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Worthy State Advocate:

The officers and members of Father William Kearns Council 8579 are proud to nominate our Brother Donald (Don) Hypse for the office of Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Secretary. The election will be conducted at the 121st Nebraska Knights of Columbus Convention April 24-26, 2026, in Kearney, Nebraska.

Brother Hypse has faithfully served the State Council, his home Council, his home Parish of St. Mary's, and his community of Wayne. Don has worked as the Controller for Grossenburg Implement in Wayne for over 35 years.

Locally, Don served many years as Financial Secretary for Father William Kearns Council before becoming Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, leading the council as it achieved Star Council status. He then served several years at Treasurer and is currently the Program Director.

Don was first asked to join the State level as Family Director by PSD Mike Conrad. He continued in that position for PSD Jim Haiar. PSD Richard Lowery asked him to serve as Intellectual Disabilities Director. Don continued as Intellectual Disabilities Director for PSD Anthony Hergott for two years and served as PSD Lou Gasper's Intellectual Disabilities Director for one year before being asked to serve as Assistant State Program Director. Don served as State Program Director for Past State Deputy Mark Borytsky for two years, during the Covid era. As a State Officer Don has served as State Warden for two years and as State Treasurer for two years. This past year Don as Served as State Secretary and seeks to continue in that position. Through his commitment to service and his actions, Brother Hypse exemplifies the Knights of Columbus pillars of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Don has been married to his wife, Terri, for nearly 44 years. Terri is a retired high school English teacher and is active as a cantor and EMHC at St. Mary's in Wayne where she and Don also assist with the Liturgy Committee. Their daughter, Amy, is married to Shane Kelly, a member of St. Anthony Council 9264 in Columbus, where they are raising their four children.

As Grand Knight of Father William Kearns Council 8579, it is my honor to announce the candidacy and pending nomination of Donald (Don) Hypse for the office of State Secretary.

Fraternally,



Michael Fehringer, Grand Knight
Father William Kearns Council 8579