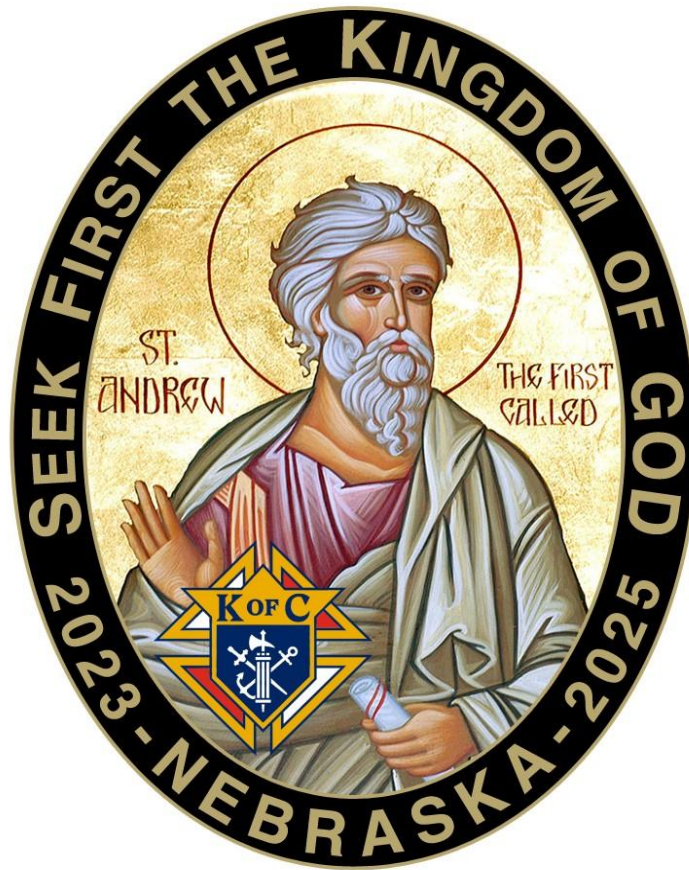


# Nebraska State Council Knights of Columbus



**Report of the 119<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Held on April 26-28, 2024  
Kearney, Nebraska**

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**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL 119th CONVENTION  
NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HELD IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA ON THE 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of APRIL, 2024**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – INSURANCE AGENCY SOCIAL**

The Swanson and Pfeifer Agencies hosted a social event in the Crystal Room, Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska. The guests were offered Knights of Columbus ice cream scoopers.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – AWARDS BANQUET**

Awards were given to various councils and brother knights across the State at the Annual Knights of Columbus Convention. Emcee for the evening was State Program Director, Mitchell Lowery. The complete awards listing is at Appendix A.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – PSD/FSC BREAKFAST MEETING**

Twenty-three (23) Past State Deputies and their wives, Former State Chaplains attended. A special guest was Rene Trevino and his wife lady Carla, Supreme Director from the Supreme Council.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – HOLY HOUR**

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration started the day.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – MORNING FORUM**

Fr. Jim Sichko is a non-stop, highly energetic priest of the Diocese of Lexington KY. Pope Francis appointed Fr. Sichko as a Papal Missionary of Mercy in conjunction with the Extraordinary Jubilee Year. He is one of 100 in the United States. Approximately 350 attended.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – NOON LUNCHEON**

The noon luncheon was held in the Crystal Room at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, Nebraska. The “2024 Family of the Year” was awarded to the Bill and Tracy Bohan family from Council 1966 in Plattsmouth. The runner up family was the Jeff and Cindy Bishop family from Council 6192 in Bellevue.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – LADIES PROGRAM**

The lady’s program featured Charlotte Endorf, author of “Excess Baggage: Riding the Orphan Train.” She told of stories of children who were adopted from the orphan trains between 1954 and 1929. She was well received.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – BUSINESS MEETING**

State Deputy Robert Wolf called to order the State meeting of the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section at 1:25 PM in the Diamond Room at the Younes Conference Center. Deputy Wolf called on State Warden Brian Hamik, “Are all present in possession of a current membership card and are they seated in their proper seats. Warden Hamik so vouched. Deputy Wolf continued, are the delegates seated in their proper section. Warden Ham responded that all were seated in their proper section. Deputy Wolf called on State Chaplain Reverend John Rooney to lead us in the Divine Chaplet, our opening prayer. Deputy Wolf called on District Master, Mark Borytsky to lead the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Deputy Wolf asked Warden Hamik to escort to the podium our Supreme guest, Director Rene Trevino from California. All responded with a hearty Nebraska welcome for our Supreme guest, we are indeed honored to have you grace us with your presence and we hope your stay here will be an enjoyable and most memorable one.

