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**Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper Honored at December 7 Knights' State Banquet**

*Pictured above back row: Lou's son Joe; daughter Amy's boyfriend Schyler Wilhelm; and Lou's daughter Amy. Front row: IPSD Lou Gasper, Past State Chaplain Rev. Kenneth Borowiak; Lou's wife Carole Gasper; Schyler's daughter Kensington Wilhelm.*

*Pictured right: Lou was presented with a framed display of all his state jewels representing many years of service.*

*See more photos on pages 2 and 9 and online at [www.nebraskakofc.org](http://www.nebraskakofc.org).*



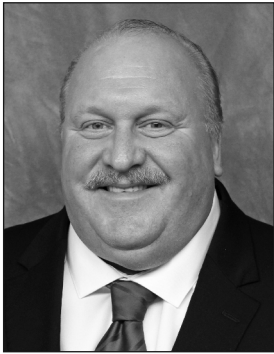
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*State Chaplain Fr. Josh Brown holds a Blessing Bag that was stuffed with useful items and is to be given to people in need. Knights' ladies did the stuffing and Fr. Josh asked for help in distribution. See page 6.*



**Mailing of Lottery Tickets and Payments Now Allowed - see page 4**



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## Words from our State Deputy

### A Holiday Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As we celebrated Thanksgiving, entered the Advent Season, and are ending the sixth month of our Fraternal Year, we all should reflect on the many blessings we have received and will receive as we live Christ in our lives.

The coming days will be very busy for many of us, so I pray you will also have the chance to have time for prayer and meditation in church and at your home. The demands on our time and attention will abound, and so we need to find ways to stay peaceful and content, awaiting the birth of the Christ Child.

We also have the Joy of being a Knights family by bringing those Catholic families into our Knights of Columbus family. As our family grows so does our good works to help so many in need.

Each time you let God love others through your faith it's a glorious time. Each time you smile at someone and offer them your hand and heart it's the love of Humanity. The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family, friends and those in need.

From our family to yours, may you find His peace, love and joy this Christmas and in the coming New Year.

May God Bless You and Your Family.

Vivat Jesus,

State Deputy Mark and First Lady Audrey Borytsky

## Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper Honored at December 7 Knights' State Banquet in Lincoln

A heart of gold, a passion for the Knights, a South Omaha Boy, a great proponent of Knights of Columbus Insurance and "one of the best damn state deputies Nebraska's ever had" are just a few of the ways Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper was described at his testimonial dinner Saturday, December 7, in Lincoln.

Nearly 130 people celebrated Lou's tenure as the Nebraska State Deputy with him and his wife, Carole; their children, Amy and Joe; and several other family members in attendance at the Cornhusker Hotel.

*During a touching moment, Lou Gasper Sr., presented his son with a Fourth-Degree ring, a family heirloom.*



See pages 1 and 9 for more on IPSD Lou Gasper's roast. Photos online at [www.nebraskakofc.org](http://www.nebraskakofc.org)

## Words from our State Chaplain

### St. Michael the Archangel, Pray for Us

As I mentioned in September, we continue focusing our prayer and efforts as Knights under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel. I mentioned also the four duties or responsibilities of St. Michael and how they call us to a greater defense of humanity.

As a reminder for all of us, the four duties or responsibilities of St. Michael are:

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

This month we will focus on how St. Michael "escorts the faithful to heaven at their hour of death," and how this relates to our efforts as Knights and men of God. To escort our loved ones at the hour of death is a particularly important task. St. Michael, having access to the Throne of Grace, not only escorts but walks with the faithful in those final hours of earthly life, then walks with them into eternity. I think many times at the hour of death, satan tempts us to give up faith and our hope in eternal life. At the weakest and most vulnerable moments in our life, when approaching death, we need St. Michael more than ever to defend us and lead us to what our Savior has promised us in His own death and resurrection.

Whether we are headed to purgatory for further purification or to Heaven in the Beatific Vision of God for eternity, we can be assured St. Michael will be with us and support us. All of this work of leading souls to eternity is reflected beautifully in an ancient offertory chant for the office for the dead:

**"Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of Hell and from the deep pit; deliver them from the mouth of the lion that hell may not swallow them up and that they may not fall into darkness, but may the standard-bearer Michael conduct them into the holy light, which thou didst promise of old to Abraham and his seed. We offer to thee, Lord, sacrifices and prayers; do thou receive them in behalf of those souls whom we commemorate this day. Grant them, Lord, to pass from death to that life which thou didst promise of old to Abraham and to his seed."**

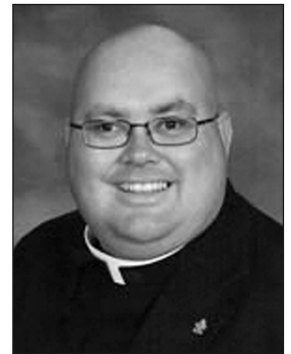
May St. Michael defend us and all humanity, and may he escort us and all the departed to everlasting life.

**St. Michael, the Archangel, pray for us!**

Vivat Jesus



Fr. Josh Brown, Nebraska State Chaplain



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**Vocations to the Religious Life Are Everybody's Business - see page 6**

**Did you know . . . The Oral and Silent Auctions held each April  
at the State Convention benefit the Fr. McGivney Foundation . . . YOUR Foundation?**

## **NEW THIS YEAR: Mailing of Lottery Tickets and Payments Allowed**



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*"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people." - Pope Francis, Jan. 16, 2014*

One of our core missions as Knights of Columbus is to support the many sacrifices of the young men and women of Nebraska who have responded to God's call to a religious life. The Nebraska Knights of Columbus have prayerfully and faithfully contributed to their financial support through the proceeds of our Annual State Lottery. Your increased participation in the State Lottery is vital to continuing this essential support. By selling and purchasing these lottery tickets, you are supporting 67 seminarians and the many religious activities throughout Nebraska.

### **Here's how you can help:**

Distribution of the 2020 State Lottery tickets will be by mail. The tickets will be mailed to every Nebraska Knight the last week of January and you may start selling them on February 1, 2020. Please do your part by buying and selling as many tickets as you can. All proceeds are deposited into the State Knights' lottery account and those funds are used to support the young men and women who have responded to God's call to religious life.

