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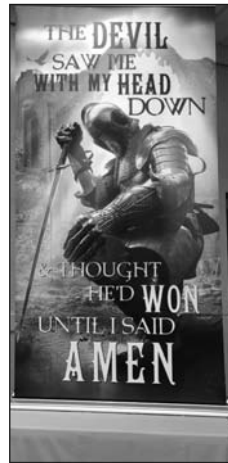
Annual Leadership Training Seminar Held July 12 to 14, 2019 New State Officers, District Deputies Installed

**Four Nebraska Councils
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He Felt the Call to the Priesthood at Age 12!

*Pictured: Fr. Jude Ssenngendo of Uganda, Africa was initiated into the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council 1211 North Platte on July 28, 2019.
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Summer Leadership Seminar
*A weekend full of educating, motivating, and most importantly focusing on spirituality in our works as Knights.
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Pictured above: Back row: Fourth Degree Honor Guard. 2nd row from back: Grand Island Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger, State Deputy Mark Borytsky, Audrey Borytsky, State Chaplain Fr. Josh Brown, Chris Wolf. 2nd row from front: State Warden Mike Schaeffer, State Advocate James Korth, State Secretary Matt Richardson, State Treasurer Bob Wolf. Front row: Shelly Schaeffer, Kami Korth, Connie Richardson.



*"Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity"
Pictured: Past Supreme Director Mike Conrad, PSD, Syriac Catholic Patriarch of Antioch Ignatius Joseph III Yonan, and Mary Conrad. See page 12*

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Words from our State Deputy

Brother Knights and Families,

I am looking forward to the amazing opportunity of serving as State Deputy of Nebraska. Joining the Knights of Columbus was the best decision I have ever made and it has been the privilege of a lifetime. Our mission, vision, and focus this Fraternal Year will be "Defenders of Humanity" from Conception to Natural Death with Saint Michael the Archangel protecting us in our works.

We are thrilled to have as our State Chaplain Reverend Joshua Brown from St. Patrick's Church in North Platte. Audrey and I are blessed to have Father Josh as our Spiritual advisor and now our state will be blessed with his Prayers and Spiritual guidance.

In July 2019, we had our first Leadership Training Seminar in Grand Island. What a phenomenal time we had with our State Team preparing and executing this event. We received many compliments regarding our approach of educating, motivating, and most importantly focusing on spirituality in our works as Knights. We approach our fraternal year with passion of increasing our councils' activities and growing our councils so we may continue our future success supporting our church, council, and community.

In August 2019, Audrey and I represented our great state at the 137th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We were honored to have state delegates and their wives join us. They were Fr. Josh Brown, IPSD Lou and Carole Gasper, Ray Guggenberger, Lee and Ruth Anderson Jr., George and Delores Bayer, Stephen and Tammy Viessman, James Bunch, Rudy and Toni Mettler, Michael and Katelyn Howick, and Terry Fitzgerald Jr. We also had the honor of having Bishop James Conley (Lincoln Diocese) and Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt (Grand Island Diocese) in attendance.

Congratulations to Fort Calhoun Council 10305 for winning the Supreme International Life Award for their work with "Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity" project. Past Grand Knight Jim Hubschman received the award from the Supreme Knight.

Nebraska was privileged to have for the past nine years a supreme director, Mike Conrad and his wonderful wife Mary, whose tenure ended. Our state held a very successful hospitality room in honor of Mike and Mary supported and operated by Jim Hubschman, Lee Anderson Jr., Terry Fitzgerald Jr., Jim and Linda Haiar, Kevin Ost diek, Doug Kaspar, Joe Gasper, Amy Gasper, and Schyler Wilhelm. There were countless Supreme and jurisdiction representatives who came by to see Nebraska pay tribute to this phenomenal couple. They represented our state and Order proudly as "Faithful Servants." Our state was invited to a dinner at the Polish parish with delegates from Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Canada and other U.S. state jurisdictions. We enjoyed ethnic food from Poland and music - we even had the venue rocking with everyone singing our Nebraska fight song. What a magnificent convention from the glorious Masses, fellowship, and yes, even the business meetings.

I am looking forward to diving into my new role as your State Deputy. All of the incredible support from the state officer's, district deputy's, program/membership teams, foundations, insurance agents, and you brothers and families will make this fraternal year one our founder the venerable Father Michael McGivney will be proud of. I am confident our best year lies ahead.

Audrey, Father Josh, and I are humbled to represent you to the Order. Together, we will make Nebraska continue to grow transforming life around the state and the world for the better in the eyes of Humanity with Saint Michael guarding us.

May God bless you.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Joseph Borytsky, Nebraska State Deputy

Words from our State Chaplain

St. Michael the Archangel, Pray for Us.

As we have very reverently begun the new fraternal year under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel, I thought it would be fitting to reflect on who St. Michael is for us as Knights. To reflect more completely, I would like to reflect in a series of my next four *Knights Courier* articles as State Chaplain, on the four duties or responsibilities of St. Michael and how they call us to a greater defense of humanity.

