



Mark Borytsky, State Deputy

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FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

## Words from our State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, we are more than ever concerned and vigilant to taking care of our families, serving our parishes, councils, and communities the best we can. To accomplish this, councils are and have been conducting business remotely using Zoom or other devices available and having meetings or events using social distancing in accordance with Nebraska COVID guidelines. We at the state level are also following these steps and guidelines having meetings and holding events using the virtual approach and here are a couple this Fraternal year.



In July 2020, we had our first virtual Leadership Training Seminar (LTS) at the Bellevue Knights Events Center. What a memorable experience we had with our State Team preparing and executing this event. We received many compliments regarding LTS and our focus on educating, motivating, and informing our state, district, and council leaders. This virtual event was recorded and will be available soon on our newly designed and updated website thanks to our Website Chairmen Mark Kistler. I would like to thank our Information Technology staff Rich Lowery, PSD/DM and Mitchell Lowery, our Virtual Chat and Recorders Mike Conrad, PSD/FSD and Tony Hergott, PSD/RGD, the many presenters, the Bellevue Knights Event Center managers PSD Larry and Judy Reed for hosting and Audrey who provided our wonderful meal.

In August 2020, Audrey and I hosted our great state delegates at the 138th Supreme Convention in Kearney, Nebraska at the Holiday Inn. This convention was supposed to be held in Washington DC, but due to COVID it became a virtual convention. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Supreme Chaplain The Most Reverend William Lori Archbishop of Baltimore, Maryland, Supreme Officers and many behind the scene staff provided the information needed and the spiritual experience we will remember and cherish as delegates. We were honored to have the following state delegates and their wives join us. They were our beloved State Chaplain Fr. Josh Brown, IPSD Lou and Carole Gasper, State Secretary Matthew Richardson, State Treasurer Bob and Chris Wolf, PSD/DM Rich and Gail Lowery, PSD Tony and Laurie Hergott, PSD Larry and Judy Reed, DD40 Patrick and Cathy O'Shea, and DD41 Chris Kreikemeier. We all enjoyed ourselves both from the Supreme and Nebraska side with special thanks going to our Information Technology and hospitality team of our State Membership Director Kevin Ostdiek and State Program Director Don and Terri Hypse. They made it all happen flawlessly.

As we move forward this new Fraternal Year with keeping COVID guidelines adhered to, let's all be proactive as much as we can with our supreme/state reporting, program "Faith in Action" and "Leave No Neighbor Behind" opportunity's, and growing our councils the best we can.

I am honored you entrusted me to be your state deputy. I will give everything I have and with the support of our state officer's, regional growth directors, district deputy's, program and membership teams to ensure you and your council receives all the education, motivation, and information to make your Fraternal Year successful.

Father Josh, Audrey and I pray for you and your family for strength and happiness as we move forward this Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus,

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## Words from our State Chaplain

### St. Michael - Intercessor.

The last four articles I have written, I had focused on the different duties of St. Michael. Building on these duties, this month I decided to write about how St. Michael is an outstanding intercessor.

To intercede, is to pray for on behalf of someone else. This role, also enjoyed by all saints and especially the Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, is dear to the heart of St. Michael. It is a means of defense, a sure pledge of hope and a confidence in the midst of trials. Yes, angels pray and adore the Most Holy Trinity and receive even their own power and call from that place of prayer.

Since St. Michael is protector, I like to think that he has a particular care and intercession for those in Law Enforcement and civil protection. Since he is also a warrior angel, he defends and assists these chosen brave officers, in their duty to keep us safe. As many of you who either know of, or have a loved one who serves in this capacity, it is dangerous and much in need of prayer and heavenly assistance/ intercession. Just a few weeks ago, our state officers attended a "Virtual" Supreme Convention, where Supreme Knight Carl Anderson encouraged the calling upon St. Michael, especially for our Law Enforcement officers. Many of our brother knights are serving as police and Law Enforcement and really could use our help in calling upon St. Michael for his prayer and protection.