You may return your ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets by mail. They will also be collected at the April 2020 State Convention. If you are mailing them back, they need to be returned by April 20, 2020 to ensure they get into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win.

I fervently pray that all Brother Knights in our great state do their part to help in this important effort and let's make this our best year yet!

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## **Per Capita: Keep Your Council in Good Standing**

### **Per Capita Due March 1, 2020**

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

Currently, the State Council assessment per billable member is \$8.75, with \$4.37 to be billed January 1, 2020, due March 1, 2020; and \$4.38 billed July 1, 2020, due September 1, 2020. Remember, disabled and honorary life members are not billable members .

### **Late Payment Risks Suspension**

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

Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding State Per Capita and any other questions. We are here to support you. Thanks for all you do. May God bless you!



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## “UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”

Just over 2,000 years ago a family from a small village traveled home and found themselves in need. Many walked by, some closed their doors, one opened their heart. As we go through this Advent season, what will our response be?

As Christians, as Catholics, we know that taking care of others, looking out for the poor, clothing the naked, and feeding the hungry is what we are supposed to do. As Knights these virtues are more concentrated, more focused. We are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal organization. Fr. McGivney, in his heart, knew that taking care of our Brothers and others was so very important in helping our faith grow strong. He also knew that through serving others and giving away the gifts that we have been given we would see our blessings increased 30-, 50-, or 100-fold.

As Fourth Degree Knights let us lead the way in serving others. Let us bring gifts, not of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but love, hope and joy to those in need. Look for the babe in the manger in everyone you meet. Have the heart of the shepherds whose faith led them to a stable, a manger and a family. Build the Domestic Church so that each family may have the strength and resources to grow their faith and protect their family. Open your heart to the Christ child that you may truly experience the joy of Christmas.

Gail and I, along with our family, wish each of you the most joyous and Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Richard W Lowery, PSD, District Master - Nebraska



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## Preparing for the 2020 State Convention

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God's blessings to you and your family as we enter the Season of Christmas. As we prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus, I would like to inform you of changes when you prepare for the State Convention Spring 2020.

**First**, local and state taxes will be assessed on transactions..

**Second**, refunds of transactions will not include the fees assessed by the website.

**Third**, we will again offer the **EBF (Early Bird Fee Free)** opportunity for you and your council to procure tickets.

### EBFF (Early Bird Fee Free)

- EBFF tickets can be paid only by personal check.
- Tickets will only be available until the middle of March 2020.
- The check will need to be received by the end of March 2020.
- The tickets will be canceled if the check is not received by the end of March 2020.

For larger council orders and individuals who take advantage of this opportunity, there can be great savings.

## Vocations to the Religious Life is Everybody's Business

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Vocations to the Religious Life is Everybody's Business.

During this Christmas season and throughout the year, when time permits, take a moment to talk with your children about their vocation in life. There are many options for each of us, but let's be sure that they receive informed facts about all opportunities, including a vocation to the religious life. Discussion with our children will help them make an informed decision about their future.

### Growing Shortage of Priests

We continue to see the growing shortage of priests present in many of our Catholic institutions especially high schools, colleges and parishes. The Church needs lay people, especially families, more than ever to encourage the next generation of vocations.

U.S. Statistics show there are:

- 9,119 fewer priests since 2000, of which there are 5,353 fewer diocesan priests.
- 3,363 parishes without a resident pastor (19% of current 17,007 parishes).
- 477 average ordinations per year the last 20 years.
- ONE, just ONE is the estimated number of seminarians each parish would need to produce every ten years to reverse the priest shortage.

**St. Josemaria Escriva is quoted as saying:**

"I would like to speak into the ears of so many men and women: giving up one's children to the service of God is not a sacrifice: it is an honor and a joy."

**Excerpt from St. John Neumann's sermon,  
"God's Will the End of Life":**

"Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; we are not here, that we may go to bed at night, and get up in the morning, toil for our bread, eat and drink, laugh and joke, sin when we have a mind, and reform when we are tired of sinning, rear a family and die. God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, . . . for a purpose. He needs, He deigns to need, every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."

**Remember to pray for and actively promote religious vocations: "For God's sake it is the right thing to do."**

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Dearest Knights, Ladies, and Families,

Thank you for your amazing donations to our Blessing Bags cause for the less fortunate. Father Josh and I knew 300 bags would be a challenge but achievable. You not only met but exceeded this goal and many more will benefit from your generosity and passion for Humanity. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Thank you to those who donated, said prayers, gave kind words, helped with printing, mailings, writing of the notecards, and packing the bags. All of you have made this project even more special.

To those who will distribute the Blessing Bags across our great state of Nebraska, thank you. Your donation will bring Christmas Joy into the lives of many who have little or nothing.

I am so blessed to have you in my life and to be part of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. We all are "Defenders of Humanity."

Many, many heartfelt thanks and blessings to you all,

Audrey Borytsky

## Great Incentives for Recruiters

I pray that you have enjoyed a fantastic Advent season and have prepared to welcome the Christ Child into your hearts anew this year. During this most wonderful time of the year, I also pray that you are prepared to welcome new Catholic Men into your councils. After all, what greater Christmas present can you give a man than the gift of putting his faith into action and protecting his family's well-being with the many programs and benefits offered in the Knights of Columbus.

The gift of membership that you offer to a fellow Catholic Man, not only benefits him, but also is a gift to your own council. Each new member that you bring into your council grows your council for the future. New members bring fresh and energetic workers for your programs, new ideas that can revive stale programs or start new ones, and new leadership in your council. So many gifts can be realized by just offering Knighthood to our fellow parishioners, friends and co-workers.

Of course, the State has some gifts for you, too. To reward the hard work of so many of our Knights, we have arranged for the following incentives throughout the next several months:

**December** – \$500 split equally between all proposers of five or more new members in the 2nd Quarter (October, November, and December combined).

