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Photo of Bishop Conley and relic by Carole Gasper, wife of State Deputy Lou Gasper



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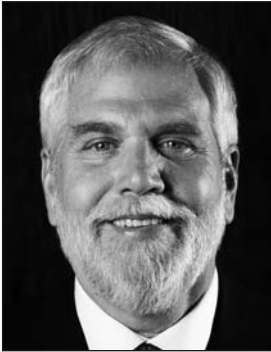
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**Help those affected by the floods and related weather disasters in our state.
Find out what you can do at <http://www.nebraskakofc.org>**



Celebrate! 114th Annual State Convention * April 26, 27 & 28, 2019



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The Spirit is Strong in the Knights!

Through our Lenten fasting, sacrifices and our penances, we are reminded every day of the suffering of our Lord, his dying on the cross gives us the hope of eternal life. We should continue to allow our lives to bear witness to our faith through our families and the ministry of the Knights of Columbus

As the State Officers and Directors gathered at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln to sort through numerous and various reports and nominations from councils, it became apparent just how strong the Holy Spirit is working through the Knights. Councils have once again outdone themselves through unceasing devotion and dedication to charitable service, with their charitable giving and support of their parishes and their communities, helping the needy, children, the elderly, the sick, the suffering, families and individuals, those next door and those in lands far, far away. The quality and quantity of programs performed within our parishes and communities is staggering and impressive.

While not all councils will receive awards this year, it's safe to say all councils have contributed to the success of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus by allowing their lives to bear witness to our faith in serving church, family and community. Thank you, all state, district and local officers and council members, for your leadership and numerous contributions to furthering the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska, and the order worldwide this past year.

We all need to remember that it is our moral obligation to continue to grow the Order. We must ask every eligible Catholic man and his family to be part of the more than 26,000 Knights in Nebraska. Ask yourself, "Have I asked that man sitting next to me in church to be a Knight?" There's no stopping until June 30. Yes, we have a long road ahead of us. While we have obligations to our priests, parishes, communities, and our families, I believe in each and every one of you to meet our membership goals.

"If not the Knights, then WHO?"

State Convention April 26-28, 2019

On behalf of the State Officers, I cordially invite all members and their families to attend the 114th Annual Nebraska State Convention April 26-28 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. As always, this is a great time to renew old friendships, make new friends and celebrate the achievements of the more than 26,000 Brother Knights from across this great state.

We also have some great programs for the family, so make reservations now and come join us for an experience of a lifetime. You can find all convention materials, forms and general convention information on the state website, nebraskakofc.org.

Supreme Convention August 6-8, 2019

The Supreme Convention is in Minneapolis, MN this year August 6-8. If you would like to be nominated to attend there is a form on the website and page 12 of this Courier, that will need to be filled out and turned in by the close of the Saturday business meeting in Kearney. If you have never attended consider doing so, I promise it will be an experience you will never forget.

As for Carole and I, we have once again been blessed to visit so many different councils across the state and we continually are inspired by the quality of Brother Knights and their families, in how they lead in their parish and communities and how they make a difference through their commitment to good works.

Carole and I look forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention, with open arms just as many of you have welcomed us, and again, congratulations to all and thank you for all you do!

Wishing each and every one of you and your families a Blessed and Glorious Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

Lou Gasper, State Deputy



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Words from our State Chaplain

Lent

If any of you or your loved ones have been faced with a serious, even life-threatening illness or surgery, most likely you did whatever was possible and reasonable to meet and conquer that challenge.

Even if a physical or mental malady requires treatment such as chemotherapy or months long inactivity and physical and/or occupational therapy or counseling following surgery or an unexpected challenge, I believe most of us would follow such regimens that allow us to get back on our feet, to resume a normal life and to give us at least a few more years on this earth. We will do whatever is necessary to achieve these goals.

Lent is a season which the Church gives us to do these very things - to rid us of what might hinder a deeper relationship with our Lord and to prepare us for the next life – a life measured beyond the limits of time and space. Lent actually means "springtime," a season of new beginnings. That is what I hope Lent will be for each of you this year - a time of new beginnings marked by ridding ourselves of those things which are harmful and to accept the Lord and the grace of His sacraments into our lives.

Ideas

Allow me to offer four initiatives that may make the rest of your Lent productive and fruitful for you. They are not necessarily original and certainly are not inclusive and/or exhaustive. I offer them from my own personal experience.

New Testament

Resolve to read the New Testament. The New Testament consists of 27 works - Gospels, books, letters or epistles. If a person were able, he or she could easily read the entire New Testament in 24 hours. It is in the New Testament that we encounter Jesus of Nazareth and understand the incredible sacrifices He made for us. I believe some people go through their entire lives without ever reading the Bible. Don't be one of those people.

Rerouting

Read Father John Riccardo's most recent book, *Rerouting*. One of the most popular priest preachers/evangelists, Father Riccardo lays out a roadmap of what it takes to be a missionary disciple of Jesus today. A small book, it is an easy read and can easily be the subject of a small faith-based book study.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend one hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. Many graces will come to those who place themselves in front of Jesus and asked Him to speak to them. I assure you, great graces and consolation will come to those who do so. Try Saturday or Sunday. Usually those days afford us the time to do so.

Technology

Now - for the hardest suggestion - have a complete blackout on all technology during the remaining days of Lent. Don't say it cannot be done. It can be, but it will hurt. It will hurt more for young people because they are natives to the digital world whereas someone like me (age 57) is an immigrant to the digital world. Our lives are dominated by noise - usually delivered by technology. Just think how much time we spend on technology every day – YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, television, blogs of our choice, newsfeeds, radio, texting, and on and on and on.



Fr. Kenneth Borowiak
State Chaplain
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*"Lent actually means
'springtime,'
a season of new
beginnings"*

**Consider saving
Fr. Borowiak's reflections
for the next Lenten Season!**



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Event Registration and Payment Now Online

Robert Ostdiek, Convention Coordinator CoChairman | 402.806.8552 cell | rob.ostdiek1989@gmail.com
Patrick Rupp, Convention Coordinator CoChairman | 402.850.1642 cell | prupp8@gmail.com

The deadline to register might have passed, but we might be able to accommodate you. Don't miss out. Contact us today.

The 114th Annual State Convention is quickly approaching and your Convention co-chairs have implemented newer, faster and more cost-effective ways to register.

Members will buy event tickets, including meals, through the website "Eventbrite," so don't look for printed meal order forms this year. An Eventbrite link and instructions have been provided to your council officers and are available on the state website home page, www.nebraskakofc.org.

No internet? Ask a family member, friend or Brother Knight for help. Convention Co-Chair Ostdiek also is available at 402.806.8552 (leave a message if there's no answer).

Don't fret if the March 30 deadline is missed, as tickets will still be available for payment by credit card or personal check through April 14, but will include website fees.

