads and putting the State Convention Book together and getting it to the printer. Selling ads is critically important because it offsets the cost of the State Convention Program Book. In anticipation of the drawing at the state convention, this year we mailed out 74,193 lottery tickets to 24,731 member Knights. As State Treasurer Schaeffer says, three tickets per member is the sweet spot, as currently I have received over 3,900 \$30 checks for lottery tickets. While this project has kept me busy opening mail every night for almost two months, it is worth it when we remember all funds raised are for Vocations.

I was also able to attend Regional Growth meetings in Norfolk, Omaha, Gering, and North Platte, along with several banquets throughout the year. A recent highlight was being able to attend Vespers at Saint Gregory the Great Seminary. This was our first time attending a Vespers service, and it was very moving. The Seminarians hosted an excellent meal afterwards.

My time as State Warden has been rewarding, and I attribute any success to the guidance of my fellow State Officers. Our spiritual leader, Father Fulton, has kept us all focused on our Catholic faith. Br. Ray Guggenberger continues to be there to answer my questions. I want to personally thank Mark and Audrey Borytsky and Mike and Mary Conrad for asking me to join the State Team. It is a blast. Finally, thanks to my wife, Terri, for all the help she gives me and the rest of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donald Hypse  
State Warden

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 118<sup>th</sup> 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 117<sup>th</sup> State Meeting for 2022. I prepared and mailed to all councils the semi-annual per capita billings for State Secretary Wolf. During this past year I assisted in preparing for this convention by preparing and mailing all the documents and information sheets to our subordinate councils.

During this past year, the state council offered 27 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 reporting of our subordinate councils is up for the same time as last year; for the Report of Officers, we are 93% complete; the Report of Service Personnel, we are 78% complete; and the Fraternal Activity we are 80% complete. The Semi-Annual Audit for the period ending June 30, 2022, is 80% complete and for the period ending December 31, 2022, is 80% complete. At this time, we have 9 councils that are two years or more reports delinquent, the 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.

For the 2022-2032 fraternal year I prepared the annual directory for the State of Nebraska. This is a time-consuming task taking over 200 man-hours. I continued publishing a monthly email with directory changes to keep all update on changes to our directory. We implemented an on-line update process for keeping the directory up to date through the State Council website. I maintain an electronic email mailing list for the purpose of notifying our members of requests for our prayers as well as sending pertinent information on our program events and exemplifications being conducted across the state. The Constant Contact platform to communicate with our state council and councils continues to work well. The cost to the state council is \$450 per year. I have approximately 1,500 addresses, subordinate councils send these on to their individual members and we estimate that approximately 19,000 brother knights receive these requests for our prayers. Three councils do not have any email address.

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

In closing, I wish to give a very special thank you to State Deputy Matt Richardson for the opportunity to continue to serve as the State Council Executive Secretary. I have served in this role for 25 years; I look forward to continuing my service to our order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Guggenberger

## **DISTRICT MASTER**

Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Fulton, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights, ladies, and guest to this 118th annual State Convention, greetings.

On September 6, 2022, I was notified of my appointment by the Supreme Master becoming the next District Master of Nebraska serving Fr. Padilla Provence.

November 13, 2022, Nebraska held a joint effort Exemplification with the Iowa Jurisdiction. The exemplification was held in Omaha Nebraska. Nebraska had fifteen and Iowa had one new Sir Knights initiated.

Scheduled exemplification was April in Omaha cancelled due to scheduling difficulties, May in Lincoln had 10 new Sir Knights initiated and working an exemplification in Omaha beginning of June.

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 to work in the communities and were very active in their parishes.

The annual state meeting of the 4th Degree was held in Kearney on Friday, April 28, 2022, at the 118th State Convention. 41 Sir Knights attended, and the meeting was successful with attendees providing positive feedback.

It is a privilege to serve as the District Master for the Nebraska Jurisdiction. I want to thank Former District Master Rich Lowery for his support as our transition occurred and with annual processes. I want to thank State Deputy Richardson and all the State Officers for their support and friendship.

Audrey and I want to thank the state council and assemblies for their support and kindness as we move forward with exciting new processes continuing to make the district successful.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mark Borytsky, IPSD  
District Master Nebraska Jurisdiction

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

## **Mileage & Per Diem Committee Meeting**

Greetings to you Worthy State Deputy Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Fulton, Worthy Former State Chaplain & Current Associate State Chaplain Fr. Rooney, Worthy Supreme Director Anthony Minopoli, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney NE, 28-30 April 2023.

The Annual State Meeting of the Mileage & Per Diem Committee met on Saturday 29 April 2023. The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. with assigned councils represented by either their Grand Knight or Council delegate. The following assigned delegates attended: Council

1906 GK Jerry Karmazin, Council 1966 Steve Riese, Council 4434 delegate Steve Graff, Council 9518 GK Patrick Garnatz, Council 9704 GK John Franssen, Council 10387 GK Greg Hamik, Council 11001 GK Justin Wemhoff and Council 11879 GK Mark Kyriss. 11 additional delegates attended the meeting. I opened the meeting with a Prayer then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began by discussing the current mileage rate of \$0.45 per mile one way and per diem rate of \$15.00 a day, a change was recommended by this committee last year to increase the mileage rate to \$0.50 per mile one way which is one of the Resolutions we'll vote on today. The committee this morning further recommended increasing the M&PD rate to \$0.60 per mile one way for the next fraternal year and keeping the Per Diem rate the same. The proposed increase in the mileage rate will be discussed in next April's Resolution Committee. There was no further discussion.

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Michael "Schaf" Schaeffer  
State Treasurer

Treasurer Schaeffer moved for the adoption of the report. Council 8579 seconded, motion passed.

Deputy Richardson asked the Grand Knight or a delegate from Council 11001, Lincoln to come forward and receive a plaque for being the Best of the Best council for the 2021-2022. Grand Knight Justin Wemhoff accepted the plaque. Deputy Richardson continued announcing the Council 1966, Plattsmouth, was the 2022-2023 Best of the Best. Deputy Richardson presented the traveling award to Grand Knight Steve Riese.

Deputy Richardson called on our Supreme guest, brother Anthony Minopoli, CIO, and President of Asset Advisors, for his remarks.

Thank you very much, Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson. It is great to be here this weekend. Know how important Nebraska is to the success of our Order. I want to start by saying thanks to everyone – State, District and Council leaders – for your strong leadership this past year – the past 2 years – which have been very challenging for everyone. You have stepped up. Thanks to your work, despite the challenges faced in the last year with the pandemic, we accomplished a lot as an Order.

Let me simply review some of the ways you have stepped up. This is by no means everything you have done, but a few items I wanted to highlight.

Nebraska placed 14 ultrasounds.

Coats for Kids: Nebraska councils put coats on the back of 3804 children in need.

Special Olympics: You donated 2860 hours and \$26,500 in support of the Special Olympics.

Seminarian Support: you supported 117 seminarians and \$69,540 in support.

Foor for Families: Last year do raised over \$3,000 in support of this program.

Your great work has made the year a success for the order.

Year to date membership is at a record high – as our Supreme Knight mentioned we have over 2 million members and 540,000 insured members.

Growth is important because the more men we have as members, the more good works we can do.

Highlights for the whole order for the year include:

ASAP – we raised over \$2.5 million in support of this new program.

Ukraine Support – we raised over \$20 million in support of Ukrainian relief efforts.

Coats for Kids: 179,724 plus distributed.

Disaster Relief – 7 jurisdictions supported: \$267,000.

Wheelchair Program: 121,698 distributed.

Special Olympics Supreme Support - \$250,000 on top of \$2.2 million from councils.

Seminarian Support – 2,000+ seminarians supported order wide.

Ukraine Response – raised over \$20 million to date in charitable contributions and, via 9,000 members and 200 councils in Poland and the Ukraine we are providing direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees and their families in Poland.

Mercy Huts

Polish Knights provided housing, food, and supplies to Ukrainian refugees.

For Asset Advisors:

As of December 31, 2022, assets under management included:

Mutual Funds - \$1,089 billion

Commingled Funds - \$155.1 million

Senior Secured Loan Fund: \$211.3 million.

In short, it has been another great year thanks to your hard work.

Going forward, this is where we have been. It is just as important to look to where we are going.

We have five key priorities for the Order as we move forward. I only want to comment on one and that is number five which is strengthening the Order by enrolling new men in the Order.

Every Knight has a story of how they came to join the Order. Sometimes it is as simple as my dad was a Knight and I became a Knight when I turned 18. Some are more deeply personal.

My Story is twofold, Vinny and Glen.

The bottom line is not simply recruiting to meet a number or get an award, even as nice as the Circle of Honor trip might be. The bottom line is men need other men and in these days, Catholic men certainly need other Catholic men. I think of my membership as a gift, the bonds with my brothers as very important and it is a gift we need and should want to extend to others. So many say they haven't joined because they haven't been asked to give that gift and ask them.

Let me say again that is a great year it has been. Thank you. With the Supreme Knight, I thank ever greater things await us in the next year. So let's keep close to the mission from our Founder and put our trust in God and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Together let's do great things for our brothers, our neighbors, our Country, and our Church.

Vivat Jesus

Deputy Richardson thanked Brother O'Connor for his remarks.

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

Deputy Richardson called on Program Director Brian Hamik for his report. Director Hamik requested this his report and the reports of all the directors and chairmen be entered into the proceedings without being read. Deputy Richardson is there a motion to accept the reports and that they be entered into the proceedings? Council 12086 so moved, seconded by Council 7734. Motion Passes.

## **State Program Director**

It has been my honor to serve the State of Nebraska as Program Director for the past two years. With the Pandemic behind us for the most part, in person meetings were again the norm. The new fiscal year started with the Leadership Training Seminar (LTS) in July. It was held at a new but familiar location this year. The LTS was moved from Grand Island to the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The LTS was well attended by the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. All the Program Directors gave a presentation of the programs that were new and recapped the existing ones.

Nebraska City was the setting for the Mid-Year “DD” meeting. Although the weather was a factor, there was a good showing by the District Deputies. One new Program was introduced to the group, it was Eucharistic Faith Formation. The Jurisdiction of Nebraska has been selected to be one of the initial implementations of the program. It was decided to have some regional meetings at several locations throughout the state. Some of the Councils hosting them were Omaha, Lincoln, Ft. Calhoun, Norfolk, Beatrice, Gering, and North Platte. The agenda featured both “Program” and “Membership” presentations.

The ICC awards has a new form, thanks to Mitchell Lowery Assistant Program Director for designing them. A record number of Council’s submitted reports ICC this year, 672 of them to be exact. There were 5 Council’s that qualified for ICC Gold.

With the upcoming 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention, this will be my last major event as Program Director. I would like to thank all the State Officers for their guidance and support for the past two years. With your advice and knowledge, I was able to get through it. Thank you, officers, for your all your hard work that keeps the Great State of Nebraska continuing to grow and fulfill the vision that Blessed Michael J. McGivney had when he founded the order.

Vivat Jesus  
Brian Hamik  
State Program Director

## **Faith Director**

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

The Faith Director provides guidance to Councils for planning, conducting spiritual events, and church activities. He works with the State Chaplain to prepare for all Masses at State events. Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith.

Due to a family event in New York, I was unable to attend the 2022 State Leadership Seminar. Previous Faith Director, Mark Main, transported the Mass supplies, including the altar and vessels, to Grand Island, NE for the three Masses celebrated during the seminar.

The Eucharistic Revival, launched in June of 2022, has become one of my top priorities and passions. In addition to the Supreme Faith Programs, there are Eucharistic Revival activities and events that are being rolled out in all dioceses. For example, I assisted several Parishes in hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Displays that are available from Spirit Catholic Radio at no charge. Another event I worked at was a Speaker Series, hosted by Spirit Catholic Radio, that included Catholic Answers Apologist, Tim Staples. Some of the Supreme Faith Program events and activities that I participated in was a Father McGivney Feast Day Mass celebrated at the St James Parish in Cortland. Other activities included volunteering in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard at various events and spending a day at Skutt Catholic High school in Omaha honoring Grandparents. I also worked and prayed with some Seminarians at the Schoenstatt Shrine near Crete.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Program was limited again. The Company who supplies the cards has not completely recovered from the effect of Covid. Christmas cards printed in English were not available. Only a handful of Councils purchased the promotional materials that included yard signs, Christmas seals, bumper stickers, and car magnets.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry & Kathy Koerner

## **Community**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,



Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as Nebraska's State Community Director. As State Community Director, I am given the task to route the Silver Rose across the Great State of Nebraska, allowing the Councils the opportunity to participate in this Supreme Program. The route began at Gering, Nebraska when Colorado delegates handed the Silver Rose to a Nebraska Brother Knight. The Silver Rose then traveled north to Highway 20, eastward to Northeast Nebraska, then south to Chester, Nebraska, where our State Deputy, State Master, myself and other Sir Knights handed the Silver Rose to delegates from Kansas.