**January** – Top four proposers (and ties) in this month will earn a Knights of Columbus throw blanket.

**February** – Sweetheart of a Deal: any council achieving 100% of quota by February 14th, earns \$100; any council achieving 75% of quota earns \$50.

**March** – Every council that achieves 75% of their quota will receive two free meals to Friday Awards Banquet at State Convention.

**April** – 40 days under 40: Top four recruiters of new members 40 years old or younger throughout Lent receive a Knights of Columbus watch.

There have been a number of incentive winners so far this year that only recruited two new members. Go out and challenge your Brother Knights to do the same and bring home one of these incentives as you grow your council in the new year.

**More Membership Recruitment Incentives Online - [www.nebraskakofc.org](http://www.nebraskakofc.org)**

## Give the Gift of an ICC Award Nomination

As we enjoy this time of year - Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, I thought I would share about some of the things I am thankful for. I am thankful for all the great Knights of Columbus here in Nebraska and for the good works they do. All the Knights who help with back-to-school programs and picnics. All the Knights who stood out in the cold handing out Tootsie Rolls to benefit people with Intellectual Disabilities. All the Knights who helped hand out coats to needy kids with the Coats for Kid programs.

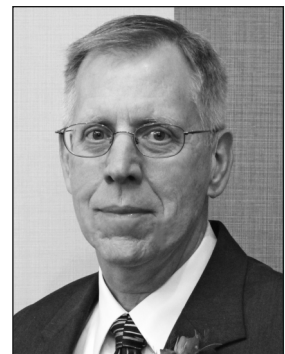
I'm also thankful for all Knights families as they spend time together during the holidays. There is nothing better than time spent with family. It makes everyone feel younger again. It always amazes me to see a bunch of 50-year-old (and older) cousins act like they are 10 years old again when they get together.

Wouldn't it be a great Christmas gift for those outstanding Knights and families to have their council nominate them for Knight of the Year or for Family of the Year! And it is so easy and quick. Go to the Nebraska state website at [www.nebraskakofc.org](http://www.nebraskakofc.org). Look for the ICC Awards tab and fill out and submit the forms right there online. You know a Knight who deserves to be nominated. You know a family who is a terrific example of service and deserves to be nominated. Giving the gift of a nomination will make you feel good, too.

*In giving we receive.*



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## A Call to Fatherhood: Modeling our Faith to our Children and Grandchildren



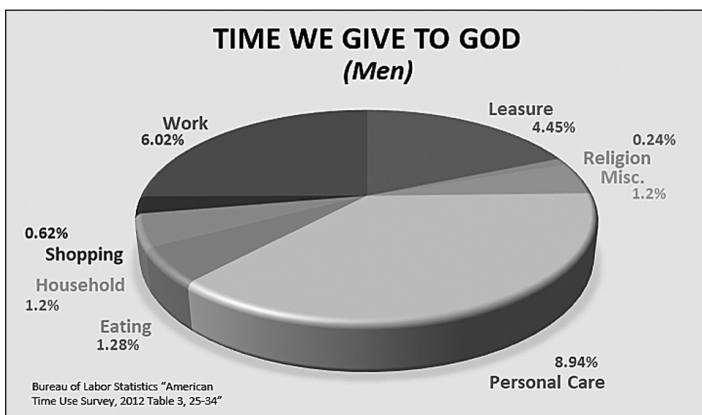
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As we gather for this Christmas holiday season, we like to reflect on St. Paul's words, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* - Acts 20:35

The Christmas Season so beautifully reminds us of the gift God gave to all, his precious son, Jesus Christ! How do we all respond to this wonderful gift? How do we spend our time as parents? The chart and bookmark to the left illustrates the fact that we need to do better.

We often joke about how the wife is the boss of the household. While in many family responsibilities this is true, it cannot be disputed that the FATHER is in command of his children's spiritual, service, and charitable giving habits throughout their lives.

Study after study shows the huge impact a father has in the spiritual development of his children and his children's friends. As Knights and heads of households, let's give back to God while, at the same time, give our children and grandchildren the most important gift of all - the gift of our Faith. In upcoming issues and through your councils, we will share more information on this important topic!



**GROWN CHILDREN'S MASS ATTENDANCE**

Neither Parent Attended Sunday Mass: 6%

Only Mother: 33%

Only Father: 75%

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**MAIN EXCUSES**

MY-TIME is more important

SPORTS is more important

SLEEP is more important

MY DESIRES are more important

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**CALL TO FATHERHOOD**

God entrusts us with the children he gives us. Our duty is to get them to heaven. If we fail, all earthly treasures: cars, sports, comforts of life, etc.

*Are Meaningless...*

**A Prayer for the Family**  
Composed by **St. Mother Teresa**

Heavenly Father you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, and revived with joy. Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you ask with a big smile.

**Fathers: Pray this with your family at the dinner table.**



The 2019 Nebraska State Council and Supreme Council "Family of the Year," Kevin and Janice Todd (above), exemplify the spirit of giving back to their parish and their community, while at the same time modeling for their family the importance of giving time to God. Because they walk their Christ-centered journey with their children, they are shining examples to them of strong Christian virtues.

As we approach Christmas and a new year, Cathy and I look forward to sharing with all councils and Nebraska Knights members and families more information about our focus: "A Call to Fatherhood".