Much has happened in the past several months with Law Enforcement, and many have seen such sadness and lack of respect for those who keep us safe. Yes, there have been wrongs done, and there are prejudices that need to be dealt with in order to protect and defend every human life, regardless of race or color, ethnicity or social status. However, there are many faithful and God loving men and women serving us and protecting us. We are called as Catholic Men and families, to call upon St. Michael to intercede for these officers and to aid them in their service.

For all officers, civil service workers, EMS and firefighters we pray:

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Fr. Josh Brown, Nebraska State Chaplain



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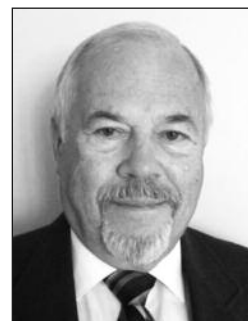
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## Vocations Are Everybody's Business

A couple key religious vocational events are scheduled for the upcoming months. These events give us a chance to focus on very important concerns within our Catholic faith.

**First: On September 27th we Celebrate Priesthood Sunday.** This special day is set aside to honor priesthood in the United States, It is a day that we reflect upon and affirm the role of priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Do something special for your priest/s on this Sunday.

**Second: The week of November 1-7, 2020 is National Vocation Awareness Week.** It is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Plan events throughout this week within your parish to recognize the important need for more religious vocations for our Church.



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**Remember that, "Vocations are Everybody's Business."**

### *Did You Know...*

The priest's stole is an article of enormous importance as it indicates the state of ordained office.

*The Estola (stole) that the priest puts on to hear the first confession after his ordination is placed in his dad's hands when he dies. This is a sign that he is the father of a priest, meaning that, when our Lord says to him, " I gave you life, and who have you given me," he will deliver the stole to him and answer, " Lord, I gave you my son as a priest," and be it to him to be taken into account that day.*

(Pray for the Priestly Vocations. Translated from Spanish - Public Domain

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### IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>			
	Oct 8-11	Intellectual Disabilities Campaign	Intellectual Disabilities Director Jim Hubschman
<b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>			
FT-KIT	Nov 1	Free Throw Contest Order Form	Youth Director Peter Peil
	Nov 11	Courier Articles Due	Courier Editor
<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>			
	Dec 5-6	Mid-Winter Meeting - Lincoln	State Officers District Deputies
4567	Dec 15	Soccer Challenge Participation	Supreme Council Cc: Community Director Cc: District Deputy

**\*\*May be filed electronically on the Supreme website.**





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## Patriotism, Our Call to Action

Being a patriot has many pieces. Support for one's country, standing for justice and truth, doing our civic duty, and many others. In today's world being a patriot can be challenging and in some cases scary. Today's idea of a patriot seems to have much more to do with political affiliation than it does with principle and support of our fellow man.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed these general issues in his Annual Report to the Supreme Convention. Supreme Knight Anderson noted that enabling every person in society to flourish is as important as providing for our family and neighbors.

Supreme Knight Anderson emphasized that all should be treated equally, no matter their race. We, as Knights of Columbus can show what true Brotherhood means. By being present in our communities and by our example we can show others how to live together.

When we show our strength as brothers and a family organization we light the way for our communities and society in general to see how we can live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. Each one of you needs to do your part to bring the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to our country.

One of the many programs that we can undertake to help support our community and our democracy is the Get Out To Vote program. This is not a political program but a service to those in our communities who may have difficulty getting to polling places to perform their civic duty. While voting this fall may look very different for some, there are still opportunities to serve our community and those in need of help. Organize a group of men and families who are willing to go and pick up someone who would like to vote but cannot, for whatever reason, make it to their polling place. Provide them a ride and help them with this duty and privilege that is so important to our democracy.

