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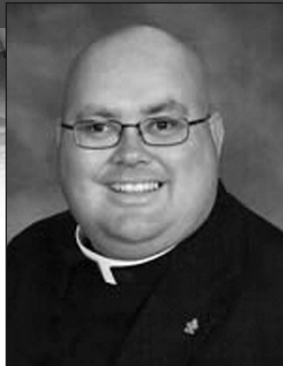
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Home Council of State Deputy Lou Gasper and Past State Deputy Rich Lowery



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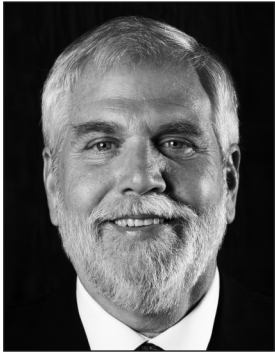
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ANNUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING July 12 to 14, 2019

Ramada Midtown
Conference Center
Grand Island, NE

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Words from our State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

This fraternal year and my term as State Deputy are drawing to a close. Carole and I have been truly blessed, humbled, honored, and privileged to serve you, the more than 26,000 Nebraska Brother Knights and families. You make Nebraska great.

We've accomplished much this year and are on course to continue our positive growth with your help. The past two years have been filled with challenges and blessings of evangelizing and sharing the mission of the Knights of Columbus with others. Thank you for fulfilling the duties and the dreams of Father Michael J. McGivney.

The duties of State Deputy could not be done without the support of Carole, my kids, my parents and my family who have stood behind me, encouraged me, shared ideas and offered constructive criticism. Carole and I will forever cherish the people we met and the places and events we visited.

Thank you, my fellow State Officers, Supreme Director Mike Conrad, Supreme RGD Joe Ramirez, District Masters Jim Haiar and Richard Lowery, and Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger for being by my side through thick and thin.

We have been so blessed to have Father Kenneth Borowiak as our State Chaplain. Words cannot express my love and respect for him. Thank you, Father, for your spiritual leadership and friendship, bringing prayer to all of our meetings and keeping us focused on Christ in all that we do.

Thank you, State Program Director / State Warden-Elect Mike Schaeffer "Schaf" and State Membership Director Mark Dwyer, for assuring all programs and membership ran well and getting meetings done on time.

Thank you, District Deputies, for your leadership and commitment to growing the Order and keeping Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus strong and vibrant here in Nebraska and the World.

It takes a great team of directors and chairpersons sharing their energy, time, and talent to guide this great state through two successful years. It was an honor and a privilege to serve with a great team. I believe in each and every one of you and your families, without whom none of this would have been possible.

It is a great honor to pass the gavel to your newly-elected State Deputy Mark Borytsky. I pledge my support to the upcoming state officers, directors, and chairmen. Your state is in good hands.

Thank you to all for believing in me as I have believed in you. God bless you and your families. God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,

Lou Gasper, State Deputy

Words from our State Chaplain

These Men They Call Knights

Five transitional deacons were ordained May 24th at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. The next day four priests were ordained also at the Cathedral. Each of the priests celebrated their first Mass the next day - mostly in their home parishes throughout Nebraska. On Monday, May 27, Mass was celebrated in Catholic cemeteries across Nebraska in commemoration of Memorial Day. In March, devastating floods drastically altered the lives of thousands of families across Nebraska. Natural disasters impacted these family's lives for years.

At the same time, children with intellectual disabilities strive to live productive, faith-filled lives. Pre-born babies in the womb live to see the wonders of God's creation because of ultrasounds allowing the baby's mother to see her child and choose life.

On Father's Day (this year June 16th at Werner's Park in Papillion) the priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Lincoln will square off in a friendly softball game - winner takes all.

What do all of these scenarios have in common? The Knights of Columbus stood shoulder to shoulder in each of these situations with individuals and families to share the joy of the Catholic faith, to exude hope, and to love everyone whom they encountered, regardless of circumstances.

In many parishes across Nebraska from Alliance to Falls City, from South Sioux City to Benkelman - Knights of Columbus willingly stepped up to be active participants in the liturgy, in the celebration of the sacraments and to assist our neighbor in the ministries and apostles they support and a part of the Church and the everyday lived experiences of life.

These Are the Men They Call Knights

I have been proud and humbled to be the state chaplain for the Nebraska Knights of Columbus for this past fraternal term and to witness the involvement of the Knights in the Church. The Knights are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world with more than 2 million members strong in a dozen countries on three continents. More than 26,706 of these Knights are in the state of Nebraska in 174 councils.

Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic faith and our brotherhood in Christ. The Knights have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better providers for their families, and better members of the church and citizens of our great state of Nebraska. We place special emphasis on charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. In a special way, they are great supporters of priests. I have learned so much from the Knights and am so thankful to what all of them have done for me and all priests and bishops of Nebraska. We will be forever grateful for what you men have done and will do for us. Your example is shining.



Fr. Kenneth Borowiak
State Chaplain
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Whether the Knights are in their fourth degree regalia or have their shirt sleeves rolled up standing in river silt after catastrophic flooding, they do the Lord's work in our state of Nebraska. This is what I was privileged to witness as state chaplain in this soon to end fraternal term.

With the leadership and vision of State Deputy Lou Gasper and his leadership team, the above-mentioned activities and outreaches found their origins in the sacramental and devotional life of our Catholic Church. Faith-filled men from all 93 counties and all three dioceses in Nebraska rooted their activities in the Eucharist, prayer and devotion of the church. I am so blessed to have witnessed to and served with these men called Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Kenneth Borowiak".

Father Kenneth Borowiak, State Chaplain

P.S. Good and faithful Catholics of Nebraska, please join us for the Father's Day I-80 Collar Series softball game, Sunday, June 16, 2019, at Werner Park near Papillion. The annual competition is between the priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha and the priests of the Diocese of Lincoln. We need you now, more than ever.

See page 5 for a message from State Chaplain
Designate Fr. Josh Brown

Words from our State Deputy-Elect



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Brother Knights and Families,

I am deeply honored, and I thank each and every one of you for your support and guidance and for placing your faith in me. I am truly humbled by the title I'm being honored with, but more so by the phenomenal Knights and their families of Nebraska I'm about to represent to the world. This is an honor and great responsibility that I don't take lightly and will give my best to uphold your confidence in me. I am truly grateful.

It is with great pleasure to announce our next State Chaplain, Fr. Joshua Brown from St. Patrick's Church in North Platte, whose church will soon be Nebraska. We are blessed by almighty God and thank Him for bringing Fr. Josh into our lives to be our spiritual leader.

