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FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

Words from our State Deputy

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Dear Brother Knights and Families,



As I prepared for my message to you in this month of December it was a little difficult thinking of the adjustments we all had to make during this pandemic time in our personal, church, community, work, and Knights' lifestyle. As I began, I started thinking about all of you and my family and I felt a spiritual feeling come over me with the overwhelming thoughts of what this message should be all about, Advent and the coming of Christ.

This month let us all bring into our hearts the spiritual feeling of our Lord with the joy of the church and our faith as we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, as we behold the infant Jesus in the cradle, let us remember that God does not leave us alone in our human experience, with its struggles, trials, and moments of loneliness as well as its peaks and joys. There is nothing in our lives that we cannot share with God, nothing too insignificant or too overwhelming to bring before Him in prayer and we will be comforted.

I would like to leave you with a verse: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope." - Romans 15:13

To each of you, thank you for your commitment and prayers for your church, council, community, and your beloved priest. You have been tremendous "Faithful Servants" and I thank you for your sacrifices.

Audrey and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and we pray that the peace and blessings of the Christ Child will be with you and your families throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons and the New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

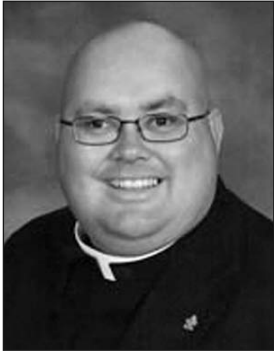
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

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See the pin in color at
www.nebraskakofc.org
under Resources
Logos/Emblems

Words from our State Chaplain

True Act of Thanksgiving

The past few issues I have been writing on St. Michael and his duties as Archangel. It is an amazing gift to have such a helper in the life of faith. As I reflected on St. Michael, I was also struck with great gratitude and thanksgiving for St. Michael's duties for the faithful. As we have just celebrated Thanksgiving Day, I wanted to take a moment to look at what an act of thanksgiving looks like for a Knight, for a Catholic man of faith.

I myself have been a Knight for around 27 years. I am sure many of you, my brothers, have been Knights for many more years than this. In my years as a Knight, what has changed most in me, is how I view my life as an act of Thanksgiving to God. A Knight is a man dedicated to Charity, Unity and Fraternity, but also a man dedicated to God. As priests, we give our lives as an act of Thanksgiving to God, especially in and through Jesus Christ in the Sacraments. As married or lay brother Knights, you too, give your lives as an act of Thanksgiving to God, especially in your service to God and brother Knights and their families. This is the beautiful vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney our founder. We, as men of faith, as Knights of Columbus, give our lives to God in Thanksgiving for the great gift of life and family he has given us.

This Act of Thanksgiving then, is brought to fulfillment in the Great Act of Thanksgiving in the Eucharist. (Greek noun εὐχαριστία - eucharistia). As Knights, our greatest act of Thanksgiving, is also found in the Eucharist. This Thanksgiving, this Eucharist strengthens us to be men of faith, to be good husbands, fathers and brothers. Without the Eucharist, there is no Knights of Columbus. Without the Eucharistic Thanksgiving, we have no source of Unity, or Fraternity or even Charity. I firmly believe as Knights, the Thanksgiving of the Eucharist is what makes us Knights. I feel most like a Knight when I am surrounded by brothers around the Eucharist. Charity, Unity Fraternity, and yes, even Patriotism flow from our participation at the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Truest Act of Thanksgiving. Here we encounter Christ, we receive Christ and we live what it means to be a Knight. Christ unites us in His precious Body and Blood as one. Be a Knight of Thanksgiving, be a Knight united in the Eucharist. Offer your act of Thanksgiving to God, receive from Him your commission as brothers in Christ, as Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Josh Brown, State Chaplain



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Knights' Core Mission:

Support the many sacrifices of those God called to the religious life.

"Vocations promotion, which is the responsibility of every Catholic, must follow the same steps Jesus used when interacting with people. In the same way, instead of reducing faith to a book of recipes or a collection of norms to observe, we can help young people ask the right questions as they set out on their journey and discover the joy of the Gospel." - Pope Francis, October 16, 2016.