For your copy of the color, 2-sided bookmark (left) contact Jeff Gokie 402.270.2304 (Columbus, NE)

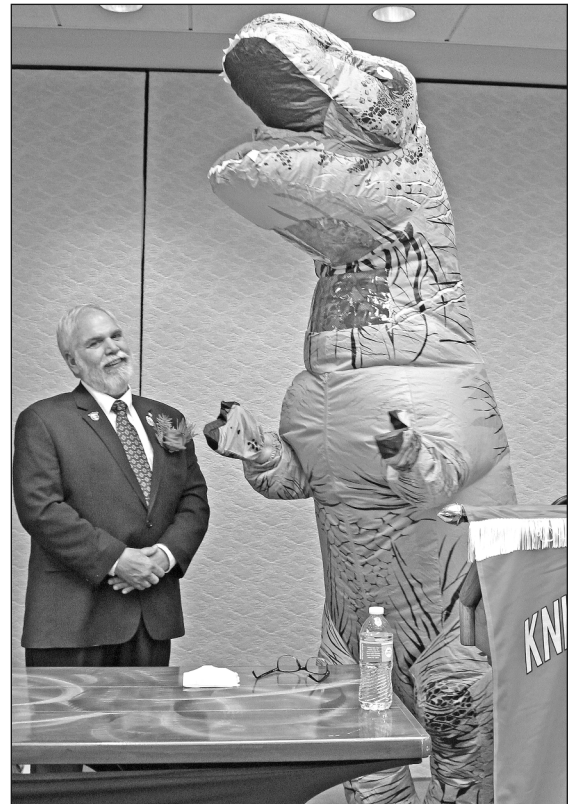
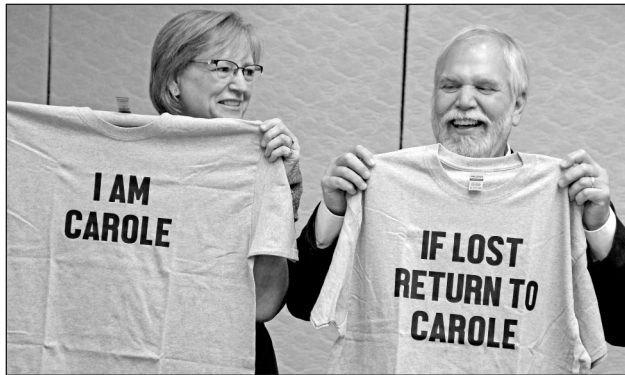


## Immediate Past State Deputy Lou Gasper Honored - Continued from page 2

The laughs began as Bobasaurus Rex, aka State Treasurer Bob Wolf, dwarfed Lou on stage ahead of the parade of speakers and gift bearers.

Lou's propensity to wander a room, making friends with everyone, was fodder for speakers, to which Amy Gasper had a response. She got the most laughs and stole the show at the end of the night by gifting her parents T-shirts. Lou's was imprinted with, "If lost, return to Carole," and Carole's, "I'm Carole."

The most touching moment of the night was when Lou Gasper Sr., presented his son with a Fourth-Degree ring, a family heirloom (see page 2).



## "Extreme" Catholic Organization Continues to Flip Pancakes

Submitted by Allen Ostdiek, PGK, FDD, PFN

St. Stephen Council 1906, Lawrence

*Three generations of Knights. This part of the Buescher family in Nebraska have all began their Knights of Columbus experience in the Lawrence St. Stephen Council 1906. Don Buescher (seated) has been a member for 71 years; Craig Buescher (left) a member for 49 years, and Brian Buescher a member for 26 years. Photo courtesy Council 1906, Lawrence.*

After being nominated to fill a District Court Judge position in Omaha in October 2018, Mr. Brian Buescher had to be confirmed by the U. S. Senate. Several liberal senators focused on his Catholic faith and Knights of Columbus membership. To paraphrase their questioning . . .

"Just what did you do for that extreme Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus?"

Brian's response . . . "Flip Pancakes."

Fast forward to October 2019: Mr. Buescher was confirmed by the Senate in July and is now the District Court Judge in Omaha.

Brian Buescher's home council is St. Stephen Council 1906 in Lawrence near the farm he grew up on between Lawrence and Deweese. To recognize the fortitude of his Catholic faith

and in support of that "extreme" Catholic organization, Mr. Buescher was invited to a Pancake Breakfast at Sacred Heart Parish in Lawrence. Not only did Brian Buescher come, but his father, Craig Buescher, and grandfather, Don Buescher, also came to support the Knights of Columbus. All three have the St. Stephen Council as their home council. Don has been a member for 71 years, Craig a member for 49 years, and Brian a member for 26 years. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to the education of priests and help fund other K C charitable projects.

A final comment on Mr. Buescher's commitment to both his Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus: a Buescher family member asked Brian what he would do if the Senate told him he would have to resign from that extreme Knights of Columbus organization if he wanted the Judge position.

Brian replied, "I'd withdraw my name from consideration."

## News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

### Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska and West Central Iowa

The following Knights of Columbus Field Agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Pfeifer Agency:



August  
Noah Pfeifer  
of  
Norfolk



September  
Roy Metter  
of  
David City



October  
Marcus Bell  
of  
Omaha



November  
Jeremy Borchers  
of  
West Point



### Welcome New Field Agent Dustin Schrant

After extensive training, Dustin Schrant has been assigned a field agent position with the Neil Pfeifer Agency of the Knights of Columbus Insurance as of December 1st, 2019.

Dustin and his wife, Emily, and three children are members of 9264 Saint Anthony Council in Columbus. Since 2012 Dustin has been a partner in his family owned business. Dustin possesses great knowledge in customer service and satisfaction. Dustin is looking forward to working with the K of C members in your area.

As of December 1, 2019, Dustin serves Knights of Columbus members and their families from the following councils: 938 St Bonaventure (A-L) and 9264 St Anthony in Columbus; 7762 Platte Center; 2716 Schuyler; and 3736 North Bend.

Dustin will assist K of C members with all their fraternal benefits including life insurance, retirement, and estate planning needs. He will also offer long term care and disability insurance plans.

**Members of the councils listed above needing service please contact  
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#### Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?

Contact your council's agent or Neil Pfeifer, General Agent for Northeast NE, West Central IA  
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#### Introducing Life Paid Up @ X!

Imagine a permanent life insurance policy where you can decide exactly how many years you want to pay premiums. A program that fits exactly with your plans regarding retirement and other considerations. Imagine no longer! The Knights of Columbus now offers Life Paid Up @ X! With this Whole Life policy, you can choose to have the policy premiums due from 5 to 100 years! Please contact your Field Agent to see if this plan is right for you today!