The theme chosen for the next Fraternal Year is, "Defenders of Humanity," as we continue to concentrate our efforts to protect life from conception to the natural death. We will continue our great work in a world where long-awaited laws regulating abortion are being enacted and caring for those who are less fortunate, no matter who they are, couldn't be stronger. Our Saint, "St. Michael, the Archangel," who over the past year has never been more prevalent in the protection of the Church and humanity, will be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, protecting us so we will be able prosper in the good works for our Church and Councils.

I would like to take a personal moment to thank my wife, Audrey, and my family, for their love and support of me, the Knights and the Church, which I cherish.

Brothers, let's take this next fraternal year to work together, handling any concerns your councils may have, and to celebrate your many achievements. Let's continue our good work toward strengthening our Church, communities, councils, and supporting our priests. Let's be responsible heirs of the legacy of our founder, The Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and strengthen our discipleship in the eyes of the Lord.

Thank you for your support and may God Bless you and your family.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Mark Borytsky, Nebraska State Deputy-Elect

Financial Secretaries' Workshop During Leadership Training in Grand Island

Saturday, July 13, 2019 - 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Financial Secretaries' Workshop

Sunday, July 14, 2019 - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Financial Secretaries' Workshop (if necessary)

The State FS Training Coordinators will conduct a workshop at the Leadership Training in Grand Island July 13 - 14, 2019. The workshop will consist of a question and answer session and demonstration of Member Management. Questions that are unique to your council may be sent to **Mitch O'Neill** at mitch.oneill@nebraska.edu, or **Mike Vaughn** at michael.vaughn@windstream.net prior to this training. Please bring your laptop to the workshop, and an extra power cord to the training.

Meet Fr. Josh Brown, State Chaplain-Designate

A man of many hats, Fr. Josh Brown is adding State Chaplain for the Nebraska State Knights of Columbus family to his list in July.

Fr. Brown served Scottsbluff and the area as a fireman, rescue scuba diver, rescue rock climber and EMT 10 years before, he said he, "felt a nudge and call to help people in a more profound way. I prayed then for two years what that might mean for me, and God revealed His plan for me as His priest."

Father attended Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO, four years, earning his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy with a minor in Theology.

"During my four years at Conception Seminary College, I saw the need for the Knights of Columbus on campus and chartered a new college council and became their first Worthy Grand Knight," he said.

By the time he graduated, he had recruited or transferred more than 70 seminarians into the council and took 40 of them to the 4th Degree Exemplification in Kansas City, MO.

"To this day when I visit my Alma Mater," he said, "I see that charter on the wall and remember the importance of the Knights all through my formation years."

After Conception, Father was sent to the Saint Paul Seminary in Minnesota, on the University of St. Thomas Campus. He was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ four years later on June 4, 2010, at the age of 36.

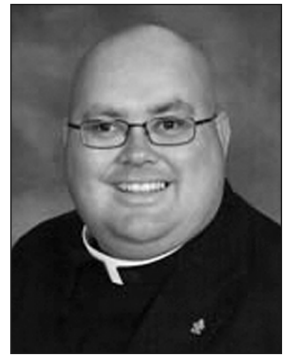
Father served as associate pastor at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney three years, then was assigned as parochial administrator in Ord and Burwell, where he was eventually named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ord and Sacred Heart in Burwell.

In 2016, he accepted the call to be pastor of St. Patrick's Church in North Platte.

"I am just now finishing my third at St. Patrick's and feel I am blessed to be staying here as the Pastor for hopefully many more years," Father said.

"When I was asked by Bishop Emeritus Dendinger to consider the role of Worthy State Chaplain, I was humbled and honored to give back to an order that has been so dear to me and was such an influence on my vocation," he added.

Fr. Brown is the son of Roy and Julie brown, born Jan. 10, 1974, in Bridgeport. His family moved to Minatare when he was 3 and he later attended Kindergarten. He was 6 years old when the family moved to Scottsbluff where he graduated from Scottsbluff High School in 1993 and began a career as a paid city firefighter for the City of Scottsbluff.



Fr. Joshua Brown
(Fr. Josh)
Associate State Chaplain
State Chaplain-Designate
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"I am humbled and honored to give back to the Order so dear to me and that was such an influence on my vocation."

Ladies Program

Come and join us! *Saturday, July 13th*

Paint. Sip. Have fun! *1:00-3:00 p.m.*

In the hotel indoor patio



\$15.00 for paint & supplies

\$5.00 per glass of wine

Please register and pay online. See page 7.

Leadership Training, July 12-14, 2019

Ramada Midtown Conference Center, Grand Island

**We'll be
providing
important
information
for the
upcoming
year!**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Ramada Midtown
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one (1) each for the
Grand Knight and
the Financial Secretary.
There will be NO extra copies
available for sale.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Enjoy special "early bird"
prices by purchasing your
first assorted boxes before
September 25, 2019.
They will also be available
during Leadership Training
the weekend of
July 12-14.
See page 10 for details.

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Mass at Hotel
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	State Officers Meeting
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	State Family Dinner (Council 11363, 4130 Cannon Rd)
7:15 PM to 9:30 PM	Program Directors/Chairmen Meeting
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Membership Directors Meeting
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	State Officers' Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

7:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Registration / Check-In (Atrium)
8:30 AM to 9:30 PA	Program Directors/Chairmen Meeting
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	Membership Team Meeting
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Financial Secretaries Training
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Insurance Agents Meeting

LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRAND ROYAL - 9:40 AM TO 11:45 AM

9:40 AM to 10:00 AM	Rosary led by Fr. Josh Brown, State Chaplain
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Leadership Training - General Meeting

11:45 AM to 12:55 PM Lunch on your own - Hotel restaurant is open - Hamburger bar

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Financial Secretaries Training
1:00 PM to 2:50 PM	Fourth Degree Meeting
1:15 PM to 3:30 PM	Ladies' Program - Reservations required

LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRAND ROYAL - 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Leadership Training - General Meeting
2:45 PM to 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM to 3:10 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fr. Josh Brown
3:10 PM to 4:00 PM	Leadership Training - General Meeting
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Prepare for Mass
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Mass/Installation of State Officers/District Deputies at St. Mary's Cathedral, 112 South Cedar St, Grand Island
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Social Hour (Outside Grand Royal)
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Buffet Style Dinner in Hotel (Grand Royal) - Reservations required
9:00 PM to 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room #236

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2019

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Mass at Hotel
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Financial Secretaries Training (if necessary)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRAND ROYAL - 8:30 AM TO NOON

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Leadership Training - General Meeting
11:30 AM to Noon	Closing Remarks



Inviting All Knights of Columbus Leaders! Annual Leadership Training Seminar, July 12-14, 2019

(Formerly known as Grand Knights, District Deputies and Financial Secretaries Seminar)

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Don Hypse, and I will be your State Program Director beginning July 1st. I am anxious to get started working for you and with you to have a great year of programs for the State of Nebraska. My wife of 37 years, Terri, and I live in Wayne where she teaches high school and I work for the John Deere dealership. I have been part of the State Knights of Columbus team as State Family Director and State Health Services Director. For my local council, Father Kearns Council 8579, I have served as Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

I would like to invite all Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries to attend the State Leadership Training Seminar in Grand Island on July 12-14. The State Officers, Program Directors, and Membership Team are planning a great educational weekend to send you off on a successful fraternal year. And especially for any of you who are in your first year as Grand Knight, attending the leadership training seminar is an excellent way to learn what it takes to make your council one of the best.