One of our core missions as Knights of Columbus is to support the many sacrifices of our young men and women who have responded to God's call to the religious life. Our membership has prayerfully and faithfully contributed to their financial support through the proceeds of the annual State Lottery. Your participation during this pandemic fraternal year will be vital to continuing this essential support for our 67 seminarians and the many religious activities throughout Nebraska.

2021 State Lottery Tickets Distributed in February

The distribution of the 2021 State Lottery tickets will be by mail. Every Nebraska Knight will receive three lottery tickets around the middle of February and you may start selling them immediately. All proceeds are deposited into the States' lottery account and those funds support the young men and women who have responded to God's call.

You may return your filled-out tickets (only return the half with the contact information) and money by mail. You can also return them at the April 2021 State Convention. If you are mailing the tickets back, return them no later than April 19, 2021 to ensure they get into the drawing. Please return the unsold tickets as well because I will mail them back out to those Knights requesting additional tickets. Thanks for all you do and let's make this our best year yet.

Finally, as we battle through this pandemic, know that you and your family are in our prayers. Merry Christmas and stay safe this Advent Season. Vivat Jesus, Schaefer and Shelly.

"Father McGivney worked with his parishioners, and together, with God's grace, they created a healthy, vibrant community of faith, worship and service."

- Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori (Columbia, November 2020)

Remembering our Priests and Religious

The Christmas season is a great time of the year to recognize our priests and seminarians. The coming of the Christ Child reminds us that the baby born on Christmas was the first priest, and that our priests and seminarians today are walking the same path. Let us show them how much we appreciate their commitment to serve our Lord and the Catholic community.

RSVP - Refund Support Vocations Program

Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through the **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**, councils and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area.

- For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100.
- Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Names of current seminarians can be found on each of the Diocese' websites.

Omaha Archdiocese - <https://vocationsarcho.org/seminarians-2018/>

Lincoln Diocese - <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/vocation/what-is-a-vocation>
(Click on Seminarian Prayer Calendar 2020-2021 (pdf))

Grand Island Diocese - <https://gidiocese.org/seminarians>



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In Solidarity with our Priests

You have all heard the unwritten rule of our Order. Blessed Fr. McGivney gave us a true example of a parish priest and today we, as Brother Knights and families, are blessed to carry on his tradition of caring for the needy, the poor and the outcast with the help of our parish priests and chaplains.

In May of 2020 Fr. Troy Schweiger, Former State Chaplain, celebrated his 25th jubilee as a priest and in November he was finally able to have a Mass of thanksgiving. Fr. Schweiger, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Lincoln, is a parish priest in the mold of Fr. McGivney. The lives he has touched, the hearts he has healed, the families he has helped, all of these and so many more are qualities that Blessed Fr. McGivney possessed and passed on to his Parish, the Order and the Church.

Pray for your priests. Support them, for as St. Pope John Paul said, "Without the Eucharist there is not Church and without the Priest there is no Eucharist."

Fr. Schweiger, may God continue to bless you in your ministry. Vivat Jesus!

Isolated but Not Alone

These past several months have been trying, frustrating, scary and a multitude of other adjectives. Most of us have never seen anything like this in our lives. Forced to separate from family and friends. Listening to daily news reports about the pandemic and its toll on lives, jobs, businesses and economies. Many of us are now isolated from those that we love, work with, and pray with, for their sake and ours. Isolated and alone.

But we are not alone, we never have been, and we have been promised that we never are and never will be. As we begin our Advent journey to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is a time to remember "And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20). God is with us, by our side, in our hearts, guiding our actions every moment of every hour of every day.

Our isolation can be a great time of spiritual renewal. There are many resources available to help us learn more about our Faith. An extra five minutes in prayer each day can draw us closer to God. There are many ways that we can help others even if we cannot be with them. Giving to others through phone calls, emails, texts, yes even Zoom or Teams can help those suffering from fear and loneliness to be connected and encouraged. Sharing our bounty so that others may have something.

We have the choice to trust and believe in God and to know that he is in control.

Gail and I pray through Blessed Fr. McGivney that you and your family enjoy a Blessed and Merry Christmas by allowing the Christ Child to be born anew in your hearts and homes and that the New Year bring an abundance of joy and blessings to each of you.