The four duties or responsibilities of St. Michael are as follows:

- To combat Satan.
- To escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

We will look first in this issue, at the battle that is being fought between good and evil, combat with Satan. Truth be told, there is a battle being fought, and the powers of hell will not prevail! It may seem at times in our culture and society that evil is winning, but this is one of the allurements of Satan. He is not winning and will not win, because of the defense of St. Michael and all of the array of saints and angels watching over us. But yet, in a particular way, St. Michael is the warrior Angel, the defender. Scripture reminds us "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) And again "Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven." (Revelations 12:7-8)

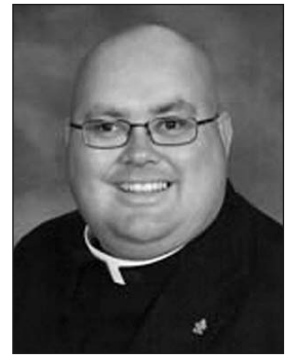
Thus, we see, Satan and his minion of evil forces have no power over us, primarily because St. Michael and the heavenly hosts are given their power by God Himself. They fight with the almighty power and protection of God, the armor of light. How much then should we call upon and request this help from on high? As Knights, we are also fighting for humanity, for truth and dignity, for charity and unity, fraternity and a greater patriotism in our Nation under God. We need not worry or fret! We need not flee or hide! We need only to call down from heaven this great and mighty warrior, St. Michael. As a Knight and as a man of God, you have every aid you need to battle the evils that torment our families, our communities and our country.

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

Vivat Jesus



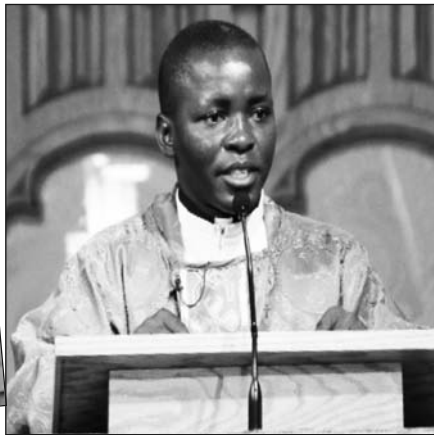
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*Written by Mike Stromitis, DD 28,
and Council 1211 Financial Secretary.
Photos courtesy Cheryl Stromitis,
parish photographer.*

Pictured

Far left: Fr. Jude with Mike Stromitis.

*Left: Fr. Jude during his return visit to
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, North
Platte.*

Fr. Jude Ssenngendo from Uganda, Africa Joins the Knights

He felt a call to the priesthood at age 12!

Fr. Jude Ssenngendo of Uganda, Africa was initiated into the Knights of Columbus Council 1211 on July 28, 2019. When District Deputy Mike Stromitis (District 28) asked Father if he was interested in joining the Knights he was quick to say "yes". Fr. Jude was installed that same afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Platte.

Fr. Jude became an ordained priest 14 years ago in the Diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana. His father wanted a boy and prayed to God, that if he gave him a son, that son would become a priest.

Fr. Jude's parents are both living, have been married 46 years, and have nine children. Fr. Jude is the third child and has two younger brothers and six sisters. One of his older sisters is a nun in Uganda. His father has been a Catechist for over 35 years.

When Fr. Jude was 12 years old, he felt called to the priesthood. He enrolled in High School Seminary for six years at the age of 14, College Seminary for three years, and then came to the United States and attended Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Fr. Robert Chamberlain (retired) is the only other priest in the Grand Island Diocese to attend the Ohio college.

While at Pontifical College Josephinum studying Theology, Fr. Jude spent his summers as a transitional deacon and worked with youth at Boys Town in Omaha. During his stay at Boys Town, he also served at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish where now Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger, Grand Island Diocese, was then pastor. His friendship with Bishop Dendinger continued and Fr. Jude returned to the Grand Island Diocese in the summer of 2006.

Uganda's main language is British English and when children start school, they must learn English. A year ago, Fr. Jude began taking classes to earn his degree in Education specializing in History and Economics. He will finish his degree in two more years. Due to student teaching requirements next summer, he may not be able to make his yearly journey to the United States.

Before he started college classes, Father had one parish with 64 outstations (small mission churches) that he drove to on alternate weekends, first on a motorbike, and then with a car. Bishop Dendinger was instrumental in Fr. Jude obtaining this car to use because Father was covering so many miles.

Fr. Jude has seen the Knights of Columbus in action and knows what they represent. He hopes that someday they will have a Knights of Columbus council in Uganda and that the organization will spread throughout Africa.

"Vocations to the Religious Life Are Everybody's Business" - See page 9



**Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper Testimonial Dinner
Saturday, December 7, 2019, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE
All Brother Knights and spouses welcome to attend the dinner.**

**This is the time to thank Lou and his wife, Carole, for accepting the duties of
the various state officers' positions and finally serving as our State Deputy.
Watch for future mailing and emails, the State Facebook page and website for more details.**



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Making a Difference in Today's World

In 1882 Fr. McGivney stood up to a world that despised Catholics. He felt the pain of a world that separated families because fathers could not get work or died young at the few very dangerous jobs that they could get. He watched a world try to drive a wedge between Catholics and their faith. Fr. McGivney, in his great vision, knew that only by supporting Catholic families in both a spiritual and financial way would our faith take hold and grow in a country suspicious of our motives and misunderstanding our faith.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal organization. Notice the order. Catholic first and foremost, as it should be. Right behind is family. The family is the heart of the church. Each domestic church is a foundation stone to build and uphold our faith. One stone supporting another, supporting the next until a strong foundation is in place. Our Order is part of that foundation.

