



Nebraska Knights of Columbus

Evangelize Our Family & Community

Leadership Training

Saturday July 11, 2026





Welcoming Remarks

- State Deputy – Mike Schaeffer
- State Chaplain – Fr. Bill Cremers





Evangelization & Faith Formation

Richard Lowery, PDS, FDM





Evangelization and Faith Formation COR

Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work is a compelling new video series that explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world. The Dignity of Work is the third Into the Breach series by the Knights of Columbus and examines the nature of work.

Watch Video

Discuss question in Study Guide

Group Feedback/Q&A

Short Break

Holy Hour





Dignity of Work Videos

[Intro Video](#)

[God's Mission for Man Video 1](#)





Holy Hour

10:00am – 11:00am
Loper South





Supreme Guest

Tom Kato, PSD Arizona





State Financial Secretary Coordinator Mike Vaughn





Lunch & Fourth Degree Meeting

Ballroom 1

Lunch

(if not participating in Fourth Degree Meeting)

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Meetings & Convention Information





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Meeting Dates

- Leadership Training Seminar – July 10-12, 2026
 - Kearney, Nebraska – Holiday Inn
- Mid-Year Meeting – December 4-6, 2026
 - Kearney, Nebraska – Younes Conference Center South
- State Convention – April 23-25, 2027
 - Kearney, Nebraska – Younes Conference Center South
- Leadership Training Seminar – July 9-11, 2027
 - Kearney, Nebraska – Holiday Inn
- Hotel Reservations will end **ONE** month prior to event date





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Eventbrite

Knights of Columbus 2026 Leadership Training Seminar

July 10 · 4pm - July 12 · 12pm CDT

Promo Code

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300 Remaining

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Registration - I am unable to attend

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Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Council

Semi-Weekly Update for Councils and Assemblies

Volume 1 | Number 4 | May 9, 2026

Council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

Seminar is planned to get you started on the right foot. Programs, membership, Cor and other topics explained and demystified! Specific FS training for both new and seasoned Financial Secretaries. FSs: Bring your laptops and logins.

Ensure you download all three documents.

Council information Letter

Draft Agenda

Eventbrite Registration for Councils





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Programs

Kevin Ostdiek





Forms 101

Why Report?

- Be Proud of what you do. Love what you do!
- If you love what you do, you should want to share it!
- Reporting is sharing your council's great work with the State and Supreme

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. It is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.” Matthew 5:14-15





Forms 101 – State Forms

ICC (Inter-Council Competition) Forms Due Sept. 1st:

- ICC Council Activity Planner

ICC Forms Due Mar. 1st:

- ICC Family Major Activity
- ICC Faith Major Activity
- ICC Community Major Activity
- ICC Life Major Activity
- ICC Columbian Qualifier Application
- ICC Knight of the Year
- ICC Rookie Knight of the Year





Forms 101 – State Forms

ICC Forms Due Mar. 1st:

- ICC Family of the Year
- ICC Chaplain of the Year
- ICC Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service
- ICC Ongoing Projects
- ICC Special Projects
- ICC Support of Catholic Education
- ICC Support of Vocations
- ICC Publicity
 - *Publicity is downloadable, but must be submitted by email or mail*





Forms 101 – State Forms

Other State Forms:

- Buck-A-Month Donation Form – due July 1st
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due Jan. 31st

As Needed State Forms:

- Intellectual Disabilities Request for Funds Form
- Culture of Life Request for Funds Form
- Prayer Chain Request





Forms 101 – State Forms

Let's see where to find these forms and how to fill them out.

www.nebraskakofc.org





Forms 101 – Supreme Forms

Required Forms:

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term
 - Due Jun. 30th, 2026
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report
 - Due Jun. 30th, 2026
- #1295 – Annual Audit
 - Due Aug. 15th, 2026
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
 - Due Jan. 31st, 2027
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application
 - Due Jun. 30th, 2027





Forms 101 – Supreme Forms

Other “As Needed” Forms:

- #11077 – Member / Agent Meeting Report
- #2863 – RSVP Refund Application
- #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application
- Online Form – ASAP Grant Application
- #10784 – Fraternal Program Report Form
 - Family of the Month
 - Special Olympics – due Jan. 31st
 - Faith / Family / Community / Life Activities
 - Faith in Action Programs
 - *Submit once and attach the copy to ICC*





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Membership – Fast Start & Church Drives

Rob Ostdiek





Nebraska Membership Goal

EARLY IS EASY

1036 New Members 2026 – 2027

Invite to Faith Programs

Invite for Fraternal Benefits in collaboration with Field Agents

Invite to Service Programs

Invite for Fraternity opportunities





Membership Team

Rob Ostdiek – State Membership Director & State e-Membership Chairman

Home Council 1723, Beatrice

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinators

David Diaz

Home Council 15407, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lincoln

Ignacio (Iggy) Cervantes

Home Council 10815, Our Lady of Gaudalupe, Omaha





Membership Team

Region 1 (Southeast)- **John Franssen, Assistant Membership Director**

Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 33, 37, 40

Region 2 (North Central) - **Greg Jochum**

Districts: 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 36

Region 3 (Northeast) – **Ken Prokop**

Districts: 14, 15, 16, 17, 26, 41

Region 4 (South Central) – **Mitch O'Neill**

Districts: 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 38, 39





Membership Team

Region 5 (Southwest)- **Kent Lorens**

Districts: 28, 29, 30

Region 6 (Northwest) – **Justin Hartman**

Districts: 27, 31, 42

Region 7 (Northern Omaha & Surrounding Area) – **Michael Howick**

Districts: 2, 3, 6, 13, 34

Region 8 (Southern Omaha & Surrounding Area) – **Bob Hasiak**

Districts: 1, 4, 5, 32, 35





State Church Drive Calendar

EARLY IS EASY

Check Out Our New Church Drive Recruitment Calendar!

See and download the new Church Drive Calendar right to your Google Calendar.

You can also add your Council's Church Drive to the calendar by filling out the form below the calendar.

[Church Drive Calendar](#)

- Effort / Commitment
- Accountability
- State Awareness / Assistance





New Church Drive

Membership Outreach Steps

The How to Guide for **councils** to successfully implement a membership drive with the **new** membership enrollment card!

STEP 1. The Grand Knight should contact the parish priest and get his permission to have a membership drive.

- ✓ Explain the benefits of membership for the parish and the members.
- ✓ If the parish priest is concerned or does not want to have a membership drive, you may want to reach out to your State Chaplain for assistance.
- ✓ For your membership drive, the Grand Knight, Field Agent or a dynamic council member will need to make a brief announcement at the end of Mass using one of the Pulpit Announcements available from our Fraternal Membership team. You should review the Pulpit Announcement with Father so that he knows what you will say.

STEP 2. Connect with your local field agent to see if he would be interested in assisting.

STEP 3. Schedule time during a council meeting to discuss the membership drive.

- ✓ Get adequate volunteers from the council.
- ✓ You will need volunteers ready to stand at each of the exits from the Church at the conclusion of all Masses to hand out materials and answer questions.
- ✓ Select a date for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with the parish priest and invite the field agent (if he is attending the membership drive). You may want to allow one to two months between the announcements at Masses and the Ceremony to maximize the number of new members and their families who can attend the Ceremony in person.