Our State Deputy also asked me to route the Saint Joseph Icon and prayer books through the Eastern portion of Nebraska. It will complete the journey in Lincoln, Nebraska by the end of June. These two programs have been a great success and has given the Councils and the Parishes, the opportunity to come together in prayer.

I have had the opportunity to attend various Council meetings and functions. Thank you to all of you. I have also attended all state meetings that I have been asked to be a part of.

It has truly been a privilege and honor to serve as the State Community Director this past year.

Vivat Jesus,  
Ken Prokop

## **Vocations**

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

This year councils were contacted requesting information about what they did financially to support our worthy seminarians, including support through RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program). The intent of these emails was an effort to ensure that the fifty plus seminarians in Nebraska did receive some form of support this past year. The total reported contributions were in excess of \$33,000. In addition, at the state level, we were able to support those 58 seminarians with checks of \$600 each. As a special donation, \$20,000 was donated to Saint Gregory the Great seminary and \$500 to each of the Bishops of Nebraska.

This year, based on feedback from our members, it was decided to increase our support of all vocations. Therefore, ten individual convents each received checks of \$5000 to support our Sisters in faith and \$7,500 was given to the IPF (Institute for Priestly Formation) This brings our total for the 2022-2023 year to over \$148,000! Thank you brothers for helping to bless those who sometimes are forgotten.

We received several 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. One was selected as exceeding the rest in activities and promotions. The winning council is from Lincoln #16878, thank you to each council who submitted this year.

It has been my privilege to serve as the Vocations Chairman these past two years, and as this position is changing into another, I pray for all of you. Remember it is essential that each of us do all we can to encourage our young men and women in all vocations of life.

Respectfully submitted  
Tom Harrington

## **Youth Chairman**

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

The 2022 State Soccer Competition was held on October 29, 2022, in Schuyler, NE at their indoor complex. There were 31 children qualified for the event from 5 different regions. There were 3 Regions that did not participate in the State Soccer. We had about 24 kids attend the State Soccer Challenge. The Knights awarded 12 first place trophies and 6 runner-up trophies.

I collected about 40 Keep Christ in Christmas posters and mailed the winners from the 3 different age groups to Supreme by their mid-February deadline. No substance abuse posters were submitted. The age 5-7 winner was Avery Tomich from council 10895. The 8-10 winner was Kolby Tran from council 11312. The 11-14 winner was Emma Gueret from council 11312.

The 2023 State Free Throw Championship was held on April 15, 2023, at Grand Island Central Catholic High School in Grand Island, NE. We had great attendance with 72 children competing. We also had over 2 dozen volunteers for the event. The Knights awarded 12 first place winners and 12 runner up winners

Tim Sealock  
Youth Chairman.

## **Family Director**

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

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

We were unable to attend the Grand Knights seminar in Kearney. In March we attended the awards selection meeting in Lincoln with our recommendations for the ICC Family Major Activity award and the Family of the year award.

We were pleased to receive 19 applications for the Family of the Year award. As always they were outstanding applications which made it difficult to select a winner.

We had many participants for the Supreme Family of the Month awards.

There were 26 applications for the ICC Family Major Activity Award.

We will also be attending the State Convention and handing out the Family of the Year awards at the Saturday noon lunch.

Fraternally Yours  
Nick and Kati Ladenburger

## **STATE EVENT COORDINATORS**

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

The summary of the past year's efforts of the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen is detailed below and submitted to be placed in the minutes of the 118th State Convention minutes as a matter of record.

### **2022 – 2023 Events:**

#### **Leadership Training Seminar – July 15-17, 2022**

The Summer Leadership Training Seminar was held in Kearney on the weekend of July 15-17, 2022. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Members attending the event.

During the event, we, along with the help of several other Directors and Regional Growth Directors, assisted with handing out informational packets to Officers, Directors, District Deputies, Councils, and Assemblies along with meal tickets for the weekend.

#### **Mid-Year Meeting – December 9-11, 2022**

The Mid-Year Meeting was held in Nebraska City on the weekend of December 9-11, 2022. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Regional Growth

Directors, and District Deputies attending the event. Other duties at the event included distributing meal tickets and assisting with room setup.

### **Annual State Convention – April 28-30, 2023**

The Annual State Convention was held in Kearney on the weekend of April 28-30, 2023. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Convention Delegates, and Council Members attending the event. We were also involved in working with the Younes Conference Center South Catering Staff to ensure meeting rooms were assigned and set up appropriately.

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

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

We would like to thank State Deputy Richardson and all the State Officers for the opportunity to serve during the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year. We look forward to continuing to assist all Brother Knights across Nebraska in any way that we can.

Fraternally and respectfully,  
Pat Rupp & Jesse Hines

## **Culture of Life Foundation**

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

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

Vivat Jesus,  
Michael & Mary Conrad

## **Intellectual Disabilities Foundation**

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

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

The 2022-2023 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities drive was extremely successful. We had 78% of the councils in the state report this year with an increase of over \$12,500 in money raised from the 2021-2022 Campaign. This year's Campaign collected just short of \$182,000.00, half of which was distributed back to qualifying organizations at the request of the participating councils. The remaining funds have been used to help organizations as they have made special requests for funds throughout the fraternal year.

Future efforts will be to continue to grow the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities and strive for 100% participation from our councils. We also want to see this drive grow in the financial abilities to give back to those across our state through the many different programs that are offered. We are also looking for ways to expand the efforts of the foundation

to help bring awareness to our councils of the many services that are offered in the State of Nebraska so that they can better serve the individuals in their communities. This will be through efforts both financially, with manpower, and finding out more about where there are gaps in the services offered and the needs of those with special needs. We strive to achieve the mission from the Supreme Council of “Helping People with Special Needs.”

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sammi & Stephen Lowery

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION**

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

During 2021, our Foundation activity went from \$787,603 on December 2021 to \$682,597 on December 31, 2022.

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 Nebraska Knights to exemplify our charity by giving to several worthy causes located throughout our great state and in dire need of assistance. As each of us knows, charity is the greatest of the four cardinal principals as Knights, and it is with this charity that we will always be able to do the greatest good for our Church and God’s most precious children who are in most need of our assistance.

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

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

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

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

Deputy Richardson asked, is there a motion to accept the report and that it be entered into the proceedings. Council 7740 so moved, seconded by council 5383. Motion passed.

## **Membership Director**

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, Worthy State Chaplain Very Reverend Justin Fulton, Worthy Supreme Director Anthony Minopoli, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State Delegates, Council Officers, Brother Knights, Ladies and Guests to this 118th Annual State Convention held in Kearney, Nebraska April 28-30, greetings.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as State Membership Director for State Deputy Richardson and his team over the past fraternal year. We began working earnestly in June to prepare to beat the normal summer lull. Incentives were identified and presented to the Officers for their approval. While our fraternal intake goal was lowered it is still challenging in

this post Covid era to re-invigorate some areas to resume normal operations and begin welcoming new families to our Order.

In July at the Summer Leadership Seminar the Membership Team paired with our Program Brothers to provide a comprehensive picture of programs and membership working together to grow our order. We emphasized that numbers for numbers sake were not a viable way to grow and sustain our Order. Growing our numbers must be rooted in our Faith and the willingness and ability to share that faith with other Catholic Families. Every meeting, every greeting, every dinner served, every Rosary is an opportunity to show others how we live our faith and to invite them to join us.

To further that message, regional meeting or “road shows” were scheduled in the fall of 2022. Our first meeting was in Omaha on Saturday, August 13 coordinated by RGD Mike Howick. Our second regional was in Scottsbluff/Gering the weekend of September 24 and 25. RGD Steve Viessman organized the meeting. Our third regional was in Lincoln on October 22 organized by RGD Rob Ostdiek. Our fourth meeting was in Grand Island on November 5 and 6 and incorporated a membership drive. Our fifth regional was in Norfolk on January 21 organized by RGD Ken Prokop. Our sixth regional was in Syracuse on January 22 organized by RGD Rob Ostdiek. We were back in Omaha for our seventh regional meeting on February 13. The eighth regional was back in Gering on February 25 and the ninth was in Kearny on February 26. Steve Viessman, Mitch O’Neill and Jimmy Pokorny were instrumental in setting up these meetings. Each of these meetings was well attended and the presentations on membership, program, website usage, and reporting were all well received.

We gathered in Nebraska City the weekend of December 9 – 11 for our annual mid year meeting. This was a time that we were able to spend with our District Deputies expanding on the message that we had offered in July and throughout our Regional Meeting. We also did some work on how to conduct a meeting with the new meeting format as well as how to handle some specific situations that can derail a meeting.

In March we gathered at St. Michaels Parish in Lincoln for our annual awards meeting. Membership awards were chosen after the March 31 fraternal numbers were made available. These awards will be presented at our convention this weekend.

Regional Growth Directors Mike Howick, Rob Ostdiek, Mitch O’Neill, Ken Prokop, Steve Viessman and Jim Haiar were invaluable in getting information to Councils and DD’s and well as presenting at regional State meetings. I cannot thank each of these brothers enough for their dedication to our Order, to our State and to giving away their faith in order to bring others to our Order.

RGD Jim Haiar was instrumental in the success of the Affiliate Membership program in both 2022 and 2023. Jim worked with Councils and DD’s to make sure they understood what was required and to make sure that information was submitted on time.

We continue to work hard in our efforts to be more Catholic Families into our Order.

Incentives will be initiated for Councils that have not recruited a new member this year, those that recruit at least one new member and those that reach their Star Council goal. I look forward to working on the transition to our new Membership team to ensure a smooth process and continued success for the next administration.

#### RGD Reports

Jim Haiar - During the past year I attended the July and December training sessions along with regional meeting and worked with various councils on the Affiliate Program,

Steve Viessman - Region 5 comprises most of Western Nebraska. We have had a productive year of periodic phone contacts as well as Regional Meetings in September and February. Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez honored us in September with his wise direction. Councils in the Region have always been encouraged to keep up to date with their reports and to keep an eye out for that potential new member!

As my term as a Regional Growth Director is coming to a close, I would like to thank the State Officers as well as State Membership Director Rich Lowery for their guidance and support.

Mitch O'Neill - I attended the Gering and North Platte Regional meeting on February 25/26, 2023. I filled in for the State FS Director, and I trained a total of 5 Council FSs. I also attended the Regional meeting in Omaha on August 13, 2022, and Norfolk on January 21, 2023.

I held a DELTA Church drive training for St Leo's Council 10387 in Grand Island on November 3, 2022, and then assisted with their Church drive on November 5/6, 2022. I assisted with Prince of Peace 10923 Kearney Church drive on March 11/12, 2023. I assisted with St James 1728 Kearney Church drive on March 18/19, 2023. I assist with the quarterly ECUF ceremonies held at Prince of Peace 10923 Kearney.

I have made numerous phone calls to DDs within my region, as well as to GKs who do not have a DD.

Rob Ostdiek - Worthy State Deputy and State Officers,  
Following is a brief summary report of the past fraternal year's activities within my role and jurisdiction.

Collaborated with DD Main and DD Carlstedt to host Regional meetings in which State Officers, Supreme RGD Lopez, and others could present information to other DD's and council leadership along with fielding questions and taking input for the betterment of the state and organization in general. One meeting was held in Lincoln in October 2022, the other in Syracuse in January of 2023.

I was also successful in connecting with the group of DD's in 3 – 4 virtual group meetings. While I desired more of them DD schedules in attending council meetings often was a conflict as there were minimal nights in a month that a council in the region does not have a meeting. This may be an area for DD's and RGD's to better understand how often attendance at council meetings is required.

I presented content at both the Leadership Training Seminar and Mid Year meeting. Lastly I supported councils and DD's as necessary in navigating programs such as Affiliate Membership, Safe Environment training and credentialing or other challenges encountered. In general I feel I was more engaged with the group this fraternal year than past.

Mike Howick – not received

Ken Prokop – not received

Respectfully submitted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

Richard Lowery, PSD, FDM  
State Membership Director

Deputy Richardson moved that the reports of the District Deputies be entered into the proceedings without being read. Council 11001 seconded. Motion passed.

### **District 1**

No report received.

Mark Keller

### **District 2**

Vacant

### **District 3**

Vacant

## **District 4**

No report received.