As Knights of Columbus we provide an environment where families can come and feel safe, feel respected, feel loved and feel at home. As Knights we learn about our faith. As Knights we live our faith by helping others, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, instructing the ignorant, looking for Christ in those we meet every day.

This is what it means to be a Knight. This is why we offer membership to every Catholic family. We are the Fr. McGivneys of today. The world does not understand us today any more than it did in 1882. We stand up for all human rights, conception to natural death, while many don't or choose not to believe this. We look to the good of others before we look to take care of ourselves. Today's me first, get it all attitude has no room for looking out for others.

Growing our Order, Growing the Fourth Degree, is how we make a difference in today's world. Being the visual arm of the Church, living our faith openly and supporting our Bishops and Priests, we evangelize each and every day. Give every Catholic family the opportunity to be part of our Order, dedicated to our faith, dedicated to our families.

Vivat Jesus

Richard W Lowery, PSD, District Master - Nebraska

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2018-2019 Star Councils



7034 Fr. John F Brock, Valley - GK James Little

10909 St. Wenceslaus, Omaha - GK Thomas Worthington

8469 St Vincent de Paul, Seward - GK Brandon Lindau

11001 Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln - GK Shawn Wilke

8889 Msgr Alois J Klein, Brainard - GK Lyle Jakub

11879 St. Matthews, Bellevue - GK Dave Boone

9704 St. Mary's, Lincoln - GK John P. Franssen

13956 Pope John Paul II, Omaha - GK Bill Sawin

10894 St. Joseph, Springfield - GK Kenneth Callicutt



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

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

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

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

Soccer Challenge Reminders

The Soccer Challenge should be finishing at the Council Levels. District Levels should be completed in September and Regionals should be completed by October 15.

Winners' entry forms should be forwarded to District Deputies by your council. District winners should be forwarded to regional host District Deputies.

Regional first and second place forms need to be sent to me by October 19 so programs can be printed.

The State Contest will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Schuyler Field House. Registration starts at noon with competition starting at 1:00 PM.



2020 Free Throw and Poster Contests

Free throw contests will start in January 2020 and districts in February 2020 with regionals completed by March 22, 2020. The state contest will be held at Grand Island Central Catholic High School, Saturday, April 4, 2020. Registration starts at 10:00 AM and shooting starts at 11 AM.

Poster contests can be started in November 2019, with council winners to District Deputies by February 1, 2020 and District winners sent to me by March 1, 2020.

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

It's Important to Create a Plan to Help your Council Grow

Brothers, we're several months into the new Fraternal Year and enjoying the start of a new Husker season in which we have high hopes. I am just as hopeful for your council's success as I am for the Husker's success this year.

One place that I'd like to recommend that your council take a page from the Huskers' playbooks is to make sure you develop a plan for this year. Coach Frost and Coach Cook both have a plan in place long before their players get on the court or run onto the gridiron. You cannot achieve the greatness that they have, or aspire to, without having a plan and executing that plan to perfection.

Likewise, your council can achieve great success and lead your parish to greater spirituality, more charitable works, and build faithful families if you have a plan for your council. If you haven't created your council plan already, get your officers and key chairmen together and put a plan in place for this year. Be sure to include your plans for how you are going to grow your council so that more men will become Knights to work at your events, to create new and exciting projects and to lead your council in the future.

You don't accidentally become a great council by reacting to whatever happens. Any council can scramble to react to whatever is put in front of them. But if you plan to grow your council and support your parish and families, then when you are confronted with an unexpected challenge or opportunity your council can truly shine and become extraordinary.

My challenge to you this year is to plan to achieve the greatness that Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney wanted each council to achieve. Create a plan for your council to grow. Create a plan for your council to be excellent.

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Wear Knights Gear, Have Fun, Be Excited!

Greetings, Brother Knights. We are two and a half months into the fraternal year, and I hope you all still have the enthusiasm and excitement that you showed at the Leadership Training Seminar in July. By now, one of our feature programs, "The Running of the Silver Rose" is almost complete. I hope you got a chance to host the Silver Rose or were able to attend one of the programs. If you haven't seen the Silver Rose yet, the schedule is in this issue of the Courier. It is worth a trip to see it and experience the Silver Rose Program.

See page 15 for more on "The Running of the Silver Rose."

We will soon be busy with harvest and the football seasons are underway. If you need ideas for a fall program, how about a Husker football or volleyball watch party. I know several councils have large turnouts for these parties. Another idea would be to host a tailgate party for your local high school team. Consider asking another local service club to join you with this project, and you could be well on your way to qualifying for the Leonard Feehan Award.

Maybe a hunter breakfast on opening day is more your style. If you get lucky, State Secretary Matt Richardson might even show up for the breakfast. You'll need lots of bacon if Matt attends!

Whatever the program, be sure to wear some Knights gear, have fun and be excited. And when the event is over, write it up and turn it in. I know we don't always do these things for the recognition, but it makes you feel good when you can walk up and receive an award at the state convention. Invite non-members and the whole parish to attend. The more people we get involved and seeing what a good time being a Knight is, the more we will be able to grow the Order.