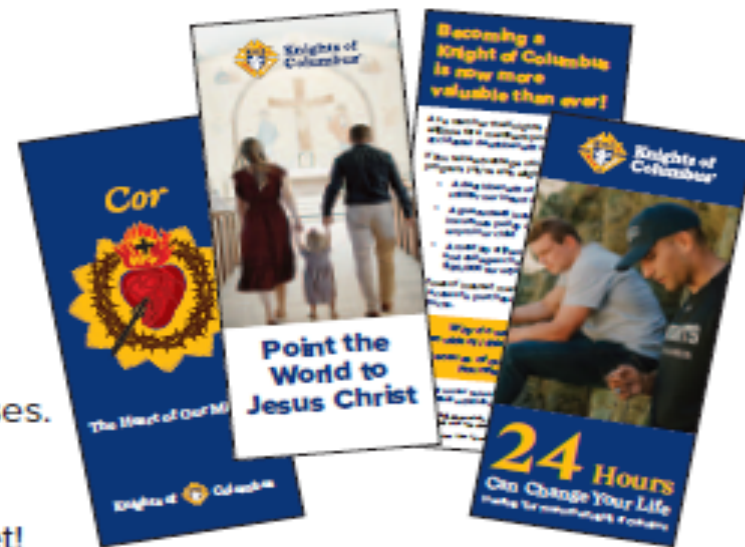




New Church Drive

STEP 4. Order and prepare membership materials.

- ✓ Possible Brochures:
 - i. 11586 – Point the World to Jesus Christ
 - ii. 11730 – Fraternal Benefits Card
 - iii. 10099 – 24 Hours to Be a Knight
 - iv. 11541 – Cor brochure
- ✓ Sufficient Membership Enrollment Cards (Item #11881).
- ✓ Knights of Columbus pens (non-branded is also fine).
- ✓ Prepare the membership materials for distribution before Masses.
 - i. Paperclip them together.
 - ii. Attach them together with a pen.
 - iii. Include the Membership Enrollment Card in every packet!



STEP 5. Prepare your volunteers for the Membership Drive.

- ✓ Meet with council members before the Masses to ensure your volunteers are prepared to share:
 - i. The benefits of membership for him, his family, and the Church.
 - ii. Why they are members themselves.
 - iii. Why protecting Catholic families financially was part of Father McGivney's original mission and how it continues to support our charity and our Church today.
 - iv. If you need examples or talking points, consult the Fishers of Men Guidebook (FOM-GUIDE).
- ✓ Volunteers should stand outside of the doors before Mass to hand out materials to avoid distracting anyone preparing for Mass.
- ✓ Make sure all volunteers have sufficient membership materials, pens, and cards to hand out to men as they walk into Mass. If anyone has questions, volunteers should respond that the materials are from the Knights of Columbus and there will be an announcement at the end of Mass, they will be there for questions afterward. (This will avoid delays from discussions before Mass.)





New Church Drive

STEP 6. Deliver Pulpit Announcements at all Masses.

STEP 7. Ensure your volunteers answer questions and collect the membership cards after Mass.

- ✓ Check inside the pews after each Mass to see if any packets were left behind.
- ✓ Make sure your team does not leave any membership materials or Membership Enrollment Cards except in locations approved by Father, such as an entrance table.
- ✓ Please retain the completed Membership Enrollment Cards and protect them because they contain personal information of the prospective members.

STEP 8. Thank Father and your volunteers for their support with the membership drive.

STEP 9. Enter the information from the cards completed and signed by prospective members into the membership portal at www.kofc.org/joinus using either your Agents Promo Code or another code to ensure that the first year of e-membership is free.

- ✓ Every candidate must respond to the registration email within 72 hours to confirm that he is a baptized and practicing Catholic man over the age of 18, and that he agrees to the Knights of Columbus bylaws, the constitutional role and our other policies. **Only the new member is allowed to complete this step.**





Pulpit Announcement – Script Options



**Knights of
Columbus®**

COUNCIL MEMBER:

Member: Good [EVENING/MORNING/AFTERNOON]. My name is [NAME] and I am a Knight of Columbus and member of [COUNCIL NAME] here at [PARISH NAME].

My brother Knights and I, have come today to invite the men of this wonderful parish to become Knights of Columbus.

Being a member of Knights of Columbus has helped me, and my family grow in faith through our participation in [INSERT EXAMPLE]. As a husband and father, I am called to protect my family. Through the support and fraternity of my brother Knights, I can fulfill this call in a deep and meaningful way. I know some of you may be thinking you don't have the time to attend everything, and that's okay. I don't make every event or program our council does.

The important thing is that by being a Knight, I have promised to become the best Catholic man I can be. I attend what I can and support what I can, but at all times, I'm committed to being a Knight and growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

Knights of Columbus provides us the tools and resources we need to be better men, husbands, fathers and Catholics, and to be leaders in our homes, parish and community.

All men over 18 years old, please stand up. *(Give them a few seconds to get up)*

Can you imagine the positive effect all of these men working together in brotherhood could have?

Men, if you are 18 years or older, I invite you to join me, my family and the Knights of Columbus as we work to point the world to Jesus Christ.

At the entrance you were given some brochures. Inside those brochures is a membership enrollment card. If you wish to join, simply fill it out with your information and hand it back to a brother Knight as you are exiting the church.

We will be at the back of church following Mass to help you sign up and answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks to Father [INSERT NAME OF PRIEST] for giving us this time to invite the men of this parish to become Knights of Columbus.

God bless. And as we say in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

OPTION 1: COUNCIL MEMBER AND HIS WIFE:

Member: Good [EVENING/MORNING/AFTERNOON]. My name is [NAME] and this is my wife, [WIFE'S NAME]. I am a Knight of Columbus and member of [COUNCIL NAME] here at [PARISH NAME].

Being a member of Knights of Columbus has helped me and my family grow in faith through our participation in [INSERT EXAMPLE]. As a husband and father, I am called to protect my family. Through the support and fraternity of my brother Knights, I can fulfill this call in a deep and meaningful way.

Wife: As [HUSBAND'S NAME] said, my name is [NAME], and I'd like to quickly share how my husband's membership in Knights of Columbus has impacted our whole family. Together, we [INSERT EXAMPLE e.g. PRAY TOGETHER, ATTEND COUNCIL EVENTS TOGETHER, SERVE TOGETHER]. Our children get to see [HUSBAND'S NAME] practice his faith and lead our family in a Christ-centered way. I am grateful for his example and the opportunities we get to spend time as a family, while also being surrounded by other like-minded families.

Member: Knights of Columbus provides us the tools and resources we need to be better men, husbands, fathers and Catholics and be leaders in our homes, parish and community. Men, if you are eighteen years or older, I invite you to join me, my family, and my brother Knights as we work to point the world to Jesus Christ. [WIFE'S NAME] and I will be at the back of church following Mass to help you sign up and to answer any questions you have.

Thank you and God Bless!

OPTION 2: COUNCIL MEMBER AND HIS WIFE:

Member: Good [EVENING/MORNING/AFTERNOON]. My name is [NAME] and this is my wife, [WIFE'S NAME]. I am a Knight of Columbus and member of [COUNCIL NAME] here at [PARISH NAME].

Today, we want to briefly share how my membership in the Knights has made an impact on our whole family. Being a member of Knights of Columbus has helped me to grow — the resources and support has changed the way I pray and live out my faith. And these changes have brought fruit not just to my spiritual life, but to the spiritual lives of my wife and children.

Wife: As [HUSBAND'S NAME] said, my name is [NAME]. [HUSBAND'S NAME] membership in Knights of Columbus has brought more prayer, friendship and support into our family life. Together, we [INSERT EXAMPLE e.g. PRAY TOGETHER, ATTEND COUNCIL EVENTS TOGETHER, SERVE TOGETHER]. I am so grateful that our children get to see their father praying and serving the Church. And through the Knights, we have built friendships with other families who share our faith and our values.

Member: The men of our council here at [PARISH NAME] are there for each other and for the Church. It means a lot to know you have that kind of support — especially at this time in our family life. Men, if you are eighteen years or older, I invite you to consider joining us. [WIFE'S NAME] and I will be at the back of church following Mass to help you sign up and to answer any questions you have.





New Church Drive

STEP 10. Follow up with everyone who completed a Membership Enrollment Form.