As with all new endeavors, there will still be questions. Contact the Convention co-chairs with any questions or for assistance with this registration process.

Visit the home page at nebraskakofc.org to order meal and event tickets for yourself, your council members and guests. You may also pay for them online.

Consider sponsoring your priest for the weekend.

FROM OUR STATE CHAPLAIN continued from page 3

Our lives are so saturated with technology that we believe we cannot live without it. I have been to people's homes where my hosts cannot even put down their phones during a meal. They were texting while we were trying to eat! Thus, the ultimate test! Try and create silence in order to let the Lord and the Spirit speak to you. At first it (the silence) will drive you crazy, especially the more connected you are. You will ask yourself, "what am I going to do with all of this free time/silence"? Exactly! Some of us may not realize how addicted we are to technology.

Now - for those who say, "Father, I need my phone," - I understand. Some people need a phone/technology for business, professional practice and/or for communication. But apart from these needs most of us spend an inordinate amount

of time with technology. Spend the newfound time in silence with family and the Lord. You will be surprised at how much time you will have on your hands. Make good use of it. Remember too, it is not a true sacrifice unless it hurts.

How we spend our time on this earth will determine how we spend eternity. Any discomforts or sacrifices we endure now will have benefits beyond measure.

Have a great rest of Lent.

Fr. Kenneth Borowiak, State Chaplain



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Support Vocations and Help Make a Difference!

Robert Wolf, State Warden | 308.631.6170 cell | bbwolf1955@gmail.com

The young men and women who have responded to God's Call to a Religious Vocation are grateful for your prayers and financial support. **Proceeds from the sale of lottery tickets goes into our Vocations Fund!**

Spending \$10 Could Win \$500, \$750, \$1,000, or \$2,500!

Please continue to sell Lottery Tickets

Bring your ticket stubs, monies received and any unsold tickets to convention in April. Remember, we are not allowed to send money, lottery tickets, or stubs through the mail.

Last year we took in around \$25,000. It would be fantastic to exceed that this year. Funds generated from lottery ticket sales allow us to give a cash gift to each seminarian at Christmas time. **Remember, the ticket buyer need not be present to win.**

A great return on your investment!

Even if you've already purchased lottery tickets, why not buy a few more during the State Convention? Tickets will be available Friday and Saturday, and the drawing will be held during the State Banquet Saturday evening. The more you buy, the greater your odds of winning!

The young men and women called to priesthood and religious life appreciate all the help the Knights are able to give them through ticket sales and your generosity.

Come to the State Convention prepared to purchase lottery tickets and help support our seminarians and religious!

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—

for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

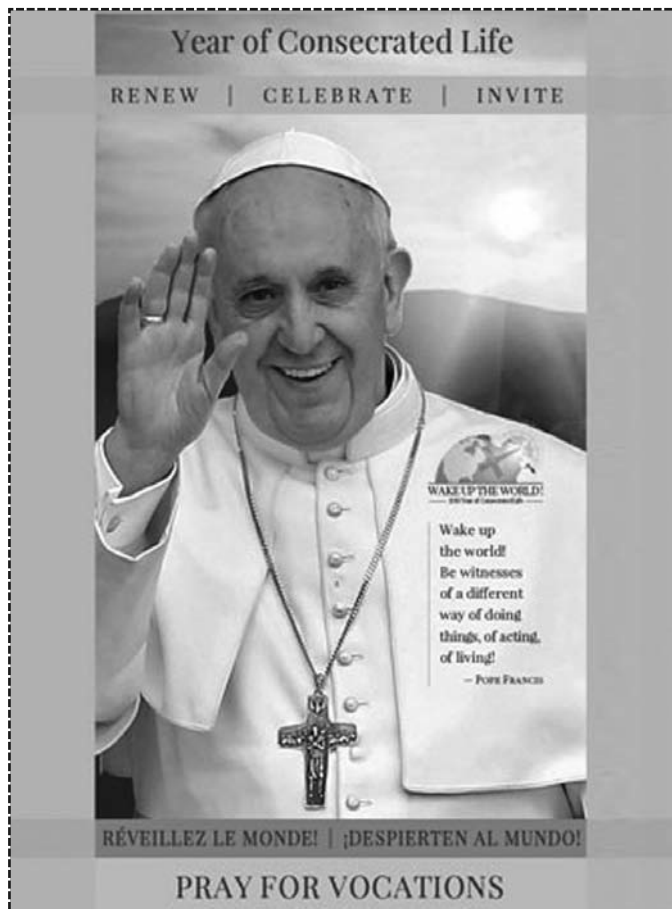
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis

Adapted from the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

<https://vocationnetwork.org/en/articles/show/489-prayer-card-pope-francis-prayer-for-vocations>





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Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt
Grand Island Diocese

**Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt
to Attend the State Convention in Kearney**

This year we have the great honor of having Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of the Grand Island Diocese, present at our weekend. With a busy schedule this year, we appreciate Bishop Hanefeldt taking the time to join us. The 4th Degree will provide an Honor Guard on Saturday evening Mass with the Bishop Hanefeldt as our celebrant.

A Creighton, Nebraska native, Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt was ordained to the priesthood at St. Ludger in Creighton on July, 14, 1984, for the Archdiocese of Omaha. In addition to serving several parishes in the Archdiocese, Bishop Hanefeldt also served as the Director of Spiritual Formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome from 2009-2012.

Bishop Hanefeldt was ordained and installed as the eighth bishop for the Diocese of Grand Island on March 19, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Grand Island, succeeding Bishop William J. Dendinger, who might surprise us with a visit some time during the weekend, also.

Send your Delegates to the State Convention
Easy Online Registration

Michael Schaeffer, State Program Director | 402.651.9840 home | schae5252@gmail.com

Brother Knights, this is an election year, so it is vital that every council attends the State Convention which will be held in Kearney on April 26-28. It will be a great opportunity to meet your State Officers, State Program Directors/Chairmen and State Membership Team while visiting with your Brother Knights from across Nebraska. The Younes Conference Center always does an excellent job of hosting our Convention and this year's event will be one to remember.

The suspense for registering on-line is March 30, but if you missed the deadline, please contact our Convention Coordinators and they'll do their best to accommodate you. (See page 4)

Friday Evening Annual Awards Banquet
6:30 - 9:30pm

During Friday night's Annual Awards banquet we'll recognize our outstanding Council Chaplains, Knights, and programs/activities. We don't do our charitable and fraternal

programs to receive awards or accolades; we do them to support our Priests, Parish and local community. By attending, you'll help honor our states' "Star" performers. We'll also recognize the partnership with our Insurance Agents, who I firmly believe are the best in the business. Together we form the "strong right-arm" of our Church.

Saturday Morning Family Program
9:00 - 11:30am

Saturday's family program is designed to inspire the entire family. Attendees of all ages will enjoy a magician act and then an uplifting talk from Dr. Pat Castle.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Councils that submitted ICC Awards this year. Your outstanding council programs demonstrate that the legacy of Father McGivney lives on through the many charitable actions of our Nebraska Knights of Columbus and their families. Vivat Jesus!