We, as the Patriotic degree, also have a duty to support those who have, and continue, to fight for our freedoms, from our military to our law enforcement and other first responders. Supporting veterans is a great way to show this support. From visits to veterans homes, and providing rides to appointments, to supporting those who suffer from the trauma of war we can show our support and love for the sacrifices that give us, and continue to guarantee, the freedoms we enjoy today.

I am humbled to have been appointed to serve an additional two years as your District Master. With your support I know that we can grow our membership in the Fourth Degree and provide service to our Community, our Parish, our Priests and our fellow Knights. To that end I plan to institute a quarterly call with Faithful Navigators to help encourage Assemblies to be active in their communities and to help promote membership in the Fourth Degree. During this time of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will continue to offer virtual Exemplifications to provide opportunities for more of our Brothers to become Sir Knights.

I offer my thanks to each of you for your dedication and love of our Faith and our Order. I ask that you continue your efforts to be the "strong right arm of the Church" and the visible and proud representatives of our Order.

Gail and I look forward to these next two years of continued service to you and to the Order and we hope that soon we are able to see many of you in person.

May God Bless you.

Vivat Jesus,

Richard W. Lowery, PSD, District Master - Nebraska

## Assessing the Needs of your Members, Families, Parish, and Community

*"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."*

- President Teddy Roosevelt -

As we approach the end of the first quarter of our fraternal year, it is easy to see that some councils are struggling to overcome the restrictions and difficulties that the current pandemic has placed on our communities, parishes and councils. As I reflect on what councils can be doing during this pandemic, my mind keeps going back to one of my favorite quotes. This quote is from President Teddy Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

I believe that this quote is the very embodiment of the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program that Supreme rolled out at the start of this pandemic, and it is at the very heart of what each of our councils should be doing right now to get through the pandemic.

People are struggling financially and emotionally during this time. Parishes and communities are struggling financially and logistically. They need help, and I am certain that our councils can provide some of that needed help. Every council in Nebraska can do something to help during this time. You can contact your Pastor to see what your parish or parishes need help with. You can contact parishioners and brother Knights to make sure that they are doing well and alleviate the loneliness they may be feeling. You can offer the brotherhood and friendship that Knighthood brings with it to more men in your parish. And you can rally your able-bodied members to take on whatever projects you are able to accomplish.

This isn't about making huge grandiose gestures. It is about assessing the needs of your members, families, parish, and community to see where and what type of help is needed. Then, it is about assessing the abilities of your council – what do you have that can be put to work: what men and families can help, what skills do they possess, what tools and financial resources can your council put into a project.

Every council has unique challenges that only your God-given gifts can meet. The councils that find a way to make an impact for the good during this time, will achieve the goals that soon to be Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney desired for our order. And they will be attractive to more Catholic Men who want to make a difference in our world.

Remember when you are assessing your council's abilities to include the many ways that you can bring men into your council, to help you with your work. Use pulpit announcements and bulletin notices if you cannot hold a Church Drive. Use email and phone calls to discuss our Order with prospects, if you cannot meet them in person. And, use the On-Demand virtual degrees from Supreme to bring your candidates into your council, if you cannot hold a degree in person. No challenge is insurmountable as long as you look for the proper tools to use.

I would challenge you to see what kind of difference your council can make in your part of Nebraska. If we do that, then we will all be successful in the eyes of God.



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**For Important Dates from State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger see page 3.**

**Qualify your Council for the Founder's Award and Star Council  
While Learning Tips from "The Retirement Income Expert," Tom Hegna. See page 6.**

## News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa



Neil Pfeifer  
General Agent

### *Congratulations!*

The Neil Pfeifer Agency finished 14th in the Order for 2019.

There are approximately 103 agencies in North America.



Noah Pfeifer



Jeremy Borchers

#### **AGENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following Knights of Columbus field agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Neil Pfeifer Agency:

June - Noah Pfeifer of Norfolk; July - Jeremy Borchers of West Point.