- ✓ Use the Membership Enrollment Cards to create a list or spreadsheet to track
 - i. Whether the required email was sent back and the new member appears on your membership lists;
 - ii. That you have followed up with anyone who gave you a Membership Enrollment Card but may not have responded to the required email; and
 - iii. That everyone's contact information is currently entered into the system.
- ✓ Either you or a brother Knight should call any potential members who did not respond to the required email and encourage them to complete their membership and offer to answer any questions or help them with any technical issues they may be having. For candidates who selected a preferred language that you do not speak, please do your best to find a volunteer who can reach out to them in their language to complete the process.
- ✓ For all of your new members, reach out to them by text, phone or email over the next few weeks and welcome them to the Order, reminding them of the time and location of the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
- ✓ Review all of the contact information with each new member to ensure it is correct.

STEP 11. Encourage your local agent to attend the Exemplification. Work together with your agent and council members to plan something special to welcome your new members: a personal note, rosary pouches, snacks or desserts to share with those at the Ceremony, etc.

STEP 12. After the Exemplification, ensure that the paperwork to transfer the member into the council is completed. If the man joined online, this can be done through the Candidate Tab in Officers Online by the council's grand knight/financial secretary.





Growth Drive Resources

- Order 'Membership Enrollment Form' (11881)
- Order Membership Materials (Suggested Brochures):
 - 11586 – Point the World to Jesus Christ
 - 11730 – Fraternal Benefits Card
 - 10099 – 24 Hours to Be a Knight
 - 11541 – Cor brochure
- Download 'Membership Outreach Steps' document (11872E)
- Download 'Membership Pulpit Announcement' (PULPIT-CV1)





Order Form - 11881



Membership Enrollment Form

☐ **Yes!** I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City, State: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

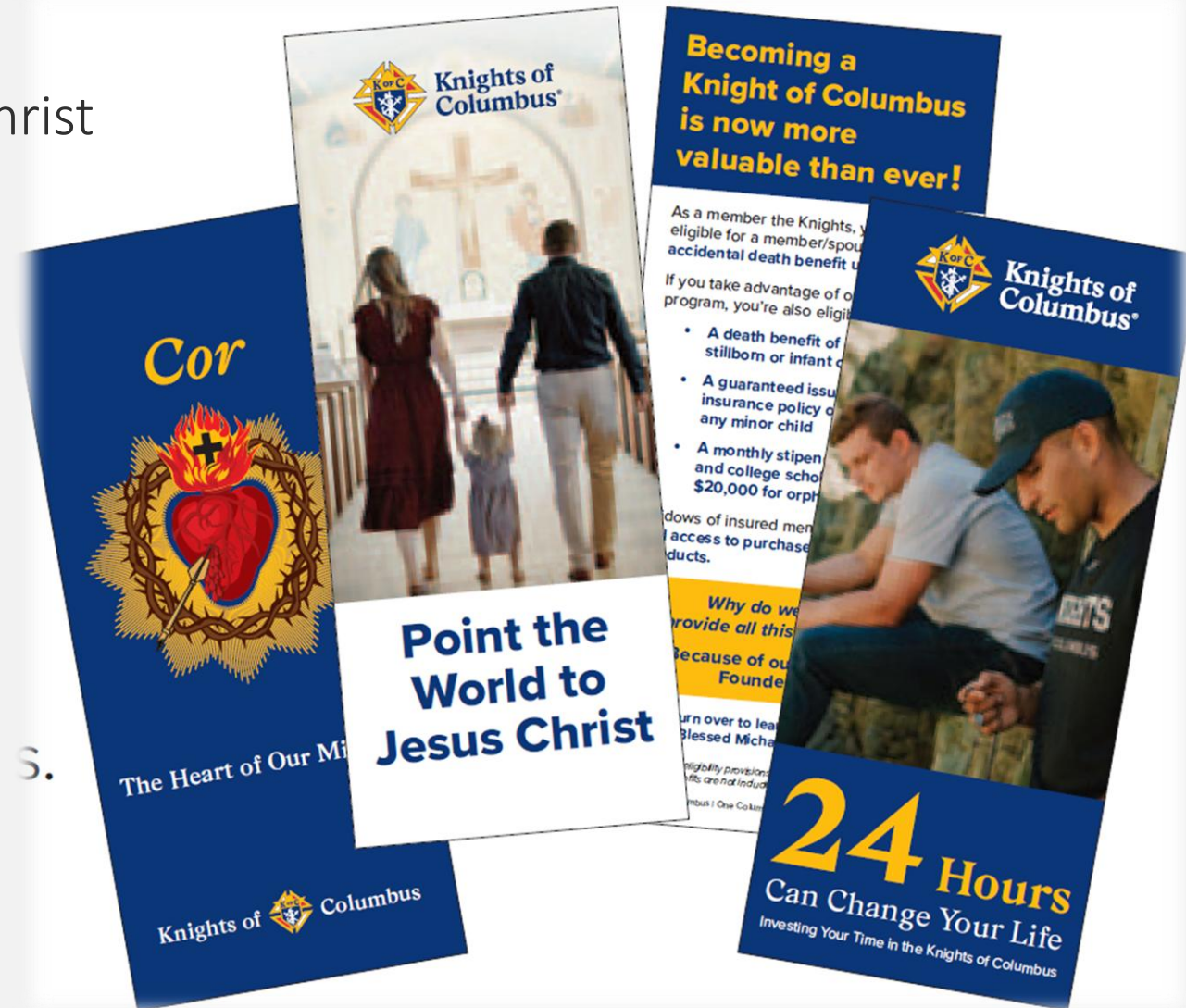
To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.





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- 11730 – Fraternal Benefits Card
- 10099 – 24 Hours to Be a Knight
- 11541 – Cor brochure





Fishers of Men

Nebraska District Council

Supporting Applications

Officers Desk Reference Office Of Youth Protection Home Corporations Knights Gear Supplies Online

Membership Reports Forms Publications Prospect

Awards Progress								
		Month to Date			Year to Date			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR		15	0	15	51	0	51	
INS		8	6	2	22	19	3	

Jurisdiction Membership	
Total Membership 8/13/2025	YTD Change in Membership
26827	14



Recruiting Beyond the Man (Reclutamiento Más Allá del Hombre)



Fishers of Men Guidebook
\$0.00



Fishers of Men Guidebook - Spanish
\$0.00



Point the World to Jesus Christ - Trifold



Point the World to Jesus Christ - Spanish Trifold



Join Online Card - Fraternal



Join Online Card - Fraternal Spanish



Fraternal Benefits Card_Generic



Fraternal Benefits Card Generic Spanish



On Mission Card and Envelope



On Mission Invitation Card - Spanish



State Council Join Online Card



State Council Join Online Card - Spanish



24 Hours Can Change Your Life - English



24 Hora le Puede Cambiar la Vida - Español



EF&F – Cor Resources

Nebraska District Council

Supporting Applications

- Officers Desk Reference
- Office Of Youth Protection
- Home Corporations
- Knights Gear
- Supplies Online

Membership Reports Forms Publications Prospect

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- Cor Startup Guide
EA/1
Min: 0, Max: 200
- Cor Reference Guide
EA/1
Min: 0, Max: 200
- Starting Cor in Three Steps Brochure
PKG/50
Min: 0, Max: 10
- Why Cor? Brochure
PKG/50
Min: 0, Max: 10





Programs

Kevin Ostdiek





Inter-Council Competition (ICC)



Reigning Champions

Council #8010 – Msgr. Hubert Campo, Aurora / Giltner

Grand Knight: Andrew Ostdiek





ICC Reporting



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On the State Website, click on "Programs" and then "ICC" to get to the ICC Program Page

Nebraska Knights of





ICC Program Goals

ICC stands for “**Inter-Council Competition**”. It is Nebraska’s program for reporting council activities & rewarding excellence.