Marty Stednitz

## **District 5**

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

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

Council 10815 is active in their parish. They participate in Cinco de Mayo celebrations during the year. They also participate in fundraising events for funds for their food pantry. I have had several meetings in person.

Council 13080 is a strong council with enthusiastic backing from their parish priest. They participated in One Rose One Life and hosted the District #5 free throw contest. They hold a BBQ contest and have the young men from Council 16680 assist them at this event.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
James Haiar, PSD, FDM,

## **District 6**

Vacant

## **Districts 7**

No report received.

Lois R Gasper Jr, PSD

## **District 8**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 8 which includes the following Councils: 1723 Beatrice, 6750 Tecumseh, and 15869 Odell. In all of the Councils in the district there are several attributes that all have in common.

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

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

### **1723 Beatrice**

Among many activities throughout the year. This Council runs a 4-day fireworks sale which nets approximately \$50,000.00 this past year. This year the plan is to donate approximately \$50,000.00 to the remodeling project of the church.

### **6750 Tecumseh**

The Council hosts a First Friday donut and coffee after Mass on every First Friday of the month. It also supports a scholarship program for students attending their Catholic elementary school. Additionally, they have donated to the McGivney Foundation and several other local community projects.

### **15869 Odell**

This Council has supported their church and community by hosting a chicken meal at the Odell Community Days as a fund raiser for their Council and church. They continue to donate and work on several church projects.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM

## **District 9**

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

Council 833 is highly active in the parish. They are the right hand of the priest. They help supervise the Altar Serves and Acolytes. They also help the parishioners with the mowing and snow removal.

Council 9704 is one of our smallest councils but very involved with their parish. They have also been very generous by raising money to help in the Ukraine. They have also helped the parish with a major remodel this year.

Council 11001 is one of the most active councils in the state. Last year they won ICC Gold for the third time in 6 years. They are very active in their parish. They have helped the school with bibles and rosaries.

Council 13015 is a college council that has been very involved at the UNL Campus Ministries. They have helped with ushering and acolyting. They also have held many functions promoting the Knights at UNL.

Council 16878 is the right hand of the parish. This past year they raised \$10,423 for seminarians this past year. All that money is going to the RSVP.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Main

## **District 10**

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

Council 15407 is a smaller and active in the Parish. Msgr Thorburn is quite grateful and appreciative of all the assistance the Knights give to the Parish. Growth is slow but a good foundation. Activities are mostly parish oriented with Holy hours, food for families and parish picnic. They just finished a successful Lenten food drive that included encouraging family participation and prizes for the children for participation. There is a new Grand Knight David Dias when their previous GK had a calling to enter into St Gregory the Great Seminary. All general meetings that begin with a rosary and upcoming projects include a parish and community food garden and assisting at the Lincoln Walk to End Hunger event in the summer.

Council 13576 is a strong and highly active church with support of both parish and community. They are very supportive of the Marian Convent with tree cutting and grounds



cleanup. Strong support of One Rose, Intellectual Disabilities, and a strong action in Food for Families. This year again topping 5000# to date. Strong membership activities but have not yet met their quota for the year. Leadership Council in the Walk to End Hunger which last year brought in 6 tons of food for the St. Francis food pantry. This is my home Council and having a Grand Knight change to Patrick Dority as our previous was called out of state for family and a new job.

Council 11312 is another very active Council with many activities that include blood drives, One Rose, Intellectual Disabilities, and food for families. Strong funding for charitable giving and parish needs is supplied by fish fries and golf tournaments. Better response in membership growth this past year. General meetings are attended by a main core and struggle, as do many, with drawing new young blood.

Council 11280 is a strong and active Council as well. They support many parish activities and support the Marian Convent and the local Veterans Administration. Very active with fundraising with UNL sports, fireworks stand and fish fries which they use for many charitable contributions and parish needs. Membership growth is weak but continually trying to encourage new members. Upcoming activities include a Parish Car show, a summer picnic for Veterans at the VAMC.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wilson

## **District 11**

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

Council 8010 is very active in the Aurora area. They participate in many church activities. They hold a yearly soup supper, spaghetti dinner, and fish fry to raise funds for their scholarship program. This year they participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and One Rose One Life for the first time in a very long time. They also installed their 3<sup>rd</sup> prolife billboard this year. They hosted an in-person admissions degree that was open to the whole district. They had 3 candidates in attendance and brought in several more online. I made it to and assisted in all events this year.

Council 10386 is active in their parish. They also have a scholarship program that they were able to increase the amount this year. They play a key role in having Lenten Fish Fries every Friday in Lent. They participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, and Free Throw Contest. They hosted the district contest. They had one participant that made it all the way to the State Competition. I have made several in person meetings and most of their events.

Council 14070 is active with their parish and community. They held multiple breakfasts for the parish. They also head a food drive for the local food banks in the county. They participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, and Free Throw Contest. They make sandwiches for Catholic Social Services twice a year to be handed out to the homeless for lunches. I have made it to most of their meetings and events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jesse Hines, PGK

## **District 12**

Vacant

## **District 13**

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

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

Council #3736 North Bend

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

Council #10305 Fort Calhoun

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

Council #10412 Blair

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Tamisiea

## **District 14**

Vacant

## **District 15**

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2022 - 2023 report for District # 15, which consists of Councils 1309 Emerson, 3844 South Sioux City, 5143 Randolph 8579 Wayne and 9939 Ponca. All councils have complied with the Sate and Supreme laws and rules of our order. All councils have completed the required State and Supreme reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Much disruption has occurred this year due to the ongoing Pandemic.

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

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

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

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

Gene Day Council #9939 Ponca has been active this year. This council has held its meeting at Father Kramper's "Casa de Pas". The event began with Mass, meeting, and fellowship to follow. 2 new recruits have been added as of this date.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Podany

## **District 16**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 16 which includes the following Councils: 1533 Msgr. Werner Hartington, 5218 St Francis of Assisi Verdigre, 10592 Fr. Auer Bloomfield, 14685 St. Rose of Lima Crofton.

Council 1533 Hartington is 300 strong and continues to grow in Membership through the direction of second term GK Reggie Hochstein. With another exemplification planned before the year end, GK Reggie continues to just get it done. His capture group has been the young men of the parish and area. They are very active in family programs in the area. One example would be their scholarship program for students at Hartington Cedar Catholic. Council 1533 has had a very busy past six months raising funds for pro-life activities. Raising funds for signage (more to come on this), Zoe Care in Yankton, Getting the youth to the march for life, to mention a few. Also, last week, GK Reggie, had a tailor at his council meeting to measure 4<sup>th</sup> degree assembly members for 4<sup>th</sup> degree uniforms in which 16-18 members got measured. The council agreed to throw \$100 into each member's costs.

Council 5218, Verdigre is a very small aging council. Under the leadership of GK Don Hanzlik, they do small community projects for their parishes in Verdigre and Niobrara. Their room to grow is limited because of the population decline of young Catholics in the area. In confidence, GK Hanzlik and I have discussed the future of the council. GK Hanzlik is doing his best to hold it together out of the respect of the members who want to keep the council going up to or upon their deaths. These men/brothers have been long time members and active and I respect their wishes.

Council 10592, Bloomfield is a very active council, who recently won second place in their area "one rose one life" campaign. I find their meetings to have the most positive energy of my four councils. Under the leadership of GK Wendel Strom, who has been a GK and DD in the past does a great job with his leadership! Followers choose their leaders, and his council has great respect for him. This council supports a seminarian through the RSVP. They do many things requested by the past Delta drive for their parish. From church ground maintenance,

church remodels and statue replacements to name a few. Simply put, as a small council, they just get things done. No idea goes unexecuted. They do a great job, for a small parish with the youth programs, from leading the “stations of the cross” with the CCD students to hoop shoot competition. Again, so many positive energy things are done by this council. I really respect the program where they send get well cards to members of the parish who are ailing.

Council 14685, Crofton, my home council, strengths has always been fund raising special projects for people in tough situations. Council members are on the church and ground maintenance committees and remodel projects. First year Grand Knight Chad Reifenrath has been a very good communicator sharing status, minutes and great at forward planning. Youth activities, such as scholarships for Saint Rose Elementary students, hoop shoot regional, and members teaching the Confirmation students to name a few. Currently, in conjunction with council 1533, a vision that started years ago and is now in later stages of actually happening, both councils working together has raised funds to place four (4) prolife signs at major area road collectors of hwy 81, hwy 84, hwy12 and hwy 59. This project is being facilitated by 14685 member Ken Thoene under the direction of GK Reggie Hochstein and GK Chad Reifenrath. Now when this project is completed in the near future, the program successes and challenges will be shared with state officers, to help streamline any other councils interested in the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Wieseler

## **District 17**

Vacant

## **District 18**

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Hofer

## District 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. Strecker

## District 20

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

I respectfully submit my report for **District Number 20**, which consists of the following Councils: **7699** (Holy Family of Lindsay), **7825** (St. Edward of St. Edward), **7954** (St. Peter's of Fullerton), and **10607** (St. Rose of Lima of Genoa). These four Councils have regular business meetings six to ten times per year. 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.

St. Rose of Lima Council hosts coffee and donuts once a month at the parish center. This past year, this Council raised approximately \$1000 to replace the Pro-Life banner covering the billboard located at the busy junction of U.S. Highway 81 and Nebraska State Highway 22; it is a very beautiful witness to love for human life. Each regular monthly meeting is preceded by members present praying the holy Rosary.

St. Edward Council remains committed to RSVP – supporting at least two local area seminarians, as well as a young lady from the Genoa area in a convent. They give scholarships to local graduates and host a children’s tractor pull at Beaver Valley Days. Members assist in the upkeep of the parish cemetery and other parish grounds.

Lindsay Council handed out a rose to widows of deceased Brother Knights at its annual Memorial Mass; it donates to FOCUS missionaries, Spirit Catholic Radio, UNL and UNO Newman Centers, and local student activities. The holy Rosary precedes each monthly meeting.

St. Peter’s Council held a successful Pancake, Egg, & Sausage Breakfast; they continue to help with funding renovations to their parish Church and donate to the local food pantry. Some members, encouraged by the local priest, choose to receive the holy Eucharist in the “Traditional” manner – kneeling and on the tongue; this has preceded the Knights of Columbus initiative to bring reverence and respect back to this esteemed Sacrament of the Catholic Church.

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

All Glory, Praise, and Honor be to God the Father, our Creator; the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy M. Zach

### **District 21**

No report received.

Mitchel Nelson

### **District 22**

No report received.

Steve Martin

### **District 23**

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

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

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

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

Council 7684 of Geneva is a really very active council. They had a free throw contest. They support two seminarians, intellectual disability program. They run a booth at the county fair and have a float in the parade. They are constantly busy with different activities in the church, community, and their faith.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Roger Retzlaff

## **District 24**

Worthy State Deputy Matthew Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights: I respectfully submit my 2023 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 takeout option to help with social distancing 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: ASAP, 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, cook for First Reconciliation meal, and assisted with the Lenten Fish Fries. 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: ASAP, 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 confirmed high school senior graduating from any of their three towns.

This year I have attended most council meetings and several activities. The councils are still working to do their charitable activities while honoring any social distancing regulations. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Matt Richardson 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**

No report received.

Mark Dwyer

## **District 26**

Worthy State Deputy, Chaplin, All State Officers, Grand Knights, and all brothers in Christ. I kindly submit to you the following reports from an active and outgoing district no matter the size of Community or location, we are an outgoing energetic district to come together to serve and support.

ATKINSON 4707- 1 rose 1 life, tootsie roll drive, silver rose icon, wood cutting for parish auction, Scholarship for seniors, donated \$900 to spirit catholic radio, donation to beginnings center, raised funds towards cemetery sprinkler system, K.C. Member maintains Church, school rectory yards, donate funds to catholic school, many on hand for eucharistic adoration, had eucharistic miracles on hand, lead rosary for Sunday mass, many fish fry's, pancake, liver feeds, GK. And wife scrub and wax the hall for no charge, enter pro-life float in parade, we hold f/t contest, we donate hall for many fundraisers, funeral dinners, catholic education programs and other events, of course monthly meetings and continue looking and talking to recruit.

SPENCER 3720- bingo game @ Butte pancake days, K.C. Float in parades, silver rose prayer service and pray rosary, annual f/t contest, 1 rose 1 life weekend, art contest for students with 3 winners receiving cash awards, tootsie roll drive with proceeds going to Boyd County Special Olympics, eucharistic miracles with Knights cooking supper, youth programs as CCD and teachers attending.