Neil Pfeifer and his Agency would like to wish their members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# News from the TONY SWANSON AGENCY

## Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Southeast, Central and Western Nebraska

The following Knights of Columbus Field Agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Swanson Agency:



August  
Dcn Bill Buchta  
of  
Grand Island



September  
Spencer Ashburn  
of  
Lincoln



October  
Larry Havranek  
of  
Hastings



November  
Mike Jagers  
of  
Sidney

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

Look no further! A career as a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus may be the answer to your prayers. For the Catholic gentleman who has an entrepreneurial spirit, is hard-working, and desires helping his Brother Knights and their families secure their financial futures, a career with the

Knights of Columbus offers many rewards, both financial and intangible. If you are curious about a career as a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus, please call 800-733-8980 Ext. 4 and leave a message. We would be happy to see if a career with the Knights of Columbus might be a great fit for you!

#### Questions?

Contact your council's agent or Anthony Swanson, General Agent for Southeast, Central, Western NE  
402.463.2845 ext 1 | [anthony.swanson@kofc.org](mailto:anthony.swanson@kofc.org) | [www.swansonagencykofcins.com](http://www.swansonagencykofcins.com)

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Tony Swanson and his Agency would like to wish their members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



### Elm Creek, Amherst, Overton, and Kearney Knights Distribute "Coats for Kids"

Father Robert Foster Jubilee Council 12687, Elm Creek members raised \$470 to purchase coats for boys and girls in the Kearney area.

According to Grand Knight Lloyd Wolfe, the coats were distributed November 2, 2019 by Prince of Peace Council 10923 in Kearney along with some additional coats they had acquired. They distributed 30 coats of all sizes at the event.

After the initial distribution, remaining coats were give to S.A.F.E. Center, a counseling service in Kearney for those affected by domestic violence.

## I-80 Collar Series and State Golf Tournament In the History Books Planning for 2020 State Bowling Tournament Completed

Joseph Bober, Athletics Chairman/Special Event Coordinator | 402.290.7954 cell | bojober@cox.net

### 2019 I-80 Collar Series

The I-80 Collar Series was held on June 16, 2019 at Werner Park in Omaha. Eleven priests from the Omaha Archdiocese and 20 from the Lincoln Diocese played in this softball game, and over 1,900 people attended the event. The Lincoln Diocese won this year.

Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers that made this game possible.

### 2020 I-80 Collar Series

June 28, 2020 is the date set for the 2020 game. This is a week later than usual and we hope to encourage more priests to play. At this time, we don't know if the venue will be Omaha or Lincoln. We will go with the one that has the best family rate. Watch for information regarding location and ticket price.

### 2019 State Golf Tournament

The State Golf Tournament was played on June 15, 2019 at Eagle Hills Golf Course in Papillion NE. There were 55 golfers and 61 people who attended the dinner at the South Council Holding Company hall. Brother Knights from Council 3019 cooked and served 12 ounce rib eye steaks.

The **First Flight Winners** are Gary Kendall, Tim Kendall, Dan Boulay and Jed Schmidt. The **Second Flight Winners** are Paul Brousek, Jordan Peckar, Zack Kinsella and Jack Kinsella.

Thank you to all the volunteer and players that made this tournament possible.

### 2020 State Golf Tournament

Next year's tournament will be on September 27, 2020 at 8:30 AM. This tournament will also be at Eagle Hills Golf Course in Papillion NE. Watch for more information.

**2020 State Bowling Tournament**  
February 15-16 and 22-23, 2020, Main Street Bowl, West Point, NE  
Men's and Women's Doubles, Singles, and Teams  
See more information on pages 13 and 14

### IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO/CONTACT
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>			
1728**	Jan 31	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	Supreme Council Executive Secretary Guggenberger District Deputy
4582**	Jan 31	Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics	Supreme Council Executive Secretary Guggenberger District Deputy
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>			
1295	Feb 15	Semi-annual Report (as of Dec 31, 2019)	Supreme Council Executive Secretary Guggenberger District Deputy
	Feb 20	Courier Articles Due	Courier Editor Duffi Goodrich
<b>MARCH 2020</b>			
	Mar 1	State Per Capita Payment	State Secretary Matt Richardson
	Mar 1	Final ICC Reports	Program Director Don Hypse
	Mar 1	Supreme/State Service Award Nominations	Appropriate State Director
	Mar 1	Resolutions for Annual Convention	State Advocate James Korth

\*\*May be filed electronically on the Supreme website.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due to Supreme NLT January 31, 2020.

This report documents our charitable work and keeps the Knights tax exempt. **Please use the new form.**

The Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics is due to Supreme NLT January 31, 2020. This report documents our charity and time with the Special Olympics. This report determines Nebraska's share of the funds allocated to Special Olympics by our Supreme Council.

**A no activity or donation report does help Nebraska.**

# 2020 Nebraska Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament!

February 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, & February 22nd –23rd 2020



Main Street Bowl  
333 N. Main St.  
West Point, NE

Mass  
Schedule  
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Saturday's and Sundays Men and Women's Time Schedule	
Doubles & Singles	11:00am
Team Only	2:00pm
	5:30pm

Date and Time Preferred First Choice	Date and Time Preferred Second Choice
Doubles & Singles	Doubles & Singles
Team:	

TEAM Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 League Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

Avg. see rule 7	TEAM Lineup	WIBC or USBC Sanction No.	All Events	Avg. see rule 7	Doubles and Singles	WIBC or USBC Sanction No.
1.					1.	
2.					2.	
3.					1.	
4.					2.	
5.					1.	

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**All remittances must be payable to the order of the Knights of Columbus Tournament, and mailed or emailed to :**  
 Chris Kreikemeier, 104 S. Niphon St.  
 West Point, NE 68788  
 402-380-9053 cell  
 Chris.krack@gmail.com

I hereby certify all bowlers are members, wives, Widows, or daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.  
 Financial Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 I hereby certify the above averages are current averages in league play  
 League Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fees		
Event	Prize Fee	Total
Team	\$29.25	\$85.00
Doubles	\$11.70	\$34.00
Singles	\$ 5.75	\$17.00
All Events (Handicap) Optional		\$ 3.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES ARE ON BACK OF ENTRY BLANK**

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Positively no entries accepted without payment in full. Entries will be scheduled, as to preferred time and date in the order in which they are received.