Come to the convention prepared to purchase raffle tickets or bid on auction items!

**If you miss the March 30 deadline to register for meals
we can probably still accommodate you.**

Contact Rob Ostdiek - 402.806.8552 - rob.ostdiek1989@gmail.com



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Continue your Recruitment Efforts until June 30 "Let Us be Such Men"

Mark Dwyer, State Membership Director | 402.843.6167 cell | dwyer@gpcm.net

Worthy Sirs and Catholic Gentlemen,

I'm borrowing this salutation from our Worthy Supreme Chaplain, the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore. Archbishop Lori is following in the footsteps of the founder of our Order, the Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney. Fr. McGivney's goal was not only to help widows and children, but to also help their husbands grow in their faith and love of the Holy Eucharist. What better way to honor the memory and the vision of our founder Fr. McGivney throughout the month of April and the remainder of this fraternal year than to grow the Order and bring more men to Christ.

We are currently struggling in our effort to bring new members into the fold, so I'm asking you, my brothers, to continue recruiting from now until June 30, 2019.

I've heard that there is a concern among Brother Knights that the only thing Supreme and the State care about are recruitment numbers. At this time in our church and our nation, I believe we need MORE Catholic men joining us in praying for and proclaiming the sanctity of human life. There's not another organization that supports pro-life causes more than the Knights of Columbus.

We need MORE Catholic men joining us in the pews, praying for our church's leaders that they will find a fair and just solution to the abuse scandal so that all may heal.

We also need MORE Catholic men to pray for our nation's leaders that they uphold our constitutional religious rights and freedoms.

We need MORE Catholic men joining the Knights because we need fresh ideas and leadership to help deal with the new programs being implemented in our organization.

We need MORE Catholic men and their families supporting our priests and helping our communities and parishes through our many charitable programs and events.

And most importantly, we need MORE Catholic men to serve our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

I realize that in most of our rural areas there may not be the population to always achieve your quota, but please strive to achieve positive growth and recruit at least one new member.

For the urban areas, please continue to plan and hold recruitment drives until the end of this fraternal year.

We need every one of you to help us continue the proud tradition in Nebraska of continued growth that stretches out over the course of 35 plus years! Please let us know how our membership team can help you do this.

I've heard a phrase used a couple of times over the past few months regarding bringing new men into the Knights - and it's this - THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS CHANGE LIVES AND WE SAVE LIVES. To paraphrase our Worthy Supreme Chaplain, "Let us be such men."

I pray that God blesses you and your family during the remainder of this Lenten season, and that your fasting, almsgiving, and prayers are fulfilled in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

Deadline to Send Council Photos Extended to April 18

Send photos of your council activities of the past fraternal year to be featured in the video that plays at the convention.

Send the images on CD/DVDs that can be picked up Sunday morning.

You may also email them. Previously scanned images do not reproduce well and will not be accepted.

Clearly identify them with the council name and number.

SEND TO: Kevin Ostdiek, 1320 Ryons St, Lincoln, NE 68522 or kevinostdiekkofc@gmail.com

QUESTIONS? 402.613.1381 or kevinostdiekkofc@gmail.com



Be sure to follow the Nebraska Knights of Columbus on Twitter and Facebook and at www.nebraskakofc.org



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Time to Rejoice In All That We Have Accomplished During This Past Fraternal Year!

Mark Borytsky, State Secretary | 402.212.9612 cell | mborytsky@cox.net

It's a time to give thanks and praise for the good works of the Knights of Columbus across this great state! While many will receive awards, all should rejoice in what we were able to accomplish as a whole in building the Domestic Church right here in Nebraska. When working for a common goal in our church, community, families, councils, youth, and culture of life projects, we are giving glory to God and spreading the Gospel. Congratulations to all! As State Secretary, I feel it is my responsibility to inform you of a few items your council needs to do in order to fully participate in our annual meeting.

COUNCIL PER CAPITA MUST BE PAID

First, if you have not paid your supreme and state per capita assessments, your delegates will not be seated, which in turn denies your council a vote or votes in ANY State Council matters. It would be a shame not to be able to fully participate, so please make sure your council is in good standing. If you are unsure of your council's status, please feel free to contact me.

SUBMIT COUNCIL CREDENTIALS BY APRIL 15

Another must is your council's credentials. I must receive this form by April 15 for processing. On this form, you will list

your delegates and alternates, which allows them to be seated and grants them voting privileges on matters that come before the membership. Your Financial Secretary should have received these credential forms in a packet from State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger in January. **Make sure that when your delegates arrive, they sign in at the delegate check-in station right inside the entrance. This is very important to help the roll call process go smoothly! Your delegate needs to be present for both business sessions or you will not receive your mileage and per diem check.** Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Mail the council credential forms to:

Mark Borytsky, State Secretary
13005 S 29th Place, Bellevue, NE 68123

BE A SUPREME DELEGATE

Supreme Convention - Minneapolis, MN - August 6-8, 2019

Every 3rd Degree member of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus is eligible to represent the State Council as a delegate to the 136th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN, August 6-8, 2019. If you are interested in running for Supreme Delegate, contact your Financial Secretary.

Mandatory for a Supreme Delegate: You will have to pay all expenses such as travel, hotels, and meals yourself. The State cannot help you. You will receive a reimbursement check at noon on Thursday, August 8. Delegates are reimbursed at the rate of \$400 per diem for lodging and meals and paid \$.30 per mile for the first 1,500 miles and \$.20 per mile over 1,500 miles.

- You must be a 3rd Degree member.
- You must have a credit card.
- You will need a white dinner jacket. Most rent one.
- You must stay in the convention hotel.
- You must attend all business meetings.
- You must attend the Annual (Supreme Council) States' Dinner on Tuesday evening. The cost of the delegate's dinner will be deducted from your reimbursement check. You must pay for your spouse's dinner when completing your registration.
- The State Council will host a dinner Wednesday evening. The State Council will pay for your (and spouse's) meal. The Nebraska Bishops also attend.

SUPREME CONVENTION - BACKGROUND INFORMATION Minneapolis, MN • August 6-8, 2019

Full name	Council #	
Address		
Preferred phone	Cell phone	
Email	Date of Birth	
Membership #	Insurance member	Associate member
Spouse name	Name of nominator	



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your own lodging reservations for April 26-28, 2019
 Younes Conference Center
 416 Talmadge Rd, Kearney, NE
 308.234.7300

HOTELS

Hampton Inn
 Hotel Front Desk: 308.234.3400
 507 Talmadge St, Kearney

Comfort Inn
 Hotel Front Desk: 308.236.3400
 118 3rd Ave, Kearney

Wingate Inn
 108 3rd Ave, Kearney, NE
 Hotel Front Desk: 308.237.4400

IMPORTANT!