O'Neil 701- council f/t contest, this year districts, many fish fry's, stag night, K.C. Christmas night, coats for kids, 1 rose 1 life, tootsie roll drive, K.C. Golf tournament, K.C. Scholarships, K.C. Rosary @ wakes for deceased brother Knights, Lead rosary before mass, back to school burger bash.

Stuart 5881- Fish fry's, duck races, 1 rose 1 life, bingo on 4<sup>th</sup> of July, K.C. Soup suppers, eucharistic miracles. Continued meetings and looking for younger knights to help out and take over.

Respectfully submitted  
Steve Minchow

## **District 27**

Vacant

## **District 28**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knight, and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 28 which includes the following Councils: #4979 Ogallala, #5315 Christ of the King Cozad, the three councils from North Platte; #12530, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, #1211 St. Patrick and 10506 Holy Spirit.

#4979 Ogallala is a wonderful council that does many parish activities; they all work well together, many wearing council shirts for meetings and events. A recent and yearly gun raffle is one of their biggest fundraisers for them and the parish. A home cooked meal is made by members every month. A very quiet and well run meeting.

#5315Cozad is quite an event before the meeting gets started. When the weather is favorable nice steaks are cooked over a charcoal fire. A well-attended event that puts a smile on my face every time I attend a meeting. The meetings are run very well. One of the nicest All Souls Day was held in Cozad. They do all of the usual Knights Events, just a joy to attend meetings there. The parish is being remodeled so they have to meet in a small classroom until the project is finished. \$6000.00 was just donated for a new dishwasher for the kitchen.



#10506 Holy Spirit North Platte is a well- rounded council everyone works well together. Many food events are held raising funds for various projects. Coat drives and the Christmas Nativity are some of their many projects.

#12530 is amazing with their leadership and all paperwork is understood by all involved. They do their best at award qualification and want to exceed. A joint free throw contest was held, something that was lacking for a time to get the youth involved.

#1211 St. Patrick's North Platte has had its challenges. Officers were changed mid-year because of unseen events. The treasurer fell and broke his leg in an ice storm requiring health care rehab. The council helped as much as they could for him. Parish breakfasts Chrism Mass Priest retreats fish fry fust to name a few projects for them.

I also attended officers training in Gering and Nebraska City. Round table meetings and events in Stapleton and Arnold Nebraska. I also held a district meeting with food for all. And officers training in North Platte as well. I have really enjoyed my year as District Deputy and will help the Knights and people as much as I can.

Respectfully submitted  
Jimmy Dean Pokorny

## **District 29**

Vacant

District # 30

2022-2023 Annual Report

Worthy state Deputy Matt Richardson, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Bishops George Lucas, James Conley, and Joseph G. Hanefeldt, and Delegates to the 116<sup>th</sup> annual Nebraska state Knights of Columbus convention April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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

I attended summer Grand Knight Seminar in July. I attended the mid-winter meeting in December. We held a regional training in North Platte for Districts 28,29, and 30 in February. I held free throw championships district and regionals. I attended many monthly council meeting and other activities as well.

The councils did a great job of doing many activities all year. Most of the councils did tootsie roll drives, one rose one life, life chain free throw contest and other fund raisers. McCook, Grant and Imperial all had fish fries that were great success's. Growth activities, we held a major exemplification in McCook that was very successful.

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

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

*Kent Lorens*  
D.D. #30

**District 31**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 31, which includes the following Councils: 1861 Sidney, 2681 Scottsbluff, 10285 Gering, and 12200 Scottsbluff.

Council 1861 continues to do a great job of supporting the Church with various activities. The council continues to stay busy with doing One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll Drive, and a Fish Fry. I have tried to make it to their events and have attended several meetings in person.

Council 2681 stays very active with weekly bingo and their monthly breakfast. They also did One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll Drive, and scholarships. They did their Toys for Tots program successfully again with success. They have done a great job supporting the church with assisting with duties during mass, gifts for Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion kids. I have attended as many of the programs that I could and have been to several in person meetings.

Council 10285 continues to do a great job supporting the church. They did Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, and donated money in support of an Ultrasound Machine that was put into place in town. I have attended as many activities as I could and attended several meetings in person.

Council 12200 has done several fund raisers to help support their church and activities held within the parish. They did One Rose One Life, and several breakfasts. I attended as many of these events as I could and have been to several meetings in person.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Esselstein

### **District 32**

Vacant

### **District 33**

No report received.

Alvin Raef

### **District 34**

No report received.

James Vath

### **District 35**

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

Council 6192 is quite active in the Bellevue area. They participate in Holiday Parades and religious appreciation functions in addition to charitable events such as Coats for Kids, One Rose One Life, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. They also conduct spaghetti feeds and Lenten Fish Fry dinners to raise funds for their charitable programs, in addition to their seminarian (RSVP) support programs. The Council, under their "Feed the Need Program," prepares and distributes over 100 lunch meals each month to feed the homeless in the Omaha area. I regularly attend their membership and officer's meetings and try to make as many of their events as possible.

Council 6429 is very active in their Parish and the associated Catholic School. They prepare and sell sausage items and conduct regular breakfast events as fund raisers to generate funds to provide needed equipment for the Parish community, as well as scholarships to school students, School Breakfasts, and monetary gifts to clergy. The Council, in addition to supporting the Parish Lenten fish fry events, also participated in the Coats for Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive, and the One Rose One Life programs, as well as supporting the Parish Thanksgiving meal and the

Stephen's Center meal. I was able to attend their membership meetings, some of their planning meetings, and a few of their program events.

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

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

Respectively submitted,  
Bob Hasiak

### **District 36**

No report received.

Galen Pokorny

### **District 37**

No report received.

Kenneth Sabata

### **District 38**

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

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

Leo XIII Council # 1708, York, NE.

Victor Vifquain Council # 7704, Crete, NE.

Fr. Wenceslaus Beranek Council # 7966, Wilber/Tobias, NE.

St. Vincent DePaul # 8469, Seward, NE.

Bishop Glennon P. Flavin Council # 11737, Denton, NE.

American Charities # 11822, Exeter/Friend/Milligan, NE.

St. James Council # 14320, Cortland, NE.

St. Maximillian Kolbe # 14508, Beaver Crossing/Utica, NE.

Council # 1708 is a long established, strong, and active council. Active in supporting many of their parishes needs and that of their pastor. Many of the members have been with this council a very long time, and with that being stated, I certainly can see pride in what they say and do. Most are also active with their Assembly who also meet at the same Knights Court Hall. They also take pride in owning their own building. Some of the activities they support are the local Boy Scouts both monetarily and physically, with member mentoring, supporting their outings including trips and fishing. They also support an annual baseball tournament withing

their community at a local ball field. Members assist and help raise funds towards a win-win for all, splitting with the area supporters and sponsors of this event. This council also supports Supreme activities such as the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. Several members are very much concerned about reaching out to future good Catholic men to join and grow their council. At each meeting, this is always an area they spend time on, brainstorming on who they should be looking to speak with. From my perspective, this council is in it for the long run and will be around for a very long time.

Council # 7704 is a strong and active council which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and school. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers for their school, breakfast fundraisers for local families in need, and hosting several movie night events (Mother Teresa – No Greater Love and Fatima). For their parish, they provide manpower hosting their annual Fireworks sales stand, in which most of the proceeds are given to their church. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, and their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Silver Rose Pilgrimage. # 7704 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 7966, since their Grand Knight has been in position for a second year, he's stretching out of his comfort zone, and has the support of the membership and pastor. In the past, they have held one fundraiser a year, riding on these proceeds the entire year, to pay expenses and fund their activities. They have operated on a shoestring budget but have been able to sustain themselves. They now are hosting additional fundraiser activities to support a local Backpack program for the local public-school children, a need the Grand Knight has noticed. Also hosted a Coats for Kids for the second time this past year and it was a major success again. They also support the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are again supporting their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center with donation funding and manpower. For their Church, I can always count on them to host the Annual Silver Rose Pilgrimage. Their pastor has a deep and strong conviction to this Pilgrimage. Participation at monthly meetings has been low the previous years, but this past year, I have noticed an upswing and more enthusiasm among those in attendance. Their membership shows up for their annual Pancake Feed fundraiser during the Annual Czech Festival each August and a recent meatless dinner fundraiser at the beginning of Lent this year. This council is building momentum with excitement and will do good going forward.

Council # 8469 is a very good council. Although attendance at monthly meetings is low, those who are there can and do make a lot of things happen. They have quite a few officers/members who have been around for a long time. They are the strong and supporting guidance of this council. They, like many of the other councils in this district, can and do fund a variety of activities, many of which are for local families and members in need. This appears to be a major interest and conviction of theirs. They also support many of the Supreme sponsored activities such as the Coats for Kids, One Rose – One Life Campaign, Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. I have also noticed they have a knack to involve members from their community to help them sponsor and provide manpower to support mutual interests, not only in their parish but community interests as well. Their membership seems to come out of the woodwork when there are these needs. Another district council that is doing well and will be around for a very long time.

Council # 11737 is another of the districts strong and vibrant councils. They host their annual Fireworks sales stand in the church parking lot and sponsor most of the manpower. From the proceeds, they can fund a wide array of activities and events. This council is active in the support of their parish Church, conducting clean-up and repair/maintenance events, providing matching funding for local retreats for Knights families, and supporting students wishing to participate in Pilgrimages. They sponsor two seminarians per year with monetary donations. They also support a local food pantry in the Denton Community gathering food, plus supplying

manpower and funding. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are also expanding on events and activities, trying out different things outside their comfort zone. They are again hosting a Fish Fry during Lent this year alongside a parish retreat. Again, overall, # 11737 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 11822, since requesting early summer last year, to assist the councils of the former District #12 serving as their District Deputy, it was quickly noticed this council is well organized. At their monthly council meetings, a modest number of members attend, including both priest from Friend and Exeter/Milligan. Their GK is on top of things and is the focal point for the membership following, while still employed full time as an over-the-road trucker, traveling all around the country. Many times, I receive a phone call or text while he's enroute from point "A" to point "B" somewhere on the rim of the US, that's commitment! I have also noticed their attendance at monthly meetings has gradually increased and memberships along with exemplifications has increased over the past few months. I have attended these as well as some of their fundraiser events. They are in good shape for funding whatever event they choose to host including over the past year, the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. They also sent several participants to the District, Reginal and now have several they've help host, going from their area to the State competition. Their living up to their Council name, "American Charities," by demonstrating what and who it means to be a Knight of Columbus & a Catholic Men's fraternal organization. Members donate significant time, effort, and money towards supporting their church and community, helping to host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers, Fish Frys, and pancake feed fundraisers to support the local parish or struggling community members. This council is fun to watch! They too are in it for the long-run and is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 14320 since last year has a new Grand Knight, but this is not his first time. He has been their GK before and has taken this council to Star Council. Since only being in his position for a few months, his experience has already come forth. With this being stated, I'm forecasting, council # 14320 is going to become the shining star in the district, but for now and all practical purposes, they are a mirror image of the Crete and Denton councils. This council is also strong and active, which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and community. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers and pancake feed fundraisers to support the local parish or struggling community members. They also acquire most of their funds from the sales of their annual Fireworks sales. Because of the success of sales, they can have sufficient funds for donations and supporting activities all year long. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, Catholic Spirit Radio, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are very proud of this one fact - a cause they strongly support, the Pro-Life / Unborn Initiatives, ASAP, and the Women's Care Center, Lincoln, NE, usually winning an award every year. It is within their sights for this year again. In all, this council is also a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 14508 is a very small council. Their attendance at the monthly meetings varies from a few to a nice group. They have the luxury of being able to host their monthly meetings between two locations, Beaver Crossing or Utica, both of which have nice meeting halls. They can fund and support many of the Supreme sponsored activities, Coats for Kids, One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They also host many meatless dinners during Lent surrounding the Parishes Stations of the Cross. My bride and I recently attended one of their premier events for the first time, their annual "Pork'n'Polka" fundraiser. It was a very good time, with very good food and music. Obviously, a hit with the

local community towns folks, parish membership, friends, and family members. It was well received and by the attendance, a major successful fundraiser. Like other councils, members show up for events such as this to help, some I have never seen before. They can support and fund themselves throughout the year well. In respect, this council is another vibrant and living our faith council and will grow going into the future.

In closing, all eight councils in district # 38 are doing what they can to model the way our Knights of Columbus with Fr. McGivney's inspiration has instilled. I have been privileged to be able to physically attend each monthly Knights council meeting and a few Officers' meetings. In addition, except for meetings during the month of December, that were either canceled due to weather, postponed, or altered/suspended due to holding Christmas Parties instead of. I do have four councils that hold meetings on the same nights, #1708 and #11822, plus # 8469 and # 11737. For these councils, I alternate attending their monthly meetings each month.

