



Knights of Columbus Council 11879

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Nebraska Knights of Coumbus State Advocate

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Worthy State Advocate:

The Officers and members of St. Matthew the Evangelist, Knights of Columbus #11879 are proud to nominate our Brother Michael (Schaef) Schaeffer for the office of Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Deputy at the 121st State Convention of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Convention to be held April 24-26, 2026, in Kearney, Nebraska.

Sir Knight Schaeffer has been a faithful member of the State Council, his home Council and Assembly, his home Parish of Saint Matthew and the community of Bellevue. Brother Schaeffer is an Air Force Veteran, having served his Country with the utmost dignity and honor, retiring in 2010 after 24 years of service. Currently, he serves as an Operations Analyst at Offutt AFB in Bellevue.

As part of our Council, Brother Schaeffer has served as Warden, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight, where under his leadership the Council received Star Council recognition during the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. He has also served as Trustee and on numerous committee Chairmanships. Brother Schaeffer is a founding member of Cardinal Francis Spellman Assembly 3486 and has served as a Trustee.

As a member of the State Leadership Team, Brother Schaeffer has served as the current State Deputy in an admirable fashion. Prior to that, he served as State Secretary to Immediate Past State Deputy Bob Wolf. He has also held the positions of State Treasurer,

State Warden, and State Program Director. In all these roles, Schaef has embodied the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Schaef and his wife of 34 years Shelly are active members of our Parish. They are blessed to have two children: son Garrett, daughter Taylor married to Son-in-Law Jake with granddaughter Averi and grandson Brooks. Garret is also a Knight of Columbus in Bellevue. Schaef serves our local Parish as an Usher, EMHC, and I have had the pleasure of routinely praying the Rosary with him prior to our 9 AM Mass, where he is a regular attendee.

As the Grand Knight of Council #11879, it is my honor, duty and pleasure, to nominate Brother Michael Schaeffer for the Office of State Deputy. He is most worthy of serving the Knights of Columbus in that capacity, and we are humbled and proud to have him serve in that role.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Ferrante, GK". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Edward Ferrante

Grand Knight

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c/o Saint Matthew the Evangelist

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