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

Intellectual Disabilities Drive to Be Held October 10-13, 2019

Information Included In the Packet Received at the July Leadership Seminar

Jim Hubschman, Intellectual Disabilities Director | 402.669-7973 cell | jjhkofc@abbnebraska.com

The Leadership Seminar was recently held on July 12 to 14, 2019 in Grand Island, NE. At that time, I shared information about the upcoming Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll® Drive). I would like to take this time to emphasize some important items and deadlines that were addressed.

August 1

Orders for Tootsie Rolls® needed to be completed by this date. Directions were on the form in the packet handed out.

October 10-13, 2019

Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll® Drive) is to be held during this time frame.

Fundraising Apron Order Form

Details for ordering the aprons are included in the packet.

Report Forms



Your council needs to submit a report form to the Intellectual Disabilities Director as soon as your drive is completed. Forms and checks should be mailed to the address provided on the report form. The form is in duplicate. Be

sure all information is complete and all math is correct. I will print and return checks based on the information that is provided. Absolutely final due date is January 31, 2020.

Approved Organizations that Serve People with Intellectual Disabilities

A list of those organizations serving people with intellectual disabilities was included in your packet. Remember, half of the monies you collect goes to one or more of these organizations. You designate the organization from this list. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Major Fundraising Event

The Intellectual Disabilities Campaign is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus and supporting organizations. Last year, over \$200,000 was raised and a major portion collected was returned to your councils for distribution. In addition, the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation also made significant donations to several larger organizations.

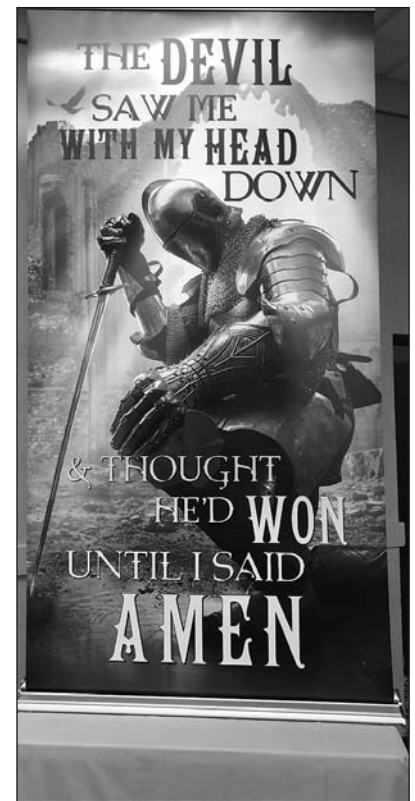
I recommend that you or your designee review the contents of the information in the packets. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that arise.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2019: Inspirational Banners Everywhere!

Wonderful banners filled the already friendly atmosphere with prayerful thoughts during the 2019 Leadership Seminar, July 12 to 14, in Grand Island. State Deputy Mark Borytsky said several Knights asked where they could find the armored knight banner for their own parish to display. Check with Mark for this information at mborytsky@cox.net.

His own State Deputy banner truly reflects his motto for the next two years, "Defenders of Humanity from Conception to Natural Death."

Mark also has St. Michael the Archangel prayer card artwork that is available for councils to print. Find them online at nebraskakofc.org or email neknightscourier@gmail.com.



“Vocations to the Religious Life Are Everybody’s Business”
September 29, 2019 - Priesthood Sunday
November 3-9, 2019 - Vocations Awareness Week

Rod Hofschulte, PSD, Vocations Chairman | 402.510.7250 cell | rhofschult@msn.com

“Vocations are everybody’s business” has long been the motto of the Knights of Columbus and rightfully so, as the importance of our priests to the Catholic Church is essential to the Church’s continuance and growth. As St. John Paul II often said, “There is no Church without the Eucharist, and there is no Eucharist without the Priest”.

So, what is your parish and council doing to promote vocations to the religious life? In many cases, the evidence of effort in reality is scarce. There is no time like now to step up and start a program in your parish. If not the Knights then who? Ours is a calling to act as we need more men to enter the priestly life.

In the Omaha Archdiocese, 18 young men will be continuing and six will be entering seminary life this year. In the Lincoln diocese, 34 will be returning and three will begin. The Grand Island diocese has three currently in the seminary with four beginning.

Each of these men can use financial assistance and our prayers to continue their studies. The RSVP program with the Supreme Council assistance is an excellent way to financially assist seminarians. Go the to website www.kofc.org for information or the Program Book your council received at the mid-year leadership meeting under the Vocations section for guidance.

Priesthood Sunday is September 29th, a time we show our appreciation for our priests.

A few things we can do on this weekend:

- Do a biography of each priest in your parish and publish it in your weekly bulletin.
- Create a banner and display at your church showing your love for the priests in your parish and community.
- Have the parishioners do a spiritual bouquet and present it to the priest/s during Mass on that weekend.
- Have a coffee and donut social after Mass.

Vocations Awareness Week is November 3-9, 2019. This is a week to bring awareness of the importance that men and women consider a life of serving God’s people through the gift of spiritual obedience and giving back to our Lord and Savior.