Gary Gandara  
District Deputy

## **District 39**

Vacant

## **District 40**

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

Council 1966 Plattsmouth Ne.

This council has been consistently active in all major areas for Faith, Family, Community and Church. In some ways they perform as a model for other councils, especially with their enthusiasm, focus on Faith and Council Administration .

The council had in person meetings for the year and continued to have an ability to have a zoom option to members .I have attended most of these meetings and observed a very enthusiastic group of Brother Knights. The meetings are preceded by a rosary in Church and are open to all in the parish. "Into The Breach "presentations were also conducted after meetings.

Major activities and fundraising included a large golf tournament in August. This was followed by a dinner and auction which raised about \$20,000. The council coordinated a project for the Franciscan Sisters' new motherhouse in Nebraska City. The focus was exterior walls and other enhancements to motherhouse property. The Nebraska City council provided some of the help.

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

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

Council 3152 Nebraska City

This council has also been very active in all major areas The weekly food pantry which is coordinated, manned, and partially funded by the Knights has continued to operate every week while offering expanded service

The council had in person meetings for the year and a rosary before every meeting. I have attended every meeting in a dual role as Financial Secretary and District Deputy. The council has increased its focus priority on Faith and Family

Major activities and fundraising included a fish fry's and an applejack concession stand in September. The council participated in a several projects for the Franciscan Sisters' new motherhouse in Nebraska City.

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

The council is on track to get an ICC Bronze

Council 12557 Greenwood /Ashland

This council was active with several events and fundraising activities with several of them shared with the ministerial and with other charities This included the monthly Saturday Morning breakfast which switched from Church to Church within the ministerial association. The council had in person meetings for the year. I have attended several meetings. The council is very dedicated to each activity and approaches them on a very detailed basis. There is some learning curve involved with a relatively new Grand Knight Major activities included supplying food and other help during the annual July Ashland festival and some fundraising for the CCD program. I found that the officers are involved daily with helping the church with various roles.

Supporting the Catholic Youth, CCD and Education are big priorities for the council.

Council 7614 Syracuse (Includes Palmyra Roundtable)

The council continued to make progress with a new Grand Knight . The covid virus earlier played a dual role of inhibiting some of the functions and making it difficult to meet. Also, the council was without a Grand Knight for 2 years until December 2021. Fortunately, a member Randy Arnold has stepped up to fill the role.

This council was active for most months during the year. This included the annual fish fry's and a program to collect socks for the homeless. The fish fries were very successful attracting hundreds of people from Omaha to south of Syracuse. We were fortunate to have Syracuse host a Regional Growth Meeting in February .

The council previously started in person meetings . I have attended several meetings. I am very optimistic in the short term about the expected accomplishments of the council. The Grand Knight is trying to find out more programs and activities to get into.

Supporting the Catholic Youth, CCD ,Church and Education are big priorities for the council.

Respectfully submitted  
Ken Carlstedt

**District 41**

Vacant



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District 42

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 42 which includes the following Councils:

975 Holy Rosary, Alliance

1128 St Patrick's, Chadron

Council 975 is very active in the Alliance community. They participate in fundraising events that include monthly breakfasts, monthly brunches for the Magnificat, Lenten fish fries, One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll Drive. An annual raffle generates multiple scholarships for the parish grade school. The council has developed a program for a needy student in the grade school. Once a teacher identifies a significant need for a pair of shoes, the council is notified and a certificate is awarded to the family to procure the needed shoes from the local Redman's shoe store. They are supported by a very enthusiastic parish priest.

Council 1128 is very active in the Chadron community. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month finds a Knight family preparing and serving a hot meal for the needy. The council provides manpower and financial assistance for the Chadron State College welcome back party, St Patrick's Celebration, Ash Wednesday meal, and other celebrations as requested by the parish pastor. A wedding reception is a favorite fundraiser of the council. One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll Drive are annual events.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bohnenkamp DD 42

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**District 43**

No report received.

Richard Lowery, PSD, FDM

Deputy Richardson called on General Agents Anthony Swanson and Neil Pfeifer. These presented a short video on the career opportunities of being a field agent and the incentives they were offering for the hiring of new field agents.

Deputy called on the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation Directors, Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM and Dan Wells. They reviewed the proposed cookbook that each delegate received in their packets.

Deputy Richardson continued, during the Officer's meeting on December 8, 2022, In Nebraska city, it was moved, seconded and the motion passed to open nominations for our Supreme convention in Orlando, Florida. Nominee background sheets must be turned in to Secretary Wolf before the recess of this afternoon session. Nominations are now closed.

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

Deputy Richardson called on Master Borytsky for any honor guard instructions. Master Borytsky reminded all that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree would gather in room Ruby 1 at 4:30 for mass.

Deputy Richardson entertained a motion that this meeting be recessed and reconvene on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 9:00 AM sharp. Much remained to be done including the election of officers and delegates to this year's Supreme Convention in Orlando. Council 12086 moved, seconded by council 16878. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 with a prayer by Chaplain, Very Reverend Fulton.

### **SATURDAY – APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – MASS**

The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island was the principal celebrant in the Diamond room of the Younes Conference Center. Concelebrating were the Most Reverend George Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island and Former State Chaplain, Very Rev Justin Fulton, State Chaplain, and Rev John Rooney, Former State Chaplain. Master Borytsky provided a 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard. The collection was for the ASAP Initiative. The congregation donated \$1,067. PSD Larry Reed presented the necrology, which follows:

## **Necrology**

### **Knights of Columbus Mass**

#### **Kearney, Nebraska – April 29, 2023**

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

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

### **Past State Deputy John T Carpenter**

**Jack served our State Jurisdiction as the following: Membership Director, Diocese Coordinator, State Advocate, State Treasurer and State Secretary. In 1976 - 78, Jack was elected State Deputy. Jack was a member of Council #5287 Omaha.**

### **Former State Chaplain Father Robert Rooney**

**Was appointed State Chaplain in 2002, by then State Deputy John Smith and His Excellency Bishop Lawrence McNamara. Later that year, Fr. Bob retired from his priestly duties, due to injuries suffered in a near fatal bicycle accident. Because of his love of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Bob served as Co-State Chaplain until 2007 and from 2007 to 2011, he served as State Chaplain Emeritus. Father Bob was a member of Ord Council #2292.**

**Former State Chaplain Monsignor Ivan Vap Msgr. Vap was appointed State Chaplain by then State Deputy Richard Batenhorst and His Excellency Bishop Glennon Flavin in 1984 and severed until 1986. Msgr. looked forward to our State Conventions. In the past 36 years, he only missed 3 State Conventions.**

**He was a member of Council 1123 Hastings.**

### **District Deputy Steven R Williams**

**Served as District Deputy from 2019 until his death in 2022. Steve was a member of Council #10160 Omaha.**

### **Former District Deputy Frederick Kambach**

**Was DD from 1994 to 1998, Fred served as Membership Director from 2000 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004 He was appointed State Retention Chairman. He was a member of Council 9518 Ralston.**

### **Former District Deputy William John Plummer**

**Served District 31 from 2008 to 2011. Bill was a member of Council 2681 Sidney**

### **Former District Deputy Donald L Gehrig**

**Served District 31 from 1985 to 1988. Don was a member of Council  
2681 Sidney**

### **Former District Deputy Merle Loecker**

**Served District 13 from 1998 – 2001. Merle was a member of Council  
1233 in Hartington.**

Oh, Heavenly Father,

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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

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

***ALL:** Amen*

#### **SATURDAY – APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – STATE BANQUET**

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

Bishop Hanefeldt thanked the gathering for the warm welcome he received and how he thoroughly enjoys his meeting with the Nebraska knights. He also expressed his and the other Nebraska Bishops very strong support during the Covid-19 pandemic and for the personal support he received during his illness. Bishop Hanefeldt continued the Knights must become men of faith and follow St. Joseph as a model, humble, chaste, and grow in virtue. St. Joseph was not afraid. He asked all to renew the commitment to the Holy Spirit.

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

Deputy Richardson commented on Project Lori which raised \$6,000 in the first year and \$13,000 in the second year. A short video was shown on Project Lori

Deputy Richardson asked State Chaplain, Very Reverend Fulton to come forward and bless a new set of jewels. Deputy Richard called on all Past State Deputies to come forward and he invested in them with a new jewel denoting them as a Past State Deputy.

Deputy Richardson introduced Supreme Guest, Anthony Minopoli, the principal speaker for the evening. Director Minopoli's remarks follow:

Thank you, Brother Matt, for that kind introduction.

Worthy Bishops, clergy, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, District Deputies, and to all my fellow Brothers, your families, and our guests; it is an honor to join you tonight to celebrate your accomplishments in Nebraska over the past year.

I bring you greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and from the Supreme Council. We are grateful for your dedication to our Order and to Blessed Father McGivney's vision. Each of you plays a pivotal role in the work and witness of the Knights of Columbus – you have earned our appreciation.

To all my brother Knights – thank you for your work and your witness over this past year. You brought our Brotherhood to new heights of charity, unity, and fraternity.

To all our guests, especially our priests and religious – thank you for partnering with the Knights of Columbus, and for your support. Our collaboration strengthens the foundation of our faith, and we will continue to stand with you to protect and preserve our beloved Church.

And finally, to all families gathered here – thank you for supporting your loved ones as they serve their parishes and communities, and for so often joining them in their work. And a special thank you to our wives. Many of us are here tonight because of your gentle push and constant encouragement. So on behalf of all the Knights here, I say thank you.

Because of all of you, our Brotherhood set a new standard of success in Nebraska last year. You put our Order's principles into practice and put your faith in action.

To date, Nebraska has shown a commitment to the Ultrasound initiative by placing 14 machines into service. In terms of other important initiatives, this state has contributed 2,860 hours of service to the Special Olympics and over \$37,000. As you know, the Order's new ASAP program was created by the Supreme Knight and Nebraska has answered his call with 23 applications and nearly \$33,000 in funds, something to be very proud of! Speaking of service to others, Nebraska has placed over 3,800 coats on cold children. Knowing what winter is like around here, I am sure they were welcome indeed.

I could keep going. The point is that you're helping to improve your communities, promote growth in the faith, and saving lives all across this state. The Supreme Council applauds this work and all of you who made it possible. And your actions in Nebraska contributed to a record year across America.

Through our Aid and Support After Pregnancy program, or ASAP for short, we have raised over \$2.5 million in support of this new initiative to date.

In January we reached 1,500 Ultrasound machines donated.

Councils throughout the Orders Coats for Kids have distributed more than 130,000 coats. Since 2003 through our wheelchair initiative councils have donated more than 8,900.

Internationally our outreach has also continued to grow. In February 2022 immediately following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Order responded with the In Solidarity with Ukraine Fund which has raised over \$20.5 million to date in charitable contributions to help provide direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees and their families in Poland. In addition, we are providing direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees and their families in Poland via Mercy Huts; and or Polish Knights have been provided housing, food and supplies to Ukrainian refugees.

Both at home and abroad. The Knights of Columbus is first in Charity. And as the Supreme Knight said in his greeting to this convention is that one of our priorities going forward will be to become first in faith as in charity.

I'll take this opportunity to reiterate the Supreme Knight's message that first and foremost we must strengthen Catholic men as the foundation for our success. Helping men become better men, better husbands, better fathers, and better Catholics serves to strengthen our families, communities, and parishes.

Supreme Knight Kelly offered a plan of action to help us accomplish this through the new initiative called the COR meeting. The purpose of the COR meeting is to strengthen Catholic men in faith and fraternity by providing ongoing opportunities for men to pray with other men and to build bonds of friendship.

Along with strengthening the faith, the Supreme Knight pointed out that we need to continue to protect the financial needs of families. Of course the first step of that is inviting Catholic men to participate in our insurance program by becoming a Knight. Along with our insurance offerings, the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors helps families with their investment needs including mutual funds that are available to members and nonmembers alike.

All of these accomplishments and goals go a long way to provide the rock-solid foundation that the Knights of Columbus is built on and continues to grow on.

But while tonight we're here to celebrate our accomplishments, it's also a time to ask ourselves How can we do more? How can we grow in action and effectiveness?

We need to ask these questions and we need to answer them too. At the Supreme Council, we believe that the mission of the Knights of Columbus is more important than at any point since Father McGivney founded our Order in 1882.

Now, as then, men are searching for meaning and striving to find community in a broken, fragmented society. Now, as in the late 1800's, the Catholic family and the Catholic faith are under sustained assault by the culture around us. And now, as then, the Knights of Columbus offer a solution to the crisis. Our Order is the antidote to the times we live in.