## Knights of Columbus Tournament Rules

1. Only members or wives, widows or daughters of Knights of Columbus members are eligible to bowl.
2. Entrants may bowl on more than one team subject to these conditions.
  - No more than 3 bowlers may comprise a second entry and place in the prize standings.
  - First Team event bowled will count towards All Events.
3. There will be no more than one entry per bowler in Singles and All Events.
4. Prize Fees returned 100%. Ratio 1 for 5 in Team, Doubles and Singles, 1 for 10 in All Events.
5. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between individual bowler's average and 200.
6. Team event scores will be based on Rule 5.
7. Entrants will use highest average in their association for 21 games or more for last season, except:
  - If current season high average, for 21 games or more, is 10 pins or higher than last season's high book average, he/she will use current average as of December 31, 2019.
  - Late members of the association who were not members of the association last season will have until December 31, 2019 to reach 21 games. All other bowlers will use a 160 average for men and a 120 average for women.
8. Doubles and Singles will be in one division with doubles bowled first.
9. Bowlers must enter both doubles and singles. You may enter doubles more than once, but can only cash once with the same partner. You may cash as often as you change partners. USBC rule 317.
10. No entries scheduled without payment in full. Tournament director reserves the right to assign different times other than what is on the entry form.
11. No refunds after closing date except in extreme emergencies. Knights of Columbus Board of Directors & Host Council will make the final decision.
12. Tournament prize winnings need not be reported.
13. All bowlers should be aware and familiar with USBC rule No. 319E. For example: rerating average (rule 7-a above.)
14. All bowlers should be aware and familiar with USBC rule No. 319A-1,2,3. Failure to use proper average or make correction prior to completion of the first game of series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average of base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.
15. All Events you may enter only once.

Event	Prize Fee	Bowling	Expense	Total
Team	\$29.25	\$45.00	\$10.75	\$85.00
Doubles	\$11.70	\$18.00	\$ 4.30	\$34.00
Singles	\$ 5.75	\$ 9.00	\$ 2.25	\$17.00
All Events (Handicap) Optional				\$ 3.00

### West Point Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30 pm @ St. Boniface, Monterey on 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of month

4:30 pm @ St Anthony, St Charles on 2nd and 4th Saturday of month

6:00 pm @ St Mary, West Point

#### Sunday Masses

7:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am (Spanish) @ St Mary, West Point

8:30 am @ St. Aloysius, Aloys

[www.wpstmary.com/mass-schedule](http://www.wpstmary.com/mass-schedule)

## Congratulations to All Soccer Challenge Winners

### Councils Need to Plan their Free Throw Challenge Now

Peter Peil, State Youth Director | 402.910.6442 cell | ppeil8904@gmail.com  
PO Box 251, Osceola, NE 68651

The State Soccer Challenge was held October 26 at the Schuyler Field House. Thank you to all who participated and helped. Also thanks to Schuyler Schools and Council 2716 for their assistance.  
**October 24, 2020 will be next year's challenge in Schuyler.**

## *Congratulations!*

### 2019 Soccer Challenge Winners

#### GIRLS

##### 9 YEAR OLD

- |    |                |           |       |
|----|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Mary Ginn      | Papillion | 6429  |
| 2. | Sophia Carlson | Columbus  | 12086 |

##### 10 YEAR OLD

- |    |               |           |       |
|----|---------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Kylie Mazur   | Papillion | 6429  |
| 2. | Kaelyn Curran | Lincoln   | 11001 |

##### 11 YEAR OLD

- |    |                  |       |       |
|----|------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | Madeline Eichele | Omaha | 10795 |
|----|------------------|-------|-------|

##### 12 YEAR OLD

- |    |               |         |       |
|----|---------------|---------|-------|
| 1. | Lexi Wier     | Elkhorn | 10795 |
| 2. | Layla Cushing | Omaha   | 7740  |

##### 13 YEAR OLD

- |    |                |          |      |
|----|----------------|----------|------|
| 1. | Amy Cushing    | Omaha    | 7740 |
| 2. | Alissa Pacheco | Columbus | 938  |

##### 14 YEAR OLD

No Competitors

#### BOYS

##### 9 YEAR OLD

- |    |                  |          |       |
|----|------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. | Bennett Raddish  | LaVista  | 7740  |
| 2. | Francisco Gorden | Columbus | 12086 |

##### 10 YEAR OLD

- |    |                 |          |      |
|----|-----------------|----------|------|
| 1. | Rory McGarry    | Omaha    | 7740 |
| 2. | Andell Woodruff | Columbus | 9264 |

##### 11 YEAR OLD

- |    |             |          |      |
|----|-------------|----------|------|
| 1. | Jairo Lopez | Schuyler | 7762 |
|----|-------------|----------|------|

##### 12 YEAR OLD

- |    |              |          |       |
|----|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1. | Riley Lopez  | Columbus | 938   |
| 2. | Brody Curran | Lincoln  | 11001 |

##### 13 YEAR OLD

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|----|---------------|----------|------|
| 1. | Aldrych Munoz | Columbus | 9264 |
|----|---------------|----------|------|

##### 14 YEAR OLD

- |    |                |          |       |
|----|----------------|----------|-------|
| 1. | Patrick McFall | Papillon | 11879 |
|----|----------------|----------|-------|

## Upcoming Youth Events

### 2020 Free Throw Contests

Now is the time to start planning for free throw contests at the council level in January; district in February; regional in March; and State **Saturday, April 4, 2020** at Grand Island Central Catholic High School.

Registration starts at 10:00 AM CST and shooting at 11:00 AM. Councils can order kits from Supreme through "Supplies Online".

### 2020 Poster Contests

"Substance Abuse" and "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contests are in January with **council** winning posters due to District Deputies by **February 1, 2020** for judging. **District** winning posters need to be sent to **Peter Peil** by **March 1, 2020 at PO Box 251, Osceola, NE 68651**.

More information is available in the State Program Book, Faith in Action Book, and on Supreme's website.