Please identify yourself as a member of the Knights of Columbus to obtain the discounted room rate.

When you register at the Younes Conference Center, an agenda and floorplan will be available with the locations of meetings and programs.

AGENDA

Friday, April 26, 2019

7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m.	Opening Mass
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	State Officers Meeting
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Agency Meeting
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Meal & Delegate Registration
3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Directors Meeting
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Fourth Degree Meeting
4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	District Deputy Meeting
4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.	Chaplains Program & Meeting
4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Agency Social
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet
9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	State Hospitality Room

Saturday, April 27, 2019

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Mileage and Per Diem Meeting
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Resolutions Committee
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Financial Secretaries' Meeting
7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Past State Deputies Former State Chaplains Breakfast
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Meal & Delegate Registration
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Family Program - OPEN TO ALL! Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Family Luncheon Family of the Year Presentation
1:20 p.m.	Rosary prior to Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Ladies Program
1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Agency Meeting
5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Mass
6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Social Hour
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	State Banquet
10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	State Hospitality Room

Sunday, April 28, 2019

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Ladies' Brunch
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Business Meeting



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Saturday Morning Family Program

Saturday, April 26, 2019 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. Doors Open 8:30 a.m.
Everyone Welcome • No Reservation Needed • Bring the Entire Family

Introducing the Amazing Luis Villamonte!



It's time to enjoy an hour of amazing magic feats. Meet long-time Magician, Luis Villamonte, a Brother Knight, residing in Lincoln, NE.

In 1986, Luis was a founding member of the Bill Morton International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring. He held position of President of this Ring for seven terms. From 1989 to 1998, Luis and Rogene Villamonte performed magic professionally, averaging around 300 shows year.

In 1995, Luis established The Computer Magician™, a thriving computer business he continues to run today. Luis is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, and with his wife, Rogene, and the staff at TCM designs, he implements, and manages network infrastructures for small businesses in Lincoln and Omaha.

In 2001, Luis launched MagicKits.com. Today, this website generates millions of hits a month and ships magic kits all over the world. Luis created, designed, and helped in manufacturing 24 "house brand" magic kits as well. His site has over 200 different magic kits available during the Christmas gift season.

Over the years, Luis has been a mentor to several students, with many of them helping manage his shows and performing with him on stage. In 2002, he collaborated to form the Magic Mafia with three of his former students. Two members are still performing professionally today.

Considered the "Godfather" of the Magic Mafia group, Luis enjoys helping young people learn the art of magic. Chase Hasty, his most recent student from Holdrege NE, signed a nine



month contract to headline with the SandCastle Magic Show in Guam for the 2019 season.

In 2015, Luis was given the prestigious "David P. Abbott" Award by his peers in the Omaha Magical Society for his lifetime achievements in magic.

Luis likes to say his greatest trick is being a father to eight children. He has been lucky enough to include his oldest son, Vincent Villamonte, who gained national recognition with a first place award at Texas Association of Magicians and a second place award at International Brotherhood of Magicians' national convention.

In addition to his involvement with the magic community locally and nationally, Luis has taken an active role in his Catholic community. He has served as Deputy and/or Grand Knight within three Lincoln parishes. Luis values the role that Knights have played in bettering the world.

Find Luis Villamonte on Facebook and online:

<https://www.facebook.com/magicmafia>

<https://secure.magickits.com>



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Saturday Morning Family Program

Saturday, April 26, 2019 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. Doors Open 8:30 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome • No Reservation Needed • Bring the Entire Family

Dr. Pat Castle Speaks and Runs for the Unborn



Dr. Pat Castle is the president and founder of the largest Pro-Life team in the world with over 10,500 members ages .1 to 101 in 50 states and 36 nations. Pat is an inspiring and unifying force for Pro-Life through faith, activism, courts, education.

Pat encountered St. Padre Pio during the Pikes Peak Ascent which inspired him to form the LIFE Runners Team. He completed the Notre Dame Vita Institute and is a 4th Degree Knight.

Pat cofounded the Law of Life Summit and the A-Cross America Relay. He served as a pregnancy help center chairman and is the research advisor for Sidewalk Advocates.

Pat directed youth retreats, Engaged Encounter, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and RCIA. He grew up in Sioux Falls and graduated from the Air Force Academy. Pat earned a PhD in nano-analytical chemistry from the U of IL at Urbana.

He did ten military assignments, including the Weapons of Mass Destruction defense officer at the base closest to Osama bin Laden on Sep 11, 2001. He briefed Generals and members of Congress. While an Air Force Academy chemistry professor, Pat developed the ethics curriculum and coached the marathon team. Since retiring as a medical squadron commander, he taught high school chemistry, served as an industry executive, and now speaks across America. Pat raced 21 marathons, Marine Corps (2:53), Boston (2:59), Pikes Peak (17th), Great Wall (2nd). Pat, Angi, and daughters live in Nebraska.



Dr. Pat Castle is the president & founder of the world's largest Pro-Life team. He dynamically presents amazing faith encounters, encouraging statistics, and life saving experiences.

"Dr. Pat's fearless faith and tireless efforts have united and inspired thousands to be heroically "All in Christ for Pro-Life!"

Dr. Pat served in harms way as a career military officer and continues to serve in harms way as a sidewalk advocate at Carhart's abortion facility. He speaks across America.

Find more about Dr. Pat Castle and Life Runners on Facebook and online:

<https://www.facebook.com/liferunners413>

<https://www.liferunners.org>

Video available, "All In Christ for Pro-Life!"
pat@liferunners.org



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Saturday Afternoon Ladies Program

Saturday, April 26, 2019 - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

All Ladies Are Welcome • No Reservation Needed

Jim Bertrand and the Shroud of Turin



Shroud of Turin photo courtesy Steven Minnis, President of Benedictine College, Atchison, KS.

Jim Bertrand has been on the road these past four years, sharing the message of the Holy Shroud to some 13,000 people, across 13 different dioceses, in eight states. Being a science teacher for the past 38 years, he has a keen interest in the Shroud of Turin. He was the first member of The American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud to receive certification as a qualified presenter on the Holy Shroud.

His presentation is a summary of the recently-completed, and widely acclaimed book, *The Shroud of Turin, A Critical Summary*, by Dr. John P. Jackson of Colorado Springs. For those who don't have the time to read through 50 years of research, his presentation lays this out in a very organized way so that people can evaluate the scientific findings on the Shroud, and come to their own reasoned judgement regarding its authenticity.

Bertrand's Powerpoint presentation has been well-received in the many diverse settings it has been given, including the Eucharistic Convention in Auckland, New Zealand in 2016. He's also presented to universities, churches, schools around the United States, and both men's and women's state prisons in Lincoln and York, Nebraska.