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Sign Up/Payment for Leadership Training Weekend

COUNCIL LEADERS, please utilize the electronic registration for training sessions, Saturday ladies' program registration and payment, and Saturday evening meal reservations and payment on the Eventbrite website. The state Knights website has a link along with instructions on how to navigate. A password is necessary to advance through the site. Instructions, password, and the weblink have also been provided to each council's leadership group (e.g. Financial Secretary and/or Grand Knight) from Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger.

The Eventbrite website link is: <https://nekofc2019ltp-cncl.eventbrite.com>

Please use the site to register all council members who plan to attend the seminar (even if you are not joining us for Saturday's dinner). There is no charge to attend the training sessions, but a count of attendees helps us keep the weekend flowing smoothly.

Please register and pay online for the Saturday Afternoon Ladies' Program. There will be a minimal fee for attending this fun event. (See page 5 for details about the ladies' program.)

Please register and pay online for the Saturday evening dinner. Join us for an evening of great food and socializing. Registration and payment gives the hotel a count.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES, CHAIRMEN AND STATE OFFICERS will utilize a different website and password for the additional items coordinated for that team by the Convention Coordinators. The instructions, weblink, and password will not be made available publicly and will be communicated to that group from Executive Secretary Guggenberger.

Thank you, God bless, and we look forward to serving you for this and upcoming events.

Rob Ostdiek and Pat Rupp, State Convention Coordinator Co-Chairmen.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Rob Ostdiek at 402-806-8552 (phone/text), or email rob.ostdiek1989@gmail.com Ray Guggenberger can be reached at rguggenberger@cox.net

PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 6, 2019



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New Year, New Opportunities

As we close the door on one fraternal year, we open the door to a new one with possibilities and opportunities. As we push through these final days of the 2018-2019 fraternal year it is important to make sure that each of us is doing everything we can to offer Catholic families the opportunity to be part of an organization of almost 2 million who believe in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, who see Christ in others, and who stand behind and with our Bishops and Priests.

As we look to the new year and beyond, to be successful we must plan and prepare. What are you going to do as an officer or member to enliven your Assembly? What can you do to encourage new members? How can you help your Council recruit new members who will become 4th Degree members? What projects can your Assembly take on to support the Church, members and their families, Councils and your community?

You have heard it said before, "Failure to plan is planning to fail." Don't wait. Don't think that everything will just work out. Work together with your fellow officers and members to plan for success. One way to do this is to attend the Summer Leadership Seminar on July 13 and 14 in Grand Island. This year, Assemblies are being encouraged to send their Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller to this annual meeting where they will learn about the plans of the State Council to build and maintain membership, work with the Members Management program, and discuss ideas and opportunities with other Brother Knights. There will also be an opportunity to sit down and ask questions of the District Master. In the next few days, you will see an invitation with information about registration and cost.

Make this fraternal year the best!

Vivat Jesus

Richard W Lowery, PSD, District Master - Nebraska

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A. John and his 2 year old son, Michael, participated in the Lincoln March for Life on April 16. John's dad is facing right. Photo Meredith Gamey, Southern Nebraska Register.

B. Daughter Madeleine during a prolife march in another city last year.



You're Never Too Young to March

John Costello, Jr., St. Joseph's Council 4923, Lincoln, is a son, husband, Dad, and field agent for the Tony Swanson Agency. He's also an active prolife advocate. John and his family, including his dad, John Costello, Sr., recently moved to Lincoln from Los Angeles, CA, where John Sr. was the cofounder of the "Los Angeles March for Life."

"Everywhere we've lived," John Jr. said, "the entire family has been active participants in the prolife movement and peaceful prayer."

The same is true for his new home. John and his dad joined Lincoln Bishop Conley at this year's March across the street from Lincoln's Planned Parenthood building. John Jr.'s wife, Myra, works in the intensive care unit at Bryan Hospital caring for premature babies.

"I got my children involved," John Jr. said. "My daughters, Madeleine (age 6) and Magdalena (age 4), are fulltime prolife prayer warriors. My son, Michael (age 2) joined Grandpa and me at this year's March. It's just our family living our prolife ministry. My hope is that when expectant mothers across the street see the faces of my beautiful kids, they will choose life."

June 16, 2019 Deadline For Buck-A-Month Contributions

Brian & Mary Jo Hamik, Nebraska Culture of Life Directors | ne.kofc.life@gmail.com
402.379.1665 home | 402.841.2605 cell | 824 Volkman Dr., Norfolk, NE 68701

Important Upcoming Date:

June 16, 2019 is the new deadline for getting Buck-A-Month contributions into the Culture of Life Foundation. You are to send all Buck-A-Month contributions to the Culture of Life Foundation. Fifty percent of these funds will be returned to your council to be used for your parish and community Culture of Life projects and activities. Refund checks are distributed at the Grand Knights Seminar in July 2019.

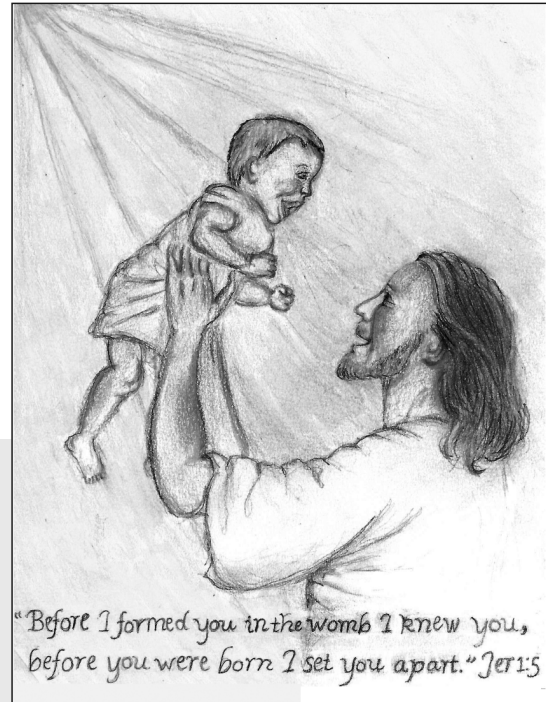
For complete details visit <http://www.nebraskakofc.org>, click on the Rose and follow the links for Buck-A-Month. Contributions are to be sent to Brian Hamik, 824 Volkman Dr., Norfolk, NE 68701.