#### **Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?**

Contact your council's agent or Neil Pfeifer, General Agent for Northeast NE, West Central IA  
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## **Qualify your Council for the Founder's Award and Star Council While Learning Tips from "The Retirement Income Expert," Tom Hegna**

### *Brothers,*

As you are aware, to qualify for the Founder's Award (and Star Council), a council must host and/or promote two Benefit Nights during this fraternal year. This is in lieu of getting an insurance quota on membership. Your Field Agent will be helping to organize these Benefit Nights, and the first one is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 17 at 7 PM CDT. This for all councils in the State.

This will be a Zoom meeting with special guest, Tom Hegna. Tom is an economist, author, and retirement expert, and is considered by many to be "The Retirement Income Expert!"

**This is a great church project since the council can open this event up to the parish. After hearing this presentation, we potentially may see more men interested in joining your council.**

At a minimum, the council does have to promote this event and have at least one member in attendance in order for it to count toward the Founder's Award. Promotion can be as little as sending out a mass email to your members.

However, the more you promote this the better as Tom has wonderful advice for all. Other ideas for promotion are:

- Doing a pulpit announcement at Mass
- Doing an e-mail campaign to the parish, with the help of the parish office.
- Put an announcement in the council bulletin.
- Put an announcement in the church bulletin.
- Hang informational flyers in the church and church hall.

As with anything, please be sure to get your chaplain's approval before promoting anything that involves the parish roster and or facility (parish email blast, hanging flyers in the church, having a group event, etc).

### *It's important to register!*

Please go to [www.kofcins.com](http://www.kofcins.com) and click the link to register for the Webinar.

**OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH!**

*Neil Pfeifer and Tony Swanson*

# News from the TONY SWANSON AGENCY

**Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska**



**Tony Swanson**  
General Agent

## *Congratulations!*

The Knights is one of six companies - out of a total of 66 - that has a AA+ rating on financial strength, and a stable outlook.



**Deacon Bill Buchta**



**Jason Parolek**

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The following Knights of Columbus field agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Tony Swanson Agency:

June - Dcn. Bill Buchta of Grand Island; July - Jason Parolek of Palmyra.

#### **Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?**

Contact your council's agent or **Anthony Swanson, General Agent for Southeast, Central, Western NE**  
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### **Jason Parolek, CPRC Joins the Swanson Agency**

After extensive training, Jason Parolek, CPRC, has been appointed to the position of Field Advisor with Knights of Columbus Insurance effective July 1st. Parolek will be serving in the Swanson Agency.

Jason and his wife, Emily, live in Palmyra with their two children, Lillian & Wesley, and are active members of St. Leo's Church. He has 15 years of experience in financial services.

Jason will be serving members and their families from councils 833, 4923, 9704, & 11312 (Lincoln), 6750 (Tecumseh), 7614 (Syracuse), 10000 (Steinauer), & 12557 (Ashland / Greenwood)

Jason can be reached at (402) 405-3133 or [jason.parolek@kofc.org](mailto:jason.parolek@kofc.org).

### **Introducing the Knights of Columbus Protector Guaranteed Individual Universal Life Policy**

This new life insurance program is now available to members and their spouses 50 – 80 years of age. This policy provides guaranteed lifetime protection with premiums that are typically lower than traditional whole life programs. Call your local agent to see if the Protector would be a good option for your life insurance needs.

### **Introducing Life Paid Up @ X!**

Imagine a permanent life insurance policy where you can decide exactly how many years you want to pay premiums. A program that fits exactly with your plans regarding retirement and other considerations. Imagine no longer! The Knights of Columbus now offers Life Paid Up @ X! With this Whole Life policy, you can choose to have the policy premiums due from 5 to 100 years! Please contact your Field Agent to see if this plan is right for you today!