According to Jim, "The presentation to the women in prison at York, was one of the more memorable times for me because these women saw the Shroud as visible proof of the

hope in the Resurrection. Their faces brightened up and they were extremely happy and hopeful to be made aware of the Shroud. They are living through their own 'Good Friday' right now, but the Shroud gave them a very real and tangible hope for their future - which comes with our own Resurrection. They look forward to their own 'Easter Sunday' which still lies ahead."

Jim grew up in North Platte, graduated from St. Patrick High School, and graduated from the University of Nebraska with his B.S. Degree in Biology in 1981. He went on to earn his Masters Degree in Secondary Education in 1987. He and his wife have been married 35 years and have six children ages 18 to 33.

Jim often says, "The Shroud is for everyone, because the Resurrection is for everyone."

Read more at :

<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/news/diocesan-news/4584-presentation-of-life-size-shroud-replica-held-at-aquinas>

**Sunday morning Ladies Brunch with
State Chaplain Fr. Kenneth Borowiak
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - See page 15**



Celebrate! 114th Annual State Convention * April 26, 27 & 28, 2019

Brother Knights, We Need your Help Oral and Silent Auction Items Needed to Benefit *YOUR* Foundation

Dan Wells | 402.390.9873 home | 402.880.2586 cell
Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM | 402.223.6660 home | 402.943.6320 cell | don.ferneding@gmail.com

The Oral and Silent Auction, held at the annual convention, need your donations of items (minimum of \$100 value or more). Suggested donations include: Golf Outings, Collectibles, Hunting Trip, Tickets to Concerts or Sporting Events, Husker Memorabilia, Artwork, etc.

The Foundation, established in 2001, uses its earnings to further the goals of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Of his four pillars, Charity is the greatest and through your help, the Foundation provides assistance to those in special need.

The fair market value of all in-kind contributions to live and silent auctions at the convention are tax deductible and receipts

will be provided. Donation receipts will also be sent to those acquiring auctioned items for amounts equal to the excess of awarded bids at the auction over fair market values of the specific items purchased.

Please fill out the donation form below (also at <http://www.nebraskakofc.org>) and send to Don Ferneding. A picture of your item would also be very helpful.

Please, we need to know what your item is no later than Thursday, April 25 at 3:00 PM. and items need to be at the convention by 3:00 PM, Friday, April 26.

AUCTION ITEM DONATION

COUNCIL NUMBER

CITY

DONATION

VALUE \$

CONTACT NAME

PICTURE YES NO

EMAIL

PHONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We will also accept gifts of checks and cash. You may email this form and photos if available to:
Don Ferneding, PSD, FSM, don.ferneding@gmail.com
Or mail to: Don Ferneding, 605 N 25 St, Beatrice, NE 68310

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MORE FOUNDATION ON PAGE 22

**Besides donating an item, please come prepared to bid
at the Silent and Oral Auctions.**

State Free Throw Contest

Saturday, April 6, 2019 - Grand Island Central Catholic High School

Check In 9:30 AM (CST) - Contest Start 10:30 AM (CST)

COUNCILS - Remind your Regional Winners to attend. If they cannot, 2nd Place Winners can compete in their place.



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Richard Lowery, PSD
District Master
5011 Woodhaven Dr
Lincoln, NE 68516
402.432.6748 cell
nefourthdegree@gmail.com

In Lent we start out with the words "Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust" to remind each of us of our mortality but these words also remind us of the great love of Christ for each of us as he hung on the Cross. "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend" (Jn. 15-13)

As members of the Patriotic Degree are we ready to lay down our lives for our friends? Are we there to support our Bishops and our Priests? Are we there for our Brother Knights and our neighbors? Take some time this Lent to look for Christ in others and to lay down your life so that all may experience the love of Christ.

Our State Convention is the weekend of April 26, 27 and 28 in Kearney. On Friday, April 26 our Fourth Degree meeting will be held from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Convention Center. Saturday, April 27 we will provide an Honor Guard for Bishop Hanefeldt at our annual State Mass. All Sir Knights are encouraged to participate in this Honor Guard. You may wear either the old regalia or the current uniform. All Sir Knights participating in the Honor Guard need to meet upstairs in the Convention Center no later than 4:30 p.m. for instructions. The room for the Friday meeting and the Saturday vesting will be in the Convention book and displayed on the monitors throughout the Convention Center.

I look forward to seeing all of you in April. Vivat Jesus!

Richard W. Lowery, PSD, District Master



Traveling Nebraska August 20 to September 30, 2019. Watch for more information and sign up to participate.

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

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."



Celebrate!

14th Annual State Convention * April 26, 27 & 28, 2019

Sunday Morning Ladies Brunch

Sunday, April 27, 2019 - 9:00-11:15 a.m. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

"Q and A" with Father Kenneth Borowiak

- Join us for Sunday Brunch at 9:00 a.m. (following Sunday morning Mass).
- We guarantee that you will be delighted with the delicious food.
- Table discussions are always friendly as ladies from across the state have the opportunity to reach out to old friends and make new ones.
- The morning's special guest is our own State Chaplain, Fr. Kenneth Borowiak. Father will lead us in a question and answer segment after the food is gone. He has been an inspirational leader as the State Chaplain these past two years, and this will be your opportunity to thank him for his time with us.
- If you haven't already, be sure to register so we can have a count for the meal.



Fr. Kenneth Borowiak
State Chaplain

**If you miss the March 30 deadline to register for meals we can probably still accommodate you.
Contact Rob Ostdiek | 402.806.8552 | rob.ostdiek1989@gmail.com**

Nebraska 2019 Fourth Degree Exemplifications

Check for updates at <http://fourthdegree.nebraskakofc.org>

All checks made payable to Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 7, 2019 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, 5419 North 114th St, Omaha, NE

Hosted by Fr. Michael J. McGivney Assembly 2540

1:00 PM Registration • 2:00 PM Patriotic Degree Begins/Women's Program (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Mass • 5:00 PM Social • 6:00 PM Banquet - Social/Banquet \$15 per person Sir Knights/Guests
Priests and Seminarians are complimentary

Candidate fee \$70 (\$80 to receive suspender social baldric) Price of Banquet included for Candidate

RSVP to Michael Howick, FN • 402.714.3180 • michael.howick@gmail.com

Mail Form 4 (4th Degree Membership was due by March 16, 2019) to:

Michael Gallagher, FC • 8412 N 83 Ave, Omaha, NE 68122 • 402.572.9411 • mikejgallagher@msn.com

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - St. John's Catholic Church, 7601 Vine St, Lincoln, NE

Hosted by Bishop Kucera Assembly 595

Mass 10:30 AM or 12:00 PM

1:00 PM Registration • 2:00 PM Patriotic Degree Begins/Ladies' Program • 4:30 PM Social and Photos • 5:00 PM Dinner
Social/Banquet \$15 per person for Sir Knights and Guests • Priests and Seminarians are complimentary