## *Congratulations!* 2019 Pro-Life Essay Contest Winners

2019 Essay winners were honored at the Pro-Life Conference held in Lincoln in September. Each winner and each sponsoring school received \$150 from the Culture of Life Foundation.

11th grade: Kolton Koubsky (Archdiocese of Omaha) Mount Michael Benedictine School, Elkhorn

10th grade: Brad Bennett (Archdiocese of Omaha) Mount Michael Benedictine School, Elkhorn

9th grade: Tess Timmerman (Diocese of Lincoln) St. Pius X High School, Lincoln

8th grade: Maddie Wiswell (Archdiocese of Omaha) St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School, Omaha

7th grade: Gianna Frasher (Archdiocese of Omaha) Aquinas Catholic Middle High School, David City



## One Rose, One Life Campaign Nebraska's Pro-Life Fundraiser

Brian and Mary Jo Hamik, Culture of Life Directors

824 Volkman Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701

402.379.1665 home | 402.841.2605 cell | ne.kofc.life@gmail.com

### Annual One Rose, One Life Campaign to begin January 2020

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life campaign is the Culture of Life Foundations (COL) primary source of income for providing funds to pro-life organizations and supporting pro-life activities throughout Nebraska. This is a prayer and action program.

Prayer is the greatest action we can take in combating the culture of death mentality in our world. Only through prayer and our personal witness to Christ's love will we be able to change the hearts and minds of the many people who support abortion on demand. Those who have had an abortion or are abortion vulnerable need our love and compassion. Please include these women, men and children in your daily prayers.

Every donation received through this program is graciously accepted. Funds are distributed to either a worthy organization or to fund the purchase of an ultrasound at a worthy facility. To date these funds have helped to purchase 10 ultrasound machines in Nebraska.

One Rose, One Life Prayer cards were handed out to the District Deputies at the Mid-Winter meeting in early December. If you haven't received your order, please contact your DD. If your District doesn't have a DD, then contact us about delivery of cards or if you have any questions about this program.

### How to make a difference:

- Appoint a chairman. This usually is your council's Culture of Life/Pro-Life Chairman.
- Choose a weekend close to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion January 22, 1973.

- Contact your pastor and/or parish administrator to approve the chosen weekend. IMPORTANT: If this weekend conflicts with other church or council activities at your parish, choose another weekend which will provide the most exposure. Ask for support of the drive from the pulpit by praying the prayer either before, during, or after Mass.
- Sample bulletin and pulpit announcements are available on our web pages.
- Have an ample number of Knights at each Mass to pass out prayer cards. Donations can be collected as a second collection or before or after each Mass (ask your pastor first).
- All funds collected MUST be sent to the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, as this is a state-sponsored program.
- Funds received BEFORE March 1st will be eligible for council division awards. First and second place awards are presented at the State Convention to the top two councils, in each division, that collect and turn in the highest dollar amount.
- Checks written (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH) from council funds or private persons should be sent to the COL Directors and made out to K of C Culture of Life Foundation.

**The One Rose, One Life campaign is NOT to be used as a local council pro-life fundraising activity. The Buck-A-Month program is designed for local efforts. See our website for details on the Buck-A-Month program.**

### Upcoming Dates

January 2020 – Hold annual One Rose, One Life Campaign

January 2020 – Solicit art entries for the 2021 One Rose, One Life Contest

January 2020 – Pray for pilgrims attending the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

January to April 2020 – Hold a Buck-A-Month Drive to establish funds for local pro-life efforts.

January to March 2020 - Solicit essay entries for the 2020 Essay Contest. Theme to be announced at a later date.



# No Matter the Weather, this Omaha Council Is Ready and Willing

*Submitted by Grand Knight Jim Spurgin, St. Stephen the Martyr Council 10160, Omaha*

## Coats for Kids

For a number of years, St. Stephen the Martyr Council 10160, Omaha has purchased coats that have been delivered to our sister parish (Our Lady of Guadalupe) in south Omaha for distribution to those in need. This year the council purchased four cases of coats and a Brother Knight purchased another case, so we were able to deliver five cases of coats just as the weather was turning cold.

## Adopt-A-Family

At the monthly meetings of St. Stephen the Martyr Council 10160 in October and November of this year, a collection was taken up from membership. This year the Council matched the amount collected from membership and send a check for a little more than \$2,500 to Catholic Charities of Omaha for their Adopt-A-Family Program.

## King Lake Flood Relief

For the last several years about a dozen Knights and other parish members have been helping Habitat for Humanity of

Sarpy County build two homes. After the second home was completed earlier this fall we learned that the community of King Lake (see photo insert), which had been devastated by the historic flooding last March, was still in need of help getting homes back into a living condition.



# St. Gerald Parishioners Generously Respond

*Submitted by Coats for Kids Chairman Pat Garnatz, Fr. William A. Foster Council 9518, Ralston*

Ralston's St. Gerald Parish stepped forward in a big way to support the Fr. Foster Knights of Columbus Council 9518 Coats for Kids fundraiser. More than \$13,000 was raised which led to the purchase of 552 Coats for Kids. Additionally, the parish women's knitting and sewing groups contributed approximately 300 handmade stocking caps for distribution. This is the second year the council has run the fundraiser and it certainly appears that the parish has bought into the success of this program.

The Council distributed more than 400 coats within Ralston schools area, (6 elementary, 1 middle and 1 high school), 40 coats at St. Gerald Grade School, 30 coats in the local African refugee community who celebrate Mass at St. Gerald, and an additional 60 coats to an Omaha public elementary school.

The Knights rely on all the school administrators to discreetly distribute the coats to those who would otherwise go without.

The following is a testimonial received from Ralston teachers (Ms. H and Ms. Y) regarding the distribution of Coats for Kids in the Ralston area:

"As teachers, we see students not prepared for the cold weather. Many of our students walk to school in just a hoodie. Our parents want to provide, but it's a tough choice to make when you live in poverty. When our kids were called down to receive their free winter coats, it was like Christmas morning. We appreciate your help more than you know!"

This fundraiser was an incredible success and the Knights look forward to continuing this effort next year.