Once again, I refer you to the many resources listed in the State’s Program Book for ideas on what can be done to make more people aware of this blessed calling. As once said, “We can set the table for young people to consider a religious life, but the Holy Spirit makes the call”. Each diocesan vocation’s office has staff to assist with ideas and materials, several on-line companies provides brochures as well. Don’t hesitate to call me if you need ideas or assistance with a program.

Share the Love - Donate to Help Fill December Blessing Bags

Could you imagine going through your daily routine without the basics; toothbrush, toothpaste, clean water, deodorant or even your socks?

For many of our Nebraska homeless, this is everyday life.

There are over 20,000 individuals sleeping on the street each night in Nebraska. We are asking that you partner with us as we make Blessing Bags that are intended to impact our homeless community in all 3 of our dioceses. This is where you can help!

We are collecting donations to make these Blessing Bags at the Mid-Year Ladies Program. Each bag will cost \$15 and will contain personal items such as socks, gloves, toiletries and a few treats for those less fortunate during this Christmas season.


Please take a moment to search your heart and reflect on how you can help bring a little Christmas Joy to someone who has very little or nothing? Would you also join us in saying a prayer for those children and adults who are in need?


St. Michael, who is the defender of all humanity, is a sure help for the homeless and all who are needy. Let us join hearts and hands as we seek to fight against injustices and poverty in Nebraska.

If you are able to join us in this effort of Humanity please send your donation of one or more bags that you would like to contribute to:

**Nebraska Knights of Columbus,
c/o Audrey Borytsky, 13005 S 29th Place, Bellevue, NE 68123**

Your donation will make a big impact on someone's life this winter. Thank you for your support and God bless you and your family.


Audrey Borytsky
Wife of State Deputy
Mark Borytsky


Fr. Josh Brown
State Chaplain

News from the PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa



Neil Pfeifer



Craig Pfeifer



Steve Kluthe



Doug Kelly

Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT)

Agents of the Pfeifer Agency who qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) this year are Neil Pfeifer of Norfolk, Craig Pfeifer of Madison, Steve Kluthe of Omaha, and Doug Kelly of Omaha. MDRT agents rank in the top 3% of insurance agents in the world. Congratulations Neil, Craig, Steve, and Doug!

MDRT is The Premier Association of Financial Professionals. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of sales excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.

Agent of the Month

The following Knights of Columbus field agent for Nebraska earned Agent of the Month honors in the Pfeifer Agency:

June - Jeremy Borchers of West Point



Craig Pfeifer, FICE, FSCP, CLU®
Number One Agent
in Nebraska in 2018

Craig Pfeifer Earns Chartered Life Underwriter - CLU® Designation

HARTINGTON, NE – Craig Pfeifer, FICE, FSCP, CLU® has earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU®) professional designation from The American College of Financial Services. Candidates for the CLU® designation must complete a minimum of eight courses and 16 hours of supervised examinations. They must also fulfill stringent experience and ethics requirements and participate in continuing education to maintain professional recertification.

The Chartered Life Underwriter® designation symbolizes an exceptional standard of knowledge and trust and is among the world's most respected insurance designations. The College's founder, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Professor Solomon S. Huebner, PhD, created the CLU® program to meet the professional education needs of men and women in life insurance and related financial services.

This prestigious course of study provides professionals with in-depth knowledge relevant to the insurance needs of individuals, families and business owners. The CLU® professional can provide reliable advice on a broad range of topics including life and health insurance, pension planning, insurance law, estate planning, and group benefits.

Craig is in his eighth year in the business and is a seven-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He also has his master's in business administration. Last year, Craig was the number one agent in the State of Nebraska for the Knights of Columbus. He has a passion for helping families tackle life's financial problems.

Knights of Columbus Insurance is among the highest rated companies 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 Neil Pfeifer, General Agent for Northeast NE, West Central IA
402.379.0180 | neil.pfeifer@kofc.org | www.kofcins.com

News from the SWANSON AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska



Tim Nowak



Dcn Bill Buchta

Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT)

Agents from the Tony Swanson Agency who qualified for Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) this year are: **Tim Nowak of Ogallala** and **Deacon Bill Buchta of Grand Island**. This is Tim's 8th year qualifying for MDRT and Deacon Bill's 6th time accomplishing this honor! MDRT agents rank in the top 3% of insurance agents in the world. Congratulations Tim and Deacon Bill!

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Agent of the Month

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June - John Soukup of Lincoln

July - John Soukup of Lincoln

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Online Registration for State Events Continues to Be Helpful to the State Convention Coordinators and the State Leadership Team

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Online registration continues to be helpful to the State Convention Coordinator CoChairmen and the State Leadership team. With the use of our electronic devices, we can assist most registrants in near real time, regardless of our physical location. Additionally, we can provide various reports requested by the State Family to understand the progress and make up of the registrants for our events.

The online registration strategy provides three crucial elements that help all Knights: **First**, it empowers the registrants to control their own registration; **second**, it allows on-line credit card payment for efficient processing and completion of registrations; **third**, it allows efficient reporting of information to the State Family and host venues.

We are fairly settled on the format of the registration interface and thus it should become more familiar to users making the registration for events become routine.