## "Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards at "Early Bird" Prices!

**Enjoy special "early bird" prices by purchasing your first assorted box before September 25, 2020**

There was no Leadership Training in Grand Island this July. To order cards or other available items, contact State Faith Director Mark Main with your selection. Then mail a check to the address below (right) made payable to "Nebraska Knights of Columbus". You may also go to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus website and order from the forms on the website - ([nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdfforms/KCIC.pdf](http://nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdfforms/KCIC.pdf))

### **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRICES BELOW!**

Our "early bird special" (ENGLISH version) - ONE CASE ONLY PER COUNCIL - contains 32 boxes of 10 different spiritual Christmas cards + 2 Holy Family car magnets and 25 color brochures showing the different card designs.

#### **ORDERED BEFORE 9-25-2020**

Per case - \$140 plus \$19 shipping/handling  
(totals \$159.00 first case only)

#### **ORDERED AFTER 9-25-2020**

Per case - \$169 plus \$19 shipping/handling  
(totals \$188 per case)

**EACH CASE CAN BE SOLD FOR \$304**

Our "early bird special" (SPANISH version) ONE CASE ONLY PER COUNCIL - contains 21 boxes of different styles of spiritual Christmas cards + 4 Spanish car magnets.

#### **ORDERED BEFORE 9-25-2020**

Per case - \$76.00 plus \$12.50 shipping/handling  
(totals \$88.50)

#### **ORDERED AFTER 9-25-2020**

Per case - \$83.00 plus \$12.50 shipping/handling  
(totals \$95.50)

**EACH CASE CAN BE SOLD FOR \$145.00**

### **ORDER ADDITIONAL BOXES**

After you purchase an initial case of assorted cards, you can order more of the individual boxes of cards that sell well for your council. The cost varies with each different type of card. See the order forms for the shipping and handling charges for the individual boxes.

### **OTHER ETHNIC VARIETIES AVAILABLE**

There is also an additional variety of ethnic cards that can be purchased (i.e. Tagalog, Native American, African-American, Polish, Italian, Ukrainian, and French). See more information and the order forms online (PDF).

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR PURCHASE**

Other products you can purchase to "Keep Christ in Christmas" are items such as Advent wreaths, yard signs, lapel pins, bumper stickers, ornaments, car magnets, Christmas seals, and other cards that are not in the original box of assorted cards. See more information and the order forms online (PDF).

Take advantage of the special pricing, and your council will help "Keep Christ in Christmas" and also earn money that can be donated to a family in need or another special cause this Christmas season.

### **QUESTIONS or MAILING CHECKS**

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**"Keep Christ in Christmas" order form and information is available online at [www.nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdfforms/KCIC.pdf](http://www.nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdfforms/KCIC.pdf)**

The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council.

[kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html](http://kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html)



**See Nebraska Knights' Keep Christ in Christmas winning posters on page 14**



## Intellectual Disabilities Drive October 8-11, 2020 Councils Can Choose Other Dates

Jim Hubschman, Intellectual Disabilities Director | 402.669.7973 cell | jjhkofc@abbnebraska.com

This year's Intellectual Disabilities Campaign is scheduled for the week of October 8-11, 2020. Many have been asked if this year's drive will still be held. The answer is "Yes," unless we are otherwise notified by our Worthy State Deputy.

Although the Campaign dates are scheduled for October, councils may decide to hold their drive at a different time if this week does not work for the council. Final reports for funds collected are not due until January 31, 2021.

A few weeks ago, State Program Director Don Hypse sent out a detailed message addressing this situation. All systems are "Go" and councils will need to get creative with their collection procedures.



If your council has an idea that works, please let me know so that I can share it with the membership.

Yes, these are trying times and there is a high level of frustration everywhere. Be proactive and do what you can for those who are intellectually disabled. If our campaign is not successful, contributions to agencies working with the intellectually disabled will be reduced. We have a solid reputation for helping those in need, and this year should be no different.

Brother Knights, your efforts to make this year's campaign another success is greatly appreciated.

Contact me with any questions. God bless!



## Our Lady Of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

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### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas**. The program has continued since then as a project in most Knights of Columbus jurisdictions.