Deputy Wolf called to the podium Marion Minor from the Nebraska Catholic Conference of Bishops, he delivered a message from our Bishops. Brother Miner informed of two petitions circulating in Nebraska to change our Constitution. One places a constitutional right to an abortion, please vote NO. The other petition is for the Protection of the Baby in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester. Please vote YES. Brother Miner’s message was well received. Deputy Wolf thanked him for his remarks.

Deputy Wolf reminded each delegates that they received a background sheet and ballot for the ICC Best of the Best competition. The ballots will be collected during the official roll call. Please have your ballot ready at this time.

Deputy Wolf stated that as a point of order, if you wish to be considered for delegate to the National Convention, the background sheet must be given to Secretary Schaeffer before the end of this session.

Deputy Wolf introduced State Advocate James Korth as the Parliamentarian for this Convention. Advocate Korth acknowledged the assembly and stated that “Robert’s Rules of Order” would be followed for this meeting

Deputy Wolf called on Secretary Wolf to introduce this year’s recorder and to read any communications received. Secretary Michael Schaeffer introduced Executive Secretary Raymond Guggenberger, from Bellevue Council 6192. Secretary Schaeffer read the following communications. Secretary Schaeffer continued, as a point of order for this convention, any council making a motion, or seconding a motion will loudly announce the number or name of your council. The Chair shall repeat the number for the recorder.

March 19, 2024  
*Solemnity of Saint Joseph*

Robert D. Wolf  
State Deputy  
Nebraska State Council  
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Wolf: In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and the entire Nebraska jurisdiction. Again this year, thanks to your work and that of your brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus reached new milestones in charity and service. This past November marked the distribution of the one millionth coat through the Order's Coats for Kids program — an achievement fourteen years in the making. Meanwhile, in just two years, our members have provided more than \$10 million to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, through the Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) program. While there are too many examples of your selfless service to list, allow me to say it again: thank you for everything you did and everyone you served!

Blessed Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus “to unite the men of our Faith” (Letter of April 1882). It is this unity in the faith that animates our charitable work, and it is with that same understanding in mind that the Supreme Council released *Cor*. Over the past year, adoption of *Cor* has grown throughout the Order and new resources, like our *Men of the Word* Bible Study, have only accelerated this process. If you have not attended *Cor* yet or are interested in starting *Cor* at your parish, I would encourage you to take the initiative now, laying the groundwork for the next Fraternal Year and furthering Father McGivney's call 142 years ago.

Worthy State Deputy, I express sincere gratitude to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, grand knights, council officers, general and field agents, and to every brother Knight in Nebraska.

May Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Fraternally,  
Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight

April 2024

Mr. Robert Wolf  
State Deputy  
Nebraska State Council  
Knights of Columbus

Dear Brother Knights,

I am pleased to send my greetings to you as you gather in Kearney for the Annual State Convention of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. I continue to be very

grateful to all of the Knights across Nebraska for your strong faith and your many good works that build up families, parishes and communities across our state.

As we face many challenges within the Church and in our contemporary culture, we hear the voice of Jesus, who encourages us: Be not afraid. I am grateful for the courageous witness of the Knights of Columbus.

I will pray that your time together will be a source of grace and inspiration for all.

With best wishes and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend George J. Lucas

April 2024

Dear State Deputy, and State Delegates to the Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus of Nebraska:

My brother Knights, it is an honor to extend to you my cordial greetings and blessings for the annual state Knights of Columbus convention in Kearney. I pray your time together will inspire deep fraternal friendships, a firm commitment to seek God's will to build up the Kingdom of God and a fruitful time of planning.