Vivat Jesus,

Richard W. Lowery, PSD, District Master - Nebraska

Virtual 4th Degree Exemplifications
Saturday January 16, Tuesday February 16, and Sunday March 14.
Times to be announced.
Dates may change based on local and state DHMs.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

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

<https://saintmichaelcc.org/prayer-to-st-michael-the-archangel>

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

This has truly been a year that has tested our will and our resolve.

Happy Advent to you and your family. I pray that your preparations for the Lord's coming again at Christmas are progressing well. I also pray that, as we close out this very strange and trying year, you and your family are doing well.

This has truly been a year that has tested our will and our resolve. We've had to limit our personal contact with our friend and loved ones. We've seen our nation roiled and fractured by unrest and an intensely divisive election. We have had to cancel events and plans throughout the year. Other times, we've had to change our plans and adapt to new circumstances or use new technology to hold our meetings and accomplish even simple tasks.

And, yet, there have been many wonders to enjoy this year, too. We have seen people and councils come together to meet the needs of our society: running drive-through food drives, donating blood, and taking care of those people who cannot get out of their houses because of the pandemic. And definitively, our Founder, the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, was beatified.

Despite the challenges of this year, I am still gladdened at this time of the year to ponder the goodness and love of God for our world. I am encouraged and heartened that the Knights of Columbus are doing what Fr. McGivney would have asked us to do during this year. We have been taking care of the neediest people at the times when they needed us the most. And, we have still been asking more Catholic men to put their faith into Action as part of our councils and our order.

Be sure that your council members are inviting their Catholic friends, neighbors and co-workers to join. Even if you can't hold a large event, we can all talk to one man and invite him to join the Knights. That way, we can ensure that our councils will be able to do even more good in the future.

Merry Christmas to you. Vivat Jesus!



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*regular dues are \$30/year

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State Soccer Challenge Winners - October 24, 2020

BOYS

9	Tucker Wemhoft	Columbus 938	215
	Braxton Schwatz	Hastings 1123	170
10	Tanner Reed	Bellevue 6192	225
	Alex Wilke	Lincoln 11001	135
11	Matthew Dinslage	Columbus 12086	175
12	Liam Casey	Omaha 10108	190
13	Gabriel Torres	Columbus 12086	185
14	Joshua Bixenmann	Columbus 9264	235

GIRLS

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

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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 will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 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.

Safe Environment Training

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

IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
JANUARY 2021			
1728**	Jan 31	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	Supreme Council, Executive Secretary, DD
4584**	Jan 31	Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics	Supreme Council, Executive Secretary, DD
FEBRUARY 2021			
1295	Feb 15	Semi-Annual Council Audit Report (as of Dec 31, 2020)	Supreme Council, Executive Secretary, DD
	Feb 15	Courier Articles Due	Courier Editor
MARCH 2021			
	Mar 1	State Per Capita Payment	Program Director Don Hypse
	Mar 1	Final State Log Book Reports	State Secretary Matt Richardson
	Mar 1	Supreme/State Service Award Nominations	Appropriate State Director
	Mar 1	Resolutions for Annual Convention	State Advocate James Korth
	Mar 1	State Youth District Winners Poster Contest	Peter Peil, State Youth Director

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due to Supreme NLT January 31, 2021. This report documents our charitable work and keeps the Knights tax exempt. **PLEASE USE THE NEW FORM.**

The Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics is due to Supreme NLT January 31, 2020. This report documents our charity and time with the Special Olympics. This report determines Nebraska's share of the funds allocated to Special Olympics by our Supreme Council. A **"NO ACTIVITY OR DONATION REPORT" DOES HELP NEBRASKA.**

**May be filed electronically on Supreme Web site.



Zoom TAKES ON A WHOLE NEW MEANING An Easy Way to Stay Connected

As this worldwide pandemic stretches on and on, I think we need to change our focus. Instead of worrying about if our favorite sports team is allowed to play, maybe we should be worrying more about when we can all go back to Mass together. Instead of complaining about not being able to go to our favorite restaurant, maybe we should realize how lucky we are to have dinner together as a family in our homes. We need to focus on the things above instead of the things here on earth.

I know that some councils are not comfortable meeting in person right now, and I don't blame them. We need to keep our members safe. But, there are still many programs we can do. We just need to adapt and change to the times we are in. I know of a family who gets together at least one night a week to say a Rosary via Zoom. Grandma and grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins are miles apart in body but together in the spirit of Mary.

