



Knights of Columbus

Nebraska State Council

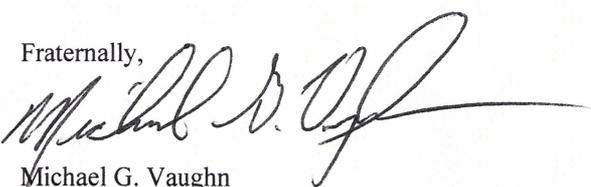
February 15, 2026

Worthy Grand Knight/ Financial Secretary

Enclosed are the materials your council will need to prepare for our annual convention in Kearney April 24-26, 2026:

- Information on the Hotel:** Younes Conference Center South: There are a limited number of specially priced rooms at the Comfort Inn: 308-236-3400 and LaQuinta Inn: 308-237-4400. You must identify yourself as a Knight of Columbus. The Comfort Inn is connected to the Younes Conference Center, South.
- Meal menu and reservation instructions, online instructions option, options for those without internet access. **Reservations must be completed by March 20th and paid for by A March 31st – NO EXCEPTIONS OR ALLOWANCES FOR LATE PAYMENT.** As you register, look for the **GRAY** scroll bar on the right. There is a 2nd instruction sheet for your chaplain.
- Request for Photos:** Do you have pictures of activities during the past year? Submit them and they will be used in the presentation during awards banquet. Please send to Andrew Ostdiek, 2080 Lewis St, Aurora NE 68818 or email Andrew.ostdiek@gmail.com **NLT March 31st.**
- Program Book:** Councils, businesses, organizations, or individuals wishing to advertise in the convention program booklet must submit those ads to State Warden Mitchell Lowery, 5010 S 48th St, Lincoln, NE 68516 **NLT March 11th.**
- Tentative agenda:** Always subject to change. Look for any updates and locations when you arrive.
- Request for Necrology:** Request information on the passing of former/past state officers and District Deputies to PSD Larry Reed, 101 Kings Dr, Bellevue NE 68005 **by April 15.**
- Convention Dress Attire:** Guidance for appropriate dress for the various convention events.
- Nominations for Delegates:** Delegate nominating information and background sheet to our National Convention.
- Chaplain's Meeting:** Fr Bill Cremers will host a council chaplain's meeting. The State Council will provide a free Friday evening meal for any council chaplain attending this meeting. Forward to your council's chaplain.
- Ladies Programs:**
 - Saturday Afternoon:** Amy Dickas, Retreat Operations Manager, and Kara Wesely, Director of Development, from The Cloisters on the Platte.
 - Sunday Brunch:** Enjoy a delicious breakfast while reconnecting with old friends from across Nebraska and making new ones. Reservations are necessary.
- Saturday Morning Family Program:** Fr. Michael Voithofer, a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha. He is the founder and spiritual director of Ablaze House of Prayer.
- Convention Credentials:** Councils **must** complete on-line credentials at <https://nebraskakofc.org/resources/state-convention-credential-form.html> by **April 15, 2026.** Contact State Secretary Don Hypse at 402-369-0814 or hypse2729@gmail.com with questions.

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Michael G. Vaughn
Executive Secretary