A couple of items to note are: **First**, the website, when issuing refunds, will not refund back the fees of the system, however you will still be able to receive a full refund for the price of any events up to a couple days prior to the event; **second**, we have also been advised that the website will start collecting Nebraska State Sales Tax on all transactions. We are exploring how we will manage this both via the website and/or with other purchases such as the Early Bird tickets for the State Convention.

Mike Conrad, PSD, Ends His Tenure As Supreme Director After Nine Years

Mike and Mary Conrad are a very familiar couple to most Nebraska Knights and their families. In 2000, Mike served the State Council as State Program Director. He was then elected to the various officer positions, and in 2008, he was elected the 51st State Deputy of the Nebraska Jurisdiction.

"Mary has been my partner in everything I've done. My accomplishments - from serving as my council's Grand Knight to holding all the state officer positions, to serving the past nine years as a Supreme Director - they are all Mary's accomplishments, too."

Their story began, when in 1991 at Mary's urging, Mike joined the St. John the Baptist Council 10305 in Fort Calhoun. Mary thought joining the Knights would be good for Mike, but both admit that they had no idea what kind of journey joining the Knights would become!

Early on, Mike served his home council in many positions before moving on to the state level. As Grand Knight, his council had the largest membership growth in its 25 year history.

Those who knew Mike personally were not surprised when he was elected to the Supreme Board of Directors at the 2010 Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. He first served as Chairman of the Athletic Youth Committee and then as Chairman of both the Pro Life and the Resolutions Committee. He has served for nine consecutive years and completed his tenure on August 31, 2019.

"It has been a privilege and an honor to have represented Nebraska on the Supreme Board of Directors. Mary and I are grateful to all of you for your support over these past nine years."

"When I was State Deputy, my motto was 'Faithful Servant of Your Son.' This motto I carried with me as I served the Order. It is one that I knew would always represent all of us and I hope that some day He tells me 'Well done good and faithful servant, well done.' "



Mike Conrad, PSD and Past Supreme Director with his wife, Mary, at the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C.

*Congratulations and Thank You,
Mike and Mary Conrad!*



St. John the Baptist Council 10305, Fort Calhoun Received the Supreme Life Service Award for their "Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity" Campaign

As Knights and disciples of Christ, we are committed to defending the lives of all people. Following the announcement of the "Christians at Risk" campaign at the 135th Supreme Convention, St. John the Baptist Council 10305 set a goal of raising \$10,000 donations, equal to five home placements in Karamles, Iraq, during their "Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity Campaign."

The council quickly raised \$8,000 following two fundraisers and \$4,000 in donations from two Knights. The council then worked to create fundraising events over two days. A private reception was held, to which 40 donors and sponsors were invited to meet Bishop Yousif Benham Habash of Syria, and Gabriel Jabbour, a Syrian Catholic and former prisoner who, prior to his escape, was sentenced to die at the hands of the ISIS. Other guests included Archbishop George Lucas, U.S. Representative Don Bacon, and the Nebraska State Officers. The event raised \$7,000.

On the following day, a Mass in the Syrian Rite was celebrated at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. That evening, the council held a dinner and auction at the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Mainelle Center.

Donations poured in that evening and continued for the next few months through the donation website. In the end, the council donated a total sum in the amount of \$173,000 towards the Supreme Council's response efforts.

Four More Supreme Awards Earned by Nebraska Councils

St. Matthew Council 11879, Bellevue, , Kevin and Janice Todd 2019 State Family of the Year and 2019 Supreme Family of the Year

Kevin and Janice Todd, Council 11879, St. Matthew in Bellevue, were voted Supreme's 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.



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.

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St. John the Baptist Council 11879, Fort Calhoun 2019 Supreme Family Major Activity Award - Barnes Family Fundraiser

The daughter of one of our parishioners was seriously injured in a sledding accident. She had several broken bones in her leg and ankle and was hospitalized for a significant amount of time. She also had long periods of rehabilitation. Both parents had to take off work to stay with her once she was released from the hospital.

In order to assist with family expenses, our council hosted a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the family. A free will offering was suggested and a total of \$2,000 was presented to the family. They were most appreciative for the parish support. Approximately 25 Knights and their families assisted during the four hour pancake feed.

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Fr. Shine Council 1966, Plattsmouth - Church of the Holy Spirit 2019 Supreme Church Major Activity Award - Priests' Rectory Roof

The roof of the rectory was leaking into the priest's bedroom. The roof was estimated to be 30 years old. The estimated cost to replace was \$20,000, money the parish did not have. The main problem was that the Knights would have to fix the roof in one weekend. The first step was fundraising, which took several months, and then assembling a team and scheduling the work. The team included a member with carpentry and general construction experience. Once the funds were secured, materials were ordered and the first day began at 7 a.m. Old materials were removed, barrier paper and flashing replaced and needed repairs made.

Day two saw the placement of new shingles and several runs to the hardware store. We busted our original budget but it didn't matter. At the end of the day the roof looked perfect! We had a severe thunderstorm within days of finishing, but no leaks.

We had all hands on deck for this project - 30 different Knights. It took 14 hours the first day and 12 the next day for a total of 26 hours or 780 man hours. The money came from our monthly Knight's breakfasts and our food vending efforts. Menards had an 11% sale and the rebate of \$450 bought needed tools for the grounds keeper. The total cost was \$5,665.00.