As families spend more time together now, consider the **Family Prayer Night Program**. Family Prayer Night is a great way for children to see regular people living their faith at home. Families in your council could gather via Zoom and pray together. The **Into the Breach Program** offers short inspirational videos from the Supreme web site. Knights can watch these anytime at their convenience, and then have a Zoom call to discuss them as a group. All the programs are part of the larger **Faith in Action Program** that the Knights of Columbus has and will help qualify your council for Star Council later on. But more importantly, these programs keep you in touch with other Brother Knights, and will help strengthen your family, parish, council, and community.

I know some of you are tired of Zoom calls, just don't like them, or don't know what they are. On March 1st of this year, I didn't know what a Zoom call was either, but this is the pandemic times we live in now. If you want to learn more about Zoom calls or want help setting one up, let me know. This is a great tool for staying connected.



Rev. Charles J. O'Rourke November 1, 1930 ~ November 6, 2020

By Mark Borytsky, State Deputy, Nebraska Jurisdiction

Father Charles Joseph O'Rourke died on November 6, 2020 in Papillion, NE. Father O'Rourke was born on November 1, 1930 in Missouri Valley, IA to Charles O'Rourke and Mary (Walsh) O'Rourke.

Father o'Rourke joined the Columban Fathers as a high school student and was ordained at St. Columban's Major Seminary in Milton, MA in 1957. From 1958 till 1985, he served on the missions in South Korea. Upon returning to the United States, he pastored Korean Catholic communities in Chicago, Los Angeles and Omaha. After a transfer to the Columban headquarters in Bellevue, he continued ministry to the Korean Catholics and to Contemplative Prayer.

It comes with a heavy heart to learn the passing of Fr. Charles O'Rourke. He loved the Knights and was wonderful supporter of humanity. A few months into my first year as State Deputy, we redesigned the state ethnic group approach, broadening our support to ethnic families in Nebraska. Working with Fr. John Burger, Director of the National Columban Fathers, Fr. O'Rourke provided our state with four ethnic advisors for the Philippines, Hispanics, Vietnamese and Koreans. Fr. O'Rourke agreed to be our State Korean Family Advisor. We worked together over many lunches and had a great plan to move forward. Then the pandemic hit.

The plan is still in place for our next administration as the pandemic hopefully will be controlled by July 2021. I thank God we were able to have Fr. O'Rourke on our team as a state advisor for our Korean Catholic brothers, their families and as a wonderful blessing for humanity. God rest his soul. We will miss and pray for you Father O'Rourke.



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**Columban Father
Charles Joseph
O'Rourke**

News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa



Neil Pfeifer
General Agent

Congratulations!

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



Marcus Bell



Noah Pfeifer

AGENTS OF THE MONTH

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

August - Marcus Bell of Omaha; September and October - Noah Pfeifer of Norfolk

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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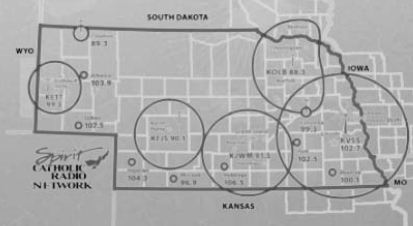
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Faith and Family Finance

with the Knights of Columbus

Tune in Fridays 9:45 a.m. CT/8:45 MT



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Ian Johnstone



Brian Almond



Mike Scholz

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August - Ian Johnstone of Lincoln; September - Brian Almond of Hastings; October - Mike Scholz of Loomis

Are You Looking for a Rewarding Career Furthering the Vision of a Future Saint?

Look no further! A career as a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus may be the answer to your prayers. For the Catholic gentleman who has an entrepreneurial spirit, is hard-working, and desires helping his Brother Knights and their families secure their financial futures, a career with the Knights offers many rewards, both financial and intangible. **If you are curious about a career with the Knights, please call 800-733-8980 Ext. 4 and leave a message.** We would be happy to see if a career with the Knights might be a fit for you!

*Tony Swanson
and his agency
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Introducing Life Paid Up @ X!