2019 CULTURE OF LIFE ART CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place (see right) - Sophia Schaefer - \$200
Heart of a Child Ministry - \$500

2nd Place Claire Quattrocchi - \$100
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Omaha - \$250

3rd Place Claire Meyer - \$50
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Omaha - \$150



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Per Capita Due September 1, 2019

Reduce Your Per Capita By 50% By Attaining Star Council Status.

Matt Richardson, State Secretary-Elect | 402.380.3513 cell | mattconn1@msn.com

Your September Per Capita Must Be Paid On Time To Be Eligible For ICC Gold Next Year!

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

What is per capita?

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

Where does the money go?

The state assessment is designed to assist the State Council in funding items such as programs, conventions, Knights Courier, and the other expenses that are associated with running an organization like ours.

How much is it?

State per capita assessment

Your state per capita invoice is received two times each

fiscal year. Invoices are sent directly to your council's Financial Secretary and are to be paid from your council's annual dues. As part of these dues, \$8.75 per member per year is currently assessed by the State Council and is your council's State per capita billing. One half will be billed July 1, 2019, and due by September 1, 2019, for \$4.38 per member. The second half will be billed \$4.37 per member on January 1, 2020, and due by March 1, 2020.

Supreme per capita assessment

Supreme's per capita assessment is currently \$4.50 per member per billing (twice yearly) and is your council's Supreme per capita billing. These invoices are billed by Supreme directly to your council's Financial Secretary.

Where do the assessed numbers come from?

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

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

Enjoy special "early bird" prices by purchasing your first assorted box before September 25, 2019

AVAILABLE AT THE JULY LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN GRAND ISLAND!

Take a case of assorted cards back to your home council at these great "early bird" prices.

Then order more at the regular price for your council to sell.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRICES BELOW!

Our "early bird special" (ENGLISH version) ONE CASE ONLY PER COUNCIL - contains 35 boxes of cards + 2 magnets and 25 color brochures showing the different card designs.

ORDERED BEFORE 9-25-2019

Per case - \$145 plus \$18 shipping/handling (totals \$163.00)

ORDERED AFTER 9-25-2019

Per case - \$185.75 plus \$18 shipping/handling (totals \$203.75)

EACH CASE CAN BE SOLD FOR \$337.50

Our "early bird special" (SPANISH version) ONE CASE ONLY PER COUNCIL - contains 24 boxes of cards + 2 magnets.

ORDERED BEFORE 9-25-2019

Per case - \$60.00 plus \$11.00 shipping/handling (totals \$71.00)

ORDERED AFTER 9-25-2019

Per case - \$67.00 plus \$11.00 shipping/handling (totals \$78.00)

EACH CASE CAN BE SOLD FOR \$142.50

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 form 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 the order form.

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 the order form online.

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 needy family or special cause this Christmas season.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Mark and Julie Main, State Faith Directors
402.416.6458 | markmain65@gmail.com

"Keep Christ in Christmas" order form and information is available online at www.nebraskakofc.org/resources/pdf/forms/KCIC.pdf

Congratulations!

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest Winners

1st Place	Ages 5-7	Father John P. Brock Council 7034, Valley	Artist Quinn Asher
1st Place	Ages 8-10	St. Isaac Jogues Council 11312, Lincoln	Artist Brynn Hart
1st Place	Ages 11-14	St. Isaac Jogues Council 11312, Lincoln	Artist Jacey Tran

2019 Nebraska State Council Vocations Fund Lottery Winners

Blessed Sacrament Council 11001, Lincoln, NE - \$2,500.00 • Pat Filip, Crete, NE - \$1,000.00
Larry Zimmer, Bellwood, NE - \$750.00 • Ken and Carol Carling, Princeton, MN - \$500.00

Let's Add to the 30 Years of Positive Membership Growth

I would like to thank State Deputy-Elect, Mark Borytsky, for asking me to serve as the State Membership Director. I am once again humbled to accept the great responsibility that this opportunity presents. I hope that I will perform my duties satisfactorily and help bring greater honor to our councils, our state and our Order.

As I write this, Mark Dwyer and his team are finalizing their work to help many councils achieve Star Council status and earn another year of positive membership growth in Nebraska. This will continue a streak of positive membership growth for our great state that spans more than 30 consecutive years. I would ask that you give your best effort to help Mark's team make this another successful year. Mark and his membership team, State Deputy Lou Gasper and your council deserve nothing less than our best efforts right through June 30th. Of course, once we reach July 1st, I will be hoping for your best efforts to start our new fraternal year off on the best possible footing.

As I put together my membership team, and get organized for the next year, I am looking for the best men to support your councils, and the most effective ways to help each and every council achieve success in the coming year. I will have more information out in July and look forward to talking with many of you at the Leadership Training Seminar in Grand Island. Until then, Finish Strong!



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Pictured are L-R State Deputy Lou Gasper; District Deputy 23 Roger Retzlaff (who requested the money); Jenna, Ellie, and Lance Pachta; Father Rudy Oborny president; Grand Knight Mark Hintz; Former District Master and Foundation Advisor Don Ferneding, PSD.

Story and photo submitted by Roger Retzlaff.

See What Good YOUR Foundation Can Do

Family and friends had gathered at the Pachta home in Hebron to celebrate daughter Ellie's first birthday in May of 2017. Mom, Jenna, had just put Ellie in her high chair, and as Jenna turned away, she collapsed. One of the guests, an EMT, found no heartbeat, immediately started CPR, and Jenna's heart started beating again. She was rushed to a local hospital and from there, life-flighted to Lincoln. During the flight, Jenna's heart stopped, and again was restarted. She was hospitalized for three days, and when she awoke, remembered nothing. Jenna was then transferred to Madonna where she stayed until the end of July 2017. She has had no more episodes.

In October 2017, Lance and Jenna noticed Ellie had a lazy eye and took her to an optometrist. Two days later, they were in Iowa City, Iowa, at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Ellie had bilateral retinoblastoma (a rare form of cancer that rapidly develops from the immature cells of the retina) in not one, but in both eyes. Chemo was started immediately, but Ellie's right eye was removed because doctors couldn't save it.

The two tumors in her left eye are still being treated with chemotherapy. Ellie and her parents travel to Iowa City from Hebron, a 790 mile round trip. At first the chemo was every day, then every four weeks. Currently Ellie is receiving chemo every eight weeks.

Ellie is thriving, adjusting to her prosthetic right eye, and her hair is growing back. The family's story, while heartbreaking, is a testament to their strong faith.