Candidate Fee: \$70 (\$80 to receive suspender social baldric) Price of Dinner included for Candidate

RSVP by Monday, May 27 to Bill Bradley, FC • 402.488.5546 • wgbradley@allophone.com

Mail Form 4 (4th Degree Membership due by Monday May 27) to:

Bill Bradley, FC • 4800 Bradock Ct, Lincoln, NE 68516-4264 • 402.488.5546 • wgbradley@allophone.com

Saturday, June 22, 2019 - St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 415 N Chestnut, North Platte, NE

Hosted by St. Patrick Assembly 607

1:00 PM Registration • 2:00 PM Patriotic Degree Begins/No Women's Program

5:30 PM Mass • 6:30 PM Social • 7:30 PM Banquet

Social/Banquet \$15 per person for Sir Knights and Guests • Priests and Seminarians are complimentary

Candidate Fee: \$70 (\$80 to receive suspender social baldric) Price of Banquet included for Candidate

RSVP to Ron Guillaume, FN: 308.534.6858 • or email Scribe Mike Stromitis: stormie110@gmail.com

Mail Form 4 (4th Degree Membership Document due by Monday June 17) to:

Ron Guillaume, FN : 1221 E Hall School RD, North Platte, NE 69101 • or email to: Scribe Mike Stromitis: stormie110@gmail.com

News from the KEVIN PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance - Serving Southeast Nebraska

Congratulations Kevin Pfeifer Agent Earns Top Rankings in 2018

Agent of the Year John Stoeckinger

John Stoeckinger, FICF of Lincoln earned Agent of the Year honors for the agency. As a field agent, John finished #117 out of 1,200 agents at 148% of quota. John also qualified for Million Dollar Round Table and Supreme Knights Club. Congratulations, John!



Agent of the Month

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

Dec Spencer Ashburn of Lincoln

Spencer
Ashburn

*Our best wishes
to Kevin and Cindy.
Happy Retirement!*

A Special Announcement

Kevin Pfeifer Retires After 34 Years!

Kevin and Cindy at the 2018 Convention Banquet.

After 34 years of service with Knights of Columbus Insurance, General Agent Kevin Pfeifer has retired.

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. In 2009, Kevin began to downsize and field agent Tony Swanson agreed to manage Central and Western Nebraska. In 2016, Neil Pfeifer agreed to manage Northeastern Nebraska.

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. He 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.

Kevin would like to thank the past and present State Officers, State Chaplains, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and all the KofC families he was blessed to work with and who supported and encouraged him throughout these past 34 years. These friendships will be cherished and never forgotten.

Kevin would also like to thank all of the field agents he worked with including his office manager, Lisa Faaborg, and Cindy, his wonderful wife of 43 years in life and at work. And finally, our Lord for taking a small town farm boy from Humphrey, NE and blessing me so mightily. Thank you, Jesus!

Contact: Kevin Pfeifer, General Agent
308.379.2038 cell | kcpcfeifer@q.com

News from the ANTHONY SWANSON AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central/Western NE

Congratulations Tony Swanson Agent Earns Top Rankings in 2018

Agent of the Year Tim Nowak

Tim Nowak, FICF of Ogallala earned Agent of the Year honors for the Tony Swanson Agency. Tim finished #90 out of approximately 1,400 agents at 171% of quota. Tim also qualified for Million Dollar Round Table. Congratulations, Tim!



John Vanderbeek



Tim Nowak



Larry Havranek

Agents of the Month

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

Dec	John Vanderbeek of Kearney
Jan	Tim Nowak of Ogallala
Feb	Larry Havranek of Hastings

Knights of Columbus Insurance has one of the highest ratings in the industry. The Knights invest morally and responsibly in line with Catholic Doctrine

Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?
 Contact your council's agent or Tony Swanson, General Agent for South Central Nebraska
 402.463.2845 x 1 | anthony.swanson@kofc.org | www.swansonagencykofcins.com

Find a list of Major Degrees at www.nebraskakofc.org under the "Calendar" drop down menu. Updated often.

**The Fraternal Year Isn't Over Until June 30, 2019
 Major Degrees Still Scheduled**

Date	Location	Host DD	2nd	3rd	Conferring Officer	
3/23/2019	#1793 Norfolk	DD17	Norfolk	Elgin	Mark Dwyer	Saturday
3/23/2019	#7740 Omaha	DD04	Omaha	Omaha	Rod Hofshulte	Saturday
3/24/2019	#1918 St Paul	DD25	Kearney	Kearney	Todd Herges	
3/30/2019	#2272 West Point	DD42	Fort Calhoun	Omaha	Pat Dougherty	
4/7/2019	#6429 Papillion	DD36	Bellevue	Omaha	Rod Hofshulte	
4/7/2019	#1126 McCook	DD30	Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	Mike Esselstein	
4/7/2019	#3844 So Sioux City	DD50				
4/14/2019	#1833 Wahoo	DD38	Omaha	Omaha	Rod Hofshulte	
5/5/2019	#9518 Ralston	DD06	Fort Calhoun	Omaha	Pat Dougherty	
5/18/2019	#7021 Auburn	DD07	Omaha	Omaha	Robert Ostdiek	
6/2/2019	#10894 Springfield	DD06	Fort Calhoun	Omaha	Robert Ostdiek	

News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast NE

Congratulations Neil Pfeifer Agent Earns Top Rankings in 2018

Agent of the Year Craig Pfeifer

Craig Pfeifer of Madison earned Agent of the year for 2018 in the Neil Pfeifer Agency. Craig ranked #1 over all field agents in Nebraska. As a Field Agent, Craig finished 18 out of 1175 field agents and 271% of quota. Craig also qualified for Million Dollar Round Table and Supreme Knights Club. Congratulations, Craig!



The Neil Pfeifer Agency finished as the #4 agency in the Order in life sales. There are approximately 124 agencies in North America and Canada. Congratulations to Neil and all his agents!



Craig Pfeifer



Jeremy Borchers



Noah Pfeifer

Agents of the Month

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

Dec	Craig Pfeifer of Madison
Jan	Jeremy Borchers of West Point
Feb	Noah Pfeifer of Norfolk

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

South Omaha Knights and Bikers Start Another Tradition

Our Lady of Guadalupe Knights of Columbus Council 10815 and the South Omaha Bikers Crew joined forces this past December and started a new tradition. The Knights Council, with the help of the Crew, purchased 50 8-inch teddy bears and presented them to the first responders at the 16th and Spring and 25th and L fire stations to distribute.

These cuddly bears wear T-shirts with the council name and the Knights of Columbus emblem. According to Sir Knight Jack Garcia, the South Omaha Bikers Crew, of which Garcia is also a member, consists of many riders and takes pride in their South Omaha neighborhood.

Garcia went on to explain that 25 of the bears were donated in memory of his mother, Esther Martinez Garcia, and 25 in memory of his grandfather, Frank C. Martinez.