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More Ways to Contact Us:

**Contact your council's agent or Anthony Swanson,
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Join us every Friday at 9:45 a.m. CT/8:45 a.m. MT as we discuss Faith and Family Finance on Spirit Radio Network

Per Capita: Keep Your Council in Good Standing

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Per Capita Due March 1, 2021

Every billable member of the Knights of Columbus is assessed by State and Supreme Councils. This state assessment is the per capita invoice each council's Financial Secretary receives twice each fiscal year. This payment does not require a council vote, so prompt payment should not be an issue. Per capita is to be paid with council dues.

Currently, the State Council assessment per billable member is \$8.75, with \$4.37 to be billed January 1, 2021, due March 1, 2021; and \$4.38 billed July 1, 2021, due September 1, 2021. Remember, disabled and honorary life members are not billable members.

Late Payment Risks Suspension

As your State Secretary, I am responsible for billing and collecting per capita payments. While a majority of our Nebraska councils remit payments on time, a few councils miss the deadline for paying this assessment. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each of these councils will then receive a second-notice billing. While prompt response to second notices helps avoid possible suspensions, but a late payment also disqualifies councils for all State and Supreme awards handed out during our annual State Convention in April.

Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding State Per Capita other questions. We are here to support you.

New Website Taking Shape

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As many of you have probably seen, we have released an update to the state website. If you have not seen it yet, I invite you to take a look at <https://nebraskakofc.org/>

The look and feel of the website have changed quite a bit, but the information is still there. The central (front) page of the site will be used for scrolling news or notifications for events that will scroll off over time as newer updates are added. The more static information, such as forms or program information, are organized under one of the top menus. For example, if you are looking for information on the One Rose One Life program, you would look under the Program menu, then the Life sub-menu. Also, you will see a three-line menu on the left (hamburger menu); clicking this will give you links to our sub-sites (4th Degree and Foundation) along with an archive of

posts. There are a lot of new features and I invite you to explore the entire site.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of contact information on the state website from the state family to councils that all have to be entered manually. All the state contact information is finished, but the District Deputy and Councils are not. I just ask for your patience as this last important part gets completed.

I have a lot of plans to improve every aspect of our more virtual presence, from forms to events and everything in between. If you have any questions, see something that needs to be updated, or have something that needs to be added to the website, please email help@nebraskakofc.org.

Remembering the Faith at Christmas

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Merry Christmas to all my Brother Knights and their families. During these troubling times, it is important to remember our Faith. There are many of the Faith Programs you can use during this time. They can be found at the Supreme Website under the Faith Banner.

There are two programs that come to mind. The first one is "Keep Christ In Christmas". As many of you know, this one is close to my heart. One way to help the less fortunate is to send them a Christmas Card. This is an old practice but for some people it is the only way that they hear from people

outside their home. I know I still look forward to getting cards. Many councils in the state are selling these cards. You can try to contact your council or a council near you.

Also a newer program is the Knights "Leave No Neighbor Behind" Program. Again during these trying times when people are isolated, let's not forget them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Julie and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Intellectual Disabilities Due Date for Final Report Is January 31

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By this time, councils should have already kicked off this year's Intellectual Disabilities Campaign. The campaign began during October 8-11, 2020. Many councils have conducted their drives and are sending reports to me. Be aware that there is still plenty of time to conduct your campaign. There is no reason that councils cannot conduct more than one campaign. Due to the COVID Virus, this is even recommended. My council in Fort Calhoun conducted a drive in October. We have another one scheduled for the second week in December.

Don't give up too soon! Remember, all monies collected go to the agencies that work with intellectually disabled individuals.

Report Forms: Each council needs to submit a report form to me when you feel your drive is completed.

Forms and checks should be mailed to me at the address provided on the report form. The form is a duplicate form. Be sure all information is complete and all math is correct.

I will print checks made out to the designated agencies you identified and return the checks based on the information that you provided. All checks to your designated agencies will be mailed directly to the Grand Knight. It is his responsibility to get the checks to those agencies.

Finally, the due date for submitting reports is January 31, 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that arise.

One Rose, One Life Supports State Pro-Life Efforts

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As we are entering the new year it is time to concentrate on the upcoming One Rose, One Life Campaign to support the Pro-Life efforts here in Nebraska. This campaign is the primary source of income for the Culture of Life Foundation (COL) and with these funds we are able to provide funding to many pro-life organizations across the state. With COVID still hanging around we must look at creative ways to raise funds and continue supporting the COL.