State Deputy Lou Gasper and Former District Master Don Ferneding, PSD, and McGivney Foundation Advisor, attended Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hebron January 6, 2019. At the end of Mass, these gentlemen presented Lance and Jenna Pachta a check for \$4,000 from the McGivney Foundation to help offset their expenses.

This is a great example of the good your donations to the McGivney Foundation can do. **See page 18 for a donation form.**

Congratulations 2019 State Convention Award Winners



Kevin and Janice Todd, Council 11879, St. Matthew in Bellevue, are our Family of the Year for 2019. The family has volunteered hundreds of hours over the years. A family of six, they have led the way for other families. Both parents have assumed leadership roles in their parish as pro-life coordinators, adult formation facilitators, organizing parishwide prayer and information seminars. Janice was instrumental in helping with a "Banquet for Life Runners" that raised close to \$22,000 to support Life Runner school chapters. Kevin is an assistant to the Parish DREA and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Janice teaches 2nd grade Religious Ed which includes First Reconciliation and First Communion. Congratulations to parents Kevin and Janice Todd and their family.

A. Family of the Year recipients Kevin (back row) and Janice Todd (center); first daughter Alyssa, son-in-law Stefan, and granddaughter Sawyer; second daughter Amy with boyfriend Brad; third daughter Ashley and fourth daughter Abby; Janice's parents (top left) Jose and Luisa Padron.

B. The George Nussrallah Ceremonial Award winner State Membership Director Mark and Julie Dwyer, Elgin.

C. Chaplain of the Year Fr. Troy Schweiger, a Former State Chaplain from Lincoln, with State Deputy Lou and Carole Gasper.

PUBLICITY

Div 1 - 1st Place	11824	St. Ann, Doniphan
Div 2 - 1st Place	10184	Fr. Clement Bracht, Omaha
Div 3 - 1st Place	11001	Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln
Div 4 - 1st Place	6192	Columban, Bellevue
Div 1 - 2nd Place-tie	2351	Wood River, Wood River
Div 1 - 2nd Place-tie	10163	St. Joseph's, Benkelman/Stratton
Div 2 - 2nd Place	1128	Msgr. Michael E. Dolan, Chadron
Div 3 - 2nd Place	1861	Msgr. Anton Link, Sidney
Div 4 - 2nd Place	10047	Fr. John V. Wallace, Gretna

CULTURE OF LIFE

Supreme Service	10305	St. John the Baptist, Fort Calhoun
State Service	7034	Fr. John P. Brock, Valley

CULTURE OF LIFE ART CONTEST

1st Place	10108	St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha
2nd Place	10795	St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha
3rd Place	10795	St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha

ONE ROSE - ONE LIFE

Div 1 - 1st Place	14320	St. James, Cortland
Div 2 - 1st Place	10894	St. Joseph, Springfield
Div 3 - 1st Place	11879	St. Matthew, Bellevue
Div 4 - 1st Place	9518	Father William A. Foster, Ralston
Div 1 - 2nd Place	7889	St. Anthony, Cedar Rapids
Div 2 - 2nd Place	10412	St. Francis Borgia, Blair
Div 3 - 2nd Place	10923	Prince of Peace, Kearney
Div 4 - 2nd Place	10909	St. Wenceslaus, Omaha

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Money Earned

Div 1 - 1st Place	7081	Imperial, Imperial
Div 2 - 1st Place	7684	Fr. Ulenberg, Geneva/Grafton/Shickley
Div 3 - 1st Place	11364	Holy Cross, Omaha
Div 4 - 1st Place	6192	Columban, Bellevue

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Percentage Increase

Div 1 - 1st Place	2351	Wood River, Wood River
Div 2 - 1st Place	2693	Indianola, Indianola
Div 3 - 1st Place	5881	Saint Boniface, Stuart
Div 4 - 1st Place	11312	St. Isaac Jogues, Lincoln
Div 1 - 2nd Place	10163	St. Joseph's, Benkelman/Stratton
Div 2 - 2nd Place	10412	St. Francis Borgia, Blair
Div 3 - 2nd Place	11001	Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln
Div 4 - 2nd Place	2411	St. Boniface, Elgin
Div 1 - 3rd Place	6385	Father Robert Barry, Bassett/Ainsworth
Div 2 - 3rd Place	6750	Msgr. Thomas Barden, Tecumseh
Div 3 - 3rd Place	4707	St. Joseph, Atkinson
Div 4 - 3rd Place	1233	Msgr. Werner, Hartington

FAITH

Supreme Service	1966	Fr. Shine, Plattsmouth
State Service	12086	St. Isidore, Columbus

FAITH - SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

1st Place - tie	10047	Fr. John V. Wallace, Gretna
1st Place - tie	11001	Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln

FAITH - SUPPORT OF VOCATIONS

1st Place - tie	14423	Sacred Heart, Shelby
1st Place - tie	14077	St. Charles Borromeo, Omaha

FAITH

Chaplain of the Year

1st Place - 13576	- Fr. Troy Schweiger, Monsignor David R. Hintz, Lincoln
2nd Place - 11600	- Fr. Dan Whitrock, St. Bernard's, Omaha

FAMILY

Supreme Service	10305	St. John the Baptist, Fort Calhoun
State Service	12086	St. Isidore, Columbus

Congratulations 2019 State Convention Award Winners

FAMILY

Family of the Year

1st Place - Kevin & Janice Todd - 11879, St. Matthew, Bellevue
 2nd Place - Michael & Maria Edwards - 14077, St. Charles Borromeo, Omaha
 Hon Mention - Steven & Connie Cinnamon - 10160, St. Stephen the Martyr, Omaha
 Hon Mention - Kenneth & Elizabeth Staskiewicz - 1966, Fr. Shine, Plattsmouth

LEONARD FEEHAN MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Support 2 Families 2388 Broken Bow, Broken Bow

COMMUNITY

Supreme Service 2716 St. Anthony of Padua, Schuyler
 State Service 10305 St. John the Baptist, Fort Calhoun

COMMUNITY

Knight of the Year

1st Place - Richard Holdcroft - 11879, St. Matthew, Bellevue
 2nd Place - Lynn Gaston - 7740, Fr. Timothy P. Molony, Scottsbluff

COMMUNITY

Rookie Knight of the Year

1st Place - Phillip Earsley - 11879, St. Matthew, Bellevue
 2nd Place - Darrell Braddock - 2681, Fr. Timothy P. Molony, Scottsbluff

COMMUNITY - YOUTH

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

1st Place (Ages 8-11) 11280 Msgr. Maurice Helmann, Lincoln
 1st Place (Ages 12-14) 15101 St. Pius X, Omaha