As the Bishop of Lincoln, I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbus for your defense of the unborn, your protection of religious liberty, and your efforts to defend the rights of conscience for medical and pharmaceutical providers. Your faithful support for priests throughout the state of Nebraska, for your encouragement of families and for the common good of society are of great importance to me and are deeply appreciated by all faithful Catholics.

May God bless the work and deliberations of this annual state convention. May it bear abundant blessings, promoting fraternity, unity, charity, and patriotism, and inspire you to "seek first the kingdom" in all your works. With my promise of prayer and best wishes to the Knights of Columbus and their spouses, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Rev. James D. Conley  
Bishop of Lincoln

April 2024

Dear brother Knights and Ladies,

Welcome to our annual Nebraska State Convention of the Knights of Columbus! As a brother Knight, I am so pleased to welcome you to our State Convention here in Kearney. Unfortunately, my schedule for Confirmation Masses has me in the panhandle region this weekend.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Nebraska State Council officers for their great dedication and leadership of our fraternal order. Your spirit and your engagement statewide are such a blessing!

I also want to thank each and every member of the Knights of Columbus throughout our state who participate in the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus, both locally and worldwide. The works of mercy are the hallmark of our fraternal order and your commitment to service is both impressive and inspiring.

As you gather in Kearney this weekend, may the Lord renew your hope in Him, especially in this joyful Easter season. Together, may we be strong in faith and in the service of all who need us. With joy in Christ who has been raised up!

Most Rev. +Joseph G. Hanefeldt  
Bishop of Grand Island

Secretary Schaeffer moved that the remaining letters be entered into the proceedings without being read. Council 1123 seconded, motion passed.



## Knights of Columbus

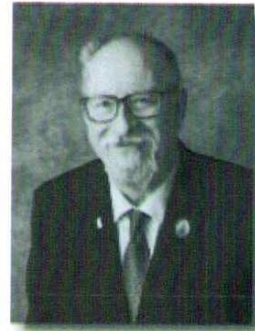
Nebraska Knights of Columbus  
Matthew Richardson State Deputy



April 2024

Brother Knights, Families, and Guests:

It has been an honor to serve as your State Deputy this past year. Chris and I have been honored to be a part of your Council activities and programs. While traveling across our wonderful State, we have been able to see the great things that our Knights Councils and our Knights families do for our parishes, families and communities. All through the year, Knights and families give to their communities with little or no recognition. This weekend is a chance for us to say thank you for all that you do throughout the year.



Chris and I hope that you enjoy your time in Kearney and the wonderful hospitality provided by the Younes Convention Center staff. A special thank you to Chantelle Batie for all the hard work that she has done working with our convention team in making this a great weekend. We hope that you take some time to see some of the world-class attractions that Kearney has to offer. We hope that when you leave here you are renewed in spirit and can return to your Councils ready to resume the great work that you do. Part of our renewal of spirit will be provided by our Saturday Family Program featuring Father Jim Sichko. Father Jim is an internationally known preacher and motivational speaker and is also one of the 100 Papal Missionaries of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis.

I want to thank our convention team, my Brother Officers, Directors and Chairman, our State Regional Growth Directors and District Deputies for all that they do and will continue to do to assist me in helping you and your Councils be successful. I want to thank Beth Wells for all the hard work that she and her team have put in not only putting together this wonderful convention book but also for producing our State Courier and getting it out to all of you. Also, I would be in big trouble if I didn't acknowledge and thank our wives. Without them most of this work would not get done.

Thank you for attending our annual convention. Remember to "Seek First the Kingdom of God."

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Wolf, State Deputy



119TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION  
April 26, 27 and 28, 2024



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY



April 2024

Dear Knights and Families,

Welcome to the 2024 Nebraska State  
Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

We share so many blessings because of our Catholic faith and participation in the Knights of Columbus, and the convention is a great time for recognizing and appreciating the blessings that have been enjoyed through the past year. We will see the great service accomplishments of Councils and members. We will renew the friendships that we enjoy with Knights and families across the state. We will gather together around our Lord at the Mass, who makes Himself be present in our midst. He who is our Savior and Lord.