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St. Anthony of Padua Council 2716, Schuyler 2019 Supreme Community Major Activity Award - Albert and Marcia Jedlicka Family

The Jedlicka family had a house fire ruining the home with smoke and water damage. Albert, an active Knight, was also off work for several weeks because of a knee injury. Medical bills had piled up. The Knights organized a steak feed plus silent and live auctions. They used the Fire Department Board's building and asked Albert's employer, Cargill Beef Solutions, to co-sponsor the event. Cargill donated 300 lbs. of steak and 100 lbs. of hamburger plus the use of their grill. Over 50 items were collected for the silent auction as well as many items for the live auction

surrounding communities as well as newspaper articles and radio announcements. Over 100 Knights helped take tickets, grill steaks and burgers, clean tables, and many other duties.

The Knights planned for a maximum of 300 people but estimated that more than 600 had attended. Luckily, Knight Jeff Didier, owned a grocery store and provided enough for the rest of the event.

Both auctions netted a total over \$8,000 and another \$14,000 was donated by those walking through the door for a steak.

All the council Knights supplied desserts and live music was donated as well. Flyers had been distributed throughout the

Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

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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 \$600,000.00 mark.

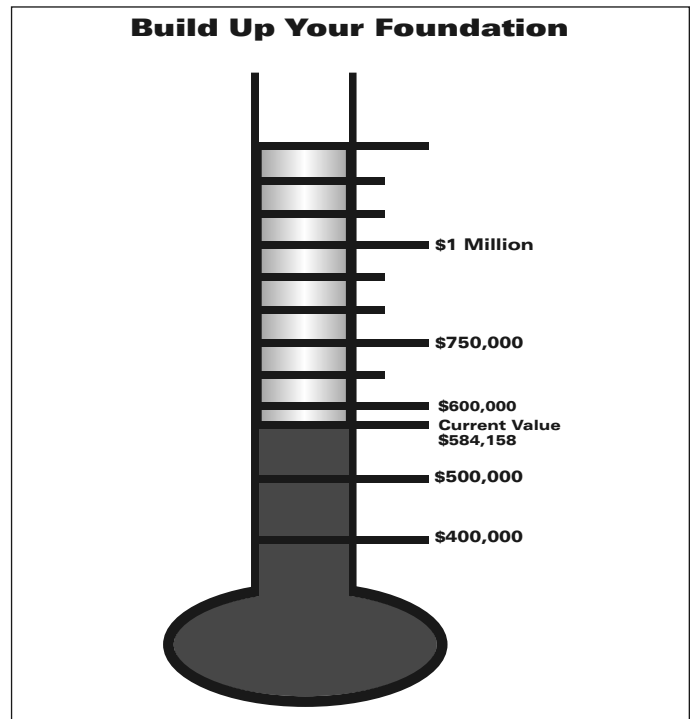
The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is the collective effort of Brother Knights throughout the state that provides charitable, monetary support to assist the most needy causes and people in Nebraska. The Foundation consists of a principal endowment of donated funds never to be spent; it is 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 The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska 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.

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

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One Life, One Rose: Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

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A Brief History of the Silver Rose 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 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To read more on the history of the Silver Rose visit:
<https://www.runningoftherose.org/en/news/background.htm>

For more on the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe visit:
<https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/silver-rose-run>

Arrival In Nebraska

In 2018 the Silver Rose traveled through Nebraska for 28 days. August 18, 2018, the Rose arrived in Sidney Council 1861 and crossed our state a total of 1025 miles. It was passed to Belleville, Kansas on September 16, 2018 by Council 4434 Fairbury.

This year, the Silver Rose arrived from Colorado and was handed to Scottsbluff Council 2681 on August 21, 2019. The Rose will travel our state for 37 days and then be passed to Hiawatha, Kansas by Falls City Council 1336 on or about September 30, for a total of over 851 miles.

As Knights, the sanctity of life is something we hold dear. To volunteer and participate in hosting the Silver Rose honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirms our commitment to the sanctity of human life.

Thank you to all the 2019 host councils and Brother Knights for helping move the Silver Rose across our state.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us