Keep Christ In Christmas

1st Place (Ages 5-7) 7034 Father John P. Brock, Valley
 1st Place (Ages 8-10) 11312 St. Isaac Jogues, Lincoln
 1st Place (Ages 11-14) 11312 St. Isaac Jogues, Lincoln

GEORGE NUSSRALLAH CEREMONIAL AWARD

1st Place - Mark Dwyer - 2411, St. Boniface, Elgin

MEMBERSHIP

Highest Percent Gain

Div 1 - 1st Place	16680	St. John Paul II UNO, Omaha
Div 1 - 2nd Place	12687	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee, Elm Creek
Div 1 - 3rd Place	10335	St. John's Holy Family, Minden
Div 2 - 1st Place	13015	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lincoln
Div 2 - 2nd Place	7034	Fr. John P. Brock, Valley
Div 2 - 3rd Place	10506	Holy Spirit, North Platte
Div 3 - 1st Place	11001	Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln
Div 3 - 2nd Place	8469	St. Vincent de Paul, Seward
Div 3 - 3rd Place	652	Father Flanagan of Boys Town, Omaha
Div 4 - 1st Place	10909	St. Wenceslaus, Omaha
Div 4 - 2nd Place	833	Fitzgerald, Lincoln
Div 4 - 3rd Place	2272	St. Joseph, West Point

STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS AWARD

1st Place - tie	13576	Msgr. David R. Hintz, Lincoln
1st Place - tie	1126	Fr. Trayer's, McCook

STATE ONGOING PROJECTS AWARD

1st Place - tie	1861	Msgr. Anton Link, Sidney
1st Place - tie	12086	St. Isidore, Columbus

DISTRICT DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

1st Place - Mark Kistler, District 9
 2nd Place - Glen Kampschneider, District 35

FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

Kevin Pfeifer, 9563, Cathedral of the Risen Christ

AGENT OF THE YEAR

Pfeifer Agency	Craig Pfeifer of Madison
Swanson Agency	Tim Nowak of Ogallala

See page 9 for names of winning artists in Culture of Life Art Contest.
 See page 10 for names of winning artists in KCIC Poster Contest.
 See page 17 for names of winning artists in Substance Abuse Poster Contest.

ICC Awards

2019 ICC Champion Council

11001 Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln
 Shawn Wilke, Grand Knight

ICC Gold

7034 Fr. John P. Brock, Valley
 11001 Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln

ICC Silver

14423 Sacred Heart, Shelby
 12687 Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee, Elm Creek
 11879 St. Matthew, Bellevue
 1966 Fr. Shine, Plattsmouth

ICC Bronze

9704	St. Mary's, Lincoln
10184	Fr. Clement Bracht, Omaha
1861	Msgr. Anton Link, Sidney
10795	St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha
10160	St. Stephen the Martyr, Omaha
11280	Msgr. Maurice Helmann, Lincoln
9563	Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln
10047	Fr. John V. Wallace, Gretna
833	Fitzgerald, Lincoln

Find photos of award winners and more online at www.nebraskakofc.org



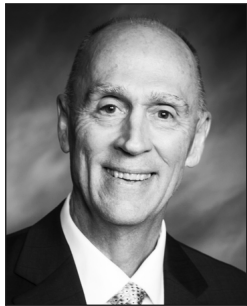
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News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska



Neil Pfeifer



Douglas Kelly



Craig Pfeifer

Supreme Knights Club

Agents from the Neil Pfeifer Agency who earned their way into the Supreme Knights Club this year are Neil Pfeifer, Douglas Kelly, and Craig Pfeifer. Supreme Knights Club agents represent the top 5% of the Knights of Columbus insurance agents company wide.

Congratulations Neil, Douglas, and Craig!

Knights of Columbus Insurance is among the highest rated companies in the industry. The Knights invest morally and responsibly in line with Catholic Doctrine.

Agents of the Month

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

March Doug Kelly of Omaha

April Craig Pfeifer of Madison

May Kevin Weber of Gretna



Doug Kelly



Craig Pfeifer



Kevin Weber

Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?

Contact your council's agent or Neil Pfeifer, General Agent for Northeast Nebraska
402.379.0180 | neil.pfeifer@kofc.org | www.kofcins.com



Kevin Pfeifer

Fraternalist of the Year Kevin Pfeifer

Kevin Pfeifer, retired General Agent was named Fraternalist of the Year at the State Convention in April 2019.

After 34 years of service with Knights of Columbus Insurance, Kevin retired earlier this year. He and his wife, Cindy, have shared life's journey for over 43 years, both at home and at work and now they have more time to enjoy each other and their extended family.

Kevin's career began as a field agent in 1984 serving members and their families in Grand Island, St Paul, Greeley, Cedar Rapids and Fullerton, Nebraska. He was honored to be named Agent of the Year all 10 years as a field agent. He was promoted to General Agent in 1994 and began his agency with four agents which grew to 10. In 1996 his area expanded to include Northeast Nebraska. In 1999 he accepted the challenge to manage the whole state and grew the agency to 25 agents.

The Kevin Pfeifer Agency finished in first place out of approximately 137 agencies in the United States and Canada for the Knights of Columbus in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2011. They finished at #2 in 1999 and 2010. His agency also finished #1 in Long Term Care for 13 years and #1 in Disability Income sales twice.

Kevin is also proud of the over \$4 billion of life insurance in force in Nebraska protecting our Knights of Columbus families here in this great state.

Kevin served on the Supreme Knights Advisory Committee, is a lifetime member of Supreme Knights Club and is on the board of directors for the Nebraska KofC Charitable Foundation.

News from the **TONY SWANSON AGENCY**

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska

Knights of Columbus Insurance is among the highest rated companies in the industry. The Knights invest morally and responsibly in line with Catholic Doctrine.

Agents of the Month

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

March Brian Almond of Hastings

April Tim Nowak of Ogallala

May Tim Nowak of Ogallala



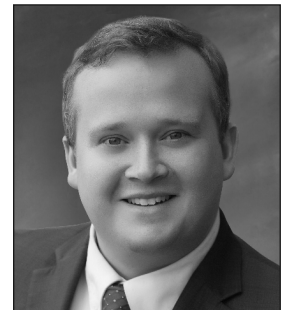
Brian Almond



Tim Nowak

New Agent Ian Johnstone

The Swanson Agency is excited to welcome Ian Johnstone into the agency! Ian comes to Nebraska after four years with Knights of Columbus Insurance in Colorado in the Denver area. He is married to his wife, Katherine, and they are blessed with one baby daughter, Annabelle. Ian will serve members in councils in Lincoln (St. Peter, St. Francis, Newman Center), Denton, Seward, Crete, Wilber, Beatrice, and Odell.