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Help those affected by the floods and related weather disasters in our state. Find out what you can do at <http://www.nebraskakofc.org>



Cure of Ars Heart Visits All Three Nebraska Diocese

Knights of Columbus Holding Nationwide Tour

LINCOLN (SNR) – The major relic of St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart will be at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln March 20.

The Shrine of Ars, France, entrusted the relic to the Knights of Columbus for a national tour in the United States, now underway through early June 2019.

In Catholic tradition, a relic is an object associated with a saint that may be offered to the faithful for veneration. The soul of a saint is united with God in heaven, so an object associated with a saint is meant to draw a person closer to God. Neither the relic nor the saint is to be worshipped.

"A relic is venerated in recognition of the fact that God has worked through a saint, and that an object associated with a saint is holy and can lead us to God," the Knights of Columbus website explains. "The healing power of relics comes from God alone and never from the object."

"Reference to an early form of relics can be found in the New Testament, when a woman was healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment (Mt 9:18-26) and when cloths touched by St. Paul were used to heal the sick and drive out demons (Acts 19:12)."

The website further explains that a more developed use of relics began during the persecution of the early Church, when the faithful would retrieve the bones of martyrs and place them under the altar for Mass. To this day, Catholic churches place first-class relics in altar stones.

The heart of St. Jean Vianney was taken from the saint's body after his death in recognition of his burning love for God and humanity. It has remained intact, or incorrupt, for more than 150 years. The heart is encased in a 17th-century French reliquary.

St. Jean Vianney, also known as the "Curé of Ars," or "pastor" of Ars, France, is the patron of parish priests. According to the Knights of Columbus website, it is especially meaningful for the Knights to host the relic of the patron of parish priests, since the Order was founded in 1882 by a holy parish priest, Father Michael McGivney. Father McGivney's cause for sainthood is open at the Vatican, which has bestowed on him the title of Venerable, in recognition of his heroic virtue.

A painting, or religious icon, was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus for the tour. The original was painted by Italian iconographer Fabrizio Diomed, and copies were made to accompany the relic.

The Knights of Columbus are supporting the cost for the St. Jean Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. Donations made through the site will be sent to the St. Jean Vianney Shrine in Ars for capital improvement. The shrine is renovating its welcome center, and donations may be made at <https://www.kofc.org>.

Written by Cathy Bender of the Southern Nebraska Register

Originally published on March 8, 2019

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Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Transported from St. Joseph, MO
to Lincoln, NE
Cathedral of the Living Christ
10 a.m. Mass with
Bishop James Conley
Veneration until 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Transported from Lincoln
to Grand Island, NE
St. Mary Cathedral
6:30 p.m. Mass with
Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt
Veneration until 9:30 p.m.

Transported from Omaha, NE to Sioux Falls, SD

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Transported from Grand Island
to Omaha, NE
St. Cecilia Cathedral
10:00 a.m. Mass with
Archbishop George Lucas
Veneration until 2:00 p.m.



Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament Saturday, June 15, 2019



Eagle Hills Golf Course
501 Eagle Hills Dr, Papillion, NE 68133
402.592.7788

Four Person Scramble

Check in Opens 1:00 p.m. - Shotgun Start 1:30 p.m.

\$80 per Golfer - Foursomes Encouraged

Open to any Catholic age 18 and older

Men 65+ shoot from seniors' tees • Women shoot from red tees

Includes golf cart and steak dinner at

South Council Hall, 4323 Washington, Omaha

Cocktails 6:30 pm

Don't Golf? Join us for drinks and dinner for just \$15 per person

Mail your reservation to:

Joe Bober, State Athletic Director, 4070 I St, Omaha, NE 68107 | 402.290.7954 with questions

Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus

Players in Foursome - Deadline June 10, 2019

1. Name	Address
Phone	Parish
2. Name	Address
Phone	Parish
3. Name	Address
Phone	Parish
4. Name	Address
Phone	Parish
BELOW-DINNER ONLY \$15	
1. Name	Address
Phone	Parish
2. Name	Address
Phone	Parish

Please Print. You may reproduce this form as often as needed.

State Bowling Tournament Results Are In!

Joseph Bober, State Athletics Chairman | 402.734.4374 home | 402.290.7954 cell | bojober@cox.net

Nebraska Knights of Columbus 2019 Bowling Tournament Winners

The state bowling tournament was held on February 16th, 17th, and 23rd in Columbus. The winners are listed below. A special thanks to Dick VanDyke from Council 938, Dave Westerman from Council 12086, and Rod Zarek from Council 9264 for all their hard work in hosting and running this tournament.

Singles - 50 Entries

1. Adam Starzec	819
2. Mike Emanuel	771
3. Jason Engquist	753
4. David Blum	732
5. Tim Kovar	709
6. Don Kampschneider	699
7. Ron Consbrunk	682
8. Bob Dupski	681
9. Justin VanDyke	677
10. Dick VanDyke	670

Doubles - 25 Entries

1. Ron Starzec/Adam Starzec	1,382
2. Mark Polacek/Bill Kozisek	1,362
3. Roger Cech/Dave Blum	1,339
4. Josh VanDyke/Justin VanDyke	1,306
5. Mike Emanuel/Matt Burbach	1,275

Team - 14 Entries

1. Skywave Wireless	3,321
2. Madison Knights	3,202
3. VanDykes	3,176

All Events - 40 Entries

1. Adam Starzec	2,277
2. Justin VanDyke	2,164
3. Mike Emanuel	2,108
4. Dave Blum	2,086

**The I-80 Collar Series is set for June 16, 2019 at Werner Park in LaVista.
We will provide more information as it becomes available.**

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Attention Grand Knights, Intellectual Disabilities Chairmen, District Deputies, and Financial Secretaries

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

The purpose of this message is to update you on the Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive as of today's date. First of all, I want to thank all of you who have responded to my last message. Many councils responded quickly and the funds collected have been very impressive.

For those Councils who have yet to respond, there is still time to turn in your reports for this 2018-19 Fraternal Year. According to my records, there are several Councils that have yet to send in their report. There is still time. It is imperative to get a response from those councils who have not submitted

their report. Thirty out of 170 still need to respond. Please submit your report by April 1, 2019 so an accurate accounting can be completed prior to the State Convention at the end of April.

Please keep in mind that all monies collected are used to benefit individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Thank you to those Councils that have already submitted their reports.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

**Come to the Convention prepared to bid at the Silent and Oral Auctions.
These Auctions benefit YOUR Foundation.**

Convention 2019

Silent and Live Auctions Will Benefit **YOUR** McGivney Foundation

Considering Donating and Bidding on Auction Items!

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There will be several items on tables for your silent bids. Remember to check these tables regularly and outbid the previous bid. There will also be a live auction with our famous auctioneer, PSD John Smith.