In our Brotherhood, we spur men to see beyond themselves. The Knights of Columbus leans men into community, draws them into a life of service, and empowers them to become better husbands, fathers, neighbors, citizens, and followers of Christ. Men who are committed to charity, unity, and fraternity. In short, men we call Knights.

So the Knights of Columbus defend the true ideal of manhood. This Brotherhood also gives men the chance to defend the family. Sadly, the family also faces many challenges in the modern world. Our opportunity and our obligation are to strengthen families.

Finally, in the Knights of Columbus, we give men the opportunity to help strengthen and grow in the Church. There is no doubt that the Church is hurting today. At times like this, it's easy to despair and it's hard to see the way forward. That's where we come in.

You've all probably heard the Knights of Columbus called the Church's "strong right arm." Our strength is critical in this time of trial. We must be leaders who work the rebuilding of the church and bonds of trust. We can also be champions for unity. At every crisis in the Church's history, our Lord called upon individuals for new help from within. He is calling us to do the same today. And as we work to reform our church from within, the Knights of Columbus will also defend here from outside attacks.

In recent years, faithful Catholics have encountered rising hostility in the public square. Nowhere is this more obvious than in our politics, where some leaders now equate Catholicism with bigotry and hate. This should remind us of the discrimination that Catholics faced with Father McGivney founded our Order. It's the modern equivalent of the sign that read "Catholics need not apply." And while it is baseless and wrong, it demands a strong response from all of us who know the truth. As Catholics, we stand for the dignity of every person. And as Knights, we know that our Order has spent nearly a century-and-a-half helping stand up for the marginalized. We fought the Klan in the United States in the 1920 and 30s, and we defended persecuted Catholics in Mexico. We never drew the color line in World War 1, and today we defend persecuted Christians in the Middle East and provide support for the victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Knights of Columbus embody the best of humanity and we cherish our faith and we will never back down from our beliefs!

So thank you again for all your work over the past year. Thank you also for the warm welcome that you have shown me and Karen this weekend. In the Knights of Columbus we see the power of unchanging truth to change lives. That is why we are gathering here tonight. That is why we gather in our Councils all year round, and that is why, every day, we must work tirelessly to advance our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

In closing, let me just say that the world needs the Knights of Columbus now more than ever. That's why the Knights of Columbus needs to inspire and recruit a new generation of servant leaders. As we look toward the next year, we should be excited for what's in store. The

challenges will be many, but so are the opportunities and the rewards. As we prepare ourselves for what's ahead, let us be confident in each other and in our shared mission and principles. And let us take comfort in the words of Scripture, which tell us, "the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Thank you again. May God bless you in the coming year.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Deputy Richardson thanked Director Minopoli for his remarks and presented him with a few mementos of his visit to Nebraska a donation in his honor to the ASAP program and a box of Nebraska chocolates for Karen.

Deputy Richardson called on Master Borytsky for a special presentation. Master Borytsky explained the history of presenting a "Quilt of Valor" to military veterans. This year the quilt was presented to Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger of Grand Island, Former State Chaplain, retired Air Force Major General. Bishop Dendinger served for 32 years in the Air Force retiree as Chief of all Chaplains. Bishop Dendinger was very grateful for this honor.

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

\$2500	P.J. O'Neill	Kearney
\$1000	Braxton Augustin	Shelby
\$750	Martha Blotkamp	Lincoln
\$500	Tim Karston	Omaha
\$250	R.B. Kaslon	York
\$100	Mark J Polacek	David City
\$100	Joseph C Stankus	Omaha
\$100	Jim Barra	Omaha
\$100	Verle Squire	Omaha
\$100	St. John Baptist	Stapleton

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

Deputy Richardson called on Directors Don Ferneding, PSD< FDM and Dan Wells, McGivney Foundation Directors. They briefly discussed the cookbook initiative. They continued stating no oral or silent auction this year. A "Heads or Tails" was played with 4 prizes award. The games grossed \$3310 for the Foundation. Winners were:

\$500 Cash – DD Roy Zach  
Football Package – Gary Grotelueschen  
Golf Package – Justin Wemhoff  
Spa Package – Jason Danner

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 – MASS**

Mass was held in the Diamond Room. State Chaplain Fulton presided. Approximately 250 people attended.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 - LADIES BRUNCH**

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 – BUSINESS MEETING

Deputy Richardson convened the meeting at 9:05 A.M. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the third section shall please retire from the Chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions. Please turn off or silence all pagers and cell phones.

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

Deputy Richardson called on Associate Chaplain John Rooney asking that he lead us in an opening prayer.

Deputy Richardson called on Master Borytsky to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Richardson called on General Agent Anthony Swanson for his annual report.

Agent Swanson requested that his report be entered into the proceedings without being read.

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

Deputy Richardson moved that the two reports of the Nebraska General Agents be entered into the proceedings. Council 2373 seconded. Motion passed.

### 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 2023 Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. The Swanson Agency of Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska had a solid year in our fourteenth 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 2022 was **Brian Almond**, FICF. Brian also qualified for MDRT membership which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world. In addition, two other agents qualified for MDRT from our agency: Dcn. Bill Buchta and David St. Hilaire. The Knights of Columbus insurance division had another marvelous year with as well.

The Knights again received a superior rating from AM Best and was named one of the top 6 most financially strong companies in the industry by Standard & Poor's and received their AA+ rating. The Knights also had an all-time high increase in premiums in 2022. 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

### Pfeifer Agency

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2023 Nebraska State Convention.

The Pfeifer Agency, serving Northeast Nebraska and Western Iowa, just finished our 7<sup>th</sup> full year as an Agency. The agency currently has 19 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 25<sup>th</sup> in Company out of approximately 90 agencies in the Order. Issuing \$118 million in Life Ins protection on our families, which was in the top 10 overall.

The Nebraska Pfeifer Agency Agent of the Year for 2022 was Noah Pfeifer

Our Agency had 10 Agents qualify for MDRT membership, which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world.

Neil Pfeifer, Craig Pfeifer, Jeremy Borchers 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 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 Western Iowa

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

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

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

District #3, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   4  .

District #4, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   3  .

District #5, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   4  .

District #6, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   5  .

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

District #8, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   2  .

District #9, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   6  .

District #10, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   2  .

District #11, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   2  .

District #12, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   0  .

District #13, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   4  .

District #14, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have   2  .

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District #32, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_2\_\_.

District #33, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_6\_\_.

District #34, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_3\_\_.

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District #40, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_5\_\_.

District #41, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_0\_\_.

District #42, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_2\_\_.

District #43, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_0\_\_.

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

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL**

## 2023 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

### I. RECURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

1. RESOLVED, we pledge faith and loyalty to our Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis; and
2. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude and appreciation to Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, for their outstanding vision, leadership, and successful direction of the Order during the past year; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation and support to each Supreme Officer, Supreme Director, and staff for untiring efforts on our behalf during the past Year.
3. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
4. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Fabian Bruskevitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
5. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, for his assistance and encouragement, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
6. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude to all state, district, and local officers and the councils which they lead for the numerous contributions and excellent work during the past year.
7. RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation to the city officials and people of Kearney, Nebraska, for assisting with the preparation and conducting of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Convention, and for the hospitality and splendid efforts in making the State Convention a success.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council is honored to host Supreme Director, Anthony Minopoli, as our State Dinner guest and speaker; we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

9. RESOLVED, the State Council continues to support all priests in their tasks with time, energy, and resources, and also with prayers, friendship, kindness, and support for each of them and the office they hold as Jesus' representatives in our parishes.

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

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

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

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

1. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host the annual workshop forum during the 2024 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
2. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host an annual Chaplains' Seminar during the 2024 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 2023-2024 Columbian Year and pay the actual expenses thereof.
4. RESOLVED, the State Council shall publish the Knights Courier quarterly for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof; and FURTHER RESOLVED, each issue of the Knights Courier published during the 2023-2024 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 Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$9.75) per capita for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year, and Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) per capita for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year, payable pursuant to the First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus, 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 increasing from Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per mile one way to Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per mile one way; and FURTHER RESOLVED, all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
7. RESOLVED, for the 2023-2024 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 COUNCILS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLVED, that in recognition of his faithful and honorable service to the Knights of Columbus in the State of Nebraska, and with confidence that he would provide the same service to our Supreme Council, we nominate State Deputy Matt Richardson to the Supreme Board of Directors.

Council 11001 – Blessed Sacrament  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Advocate Korth continued; the Committee moved to approve the resolutions. Council 2411 seconded, resolutions passed.

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

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

Deputy Richardson stating that nominations are now open for the office of State Deputy 3 times.

Council 2681 nominated current State Secretary Robert Wolf for the office of State Deputy. Council 10923 seconded.

Deputy Richardson continued, hearing no other nominations is there a motion to close nominations for the office of State Deputy and accept Bob Wolf as State Deputy. Council 8579 so moved. Second by council 10923. Motion passed. State Deputy Elect Wolf acknowledged and thanked the gathering.

Deputy Ricardson continued, stating that nominations for the office of State Secretary were no open 3 times.

Council 11879 nominated current State Treasurer Michael Schaefer for the office of State Secretary. Council 6192 seconded.

Deputy Richardson continued, hearing no other nominations is there a motion to close nominations for the office of State Secretary and accept Michael Schaefer as State Secretary. Council 6192 so moved. Second by council 1211. Motion passed. State Secretary Elect Schaeffer acknowledged and thanked the gathering.

Deputy Richardson continued, stating that nominations for the office of State Treasurer were now open 3 times.

Council 8579 nominated current State Warden Donald Hypse for the office of State Treasurer. Council 10412 seconded.

Deputy Richardson continued, hearing no other nominations is there a motion to close nominations for the office of State Treasurer and accept Donald Hypse as State Treasurer.

Council 10305 so moved. Second by council 9264. Motion passed. State Treasurer Elect Hypse acknowledged and thanked the gathering.

Deputy Richardson continued, stating nominations for the office of State Advocate were now open 3 times.

Council 4979 nominated current State Advocate James Korth for the office of State Advocate. Council 2681 seconded.

Deputy Richardson continued, hearing no other nominations is there a motion to close nominations for the office of State Advocate and accept James Korth as State Advocate. Council 1211 so moved. Second by council 2411. Motion passed. State Advocate Korth acknowledged and thanked the gathering.

Deputy Richardson continued, stating that nominations were now open for the office of State Warden 3 times.

Council 1793 nominated current State Program Director Brian Hamik for the office of State Warden. Seconded by 8579.

Deputy Richardson continued, hearing no other nominations is there a motion to close nominations for the office of State Warden and accept Brian Hamik as State Warden. Council 8579 so moved. Second by council 1132. Motion passed. State Warden Elect Hamik acknowledged and thanked the gathering.

Deputy Richardson announced the election of delegates to the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Orlando, Florida. I call on Secretary Wolf for the purpose of making a motion.

I move that State Chaplain Select Fr. John Rooney and District Master Mark Borytsky be elected as delegates to our Supreme convention. Council 10286 seconded, motions passed..

Deputy Richardson stated that nominations were closed at the recess of our session on Saturday. We have 1 nomination, as only six are needed, the chair will entertain a motion to accept this brother knight as a delegate. Council 11001 so moved, council 6192 seconded. Motion passed.

Deputy Richardson stated that in accordance with Nebraska by-laws, State Deputy Elect will appoint the remaining delegates. The following brothers will serve as delegates:

State Deputy Elect Robert Wolf  
Immediate Past State Deputy Matthew Richardson  
State Chapin Select Fr. John Rooney  
Very Reverend Justin Fulton, Paste State Chaplain  
Mark Borytsky, State Master  
Neal Johnson, Council 10285  
Gregory Jochum, Council 12086  
Brian Hamik, State Warden Elect  
Larry Koerner, Council 7704  
Larry Reed, PSD, Council 6192

The following brother knights have agreed to service as alternates.

Richard Lowery, PSD, FDM, council 11001  
Michel Schaeffer, State Secretary Elect

During the Paste State Deputy's annual breakfast meeting, it was voted that PSD/FSD Mike Conrad will serve as alternate for Deputy Elect Wolf and PSD Louis Gasper will serve as alternate for IPSD Borytsky.

Deputy Richardson suspended the meeting and called on a Younes employee who is a refugee from Ukraine. She thanked all for the generous support she and her family have received.

Deputy Richardson resumed the meeting.

The Chair stated next year's convention will be at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska on April 26, 27 and 28, 2024.

The chair continued the Supreme Convention in 20243 will be in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. A passport will be required. If you are planning on attending, plan ahead.