From early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year these prayer services will be live-streamed while the transfer of the rose will be face-to-face, with Supreme supplying disinfectives, gloves and face masks.

A Silver Rose "honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life" is carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read more at: [kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html](http://kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html)

### ARRIVAL IN NEBRASKA

The Rose was received from Colorado and is currently traveling Nebraska. We will pass it on to Kansas on September 9. We have 12 councils participating and close to 600 miles traveled. Thank you to all who helped make this Silver Rose Run a success.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us**

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## STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE Still Set for Saturday, October 24, 2020



This year's State Soccer Challenge is still scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Schuyler Middle School Field House.

Registration starts at Noon with competition starting at 1:00 PM.

We understand if some councils are not comfortable.

We will be following the current CDC guidelines.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me:

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### Soccer Challenge Reminders

At this time, Soccer Challenges should be finishing at the Council Levels. District Levels should be completed in September 2021 and Regionals should be completed by October 15, 2021. Winners' entry forms should be forwarded to your District Deputies by the councils. District winners should be forwarded to regional host District Deputies. Regional first and second place forms need to reach me by October 19 so programs can be printed.

### Safe Environment Training

Adult Safe Environment Training and Certification must be completed. Certification is good for two years.

### Free Throw, Poster Contest Reminders

Council Free Throw Contests will start in January 2021, Districts in February 2021, with Regionals completed by March 22, 2021. The State Free Throw Contest (date TBA) will be held at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Registration starts at 10:00 AM and shooting starts at 11 AM.

Poster Contests can be started in November 2020, with council winners to District Deputies by February 1, 2021 and District winners sent to me by March 1, 2021.

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### Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection.

Amen.

Prayers for the World During the Outbreak of the corona virus (Excerpted from the Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1969)  
<https://catholicvoiceomaha.com/archbishop-lucas-asks-local-catholics-to-invoke-st-joseph>



**Fr. Lydel Lape**  
State and Council  
Chaplain of the Year



**Ray Guggenberger**  
State and Council  
Knight of the Year



**Michael Hall**  
State and Council  
Rookie Knight  
of the Year



**Larry Reed, PSD**  
George Nusrallah  
Ceremonials  
Award

## **More State Award Presentations Held in June**

### **State Chaplain of the Year, State Knight of the Year, State Rookie Knight of the Year, and George Nusrallah Awards Presented in June**

On June 28, 2020, Knights of Columbus Columban Council 6192, Bellevue, held a special awards ceremony along with their annual installation of new officers. Four distinguished awards were presented by Nebraska State Deputy Mark Borytsky to Brother Knights from this Council.

#### **State Chaplain of the Year Award**

State Deputy Mark Borytsky presented the Nebraska State Chaplain of the Year award to Fr. Lydel Lape, 6192 Council Chaplain and Pastor at St. Mary's in Bellevue. This award was given for his superior service to the Knights and St. Mary's Parish.

#### **State Knight of the Year Award**

The Nebraska Knight of the Year award was presented to Brother Ray Guggenberger for his 34 years of outstanding service to the Knights, St. Mary's Parish, and the community of Bellevue. Brother Guggenberger has served as the Nebraska State Executive Secretary for many years.

#### **State Rookie Knight of the Year Award**

The Nebraska State Council Rookie Knight of the Year award was presented to Brother Michael Hall. Michael was a major help after Columban Council's old council home was lost due to the 2019 flood. Brother Hall also assisted in the remodeling of their new home. The Rookie

Knight of the Year award is given to a brother Knight who has made significant contributions to the Knights, his parish, and his community, and who has served as a Knight for less than 5 years.

#### **George Nusrallah Award**

The final award presented was the Nebraska State George Nusrallah Award. State Deputy Borytsky presented this award to Past State Deputy and Ceremonials Chairman Larry Reed. This award is for outstanding service for ceremonials for the Knights. Larry has served on the local ceremonials team for over 35 years and has been the chairman of all Nebraska ceremonials for the last 20 years.