It is designed to:

- Reward every council in Nebraska for the great work that they do in their parishes & communities
- Recognize the councils that are excelling in all phases of council activities: Programs, Growth & reporting
- The ICC Champion is determined by a vote of the delegates at the Nebraska State Convention: April 23rd – 25th, 2027





ICC Requirement Changes for 2026

Supreme moved to 1 Audit, so we removed the 2nd Audit requirement and replaced it with **Safe Environment Training:**

- Gold – SET Compliant by December 31st, 2026
- Silver – SET Compliant by March 1st, 2027
- Bronze – SET Compliant by April 1st, 2027

Updated the ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Required for Gold, Silver & Bronze*) to be closer to Supreme's new SP-7

- Removed 1 Program in each Section (12 are needed instead of 16)
- Required that the 1st Program in each Section be a 'Faith In Action' program





ICC Requirements

- Page 21 of the Program Book
- Downloadable from the State website: www.nebraskakofc.org
- Included in your packet
- Spells out Each Level of Achievement:
 - Forms must be submitted
 - Submission deadlines
 - Growth goal and possible adjustments



2026-2027 ICC AWARDS PROGRAM CHECKLIST						
There are 11 items required for ICC Bronze						
There are 16 items required for ICC Silver						
There are 18 items required for ICC Gold						
	Gold Requirements Receive by Date		Silver Requirements Receive by Date		Bronze Requirements Receive by Date	
Form 185 Report of Officers	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1	
Form 365 Service Personnel	JUN 30		MAR 1		MAR 1	
Form 1295 Annual Audit	AUG 15		MAR 1		MAR 1	
ICC Council Activity Planner	SEP 1					
State Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1	
Supreme Per Capita	SEP 1		SEP 1		MAR 1	
Safe Environment Compliance	DEC 31		MAR 1		APR 1	
Form 1728 Fraternal Activity Annual Survey	JAN 31		MAR 1		MAR 1	
State Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1	
Supreme Per Capita	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1	
ICC Columbian Qualifier Application	MAR 1		MAR 1		MAR 1	
ICC Knight of the Year Or ICC Rookie Knight of the Year	MAR 1		Turn in one of these applications by MAR 1			
ICC Family of the Year	MAR 1					
ICC Faith Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1			
ICC Family Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1			
ICC Community Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1			
ICC Life Award Application	MAR 1		MAR 1			
Membership (April 1)	75% of Quota*		50% of Quota*		25% of Quota*	

*Completion of two (2) of the Keystone Projects laid out in the State Program Book will result in a reduction of 10% of your ICC Membership Quota for the Year. Completion of all eight (8) Keystone Projects can reduce your ICC Membership Quota by a total of 40%. A minimum of +1 new member is required for Membership for ICC Awards.

This will not change your Membership Quota for Star Council.

2025-2026 Star Councils may use a "Wild Card" to take the place of one of the ICC Program Requirements.

The "Wild Card" cannot be used on

Membership, State Per Capita, Supreme Per Capita, or any of the Supreme Reports (forms listed in bold text).



ICC Requirements

Required Supreme Forms:

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report
- #1295 – Annual Audit
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Required State Forms:

- ICC Columbian Qualifier Application (*Gold, Silver & Bronze*)
- ICC Knight of the Year or Rookie Knight of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family of the Year (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Family / Faith / Community / Life Award Application (*Gold & Silver*)
- ICC Council Activity Planner (*Gold*)





ICC Reporting

- Halfway down there is a button to take you to the ICC reports
- There is also a list of the reports and their due dates at the bottom of the page



[Download or Complete ICC Forms Here](#)

Due: September 1

Council Activity Planner

Due: March 1

Faith Major Activity

Family Major Activity

Community Major Activity

Life Major Activity

Columbian Award

Family of the Year

Knight of the Year

Rookie Knight of the Year

Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service

On-Going Project

Special Project

Support of Catholic Education

Support of Vocations

Chaplain of the Year



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Inter-Council Competition (ICC) Forms

Note: Download the forms directly from this page. **Allowing them to open in your browser and then downloading them may cause the forms to not work.**

Due: September 1

Council Activity Planner

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[ICC](#)

[Faith](#)

[Family](#)





ICC Requirements— Wild Card

If your council was Star Council in 2025-26, you earned a 'Wild Card' which can fill in for a missed requirement

Wild Cards cannot replace the following:

- Membership requirement
- State & Supreme Per Capita payments
- Required Supreme reports:
 - *Form 185 – Report of Officers*
 - *Form 365 – Service Personnel*
 - *Form 1295 – Annual Audits*
 - *Form 1728 – Fraternal Activity Annual Survey*





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

Councils can conduct up to 8 "Keystone Projects" to reduce their ICC Membership Quota

- *This will not reduce your Membership Quota for Star Council.*

Keystone Projects are picked by State Directors.

Every 2 Keystone Projects, reduces ICC Mem. Quota by 10%

- *Completing all 8 Keystone Projects will reduce your ICC Membership Quota 40%.*
- *Example: A council completes 7 Keystone Projects would need:*
 - 45% of their Membership Quota for ICC Gold
 - 20% of their Membership Quota for ICC Silver
 - 1 new member for ICC Bronze (Minimum requirement is 1 new member)





ICC Requirements— Keystone Projects

Reporting Keystone Projects:

Most Keystone Projects must be reported using the ICC Reports:

- *Activity Award Submission Forms*
 - Good for reporting: Faith, Community, Life, Youth & Vocations

The Exceptions to this are:

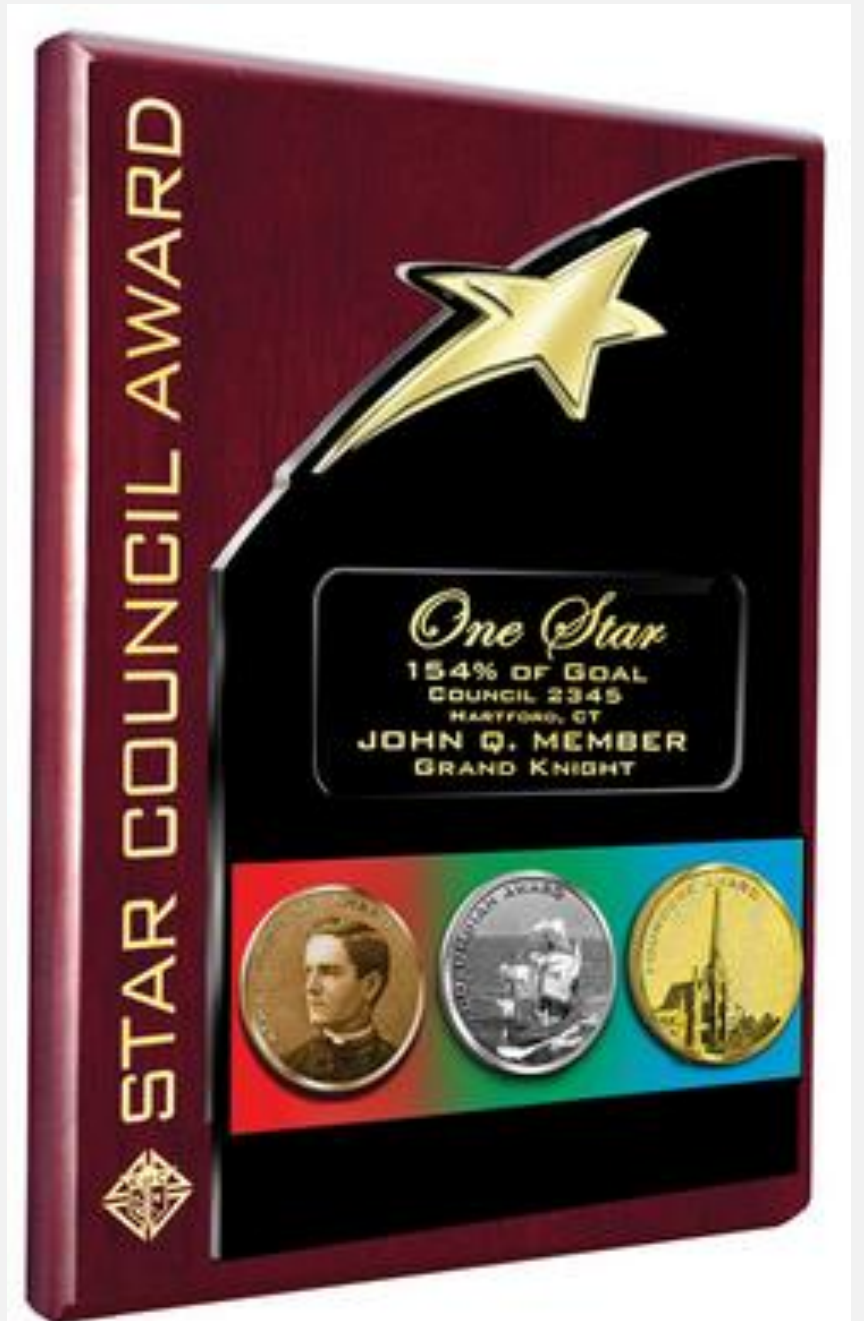
- *Family of the Month – Reported to Supreme on Form #10784*
- *Intellectual Disabilities – Reported on the ID Report Form (in your packet & downloadable from website). All donations must be included.*
- *Publicity / Social Media – Pulled from State's social media accounts and State website's 'Around the State' page*