Let us know the item you will be donating by 3 p.m., Thursday, April 25

Bring the item to the Convention by 3 p.m., Friday, April 26

Contact Don Ferneding

Other Types of Gifts

Cash Gifts - To make a cash gift, you can mail a check payable to Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022-0098, or www.catholicgift.org to make a gift online.

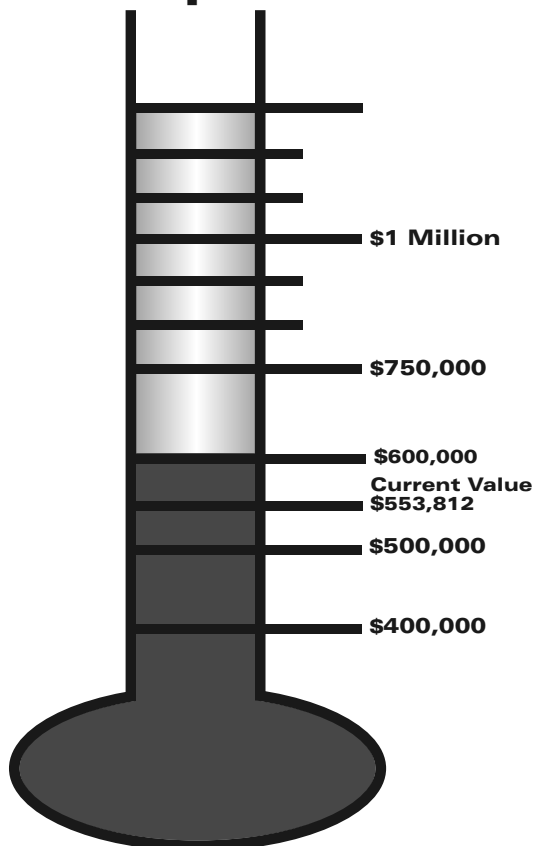
Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds - To make a gift of stock or mutual funds, contact The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska at 402.488.2142, or e-mail chris-raun@catholicgift.org.

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, The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska 402.488.2142.

Life Insurance Policy Donation - If you would like to make a significant donation to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, but are not sure where to find a significant asset for that gift, consider donating a life insurance policy to the McGivney Foundation. Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more information.

Memorials - People oftentimes 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. Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more information.

Build Up Your Foundation



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**

For more information or questions contact:

**Dan Wells, Fr. McGivney Foundation Advisor
402.390.9873 home | 402.880.2586 cell
danielwells5@gmail.com**

**Don Ferneding, PSD, FSM Fr. McGivney Foundation Advisor
402.233.6660 work | 402.943.6320 cell
don.ferneding@gmail.com**



**Be sure to follow the
Nebraska Knights of Columbus
on Twitter and Facebook and at
www.nebraskakofc.org**

Promoting Catholic Values to our Youth Can Be Accomplished through Knights Sanctioned Sports

Peter Peil, State Youth Director | 402.910.6442 cell | ppeil8014@gmail.com

Thank you to District Deputies, Grand Knights, Brother Knights, and families for all you do for the youth of our state. Your help in running youth activities is greatly appreciated. Promoting Catholic values to our youth is the future of the Church, community, nation, and the Knights of Columbus.

State Free Throw Contest

The State Free Throw contest will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at GICC, with registration starting at 9:30 a.m., and shooting starting at 10:30 a.m. Help will be needed starting at 8:00 a.m. Thanks to the Grand Island Knights for providing refreshments for workers and contestants. First place regional winners are eligible to shoot. If they can't attend then the second place regional qualifier would be able to attend.

State Soccer Challenge Scheduled

If your area has spring soccer instead of fall soccer, you may host the Knights Soccer Challenge during or at the end of the season. Just remember to keep the entry forms and forward them to your District Deputy for district, regional, and state competitions. The State Soccer Challenge will be held on Saturday October 26, 2019 at Schuyler Middle School Field House.

Safe Environment Training Required

A reminder that safe environment training needs to be completed by all council Grand Knights, Program Directors, Family Directors, Community Directors, Chief Counselors and Adult Counselors. This is mandated by Supreme. It also helps protect councils if accusations are brought against a member while hosting or participating in a council sponsored youth event. Completing the training is easy and doesn't take a lot of time. It is also free. Any member can take the training by visiting the Supreme website and clicking on the safe environment training link. Remember you only have thirty days after receiving the login details to complete the training.

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The Ultrasound Initiative Program Saves Lives of Unborn Babies

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More than 2,000 lives of unborn babies have been saved as a result of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Program.

Since 2009 the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation (COL) has placed a total of ten ultrasound machines in qualifying Women's Resource Centers throughout Nebraska. The first one was placed in Kearney in 2009. Others have been placed in North Platte, Grand Island, Hastings, O'Neill, and in four facilities in the Omaha area.

We asked the eight facilities (two machines were placed in 2018), with ultrasound machines in place by January 2017 the question; "In 2017, how many abortion minded and/or abortion vulnerable women received an ultrasound, and after seeing the results, chose not to abort?" With seven of the eight facilities responding, the total number of ultrasounds given was 2,463. Of that number, 2,027 women chose not to abort after viewing the ultrasound.

The COL is funded mainly through the One Rose-One Life campaign that is sponsored and carried out by local Knights of Columbus Councils in parishes statewide on or near January 22, the anniversary of the 1973, Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.

The "Ultrasound Initiative," is a program started in 2009, by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, which has close to two million members, to help place ultrasounds machines in qualifying Women's Resource Centers throughout the United States and worldwide. Supreme typically pays half of the cost of a machine with the other half coming from the state or local Councils. Since its conception, close to 1,000 ultrasound machines have been placed, saving countless babies lives.



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IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
APRIL 2019			
	Apr 6	State Free Throw Championship - Grand Island Central Catholic Middle/High School	State Youth Director Peter Peil
	Apr 14	Convention Meal Reservations- extension	Convention Coordinator CoChair Robert Ostdiek Convention Coordinator CoChair Pat Rupp
	Apr 15	Necrology Request	Larry Reed, PSD
	Apr 15	Convention Credentials (see page 8)	State Secretary Mark Borytsky
	Apr 18	Request for Photos for Convention - extension	Production Specialists Kevin Ostdiek
	Apr 26-28	Annual State Convention (starting on page 4)	State Deputy Lou Gasper
MAY 2019			
	May 1	Sign up to host the Silver Rose (see page 14)	Nebraska Silver Rose Chairman
	May 11	Courier Articles Due	Courier Editor Goodrich
JUNE 2019			
	Jun 25	State Directory Updates Due	State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
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 Report/Refund	Supreme Council cc: State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger
AUGUST 2019			
	Aug 6-8	Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN (see page 8)	(New State Deputy) Mark Borytsky
	Aug 20-Sept 30	Silver Rose Run Across Nebraska (see page 14)	Nebraska Silver Rose Chairman

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