Call for Life Program

Call for Life is a new program that we are introducing to councils to participate in and it offers you a new and creative way to support the One Rose, One Life Campaign. How does it work? It's as easy as:

- Set a goal amount that your council wishes to raise for the One Rose, One Life Campaign
- Have your local Pro-Life director develop a team of supportive brothers
- Divide the amount each team member needs to raise (i.e. Goal \$2,000/ 10 team members/ each needs to raise \$200)
- Call family, friends, parishioners, co-workers and ask them to support this campaign
- Record all donations, forward to each donor a self-addressed envelope, a thank you note and a One Rose, One Life prayer card.

- Collect all funds in a timely manner and send all funds to Culture of Life Foundation by March 1st in order to be eligible for council division awards

A suggested calling script and prayer cards will be sent to each council along with a detailed description of the program in coming weeks.

I have received calls from many councils who feel that they have been stagnant because of COVID and they are looking for ways to get involved and to get their membership involved. This coming January, we as Catholics, and we as Knights must stand together and send a clear and direct message to our local communities, state and national leaders that life is sacred, life is dear and that life is from conception to natural death.

Upcoming Dates:

- January 2021- Hold annual One Rose, One Life Campaign
- January 2021- Solicit art entries for the 2022 One Rose, One Life Art Contest
- January 2021- Pray for sanctity of life
- January to April 2021- Hold a Buck-A-Month Drive to establish funds for local pro-life efforts
- January to March 2021- Solicit essay entries for the 2021 Essay Contest. Theme to be announced at a later date.

Knights of Columbus Tournament Rules

1. Only members or wives, widows or daughters of Knights of Columbus members are eligible to bowl.
2. Proof of eligibility will be checked before bowler is permitted to bowl.
3. Teams and doubles can be made up of any combination of men and women.
4. Entrants may bowl on more than 1 team subject to these conditions.
No more than 3 bowlers may comprise a second entry and place in the standings
First Team and First doubles bowled will count towards All Events.
5. There will be no more than one entry per bowler in Singles and All Events
6. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles. You may enter doubles more than once, but can only cash once with the same partner.
You may cash as often as you change partners
7. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between bowlers average and 200.
8. All handicaps will be figured for each bowler-not a team basis.
9. Entrants will use their highest USBC sanctioned league average for 21 games or more for last season, except if current season high average, for 21 games or more, is 10 pins or higher than last season's high book average, he/she will use current average as of December 31, 2020.
All other bowlers will use a 160 average for men and 120 average for women.
10. Tournament officials will check averages before awarding and prize money.
11. All bowlers should be aware and familiar with USBC rule No. 319A-1,2,3. Failure to use proper average or make corrections prior to completion of the first game of series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average of base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.
12. All errors must be claimed within 24 hours, or score is official.
13. Lanes will be assigned by bowling alley personnel.
14. No refunds after closing date except in extreme emergencies. Host councils will make the final decision.
15. No entries scheduled without payment in full. Tournament director reserves the right to assign different times other than what is on the entry form.
16. Prize Fee returned 100%. Ratio 1 for 4 in Team, Doubles and Singles, 1 for 10 in All Events
17. Tournament prize winnings need not be reported.

YOU MAY REPRODUCE THE FORM AS OFTEN AS NEEDED

2021 Knights of Columbus Handicap Bowling Tournament February 20-21 and 27

Do not Write In This Space

No. _____ Pd _____ Due _____

KC STEAK FRY
Saturday Nights
Westbrook Lanes
Feb 20 and Feb 27
5:30 to 8:00 pm

Steak Fry Open to Public

Columbus Mass Times Will Be Posted At The Tournament



Nebraska State Knights of Columbus Men & Women's
HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Westbrook Lanes
West Highway 81 Columbus, Ne 68601
February 20-21 and February 27, 2021

Event	Prize	Bowling	Expense	Total
Team	\$35.00	\$52.50	\$17.50	\$105.00
Doubles	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$7.00	\$42.00
Singles	\$7.00	\$10.50	\$3.50	\$21.00