Star Council Award

- Star Council Award is the culmination of all the work that a council does:
 - *Programs*
 - *Growth*
 - *Insurance Promotion*
 - *Reporting*
- Page 11 of the Growth Book





Star Council Award

To achieve the Star Council Award, a council must:

- Be in good standing with Supreme Council
 - Pay all assessments
- Be Compliant with Safe Environment Training & Background Checks
- Submit all required forms
- Earn the Father McGivney Award
- Earn the Founders Award
- Earn the Columbian Award





Star Council Award – Safe Environment

Councils must be compliant with Safe Environment Training and Background Checks

- Council positions requiring Safe Environment Training are:
 - *Grand Knight and Program Director.*
- Council positions requiring Safe Environment Training and Background Check are:
 - *Family Director and Community Director.*
- Members that are not compliant within 30 days of Safe Environment Training notification can be removed from position(s)
- If members are removed for not being compliant, another Form 365 must be submitted containing all positions within the council





Star Council Award

Required Forms:

- Submit *Report of Officers Chosen for the Term* (#185)
 - Due 30 June
- Submit *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365)
 - Due 30 June
- Submit *Annual Council Audit* (#1295)
 - Due 15 August
 - This is a new requirement
- Submit *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728)
 - Due 31 January





Star Council Award – McGivney Award

Given to councils that have achieved their Membership Quota for the Fraternal Year

No Changes this year:

- Council must achieve 6% intake growth (new members) of the Council's total roster
 - *Minimum of 5*
 - *Maximum of 15*
 - *Based on the Council roster on July 1st, 2026*





Star Council Award – Founders Award

Given to councils that have filled the requirement for Promotion of Insurance and Fraternal Benefits

The requirements have changed – Not based on FBEs:

- 10% of Associate (non-Insurance) Members must meet with the Council's Field Agent for a Financial Review
 - *Minimum of 5*
 - *Maximum of 15*
 - *Based on the number of Associate Members on the Council's roster on July 1st, 2026*
 - *Reported on Form #11077*





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Given to councils that report excellence in council programming and charitable outreach

Reported on the *Columbian Award Application* (Form SP-7), due June 30th - changed since last year:

- It is simpler, online form only, and eliminates subjectivity
- No longer need to list 4 programs in all 4 Categories:
 - *Community, Faith, Family & Life*
- Now based on only 3 requirements





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 1

Donate \$500 toward any of the following:

- ASAP (cash or item value)
- Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)
- Coats for Kids
- RSVP

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 2

Complete 4 “Faith in Action” programs:

- 1 Program in each Category:
 - *Faith, Family, Community, Life*

Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Conduct Cor monthly, starting no later than April

- *Include name and email of EFF Director on SP-7*

OR

Conduct 3 unique programs/activities within the year that:

- *Build fraternity*
- *Bring men closer to Christ*
- *Serve parish or community*





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Requirement 3

Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.





Star Council Award – Columbian Award

Goals of the New SP-7:

Improved processing of Forms at Supreme

- *Fewer applications denied*
- *Faster approvals*

Build better Mission alignment

- *More council donations*
- *More COR participants*
- *More fraternal events*

Create Happier councils that can invite more members





Reporting Success

What does successful reporting look like?

- Anticipate the Deadlines – don't wait for them
- Fill out the Activity Reports (#10784 & ICC) right after the activity is completed
- Know the requirements for the required reports
 - The SP-7's new requirements SHOULD cause a review of your activities
 - *You need to plan at least 5 'Faith In Action' programs, plus COR or 3 other programs*
 - *Identify these programs early to ensure that you have them scheduled and completed so that your SP-7 will be accepted by Supreme*





Reporting Success

Start planning your reporting now

- If you have your activities planned, plan the reporting, too
- Identify the project leaders and ensure they know how to complete the reports, or who to send this information to

Delegate!

- The Grand Knight and / or Financial Secretary do not have to do all of the paperwork!
- Activity reports (ICC and #10784) can be submitted by any council member
 - *Designate one or more members to handle the reporting*
 - *Use reporting as a way to mentor new Council Officers and Directors*
 - *Help more members understand reporting needs and Supreme / State websites*





Reporting Success – Month by Month

June '26 – If not already done, submit these reports now!

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report
- #10784 – Family of the Month (June is due 7-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success – Month by Month

July

- Plan your Council Schedule
 - New SP-7 requires 5 'Faith In Action' programs
 - *Also COR or 3 other programs*
- Plan your Council Audit & Schedule it – due Aug. 15
- #10784 – Family of the Month (July is due 8-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success – Month by Month

August

- #1295 – Annual Audit – due Aug. 15
- ICC Council Activity Planner – due Sep. 1
- #10784 – Family of the Month (August is due 9-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Reporting Success – Month by Month

September

- #10784 – Family of the Month (September is due 10-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Planning your Intellectual Disabilities Drive?
 - Find the Intellectual Disabilities Report Form





Reporting Success – Month by Month

October

- #10784 – Family of the Month (October is due 11-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

November

- #10784 – Family of the Month (November is due 12-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

December

- #10784 – Family of the Month (December is due 1-15-27)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31
- Schedule your meeting to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

January

- Select 'Of The Year' winners & begin info gathering:
 - Knight / Rookie Knight / Family / Chaplain
- Review your projects for other ICC Awards:
 - Leonard Feehan, Special / On-Going Projects, Support of Catholic Education and Vocations
- #10784 – Family of the Month (January is due 2-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- Intellectual Disabilities Report Form – due 1-31
- #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – due 1-31
- #10784 – Special Olympics – due 1-31





Reporting Success – Month by Month

February

- #10784 – Family of the Month (February is due 3-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC Reports – due 3-1
 - ICC Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
 - ICC Knight of the Year & Rookie Knight of the Year
 - ICC Family of the Year & Chaplain of the Year
 - ICC Leonard Feehan Memorial Community Service
 - ICC Special & On-going Projects
 - ICC Support of Catholic Education & Support of Vocations
 - ICC Publicity





Reporting Success – Month by Month

March

- #10784 – Family of the Month (March is due 4-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
 - Submit early to avoid problems, and resubmit if rejected
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