During this time may we especially recognize how near Jesus is to us. He is in the Eucharist, in the Word of God being proclaimed, but He is also in the community of believers who gather in His name as we do for the convention. May we recognize Him in our brother Knights and in wives and families, and enjoy this touch of the Lord's goodness in our fraternity and fellowship.

The gathering also gives us the opportunity to be strengthened by the Lord and each other because we have important tasks ahead of us. We have the responsibility to bring Jesus out into the world in which we live and to be a leaven lifting the world up for good. Challenges await us, and it is our place to respond to them. The Lord does not leave us alone because He gives us His life and provides the grace to enable us to be His witnesses.

May this convention time be blessed and confirm us in the truth that we are not alone. We have the Lord Jesus, and we have each other.

St. Andrew, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Liveat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Rooney".

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April 2024

Mr. Robert Wolf  
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Knights of Columbus

My Brother Knights of Columbus,

I send my greetings to all of you as you gather for your annual State Convention this year in Kearney on April 26 - 28. I regret that I cannot join you this year.

The Knights of Columbus are such a vital lay ministry in promoting the cause of Catholicism in our world. I will pray for you as you gather for business and fellowship to continue the important mission of the Knights throughout Nebraska, as well as throughout our nation and in many places in our world. You provide valuable support for our Holy Father Pope Francis, and for all the bishops in union with him. I am very proud of Knights everywhere, and especially here in Nebraska.

I am sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Elden F. Curtiss  
Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha

March 14, 2024

Dear Grand Knight Robert Wolf, and All Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for the invitation to attend this State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Although I will not be able to come and meet everyone in person, I am happy to send this greeting to my Brother Knights, and to all who will be attending the convention in Kearney, Nebraska, this April 2024. My admiration and esteem for the Order of the Knights of Columbus continues to grow with each of the newer and older projects.

The pro-life stance of care for the unborn and their mothers and efforts to save their lives, the solicitude for the handicapped and retarded who are very precious to the Lord, the support and promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and the unflinching loyalty to the teachings of our Catholic Church are outstanding characteristics of the Knights of Columbus in our State. Most importantly, the Knights of Columbus continue to be well known for the encouragement of the growth in the spirituality of the members.

With my blessing for you, asking God that the work and accomplishments of the Order will continue and increase, and each member and his family will be filled with the graces needed for our times, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskewitz  
Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln

April 2024

Dear Fellow Knights of Columbus,

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus State Convention. It's good to get together to share experiences, to renew friendships and to pray together. It's a good time to remind ourselves of the great work of the Knights as a council and as an individual Knight.

I'm reminded of the saying; Councils do not run on "auto-pilot" or "cruise-control." They run on the attention of every member to be attentive to details.

Thanks for attending and I look forward to greeting you.

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*We provide services, solutions, and opportunities for our community.*

On behalf of the 34,000-plus residents of Kearney, I am pleased to welcome back members of the Knights of Columbus for the 119th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention, which will be held this year on April 26 – 28, 2024. The City of Kearney is delighted that the Knights of Columbus have once again chosen Kearney as their host community.

The Knights of Columbus, founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in 1882, has a long and noble history of Councils supporting their community through financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Today, with over 2 million members around the world, including on over 300 college campuses, we know that each Council is enhancing the quality of life in their parishes, their neighborhoods and their communities. Kearney feels fortunate to be home to both the Knights of Columbus Council 1728 established in 1914 and the Knights of Columbus Council 10923 established in 1992, both providing numerous hours of volunteer services to the Kearney community, college students and members of their parish.

As Conference attendees and their families gather in Kearney this year, we hope there is an opportunity to explore some of Kearney's world-class attractions, including The Archway, the Frank House, Trails and Rails Museum, the Nebraska State Firefighters Museum and Education Center, and Rowe Sanctuary just to name a few. Kearney also offers a diverse shopping experience, whether it be at one of the numerous quaint shops found in our historic Downtown District, on "The Bricks", at Kearney's Hilltop Mall, which has been a fixture in the Kearney community since 1984 and has recently undergone renovations adding several new shopping opportunities, to offering shopping experiences at one of Kearney's nationally recognized discount or franchise operations or at the Cabela's/Bass Pro Shop.