#### **Individuals Win Council Awards in Addition to State Recognition**

In addition to the State awards presented by State Deputy Borytsky, Past Grand Knight Robert Hasiak also presented Council 6192 awards to Fr. Lape for Council Chaplain of the Year and to Brother Ray Guggenberger for Council Knight of the Year.

New officers installed were Grand Knight John Bezy and Deputy Grand Knight Douglas Cutter. A reception was held following CDC guidelines after these award ceremonies.

**Qualify your Council for the Founder's Award and Star Council**  
**While Learning Tips from "The Retirement Income Expert," Tom Hegna. See page 6.**



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# Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

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### Cash Gifts

To make a cash gift, mail a check payable to Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022, or visit [www.catholicgift.org](http://www.catholicgift.org) to make a gift online. On the Southern Nebraska home page, hit the DONATE button, follow the prompts to the drop-down menu where you'll find the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, and then make either a one-time gift or a recurring gift via electronic funds transfer (EFT), or your credit card.

### Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds

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

### Gifts of Grain

If you own grain that you would like to donate to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, call Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen at The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska and they will provide you with simple instructions for a grain donation. If your local elevator or co-op doesn't already have a Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska account, call **Chris Raun at 402-488-2124** and one will be immediately opened to receive your gift (transfer) of grain. The Foundation's account will receive the donation, the grain will be immediately sold, and a check will be sent directly to The Catholic Foundation for deposit into the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation. There will be no fees charged by The Catholic Foundation to diminish your gift.

***It's always a good time to give!***

***Please mail your donations to:***

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McGivney Foundation  
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### Memorials

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

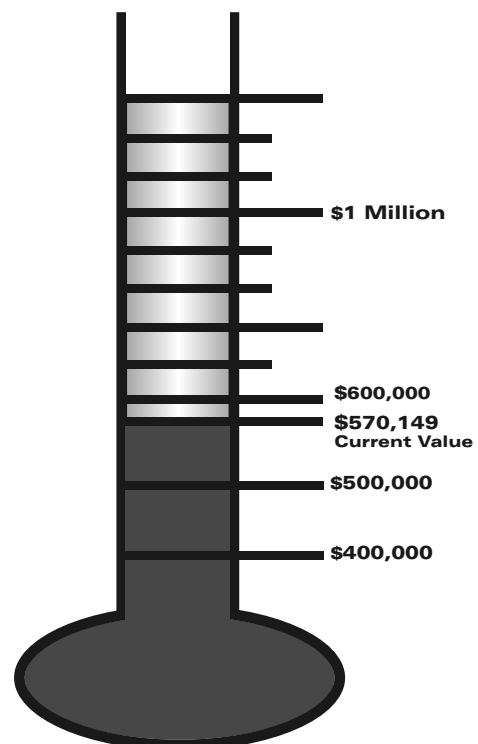
### Gift Acknowledgement

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

### Questions?

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

### Build Up Your Foundation



**Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation  
Request for Funds**

In December, 2001, the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation was created. Since that time, the Foundation has attracted donations from Knights of Columbus members throughout Nebraska. These donations are endowed and become a source of grants for charitable projects, programs and other good works funded by the Knights of Columbus throughout Nebraska

**Submit request to**

Dan Wells at [danielwells5@gmail.com](mailto:danielwells5@gmail.com) or Don Ferneding [don.ferneding@gmail.com](mailto:don.ferneding@gmail.com)  
Phone numbers: Dan Wells: 402-880-2586 DonFerneding: 402-943-6320  
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Please complete the following information as completely as possible. **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 Is this organization recognized as a nonprofit or charity by the IRS? Y or N \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax ID if Yes  
 Has your organization received funds from the Foundation in the past Y or N? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Council Number  
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 Grand Knight's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Requested: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a detailed description of how these funds will be used: Include all other funds received, their dollar amounts and how the local council(s) have contributed to this project. Attach additional pages if needed.

**To be completed by the Foundation**

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