April

- #10784 – Family of the Month (April is due 5-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

May

- Hold Election & Submit #185 – Officers Chosen – due 6-30
 - Identify Directors & Chairmen for #365 – Service Program Personnel
- #10784 – Family of the Month (May is due 6-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- Review Supreme Refunds that the Council needs to apply for:
 - #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
 - #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
 - Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30





Reporting Success – Month by Month

June

- #185 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term – due 6-30
- #365 – Service Program Personnel Report – due 6-30
- #SP-7 – Columbian Award Application – due 6-30
- #2863 – RSVP Refund Application – due 6-30
- #10057 – Food For Families Refund Application – due 6-30
- Online Form – ASAP Grant Application – due 6-30
- #10784 – Family of the Month (June is due 7-15)
- #10784 – Faith / Family / Community / Life activities
- ICC – Major Faith / Family / Community / Life Activity reports





Membership

Rob Ostdiek





Thank You's (Incentives)

Early Is Easy

Growth Based - Nebraska

- Councils that hold a **Church Drive** and **CUF** in Q-1 will be entered into a random drawing for **\$300** (the Church Drive & CUF dates **must be added** to the Church Drive calendar on the State website) - remember to invite your GA/Field Agent to the CUF
 - Scoreboard: State Website calendar
- Councils that had **Zero Growth** last fraternal year that **bring in one new e-Member** and hold a **CUF** to bring him into their Council in Q-1 will be entered into a random drawing for **\$200**
 - Eligible councils are councils that had zero growth in 2025-2026 (*53 councils are eligible*)
 - Scoreboard: Email confirmation of member and Membership roster as of 30 September.





2025 – 2026 ‘Zero Growth’

Early Is Easy

975	5143	7734	10305	11822
1159	5218	7779	10335	12132
1238	5315	7825	10592	12200
1309	5383	7954	10607	12517
1904	5455	7966	10894	13496
2040	5881	8889	10965	14320
2373	6268	9898	11652	14423
3720	7021	9939	11674	14685
3736	7614	10000	11700	15407
4434	7684	10155	11810	15944
4707	7699	10163		





Thank You's (Incentives)

Early Is Easy

Compliance Based - Nebraska

- Councils that are Office of Youth Compliant (Safe Environment Complete) in Q-1 will be entered into a random drawing for \$100 for each Region
 - Scoreboard: Safe Environment Council Compliance report
 - Executive Secretary & Program Director Monitor
- Councils that submit a valid Form 185, 365, 1295 and pay their Supreme & State Per Capita in Q-1 will be entered into a random drawing for \$100 for each Region
 - Scoreboard: Supreme Reports that document completion
 - Executive Secretary & Program Director Monitor





Thank You's (Incentives)

Early Is Easy

Supreme – Growth Based

- Generally communicated via the weekly Fraternal Leader Advisory
 - Confirm you are signed up

Supreme – Compliance Based

- Columban, Founders, Star





E-Membership

EARLY IS EASY

- Immediate Results for the State
- Creates pool of candidates for council CUF
 - Review Prospect tab & conduct CUF
 - Planning a CUF check your prospect Tab
- Efficient processing to council Rosters





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*



Membership Enrollment Form

☐ **Yes!** I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City, State: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*



Download from State Website





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

Detailed on pages 17 – 25 of Growth Book

Become Familiar with website: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>



Welcome to the new KofC.org!

It seems you're looking for something that has moved. Please use our new search feature to find the resource or page you need.

Join Us

Find an Agent

Find a Council

BECOME A MEMBER!

Be a part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

**Local council dues vary.* ⓘ

Currently, Online Membership is only available in the United States and Canada. If you live elsewhere but are still interested in joining the Knights, [please let us know.](#)

☒ I have an Agent Referral Code

Your Information

Title

Select Title

Name *

First

Last

Suffix

Select Suffix

Agent Referral Code - **CODE VALID** ⓘ

MSCHOLZ



Your Information

Title

Select Title

Name *

First

Last





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

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Amount:

\$0.00
USD

Join

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin? ?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Prefer not to answer

Preferred Language*

English

- ☐ I am a baptized Catholic male*
☐ I am a practical Catholic*

Mailing Address:

Street Address*

Preferred Local Council ?

Enter Numbers only

Council Number Lookup

Member Referral Number ?

Enter Numbers only

Church Parish Name*

Church Parish City*

Church Parish State/Province*

Select State/Province

Promo Code

Promo Code

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** to join online for free.

Enter Code

Add

Your annual membership dues will not auto-renew. Next year you will receive an email and payment link from the Knights of Columbus inviting you to renew your membership.





E-Membership - *EARLY IS EASY*

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Enter Code - **CODE VALID**

BLESSEDMCGIVNEY



Your annual membership dues will not auto-renew. Next year you will receive an email and payment link from the Knights of Columbus inviting you to renew your membership.

Congratulations! You are qualified for a special promotion for the first year of your membership to the Knights of Columbus!

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Amount:

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Amount:

**\$0.00
USD**

Join



CONFIRM e-mail within 72 hours of joining to complete Membership

Participate in a Charity, Unity & Fraternity Exemplification to move to a council roster



Regional Meeting Planning

Region 2 & 4 – 8 & 9 August

8 August - Region 4 – Location TBD (Likely Hastings or Grand Island)

9 August - Region 2 – Elgin, NE

Region 1 – 15 August

St. Michael's Lincoln, NE

Region 5 & 6 - 22 & 23 August

22 August – Region 6 – Scottsbluff, NE

23 August – Region 5 – Indianola, NE

Region 3 -12 September

KofC Hall – Norfolk, NE

Region 7 & 8 – 19 September

St. Vincent DePaul Parish Hall, Omaha NE





McGivney Foundation Advisors

Dan Wells &
Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM





Insurance / Fraternal Benefits

Neil Pfeifer & Tony Swanson





Mass

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Loper South

4th Degree Vesting – Conference Rm 173





Social

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Ballroom 1

Dinner

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Ballroom 1





Hospitality Room

8:30pm – 11:30pm

Executive Room – 2nd Floor





Nebraska Knights of Columbus

Evangelize Our Family & Community

Leadership Training

Sunday July 12, 2026





Youth Projects





Nebraska State Youth Chairman

1. Soccer Kick Competition
2. Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
3. Free Throw Competition





Nebraska State Youth Programs

Soccer Kick Competition

- Local – Anytime Now through 2nd or 3rd week in September
- (Remember to order Soccer Kits from Supreme)
- District – Top two scorers in each age/gender division. Sometime after Local Competition.
- (DD's, be sure to order your District Medals from Supreme)
- Regional Competition (If Needed). After District Competition or may be held in conjunction with District Competition.
- (State Youth Director will supply Regional Medals)
- RGD should fill out Excel Spreadsheet Cover Sheet and Submit with 1st & 2nd place entries in each age/gender division.
- State Competition – October 24 (Final Location to be determined and announced)





Nebraska State Youth Chairman

AutoSave Off RGD Cover Sh... Saved to this PC Search

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E3

	A	B	C	D	E
1	State of Nebraska Knights of Columbus				
2					
3	2027 Free Throw Competition Cover Sheet for			Region	
4	Age 9 Girls	Place	Council	City	Competing at State 'X'
5		1			
6		2			
7					
8	Age 10 Girls	Place	Council	City	Competing at State 'X'
9		1			
10		2			
11					
12	Age 11 Girls	Place	Council	City	Competing at State 'X'
13		1			
14		2			
15					
16	Age 12 Girls	Place	Council	City	Competing at State 'X'
17		1			
18		2			
19					
20	Age 13 Girls	Place	Council	City	Competing at State 'X'
21		1			
22		2			

< > RGD Cover Sheet -- Soccer RGD Cover Sheet -- Free Throw +

Ready Accessibility: Investigate





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

- This program will once again be the State Youth Program's Keystone Program.
- As we did last year, we will follow Supreme's Timeline
- October – Order KCICP contest Kit from Supreme
- By December 1, Distribute Program guidelines and materials to your youth through parish schools, PRE or any other youth opportunity.
- (Program Guidelines recommend monetary prize incentive to top three finishers in each of 5 age categories, as defined. This is optional and a decision that must be made by each individual contest)





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

- Entries should be collected before Christmas, and judged by Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and/or any other officer or general members as the Grand Knight Sees fit. Local Entries should be judged and the top three entries in each age division submitted to District Deputy by December 31.
- District Deputy and Grand Knights from District should get together and judge council submissions for the District by January 15. The top three entries in each age division should be sent on to Regional Growth Directors by January 31. Regional Growth Director should submit top three entries in each age group to State Youth Director by February 7 (State Youth Director will schedule a meeting to judge entries with the help of RGD's.)