Ian Johnstone

Ian can be reached at 402.676.3506 or ian.johnstone@kofc.org

Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?

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402.463.2845 ext 1 | anthony.swanson@kofc.org | www.swansonagencykofcins.com

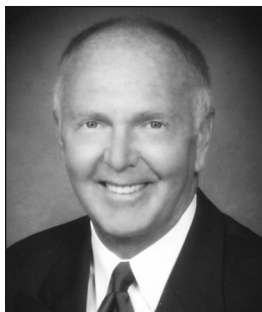
Interested in a Career Serving Catholic Families?

Do you ever dream of a career serving Catholic families? Are you attracted to a career working for an organization that is authentically Catholic and will never invest in companies that hold positions contrary to the teaching of the Catholic Church and gives all its profits to the Church and Church approved charities? Does the opportunity to set your own schedule and earn an income determined by your own efforts interest you? Would a career that impacts families across generations be attractive to you?

If so, a career with the Knights of Columbus might be for you. If you are interested or know of a Brother Knight who may be interested in this opportunity, please call 800-733-8980 Ext. 4 and leave a message. The General Agents of Nebraska would be happy to visit with you to determine if a career with the Knights of Columbus might be for you.

NEBRASKA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENCIES AGENTS OF THE YEAR

Featured in the March 2019 Issue of Knights Courier



Agent of the Year
John Stoeckinger

Kevin Pfeifer
Agency



Agent of the Year
Tim Nowak

Tony Swanson
Agency



Agent of the Year
Craig Pfeifer

Neil Pfeifer
Agency

“Quilt of Valor” Presented to Allen Ostdiek at Awards Ceremony in April



Left: Leland Weber, Honoree Allen Ostdiek, and Carol Weber. Carol made the beautiful quilt pictured right. See the quilt in color at www.nebraskakofc.org

During the awards ceremony at the 2019 State Convention in Kearney this past April, we honored one of our veterans with a beautiful Quilt of Valor. This year’s recipient is Allen Francis Ostdiek, retired Air Force Captain.

Allen attended UNL in 1962, graduating in 1967 and participated in the ROTC Program. After graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

During his service, he was stationed at the Air Force Special Projects Production Facility (AFSPPF) at Westover Air Force Base in Chickopee Falls, MA. The AFSPPF has been referred to as the “unit that didn’t exist” due to the highly secretive nature of its mission. When promoted to Captain, Allen was Officer in Charge of the “Shipping Department”. The work he participated in was classified and he was unable to discuss any of it with family or friends. In fact, members of the AFSPPF could not be submitted for personal awards or public recognition.

Allen then applied for a transfer to the Vietnam theater, but was never accepted due to his security clearance. He had to satisfy himself with serving in the Cold War instead of in an actual conflict zone.

Allen served at AFSPPF from 1967 until 1971 when he was honorably discharged. Following the 2011 declassification of various reconnaissance programs that the AFSPPF participated in, he was finally able to discuss his work and helped veterans of the unit gather its history and write a book chronicling their work.

Allen is a member of Council 1906 St. Stephen in Lawrence, NE. He has served the state as District Deputy and as Faithful Navigator of his Assembly.

We thank Allen for his service and congratulate him on receiving the 2019 Quilt of Valor.

Nebraska Delegates to the Supreme Convention August 5-8, 2019, Minneapolis, MN Convention Center



Pictured (in no order) are Immediate Past State Deputy Louis Gasper, Lincoln; State Chaplain Fr. Joshua Brown, North Platte; Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger, Bellevue; Robert Anderson, Fort Calhoun; George Bayer, North Platte; Stephen Viessman, Scottsbluff; Michael Nowak, Omaha; Rudy Mettler, Omaha; James Bunch, Lincoln;

Not pictured is State Deputy Mark Borytsky who was at his mother’s funeral.

State Soccer Challenge Set for Saturday, October 26, 2019

Councils Need to Plan their Soccer Challenge Now

Peter Peil, State Youth Director | 402.910.6442 cell | ppeil8904@gmail.com



The 2019 state soccer challenge will be held at Schuyler Middle School Field House on October 26 and will be indoors. Councils should start planning their Soccer Challenge now. Ages 9 through 14 youth are eligible to participate. Age is based as of September 1, 2019. Council challenges should take place in August, District in September, and Regional no later than October 13, 2019. More information can be found on the Supreme Council website.

The State Freethrow contest is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. More details will be available in the future.

Poster Contests (Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse, Alcohol or Drug Awareness.) are held in late Fall to early Spring. 2018 Substance Abuse Poster Contest winners are below. KCIC Poster Contest winners are on page 10.

Congratulations!

State Substance Abuse Poster Contest Winners

1st Place	Ages 8-11	Msgr. Maurice Helmann Council 11280, Lincoln	Artist Callie Showers
1st Place	Ages 12-14	Saint Pius X Council 15101, Omaha	Artist Samantha Stephens

Congratulations!

State 2019 Free Throw Championship Winners

Girls

Place	Age	Name	Council/City
1st	9	Brooke Krienke	9264 St. Anthony, Columbus
2nd	9	Madison Mlady	10592 Fr. Auer, Bloomfield
1st	10	Kaylynn Jorgenson	10335 St. John's Holy Family, Minden
2nd	10	Brooke Thiele	1833 Pope John Paul II, Wahoo
1st	11	Taryn French	10047 Fr. John V. Wallace, Gretna
2nd	11	Easton Luebbe	12086 St. Isidore, Columbus
1st	12	Callie Heithuff	2411 St. Boniface, Elgin
2nd	12	Emily Tichota	10795 St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha
1st	13	Whitney Meier	10965 St. Leo the Great, Omaha
2nd	13	Keyera Eisenhauer	2411 St. Boniface, Elgin
1st	14	Madison Dominy	8464 St. Vincent de Paul, Seward
2nd	14	Julianna Maxfield	7825 St. Edward, St. Edward

Boys

Place	Age	Name	Council/City
1st	9	Carson Riessland	12687 Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee, Riverdale
2nd	9	William Brockhaus	1793 Sacred Heart, Norfolk
1st	10	Brady Ahlemeyer	7734 St. John Neuman, Cambridge
2nd	10	Jordon Williams	2292 Ord, Burwell
1st	11	Carter Rezny	7704 Victor Vifquain, Crete
2nd	11	Simon Collars	10909 St. Wenceslaus, Omaha
1st	12	Colton Dubas	8625 Msgr. Raymond Wageman, Raymond
2nd	12	Hank Hughes	8464 St. Vincent de Paul, Seward
1st	13	Matt Bartek	10510 St. Peter, Lincoln
2nd	13	Brayton Osius	10412 St. Francis Borgia, Blair
1st	14	Josh Richardson	11001 Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln
2nd	14	Connor Rausch	9264 St. Anthony, Columbus



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Our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the Brother Knights, Knights of Columbus Councils, 4th Degree Assemblies and the many others who have supported the McGivney Foundation during the past year. Our Foundation continues to grow and is now approaching the \$700,000.00 mark.