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

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

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

This meeting the 118<sup>th</sup> Nebraska State Convention is not adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Guggenberger  
Recorder

#### Appendices

A – 2022 -2023 Awards

B – Past State Deputies and Chaplains

C – Audit State Council

D – Audit Culture of Life Foundation

E – Audit Intellectual Disabilities Foundation

F – Audit McGivney Foundation



# Appendix A

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Publicity	Publicity	1	1st	St. Joseph	10163	Benkelman/Stratton		Rodney Auffret
		2	1st	St. Mary	9704	Lincoln		John Franssen
		3	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth		Steve Riese
		4	1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln		Justin Wemhof
		5	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue		Ray Romero
	Publicity	1	2nd	American Charities	11822	Exeter/Friend		Doug Anderson
		2	2nd	St. Pius the Tenth	15101	Omaha		Gregory Barry
		3	2nd	Fr. Clement Bracht	10184	Omaha		Mike McDonne
		4	2nd	#N/A	N/A	#N/A		#N/A
		5	2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln		Daniel Schlautm
<b>Category Award Type Place Council Name Council # City Project Description Grand Knight</b>								
Life	Supreme Service Award		1st	St. Francis Borgia	10412	Blair	Parish Right to Life Monument	Brandon Dirkschne
	State Service Award		2nd	St. Peter	10510	Lincoln	Car Show for Pregnancy Center Support	Gary Bouc
<b>Category Award Type Place Council Name Council # City Artist Grand Knight</b>								
Life	Culture of Life Art Contest		1st	Fr. Auer	10592	Bloomfield	Kiersten Hans	Wendell Strom
	Culture of Life Art Contest		2nd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	Sky Kroenke	Chris Gries
	Culture of Life Art Contest		3rd	Rev. W. W. Kroupa	3720	Spencer	Miri Johnson	John Thiry
<b>Category Award Type Div. Place Council Name Council # City Amount Grand Knight</b>								
Life	One Rose - One Life	1	1st	St. James	14320	Cortland	\$ 2,050.00	Ron Boden
		2	1st	St. Mary's	9704	Lincoln	\$ 1,435.00	John Franssen
		3	1st	Pope John Paul II	13956	Omaha	\$ 3,669.11	William Sawin
		4	1st	St. Leo The Great	10965	Omaha	\$ 2,613.67	Joseph From
		5	1st	St. Robert Bellarmine	10108	Omaha	\$ 6,145.32	Timothy Thomps
	One Rose - One Life	1	2nd	Wood River	2351	Wood River	\$ 1,031.00	Daniel Davis
		2	2nd	Fr. Auer	10592	Bloomfield	\$ 1,160.00	Wendell Strom
		3	2nd	fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	\$ 2,148.66	Steve Riese
		4	2nd	St. Peter & Paul	1918	Grand Island	\$ 2,568.88	Travis Sydzyik
		5	2nd	Fr. William A. Foster	9518	Omaha	\$ 5,248.00	Patrick Garnata
<b>Category Award Type Div. Place Council Name Council # City Amount Grand Knight</b>								
Intellectual	Money Earned	1	1st	Fr. McGivney	12530	North Platte	\$ 2,218.46	James Nisley
		2	1st	Fr. Ulenberg	7684	Geneva/Grafton/Shickley	\$ 5,082.40	Sam Scott
		3	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	\$ 3,082.07	Steve Riese
		4	1st	St. Leo	10387	Grand Island	\$ 5,295.88	Greg Hamik
		5	1st	St. Anthony of Padua	2716	Schuyler	\$ 6,662.27	Matthew Bailey
<b>Category Award Type Div. Place Council Name Council # City Percentage Grand Knight</b>								
Intellectual	Percentage Increase	1	1st	Our Lady of Guadalupe	10815	Omaha	428.00%	Ignacio Cervante
		2	1st	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee	12687	Elm Creek	105.73%	Lloyd Wolf
		3	1st	St. Rose of Lima	10607	Genoa	125.63%	Jason Pilakowsk
		4	1st	St. Charles Borromeo	14077	Gretna	186.26%	Robert Dickins
		5	1st	St. Wenceslaus	10909	Omaha	133.21%	Zachary Royse
	Percentage Increase	1	2nd	Fr. McGivney	12530	North Platte	121.45%	James Nisley
		2	2nd	St. Peter	7954	Fullerton	105.71%	Wes Wetovick
		3	2nd	St. Boniface	5881	Stuart	96.39%	Jeff Dvorak
		4	2nd	Fr. Trayer	1126	McCook	34.56%	Benton Daniels
		5	2nd	Phil Sheridan	1497	Fremont	96.41%	Oris Glass, Jr
Percentage Increase	1	3rd	St. Mary	9898	Leigh	102.04%	Sam Herink	
	2	3rd	St. Mary & St. Patrick	15647	Davey	67.78%	Bradley Custer	
	3	3rd	St. Michael of Spalding	13584	Spalding	90.21%	Bill Spelic	
	4	3rd	St. Stephen	1906	Lawrence	29.92%	Jerry Karmazin	
	5	3rd	Columbus	938	Columbus	78.85%	Donald Mrocze	
<b>Category Award Type Place Council Name Council # City Project Description Grand Knight</b>								

Faith	Supreme Service Award		1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Jail Ministry	Steve Riese
	State Service Award		2nd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Ukrainian Chaplain Visit	Ray Romero
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Faith	Support of Catholic Education		equal	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Parish Golf Classic	Steve Riese
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Faith	Support of Vocations		equal	Fr. Kenneth Walker	16878	Lincoln	Octoberfest RSVP	Anthony Montano
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recipients Name</b>
Faith	Chaplain of the Year		1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln		Fr. Matthew Kovach
	Chaplain of the Year		2nd	St. Mary	9704	Lincoln		Fr. Joseph Walsby
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Family	Supreme Service Award		1st	St. Michael	10913	Lincoln	Parish Student Medical Needs & Assistance	Brian Rea
	State Service Award		2nd	Broken Bow	2388	Broken Bow	Parish Family Fish Fry Benefit	Jack Smith
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recipients Name</b>
Family	Family of the Year		1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln		Clem & Maggie Pfeiffer
	Family of the Year		2nd	Fr. William Kearns	8579	Wayne		Michael & Penn Fehringer
	Family of the Year	Honorable Mention		St. Michael	10913	Lincoln		Mike & Kris Morgan
	Family of the Year	Honorable Mention		St. Isidore	12086	Columbus		Michael & Sarah Doerneman
	Family of the Year	Honorable Mention		Columban	6192	Bellevue		Paul & Wilda Ysrael
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Community	Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service		1st	St. John the Baptist	10305	Fort Calhoun	Fundraiser for Family Assistance	Larry McKenna
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Community	Supreme Service Award		1st	Msgr. David R. Hintz	13576	Lincoln	Walk to End Hunger	Greg Gawarecki
	State Service Award		2nd	Broken Bow	2388	Broken Bow	Disaster Preparedness	Jack Smith
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recipients Name</b>
Community	Knight of the Year		1st	Beatrice	1723	Beatrice		Harold Nielsen
	Knight of the Year		2nd	St. Michael	10913	Lincoln		Loran Stara
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Recipients Name</b>
Community	Rookie Knight of the Year		1st	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus		Logan Erickson
	Rookie Knight of the Year		2nd	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln		Jason Danner
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>		<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Artist</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Community Youth	Keep Christ in Christmas		1st - Ages 5-7	St. James	10895	Omaha	Avery Tomich	Douglas Powell
			1st - Ages 8-10	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	Kolby Tran	Steven Douglas
			1st - Ages 11-14	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	Emma Gueret	Steven Douglas
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Div.</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Percent Gain</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	1	1st	St. John Neuman	7734	Cambridge	9.30%	Patrick Howarth
	Highest Percent Gain	1	2nd	Stg. James	14320	Cortland	9.26%	Ron Boden
	Highest Percent Gain	1	3rd	Wood River	2351	Wood River/Shelton	8.89%	Daniel Davis
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	2	1st	St. John Paul II	16680	Omaha	12.66%	Caleb Connelly
	Highest Percent Gain	2	2nd	All Saints	8590	Holdrege	9.46%	Mike Pelster
	Highest Percent Gain	2	3rd	Msgr. Thomas Barden	6750	Tecumseh	8.33%	Tim Sisco
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	3	1st	Our Lady of Good Counsel	10315	Lincoln	40.82%	McGuire Miller
	Highest Percent Gain	3	2nd	Count Creighton	1238	Creighton	9.47%	Cory Frisch
	Highest Percent Gain	3	3rd	Pope John Paul II	13956	Omaha	8.42%	William Sawin
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	4	1st	Holy Rosary	975	Alliance	16.67%	#N/A
	Highest Percent Gain	4	2nd	Fr. Flannagan of Boys Town	652	Omaha	8.33%	Jim Elliston
	Highest Percent Gain	4	3rd	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	5.43%	Justin Wemhoff
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	5	1st	St. Robert Bellarmine	10108	Omaha	5.47%	Timothy Thompson
	Highest Percent Gain	5	2nd	St. Stephen the Martyr	10160	Omaha	5.21%	Jason Castor
	Highest Percent Gain	5	3rd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	4.97%	Chris Gries
<b>Category</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Div.</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>Council #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Grand Knight</b>
ICC Awards	Champion			Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	ICC Champion Belt	Steve Riese
ICC Awards	ICC Gold		1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Plaque	Steve Riese
	ICC Gold		1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Plaque	Ray Romero
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Elizabeth Ann	9771	Omaha	Plaque	Christopher Kalden
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Michael's	10913	Lincoln	Plaque	Brian Rea
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Plaque	Marxen Kyriakos

ICC Awards	ICC Silver	2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	Plaque	Daniel Schlautman
	ICC Silver	2nd	St. Mary's	9704	Lincoln	Plaque	John Franssen
	ICC Silver	2nd	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Plaque	Justin Wemhoff
	ICC Silver	2nd	Holy Cross	11364	Omaha	Plaque	David Byrne
	ICC Silver	2nd	Msgr. David R. Hintz	13576	Lincoln	Plaque	Greg Gawarecki
	ICC Bronze	3rd	Beatrice	1723	Beatrice	Plaque	Brock Lohr
	ICC Bronze	3rd	Archbishop Bergan	6429	Papillion	Plaque	Michael Trautman
	ICC Bronze	3rd	St. John Vianney	7740	Omaha	Plaque	Robert McGowan
	ICC Bronze	3rd	Fr. John Wallace	10047	Gretna	Plaque	Joseph Krajicek
	ICC Bronze	3rd	St. Stephen the Martyr	10160	Omaha	Plaque	Jason Castor
	ICC Bronze	3rd	St. Leo's	10387	Grand Island	Plaque	Greg Hamik
	ICC Bronze	3rd	St. Francis Borgia	10412	Omaha	Plaque	Brandon Dirkschne
	ICC Bronze	3rd	Msgr. Maurice Helman	11280	Lincoln	Plaque	Joel VanBrocklin
	ICC Bronze	3rd	Fr. McGivney	12530	North Platte	Plaque	James Nisley

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	Special Project	equal	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Backpack for Veterans	Ray Romero
	Special Project	equal	St. Mary	9704	Lincoln	Solidarity for Ukraine Campaign	John Franssen

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	On-Going Projects	equal	Our Lady of Lourdes	13080	Omaha	Backyard BBQ Contest	Timothy Vaughn
	On-Going Projects	equal	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee	12687	Elm Creek	Pro-Life Signs	Lloyd Wolf

Category	Award Type	Place	DD Name	District #	Hometown	Councils Served
State Deputy	District Deputy of the Year	DD of the Year	Jesse Hines	11	Phillips	8010, 10386, 14010
		Runner Up	James Vath	34	Bennington	10795, 10965, 14510, 15101

Category	Agency	Place	Agent's Name	Council #	Hometown	Councils Served
Insurance	Pfeifer Agent of the Year	1st	Noah Pfeifer	1793	Norfolk	1739, 1793 (A-K), 1769, 7825, 7887, 7989, 10607
						1123 (A-K), 1708, 14434, 7684, 11823, 11824, 14010, 14508
	From Agencies	Swanson Agent of the Year	1st	Brian Almond	1123	Hastings
	Swanson Agent of the Year	Runner Up	David St. Hilaire	11001	Lincoln	

## NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL

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

2002-04	John F Smith, Broken Bow	Most Rev Lawrence McNamara, Grand Island 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
2019-21	Mark J. Borytsky, Bellevue	Rev Joshua Brown, North Platte

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis and statements of functional expenses - modified cash basis, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and its revenues and expenses for the years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

### **Basis of Accounting**

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

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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



### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Dana Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 18, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
 MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
 JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Checking - FNB Omaha - General	40,782	82,756
Checking - FNB Omaha - Disaster	66,841	117,841
Checking - FNB Omaha - Lottery	174,603	265,231
Endowment Fund - K of C Charities, Inc.	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>415,066</u>	<u>598,668</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions	282,226	465,828
With donor restrictions	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>
Total net assets	<u>415,066</u>	<u>598,668</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>415,066</u>	<u>598,668</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
REVENUES		
Per capita - State Council	182,349	186,311
Contributions		
Donations - outside causes	33,260	8,085
Donations - disaster relief	500	32,639
Special events		
Income from sports activities	8,705	12,272
Income from Christmas cards	653	5,945
State Convention - other income	7,250	4,680
State meetings - meals sold	33,972	23,102
Sweepstakes income	139,660	144,310
Miscellaneous income	784	1,447
Total revenues	<u>407,133</u>	<u>418,791</u>
EXPENSES		
Program services	546,047	278,217
Management and general	44,688	39,338
Total expenses	<u>590,735</u>	<u>317,555</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(183,602)	101,236
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>598,668</u>	<u>497,432</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>415,066</u>	<u>598,668</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Program service		
Advertising	300	
Bereavement expense	1,374	585
Cost of sales - Christmas cards	583	5,192
Courier expenses	52,913	42,253
DD expenses - lodging	265	
DD expenses - meals	63	41
DD expenses - mileage and per diem	147	281
DD expenses - other		5
Disaster donations	51,500	6,015
Donations to outside causes	17,517	9,938
Executive Secretary contract	1,800	1,800
Insurance	873	873
Licenses and permits	170	
Membership expense - lodging		194
Membership expense - mileage and per diem		157
Membership expense - other		3
Membership promotion	1,336	
Mid-summer meeting - lodging	12,232	14,651
Mid-summer meeting - meals	8,711	1,232
Mid-summer meeting - mileage and per diem	2,650	2,809
Mid-summer meeting - other	5,863	2,212
Mid-winter meeting - lodging	11,032	7,127
Mid-winter meeting - meals	12,389	8,656
Mid-winter meeting - mileage and per diem	1,967	2,079
Mid-winter meeting - other	12,174	3,830
Miscellaneous expense	153	447
Operating supplies	5,319	5,602
Seminarian and religious donations	206,550	40,500
Sports activities	8,716	9,941
State Convention - lodging	18,036	15,012
State Convention - meals	36,711	21,521
State Convention - mileage and per diem	16,638	17,353
State Convention - other	16,355	7,690
State lottery taxes	2,888	3,244
State meetings - lodging	4,960	6,163
State meetings - meals	5,593	4,127
State meetings - mileage and per diem	655	302

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 STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
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	2023	2022
State meetings - other	421	2,736
State Officer expense - lodging	280	1,013
State Officer expense - meals	507	468
State Officer expense - mileage and per diem	1,509	2,537
State Officer expense - other	4,424	3,840
State Program Director - lodging	335	191
State Program Director - meals		2,095
State Program Director - mileage and per diem	579	470
State shirts and pins	8,384	8,988
Subscriptions and dues	2,618	3,364
Sup. Convention expense - meals	1,071	196
Sup. Convention expense - other	357	572
Sweepstakes winners	4,500	
Trophies and awards	1,877	9,912
Vocational gifts	752	
Total program service expenses	<u>546,047</u>	<u>278,217</u>
Management and general		
Bank charges		
Postage	22,837	21,527
Printing	9,121	8,969
Professional fees	4,850	150
Stationery, printing, and processing	7,880	8,692
Total management and general expenses	<u>44,688</u>	<u>39,338</u>
Total expenses	<u>590,735</u>	<u>317,555</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Financial Statement Presentation

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

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

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

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

Revenue Recognition

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

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Council considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council had no cash equivalents.

Investments

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

Income Taxes

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been reported on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. Only bank charges, postage, printing, professional fees, and stationery, printing, and processing are considered to be supporting costs. The remaining costs are considered program activity costs.

Advertising

Advertising costs were recorded as expended. The advertising expenses for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, were \$300 and \$- 0 -, respectively.

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Council maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. Accounts at this institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council had uninsured balances totaling \$45,958 and \$237,260, respectively. The Council has not experienced any losses on such accounts and management believes the risk is mitigated by maintaining all deposits in high quality financial institutions.

NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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



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NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

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

Spending Policy

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

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, is as follows:

	2023	2022
Donor-restricted endowment fund	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	2023	2022
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	132,840	132,840
Contributions, donor-restricted	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>

NOTE 4. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted endowments for grants to charitable projects and programs, and for the benefit of the Council in fulfilling its mission, in which the principal is invested in perpetuity. Net assets with donor restrictions were \$132,840 and \$132,840 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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NOTE 5. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

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

	2023	2022
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>282,226</u>	<u>465,828</u>

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

NOTE 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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

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**DANA F. COLE  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

### **Basis of Accounting**

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

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Dana Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 18, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
 STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
 CASH BASIS  
 JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
 STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
 CASH BASIS  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
RECEIPTS		
Buck-A-Month	52,265	8,372
Contributions		
One-Rose One-Life	193,636	146,181
Ultrasound Fund	<u>31,114</u>	
Total receipts	<u>277,015</u>	<u>154,553</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Program services	281,188	140,458
Management and general	<u>4,442</u>	<u>5,049</u>
Total disbursements	<u>285,630</u>	<u>145,507</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(8,615)	9,046
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>310,485</u>	<u>301,439</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Bishops Pastoral Plan	18,000		18,000
Buck-A-Month refunds	16,465		16,465
Catholic Conference	6,000		6,000
Lodging	2,465		2,465
Meals	400		400
Mileage and expenses	536		536
One-Rose One-Life expenses	4,366		4,366
Postage		142	142
Professional fees		4,300	4,300
Pro-life essay	750		750
Pro-life march	4,000		4,000
Pro-life organization support	81,200		81,200
Pro-life special events	41,620		41,620
Public relations	3,600		3,600
Request for funds	17,135		17,135
Ultrasound purchases	84,651		84,651
Total expenses	<u>281,188</u>	<u>4,442</u>	<u>285,630</u>

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Financial Statement Presentation

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

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

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions (Continued)

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

Memberships

Membership dues for the Buck-A-Month program are recognized as income when they are received.

Contributions

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

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

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

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

Income Taxes (Continued)

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

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of functional expenses - cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services. Only professional fees, postage, and office expenses are considered to be supporting costs. The remaining costs are considered program activity costs.

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. The account at this institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had uninsured balances of \$53,282 and \$61,201, respectively.

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

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

	2023	2022
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>

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

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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

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**DANA F. COLE  
& COMPANY<sup>LLP</sup>**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

### **Basis of Accounting**

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

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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



### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Dana Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 18, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
 STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
 CASH BASIS  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
RECEIPTS		
Fall drive	<u>182,804</u>	<u>168,978</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Program services	177,568	163,192
Management and general	<u>6,709</u>	<u>1,527</u>
Total disbursements	<u>184,277</u>	<u>164,719</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,473)	4,259
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>41,228</u>	<u>36,969</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Angel Guardians, Inc.	2,579		2,579
Arc of Nebraska	23,731		23,731
Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy	478		478
DUET/ENCORE	7,792		7,792
Madonna School	11,902		11,902
Mid Nebraska Individual Services	2,920		2,920
Miscellaneous donations	17,469		17,469
Mosaic	29,716		29,716
Ollie Webb Center, Inc.	5,692		5,692
Parish	5,059		5,059
People First of Nebraska, Inc.	1,520		1,520
S.M.I.L.E. Inc.	11,811		11,811
Sheltering Tree	10,000		10,000
Special Olympics Nebraska	18,550		18,550
SWATS	2,025		2,025
Villa Marie School	26,324		26,324
Foundation expenses		2,409	2,409
Professional fees		4,300	4,300
Total expenses	<u>177,568</u>	<u>6,709</u>	<u>184,277</u>

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

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

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Financial Statement Presentation

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

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

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

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

There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

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

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

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

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

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Only grants awarded are considered to be program activities. The remaining costs are considered supporting costs.

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

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at one financial institution. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation's cash balances were fully insured.

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

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

	2023	2022
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>

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

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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





NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2023



**DANA F. COLE  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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**DANA F. COLE  
& COMPANY<sup>LLP</sup>**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors  
Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation  
Bellevue, Nebraska

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of June 30, 2023, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation as of June 30, 2023, and its revenue and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

### **Basis of Accounting**

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

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Dana J Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 18, 2023

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS

ASSETS	
Cash	7,248
Investments	729,238
Cash value - life insurance policies	<u>96,162</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>832,648</u></b>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	<u>- 0 -</u>
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	7,248
With donor restrictions	
Restricted by purpose or time	231,364
Restricted in perpetuity	<u>594,036</u>
Total net assets	<u>832,648</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>832,648</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>		
		Restricted by Purpose or Time	Restricted in Perpetuity	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Contributions	10,430		750	11,180
Investment earnings		16,488		16,488
Increase in cash value of life insurance			4,233	4,233
Unrealized gain on investments		56,285		56,285
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>11,398</u>	<u>(11,398)</u>		
Total receipts and other support	<u>21,828</u>	<u>61,375</u>	<u>4,983</u>	<u>88,186</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services	17,612			17,612
Management and general	<u>7,259</u>			<u>7,259</u>
Total expenses	<u>24,871</u>			<u>24,871</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(3,043)	61,375	4,983	63,315
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<u>10,291</u>	<u>169,989</u>	<u>589,053</u>	<u>769,333</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<u>7,248</u>	<u>231,364</u>	<u>594,036</u>	<u>832,648</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Grants	5,500		5,500
Advertising		325	325
Investment management fees	10,333		10,333
Legal and professional services		4,300	4,300
Life insurance premiums	1,779		1,779
Office supplies		1,174	1,174
Postage		146	146
Printing and copies		1,314	1,314
Total expenses	<u>17,612</u>	<u>7,259</u>	<u>24,871</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Financial Statement Presentation

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

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

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

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

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

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

Revenue Recognition

The Foundation has analyzed the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and has concluded that no changes are necessary to conform with the new standard. The Organization generally does not have any service revenues requiring compliance with ASC Topic 606.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers short-term highly liquid investments to be cash and cash equivalents provided that they are both readily convertible to cash and had an original maturity of three months or less when purchased. The Foundation had no cash equivalents at June 30, 2023.

Investments

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

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

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

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

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Only grants awarded, investment fees, and life insurance premiums are considered to be program activities. The remaining costs are considered supporting costs.

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$325 for the year ended June 30, 2023, respectively.

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at several financial institutions. At June 30, 2023, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

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

As defined in FASB ASC 820-10, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Foundation uses various methods including market, income, and cost approaches. Based on these approaches,

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

the Foundation often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about the risk and/or risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market-corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques, the Foundation is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy.

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

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

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

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets has been consistent. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value:

Pooled Accounts

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

Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at June 30, 2023, at fair value on a recurring basis.

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska	<u>729,238</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>729,238</u>	<u>      </u>

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Fair Value on a Recurring Basis (Continued)

The carrying amounts, market value, unrealized gains, and unrealized losses of the investments at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Total Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska	<u>534,486</u>	<u>194,752</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>729,238</u>

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

NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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

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NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

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

Spending Policy

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

Endowment net asset composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	With Donor Restrictions
Cash value - life insurance policies	96,162
Donor-restricted endowment fund	<u>497,874</u>
	<u>594,036</u>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	With Donor Restrictions
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	589,053
Contributions, donor-restricted	750
Increase in cash value of life insurance	<u>4,233</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>594,036</u>

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NOTE 5. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net Assets Restricted by Purpose or Time

Net assets restricted by purpose or time consist of the earnings from the endowment fund. These funds are temporarily restricted until restrictions have been satisfied. At June 30, 2023, the total amount restricted is \$231,364.

Net Assets Restricted in Perpetuity

Net assets restricted in perpetuity consist of donations of cash and life insurance policies from the public to the Foundation's endowment fund. By donor restriction, the corpus of the fund is permanently restricted, and the earnings may be spent to fulfill the Foundation's exempt purpose. Endowment fund assets that were permanently restricted by donors totaled \$594,036 at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 6. CASH VALUE - LIFE INSURANCE

At June 30, 2023, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation owns and is the beneficiary of life insurance contracts with the Knights of Columbus. The life insurance contracts are reported at their respective cash surrender values, net of any policy loans, which totaled \$96,162 at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 7. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

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

Cash	<u>7,248</u>
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None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of June 30, 2023. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash, on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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