		Nebraska 2019 Silver Rose RUN									
2019	Day	Council	Miles	Council #	Council Address	Dist.	The Best Contact	Phone	Contacts E-mail		
19-Aug	Mon										
20-Aug	Tue	"Fr. Timothy P. Molony"	20	2681	1719 1st Ave Scottsbluff	31	Jerry D Arnold GK	308-632-3755	arnoldjerrysara@gmail.com		
23-Aug	Fri	St. Luke (Ogallala)	124	4979	417 E. 3rd. St., Ogallala	28	James Lempke GK	308-289-1688	gm1641@hotmail.com		
26-Aug	Mon	Holy Spirit (North Platte)	54	10506	2719 W "E" Street, North Platte	28	Albert Mueller GK	308-534-5352	amulenog@allophone.com		
27-Aug	Tue	St. Patrick's (North Platte)	5	1211	515 E 5th St., North Platte	28	Andrew G. Mueller GK	308-660-2629	amuelmueller@northplattecouncil1211.com		
28-Aug	Wed	Father McGivney (No Platte)	5	12530	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	28	Loren L. Baxa GK	308-390-8891	lbaxa10@hotmail.com		
30-Aug	Fri	Christ the King (Cozad)	46	5315	East Hall Parish Center	28	Steven Cote GK	308-325-6955	scote@orthman.com		
31-Aug	Sat	Lexington Council	14	2040	St. Ann's, 1003 Taft St., Lexington	24	Arthur Schwarze GK	308-324-5088	artschwarze@yahoo.com		
1-Sep	Sun	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee (ElmCreek)	20	12687	Elm Creek Catholic Hall	24	Lloyd Wolfe GK	308-440-4672	lwolfe1980@gmail.com		
3-Sep	Tue	Prince of Peace (Kearney)	15	10923	1900 Central Ave., Kearney	24	Jim Schaefer GK	308-238-1469	jim.schaefer@cashwa.com		
6-Sep	Fri	Bishop O'Connor (Greeley)	86	1312	Sacred Heart Church	21	Charles Sweeney GK	308-428-5971	csweeney67@hotmail.com		
8-Sep	Sun	Lindsay (Lindsay)	55	7699	New Activity Bldg	20	Roy M Zach GK	402-253-9641	roymzsch@gmail.com		
11-Sep	Wed	St. John The Baptist	98	10305	13th & Clay Streets, Ft. Calhoun	13	Terry Fitzgerald GK	402-598-9153	terry.fitzgerald@live.com		
12-Sep	Thur	Fr. Flanagan of Boys Town	17	652	St. Cecilia's Lay Apostolate Center	33	Alfonso Vaccaro GK	402-850-8812	al.vaccaro@cox.net		
13-Sep	Fri	St. Robert Bellarmine (Omaha)	8	10108	K of C Chambers	2	Martin Callaghan III GK	402-740-5618	callaghan_64@hotmail.com		
14-Sep	Sat	Holy Cross (Omaha)	8	11364	St. Edward's Hall 4803 William St.	36	David Byrne GK	402-558-5796	dbyrne@cox.net		
15-Sep	Sun	St. Matthews (Bellevue)	8	11879	12210 S 36th St.	36	Dave Boone GK	402-651-0184	dbruceb1@gmail.com		
16-Sep	Mon	Columban (Bellevue)	8	6192	11707 S 26th Ave	36	Robert S Hasiak GK	402-293-8535	rshasiak@cox.net		
17-Sep	Tue	ArchBishop Bergan (Papillion)	8	6429	200 E 6th St. Papillion	36	Brett Connot GK	402-291-1206	brett@connot.com		
19-Sep	Thur	Fr. John B. Wallace (Gretna)	12	10047	St. Patrick's Parish Hall	4	James L. Hain GK	402-981-8831	jhain@lundco.com		
21-Sep	Sat	St. Vincent DePaul (Seward)	56	8469	152 Pinewood Ave. Seward	12	Brandon Lindau GK	402-499-8103	grandknight8469@gmail.com		
23-Sep	Mon	St. Peter (Lincoln)	29	10510	4500 Duxhall, Lincoln	34	Raymond (Mike) Davis	402-480-0404	davism72@gmail.com		
24-Sep	Tue	Blessed Sacrament (Lincoln)	8	11001	1725 Lake St, Lincoln	9	Shawn D Wilke GK	402-202-3293	swilke77@yahoo.com		
26-Sep	Thur	Beatrice	42	1723	612 High St. Beatrice	8	Joseph Brewer GK	402-202-2642	jrbrewer6@gmail.com		
28-Sep	Sat	Fr. Frank R Flicek (Auburn)	53	7021	901 Central Ave. Auburn	7	Nate Crotty GK	402-239-9950	natecrotty@yahoo.com		
30-Sep	Mon	Falls City	35	1336	18th & Fulton, Falls City	7	Daniel Gruber GK	402-801-2883	dgruber@sencot.net		
30-Sep	Mon	Hiawatha, KS	17								
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FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
SEPTEMBER 2019			
	Sep 25	KCIC Early Bird Pricing Deadline	Faith Directors Mark & Julie Main
	Sep 29	Priesthood Sunday	Vocations Director Rod Hofschulte
OCTOBER 2019			
	Oct 10-13	Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll®)	Intellectual Disabilities Director Jim Hubschman
	Oct 19	Regional Soccer Challenge Winners Entry Forms	Youth Director Peter Piel
	Oct 26	State Soccer Challenge, Noon Registration, 1 PM Start, Schuyler Field House	
NOVEMBER 2019			
	Nov	Start Poster Contests (Keep Christ in Christmas, Substance Abuse)	Youth Director Peter Peil
FT-KIT	Nov 1	Free Throw Contest Order Form	Supreme Council Community Director Jack Revelle
	Nov 3-9	Vocations Awareness Week	Vocations Director Rod Hofschulte
	Nov 11	Courier Articles Due	Courier Editor Duffi Goodrich
DECEMBER 2019			
	Dec 7-8	Midwinter Meeting - Lincoln/Testimonial for IPSD Lou Gasper	State Officers, District Deputies
4567	Dec 15	Soccer Challenge Participation	Supreme Council Community Director District Deputy

**Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper Testimonial Dinner
Saturday, December 7, 2019, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE
All Brother Knights and spouses welcome to attend the dinner.**

Watch for future mailing and emails, the State Facebook page and website for more details.