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

- State Youth Director will submit entries to Supreme by February 28.
- State Youth Director will provide results to State Officers for inclusion in State Convention Awards Program.





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Tips for Keep Christ Christmas Poster Contest Tips:

- 1) Each poster needs to have a slogan that is tied to your poster theme. Slogans should be original and relative to your poster and unless directly tied to your poster theme, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" does not need to be on the poster. That is the name of the competition, not necessarily a slogan.
- 2) Avoid Easter Themes. Adult Christ's, Crucifix's, Crown of Thorns, etc.
- 3) Spend some time on your illustrations. Detail, Detail, Detail!
- 4) Unless tied to your theme, avoid commercialism themes. The baby Jesus should be on your poster, somewhere.
- 5) Remember to put your Council number on your entrance form.
- 6) Do not trace, posters should be original drawings and illustrations, freehand preferable.
- 7) Only Participants should write on the posters.





Free Throw Competition

- By January 1, 2027 – Order Free Throw Kit from Supreme.
- By February 15 -- Hold Local Competition
- By March 1 – Hold District Competition (Ok to hold in conjunction with Local Competition).
- By End of March – Hold Regional Competition
- (RGD's Submit Cover Sheets by End of March)
- State Competition – April 10 (Grand Island Central Catholic)





Thank you for your help and Support

Gary Groteluschen
Nebraska State Youth Director





Community Projects

Mark Borytsky, PSD





Publicity Projects

Mark Borytsky, PSD





Life Projects





Culture of Life Foundation

Mike & Mary Conrad

- Married for 37 yrs
- 4 adult children, Katelynnne, Alyssa, Christa, Seth and 4 grandchildren-Lennon Harrison, Holden and Lainie
- Mike- PSD/FSD, Senior Claims Investigator for the Metropolitan Utilities District
- Mary- RN for Children's Nebraska
- Member of Council 10305 and St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- Resides in Fort Calhoun





Pro-Life Gala 2026

- Friday October 9, 2026, Doors open at 6pm
- St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Center Omaha
- Featuring Kelly Lester, Gracie Swartz and Hannah Keisling
- Councils can help with donations of auction items or monetary gifts
- Gala will benefit the PHO's here in Nebraska
- This event will benefit so many mothers and children across Nebraska





Supreme Featured Programs

Special Olympics

- Invite Special Olympics director to your meeting
- Publicize the events that you participate in
- Host a fundraiser for S.O.
- Attend and volunteer at the games
- Complete and submit the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584)
- Donate a minimum of \$2,000 and record 200 manhours
- Qualifies for the Columbian Award for two of the four Life requirements for the Columbian Award





Supreme Featured Programs

Ultrasound Program

- Featured Program in COL Activities
- Need to raise 50% of the costs of a machine
- Identify a prolife center
- Obtain written permission from your Diocese
- Ensure the center is properly licensed under state and local laws
- Ensure Center has a licensed medical director
- Complete the Ultrasound Initiative Application (#4886)
- Qualifies for the Columbian Award for two of the four Life requirements for the Columbian Award





Supreme Featured Programs

March for Life

- Attend the national or state March for Life
- Organize your own community March for Life
- Promote your Council's participation
- Display K of C Emblem at the March
- Need minimum of 100 marchers
- Complete and submit the Columbian Award (SP#-7)
- Qualifies for the Columbian Award for two of the four Life requirements for the Columbian Award





Supreme Featured Programs

The Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady Of Guadalupe

- Organize adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a prayer service to Our Lady of Guadalupe, fill out Supreme report (#10784)
- Pray for defense of the unborn
- Healing from infertility
- Care for mothers and children
- End of abortion
- Qualifies for the Columbian Award for two of the four Life requirements for the Columbian Award





Supreme Featured Programs

The Gospel of Life

- Calls upon councils to educate their members and wider parish community on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death
- Involves studying the teachings of the church
- Host a Pro-Life speaker
- Plan around local, state or national Marches, during 40 days for Life and Life Chain campaigns, Respect Life Month (October), National Family Week, International Day of the Unborn
- Complete Supremes form (#10784)
- Qualifies for the Columbian Award for two of the four Life requirements for the Columbian Award





Nebraska Culture of Life Activities

One Rose One Life Campaign

- **State run program- all funds collected must be submitted to the State Culture of Life Foundation**
- All funds collected are used to support the prolife organizations and activities in Nebraska
- Helps fund placement of ultrasound machines- current have placed 19 machines here in Nebraska- looking for number 20
- Many organizations benefit from this campaign such as Nebraska Catholic Conference, local Right-to-Life and Birthright Chapters to pregnancy centers





Nebraska Culture of Life Activities

Continued:

- Nebraska Pro-Life Conference's Essay contest
- Culture of Life Art Contest- Annual Pro-Life Card
- Pro-Life Billboards (matching funds up to \$500/side)





One Rose One Life Campaign

Making a Difference

- Choose a weekend for your campaign, usually around the anniversary of Roe vs Wade, January 22, 1973
- Select a motivated chairman for this event
- Do pulpit announcements, place flyers in your bulletins, distribute KofC prayer cards, collect funds, get permission for a 2nd collection
- Publicize a thank you note in your parish and community
- **All** funds collected **MUST** be sent to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation by **MARCH 1st**, **this campaign is not to used as a council fundraising activity**





One Rose One Life Campaign

Call for Life

1. Set a goal of how much you want to raise in support of life(i.e. \$2,000, \$1,500, \$500)
2. Have your chairman find 10-20 members of your council, smaller councils 5-10 members, to “call” family, parishioners, neighbors and friends
3. Divide the call volume equally amongst the council, i.e. if your goal is \$1,000 you can have 10 brother Knights make calls to raise only \$100 each, if they raise more then they are extending Gods work





One Rose One Life Campaign

Call for Life Continued:

4. During the call secure the donation, gather the contact information so that collecting the donated funds can be simplified
5. Mail to the donors a current K of C Pro-Life Prayer card, donation form and self-addressed envelope so the donations can be sent back to the council. Once all funds are collected, forward said funds to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation

* Suggested donations forms and call scripts can be available upon request





Culture of Life Art Contest

Rules

- Art contest is open to ALL Nebraska students K-6th grade for original artwork that may be depicted on the upcoming One Rose One Life Prayer card
- Design must be on a 8 ½” x 11” (letter size) sheet of paper
- Design/image may be smaller than the sheet of paper
- Entry must have a Culture of Life theme or message
- Pencil, crayons, markers, paint, etc. can be used. * ***No computer-generated images will be accepted***
- Entries must be received by no, later than **March 1st**. Winners will be announced at the State Convention
- **All entries become the property of the Nebraska COL Foundation and will not be returned**





Culture of Life Art Contest

Each entry must contain the following information

- Name of artist
- Age and grade of artist
- Address and phone number of artist
- Submitting Council name and number
- Grade School or Religious Education Program name (if home schooled include name of parent)
- Parish the artist attends