*Pictured: Pat Garnatz, Council 9518 (left) receives a financial contribution for Coats for Kids from Kevin Ryland, Manager of Baxter Toyota LaVista (center), along with fellow Knight Bob Steinke, Council 9518 (right), a salesman at Toyota who lined up the donation. Council 9518 purchased 300 coats last year and 450 this year.*



## Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation REQUEST FOR FUNDS

**Also online at [nebraskakofc.org](http://nebraskakofc.org) under Foundation tab**

In December, 2001, the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation was created. Since that time, the Foundation has attracted donations from Knights of Columbus members throughout Nebraska. These donations are endowed and become a source of grants for charitable projects, programs and other good works funded by the Knights of Columbus throughout Nebraska

### Submit request to

Dan Wells at Daniel [wells5@gmail.com](mailto:wells5@gmail.com) or Don Ferneding [don.ferneding@gmail.com](mailto:don.ferneding@gmail.com)

Phone numbers: Dan Wells:402-880-2586 DonFerneding: 402-943-6320

US Postal address: PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022

Please complete the following information as completely as possible.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization Information

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this organization recognized as a nonprofit or charity by the IRS? Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID if Yes

Has your organization received funds from the Foundation in the past Y or N? \_\_\_\_\_

### Council information (must be completed)

Council Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Council Number

Grand Knight's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Knight's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Funding Information

**Amount Requested:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Provide a detailed description of how these funds will be used: Include all other funds received, their dollar amounts and how the local council(s) have contributed to this project. Attach additional pages if needed.

### To be completed by the Foundation

Voting: For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### Status

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Pending/Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date Date

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation

## TYPES OF GIFTS



Daniel Wells



Don Ferneding, PSD  
Foundation Advisors

### Cash Gifts

To make a cash gift, mail a check payable to Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022, or visit [www.catholicgift.org](http://www.catholicgift.org) to make a gift online. On the Southern Nebraska home page, hit the DONATE button, follow the prompts to the drop-down menu where you'll find the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, and then make either a one-time gift or a recurring gift via electronic funds transfer (EFT), or your credit card.

### Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds

To make a gift of stock or mutual funds, contact **The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska at 402-488-2142**, or send an email request to [chris-raun@catholicgift.org](mailto:chris-raun@catholicgift.org). He will provide you with the instructions you need to transfer stock or shares of mutual funds directly to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation.

### Gifts of Grain

If you own grain that you would like to donate to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, call Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen at The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska and they will provide you with simple instructions for a grain donation. If your local elevator or co-op doesn't already have a Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska account, call **Chris Raun at 402-488-2124** and one will be immediately opened to receive your gift (transfer) of grain. The Foundation's account will receive the donation, the grain will be immediately sold, and a check will be sent directly to The Catholic Foundation for deposit into the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation. There will be no fees charged by The Catholic Foundation to diminish your gift.

### Memorials

People often struggle to decide where memorial money should be directed at their deaths. For an active and committed member of the Knights of Columbus, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is a natural choice for a memorial gift or planned estate gift. A memorial gift to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation will be a gift of principal which, when endowed, will continue to generate ongoing gifts to charity every year into perpetuity. It is a one-time gift that becomes an ongoing legacy gift.

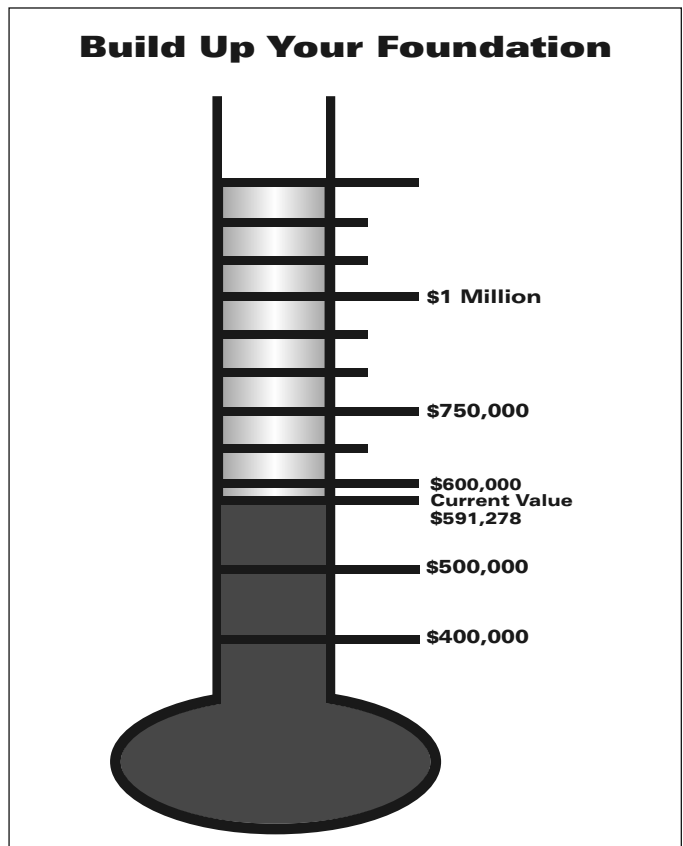
### Gift Acknowledgement

In all cases, once your gift is received, you will receive a gift acknowledgement letter. With the exception of grain donations, you can use the acknowledgement letter to claim a charitable deduction from your income tax. In the case of a grain donation, the acknowledgement letter will confirm and thank you for your gift. Once sold, the value of the grain sold will constitute your gift, and you will not have to pay income tax on the value of the grain donated.

### Questions?

For further information on any and all types of gifts that can be made to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation call **Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen at 402-488-2124** or email Chris at [chris-raun@catholicgift.org](mailto:chris-raun@catholicgift.org).

***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**



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*“And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father’s only Son,  
full of grace and truth.”  
John 1:14*

From the Nebraska Knights of Columbus  
State Officers, District Deputies,  
Directors and Chairmen,  
Insurance Agents and all of our Families  
to all our Brother Knights and their Families:  
This Christmas Season and into the New Year,  
may Our Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
bless you all with peace and joy.

Sandro Botticelli 1445-1510, Mystic Nativity  
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