The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is the collective effort of Brother Knights throughout the state that provides charitable, monetary support to assist the most needy causes and people in Nebraska. The Foundation consists of a principal endowment of donated funds never to be spent; it is the earnings from this endowment's principal that make it possible for the Knights to live our principle of charity by giving to causes and people throughout our great State of Nebraska in dire need of assistance. As each of us knows, charity is the greatest of our four cardinal principles as Knights. This charitable giving, enabled by the McGivney Foundation, helps us to do the greatest amount of good for our Church and God's most precious children who are in severe need of assistance.

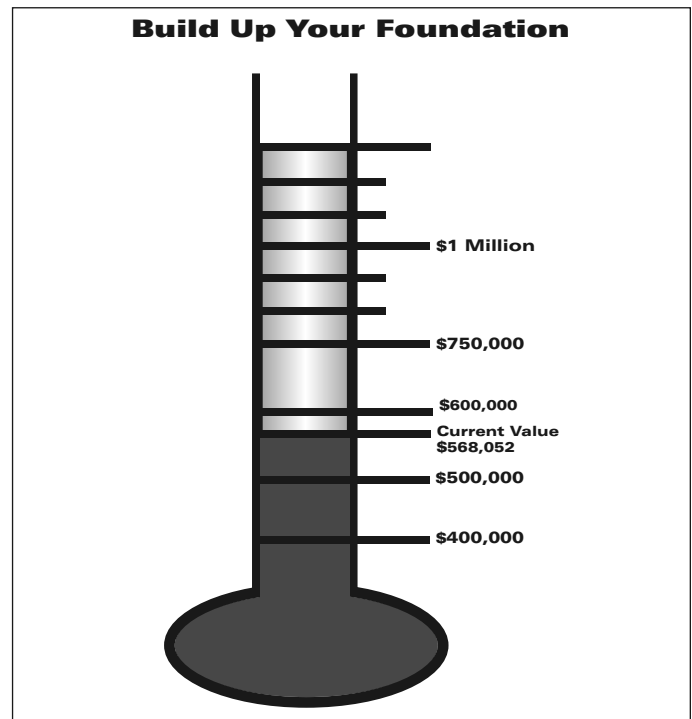
The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation was approved by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization qualified to receive tax deductible contributions on April 12, 2016. We continue our relationship with the Southern Nebraska Foundation to manage our principal endowed assets. By this relationship, our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

A family helped by YOUR Foundation
See page 6

As always, we are most grateful to all of you who have and are assisting your foundation with your generous contributions. Your future support remains deeply appreciated and vital to its success. Please see the donation form below.

Respectfully submitted:

Dan Wells and Don Ferneding



Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

Individual Donations

- \$50 Sustaining Membership
- \$125 Silver Membership
- \$250 Bronze Membership
- \$500 Gold Membership
- \$_____ Other

Council/Assembly Memberships

- \$100 Division 1 Councils sustaining membership
- \$200 Division 2 Councils sustaining membership
- \$350 Division 3 Councils sustaining membership
- \$500 Division 4 Councils sustaining membership
- \$200 All Assemblies

Name (As you would like it to be listed) _____

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Return Donation to: NSC McGivney Foundation
 Dan Wells
 PO Box 98
 Elkhorn NE 68022

NSC McGivney Foundation is a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

ONE LIFE, ONE ROSE: Our Lady Of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

For more information contact State Deputy Lou Gasper | 402.440.3028 | lgasper@neb.rr.com

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 several Knights of Columbus jurisdictions.

Each year, 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 on the history of the Silver Rose program at: www.runningoftherose.org/en/news/background.html

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us

ARRIVAL IN NEBRASKA

The Silver Rose will arrive from Colorado on Sunday, August 20, 2019, and cross our state for 33 days. We'll pass it to Kansas on Sunday, September 30, 2019. The location of the Rose entering Nebraska from Colorado and leaving into Kansas has not yet been determined.

ADD YOUR COUNCIL TO THE HOST LIST

The proposed Silver Rose route through Nebraska with confirmed dates will be set within the next month and finalized before the Grand Knights seminar in July. Those District Deputies and Grand Knights of councils participating in this year's program will be asked to help with the transition of the Silver Rose to ensure a smooth hand-off from council to council.

As Knights, the sanctity of life is something we hold dear. Volunteer to participate and honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life.

IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
JUNE 2019			
	Jun 27	State Directory Updates Due	State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
	Jun 16	Buck-A Month Monies Submitted	Culture of Life Directors Brian & Mary Jo Hamik
ABC/XXX	Jun 30	Application for Vocations Support / RSVP Refund	Supreme Council cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
SP-7	Jun 30	Columbian Award Application**	Supreme Council cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
10057	Jun 30	Food for Families (Refund)	Supreme Council cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
JULY 2019			
185	July 1	Report of Officers**	Supreme Council cc: District Deputy cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
	July 6	Online Registration Deadline for Leadership Training	Convention Co-Chair Rob Ostdiek
	July 12-14	Leadership Training (formerly GK, FS, DD Seminar)	Ramada Midtown, Grand Island
AUGUST 2019			
365	Aug 1	Service Program Personnel Report**	Supreme Council cc: District Deputy cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
	Aug 5-8	Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN	State Secretary Matt Richardson
1295	Aug 15	Semi-Annual Report of Audit	Supreme Council cc: District Deputy cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
	Aug 20-Sept 30	Silver Rose Run Across Nebraska	Nebraska Silver Rose contact Lou Gasper
SEPTEMBER 2019			
2629	Sep 1	Report of K of C Roundtable	Supreme Council cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
	Sep 1	First ICC Form Submission	Nebraska Program Director Don Hypse
	Sep 1	Supreme Per Capita Payment	Supreme Council
	Sep 1	Nebraska Per Capita Payment	State Secretary Matt Richardson
	Sep 25	KCIC Early Bird Pricing Deadline	Faith Directors Mark & Julie Main

**** May be submitted online at www.kofc.org**

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SUNDAY | **WERNER PARK**
JUNE 16TH | **PAPILLION, NE**
2019
DOORS OPEN: 4:30PM GAME: 6 PM

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TICKET PRICES

- FREE PRIEST & RELIGIOUS
- FREE CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER
- \$10 SINGLE TICKETS (AGE 4+)
- \$30 FAMILY PACK (2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN UNDER 18)



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Mary Jo and Richard Holdcroft,
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