Culture of Life Art Contest

Top three (3) entries per Council needs to be mailed to:

Nebraska Culture of Life Foundation

4770 Jean Marie Lane

Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Prizes

- 1st place, school or religious education program receives \$500, the artist receives \$200
- 2nd place, school or religious education program receives \$250, the artist receives \$100
- 3rd place, school or religious education program receives \$150, the artist receives \$50





Buck-A-Month

Buck-A-Month Program

- Councils are encouraged to participate in the annual BAM program
- Members and nonmembers can pledge a dollar a month (or more) to be used for state and local support of pro-life activities. 50 % of funds will be to be used for pro-life centers/organizations of the council's choice
- All funds collected needs to be sent to the Nebraska COL Foundation by July 1st

Qualifying PHO's

- When submitting BAM funds, councils will need to choose a pro-life center/organization that they wish to have the 50% donation check made to. All donations must go to a 501 c 3 organization(s). Multiple organizations can be selected. A list of qualifying centers/organizations will be provided to all council, ***other consideration of distribution of these funds may be considered upon review of documentation provided and approval of the COL Foundation board***
- Donation checks will then be mailed to the supporting council to make a presentation to the pro-life center/organization





Supreme & State Service Awards

Culture of Life awards are given at the State Convention for outstanding Culture of Life activities that a council conducts during the fraternal year.

The awards will be judged on the following criteria:

- Detailed description of the project/activity
- Man-hours and number of participants
- Type of fundraiser(s) to support the entry
- Total amount of funds raised for the entry
- The benefit to the organization/recipient of the activity as well as the benefits to fostering a Culture of Life





Culture of Life Activities

- Ultrasound Initiative
- March for Life
- Pro-Life Billboards
- Baby Bottle/Diaper Drives
- Tea Party for Life- ***get your wives involved***
- Memorials to the Unborn
- Volunteers at a Pro-Life Center
- Host an event at an Assisted Living or Long-Term Care Facility
- Participate in the “Day of the Unborn”
- Support homes/shelters for unwed mothers





Culture of Life Activities

Continued:

- Distribute the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life as outlined in the Study Guide to Evangelium Vitae (#2914)
- Support Christian Relief efforts in the Middle East and other parts of the world

Remember we want to live in and raise our children and grandchildren in a Culture of Life not a Culture of Death... Life is defined as “from conception to natural death, and everything in between”





Important Dates

- October 15th- DD's need to provide the exact number of pro-life cards (number of English and Spanish) and number of envelopes that each council in his District will need for the January OROL drives
- March 1st- all OROL funds, Service Award submissions, Pro –Life Art contest entries are all due, ***late donations and entries will not be considered for State Convention awards***
- July 1st- Buck-A-Month funds and designated donation form(s) are due





Closing and Thank You

- Mary and I want to encourage each of you and your councils to do all that you can do to defend, preserve and evangelize to our families, communities, parishes and to ourselves about the Sanctity of Life
- Remember, as Knights, the most powerful weapon that we have against the evil one is the rosary...please pray the rosary daily or as often as you can

Thank you and God Bless





Family Projects

Beth & Michael Esselstein



State Family Directors

MIKE & BETH ESSELSTEIN

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DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?



OR DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?



What is family?

► Family – noun

1. A group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit.
2. All descendants of a common ancestor.
3. A group of related things.

We are a family of Knights of Columbus, and we are all descendants of GOD!



Returning to Our Roots!

The Knights of Columbus, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, was established, to take care of families. The family stands at the core of the Knights of Columbus's beliefs and ideals as a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. The importance of family is vital to our society, as a family is essential to how we learn and live. As Knights of Columbus families, we hold as our example the Holy Family, where they model Love, Faith, Respect, and Obedience. On a local, state, and national level, the Knights of Columbus promotes many activities to encourage family interaction, volunteerism, support for the Church, and sense of community.



Family Activities

The Knights of Columbus offers ideas on how to promote and encourage families within your council. These are only a few ideas of ways in which to help your council get started. These activities should be fun, enjoyable, and meaningful and should be open to both members and non-members. These may also be compatible with other works within the council or parish.



Build-a-Bed Launch

- ▶ New family program for 2026-2027 fraternal year!!
- ▶ Through the program, councils partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build and deliver beds for kids in need.
- ▶ Resources
 - #11975 Program Overview
 - #11978 Flyer
 - #11965 Trifold
 - #11977 Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements
 - #11976 News Release



Supreme Council

Featured Family Program:

Food for Families:

- ❖ A sum of \$500.00 or 1,000 pounds of food.
- ❖ Complete the Food For Families Reimbursement Program Application (#10057) and submit to Supreme.



Supreme Recommended Family Programs

- ❖ Family of the Month/ Year
- ❖ Build-a-Bed
- ❖ Keep Christ in Christmas
- ❖ Remembering Our Faithful Departed
- ❖ Family Week
- ❖ Consecration to the Holy Family
- ❖ Family Prayer Night and Family Fully Alive
- ❖ Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

There are many other Family Programs that your Council can do!



Family of the Month

- ❖ Each Council should submit a Family of the Month each Month.
- ❖ Use Form 10784, by the 15th of the following month.



Family of the Year

- ❖ Choose a family from your council whom you believe truly reflect the traditions and relationships and fabric of the Holy Family.
- ❖ Nominations are due no later than March 1, 2027.
- ❖ Mike Esselstein
 - ❖ 130417 County Road D
 - ❖ Mitchell, NE 69357



Family of the Month

Keystone Project:

- ❖ Regional Growth Director
- ❖ Bob Hasiak





Intellectual Disabilities & Drive & Projects

Sammi & Stephen Lowery





Faith Projects





Faith Programs

- ✚ Refund Support Vocations Programs (RSVP)
- ✚ Into the Breach-featured
- ✚ Spiritual Reflection-featured
- ✚ Pilgrim Icon Program: Sacred Heart Holy Hour-featured
- ✚ Imitating Saint Juan Diego Faith Program-new
- ✚ Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
- ✚ Rosary Program
- ✚ Sacramental Gifts
- ✚ Viva Cristo Rey!-new





✚ Refund Support Vocations

Assists our seminarians and postulants with financial and moral assistance. As the strong right arm, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation

✚ Into the Breach

Video series challenges and inspires Catholic men in a culture urgently meeting authentic, virtuous masculinity .

✚ Spiritual Reflection

This program creates meaningful opportunities for spiritual renewal through retreats, days of reflection, and guided moments of encounters with Christ.





✝ Pilgrim Icon: Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Unite your community in a special act of prayers and devotion to the saints by hosting the traveling pilgrim icon

✝ Imitating St. Juan Diego-New

Embrace the mission of St. Juan Diego by promoting the devotion of Our Lady of Guadalupe and sharing her message of love, hope and discipleship.

✝ Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Help strengthen families as the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics





Vocations Projects

Bob Wolf





Special Events

State Golf Tournament

Kevin Ostdiek





✚ Rosary Program

Build faithful families and communities by praying the rosary

✚ Sacramental Gifts

Support families during the important events in the life of the domestic Church (the sacraments)

✚ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Program honors the Mexican martyrs Mexican Martyrs—some of whom were Knights of Columbus—who courageously gave their lives for the faith during the persecutions of early 20thcentury Mexico..





Keep Christ in Christmas

1. To keep Christ in Christmas
2. Raise funds for a worthy cause
3. Create some fun and comradery for your council
4. Promote the Knights to the public and parish
5. See forms in the packet
6. ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

† Assorted case of 35 boxes

† Cost per box $\$8.75 \times 35 = \306.25 per case

† Selling price per box $\$14.00 \times 35 = \490.00 per case





Closing Remarks & Closing Prayer