Handicap: 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200
\$21.00 per Person per Event

All Events (Handicap) Optional.....\$3.00

Time Schedule

Saturdays: Doubles & Singles 11:00am/1:30pm/4:00pm
Teams 1:30pm/4:00pm
Sunday (February 27th Only) Teams, Doubles & Singles 11:00am/2:00pm

1st Choice Preferred Date & Time	2nd Choice Preferred Date & Time	NO Entries Scheduled Without Remittance
Team _____	Team _____	
Doubles _____	Doubles _____	
Singles _____	Singles _____	

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

All remittances must be made payable to the order of the Knights of Columbus Tournament and mailed to: John Eckholt, PO Box 1301, Columbus, Ne 68601 402-563-3000

Positively no entries accepted without payment in full.
Entries will be scheduled, as to preferred date and time, in the order in which they are received. Make reservations now! Send completed blank later.!

2021 Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament Committee:
Richard Vandyke #0938 Dave Westerman #12086 Rod Zarek #9264

All Knights of Columbus Members Welcome!!!!

Please Print or Type

Of The City Of _____
Council No. _____

All Events Circle _____ Five Man Event _____ Avg _____
Bowler No. _____

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Doubles and Singles Events

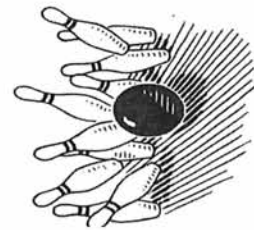
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I hereby certify all bowler are members or wives, widows or daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.

Signed _____ Financial Secretary

I hereby certify the above averages are current averages in league play.

Signed _____ League Secretary



Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

TYPES OF GIFTS



Daniel Wells



Don Ferneding, PSD

Foundation Advisors

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 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. 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:

**Nebraska State Council
McGivney Foundation
PO Box 98
Elkhorn, NE 68022-0098**

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.

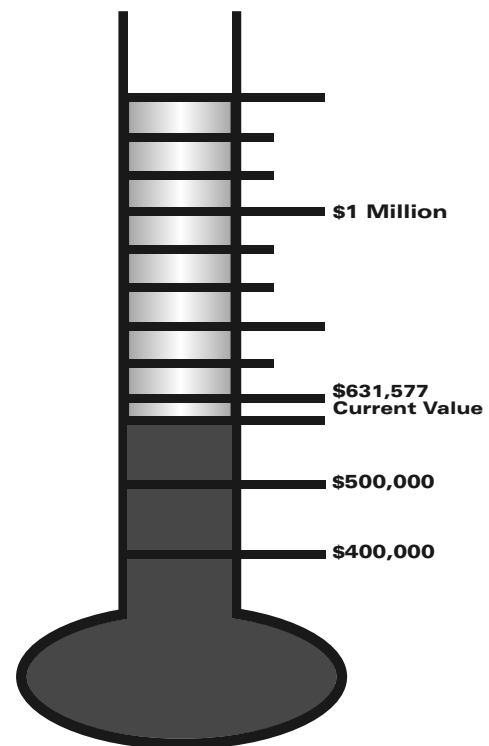
Gift Acknowledgement

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.

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 or Don Ferneding don.ferneding@gmail.com
Phone numbers: Dan Wells: 402-880-2586 DonFerneding: 402-943-6320
US Postal address: PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022

Please complete the following information as completely as possible. **Date:** _____

Organization Information

Name of Organization: _____
Contact Name and Title: _____
Address: _____
Phone: ____-____-____ Cell: ____-____-____ Email: _____
Website address: _____
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? _____

Council information (must be completed)

Council Name and Number: _____
Name Council Number
Grand Knight's Name: _____
Grand Knight's Phone Number: ____-____-____ Email: _____

Funding Information

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

Voting: For: _____ Against _____ Abstain _____
Status
Approved _____ Denied _____ Pending/Held: _____
Date Date Date

Amount: \$ _____ Check # _____



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*“And suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:
Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those
on whom His favor rests.”*

From the Nebraska Knights of Columbus
State Officers, District Deputies,
Directors and Chairmen,
Insurance Agents and all of our Families
to all of our Brother Knights and their Families:

This Christmas Season
may Our Lord and Savior bless you all
and give you peace and joy.

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