Kearney is also home to several recreational attractions, including a historic movie theatre, two additional movie theatres, a bowling alley, an indoor Go-Kart Track, miniature golf, and an indoor golf simulator. Outdoor activities abound in Kearney, whether it be golfing at the City's Golf Course, kayaking on Kearney's White-Water Trail, or exploring one of Kearney's 18 parks. Visitors

can also explore the community by foot or bike on Kearney's hike/bike trail that connects City parks, neighborhoods, retail areas, and schools throughout the City.

Make sure also to allow time to partake in one of Kearney's superior dining opportunities, whose menus offer prime Nebraska steaks and burgers, mouthwatering barbeque and authentic Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Thai, and Mexican food. The fun doesn't stop in Kearney when the sun sets, as Kearney is fortunate to be home to a lively nightlife that includes local breweries and pubs as well as live entertainment venues and sports bars.

As the Mayor of Kearney, I am extremely happy that Kearney is hosting the 119th Knights of Columbus Conference and hope that attendees and their families are able to experience some of the many fun and educational opportunities Kearney has to offer. Kearney truly has something for everyone. We hope you enjoy your stay!!

Sincerely,

**CITY OF KEARNEY**

Stanley A. Clouse  
Mayor

Secretary Schaeffer continued; we will now have a roll call. Delegates must be present for both sessions to receive their expense checks.

State Deputy Wolf  
State Chaplain Rooney  
Immediate Past Deputy Richardson  
State Secretary Schaeffer  
State Treasurer Hypse  
State Advocate Korth  
State Warden Hamik

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Total                      132

Worthy State Deputy, the roll call has been completed. I ask for the report of our State Deputy.

## **STATE DEPUTY REPORT**

Your Excellencies, Very Reverend State Chaplin, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Guests, Past State Deputies, State Officers, District Master, Directors, Chairman, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Council Delegates and Guests. It is my pleasure to welcome you, members of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus to this year's 2024 State Convention. As the current State Deputy for Nebraska, it is my privilege to offer this, my first State Deputy report.

Last year at the 118<sup>th</sup> Nebraska State Convention held here at Kearney; I was honored to have you elect me to be your State Deputy. It is a job that carries a lot of responsibility but also a

lot of satisfaction. To be able to travel the State and see the great works that all the Councils and our Brother Knights perform week in and week out is awe inspiring. My hope is that I have been able to perform up to your expectations.

The first position that I had to fill was one of the most important ones, State Chaplain. I asked Father John Rooney of Seward if he would consider filling this most important position. After much thought and prayer Father Rooney said yes. I then asked the Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of the Diocese of Lincoln, for his blessing. Bishop Conley very graciously said yes. I was blessed to have worked with Father Rooney when I was Program Director, and he was State Chaplain for Past state Deputy Tony Hergott. During that time, we had forged a strong bond that carries through to today. During this time, I visited with Father Rooney about my choices for a Saint to watch over us and a motto for our two years. I had picked Saint Andrew, the first chosen to be my Patron Saint and from Matthew 6:33 "Seek First the Kingdom of God" as our State motto. Father Rooney approved of both.

I was privileged to have a great slate of officers elected along with me. These Catholic men embody the ideals that Father McGivney had when he founded the Knights. I was blessed to have an Executive Secretary in Ray Guggenberger, who agreed to serve during my two years. Ray has been a friend and mentor to me for the eighteen years that I have been a part of the State Family. I also need to acknowledge our Past State Deputy, Matt Richardson. Without Matt's help and words of encouragement this job would have been so much harder. I also am fortunate to have the support of our Past State Deputies who bring a wealth of experience to helping us. We truly do stand on the shoulders of giants.

I next selected my Program and Membership Directors. For Programs I selected Mitchell Lowery. I have worked with Mitchell since my Program Director time, and I trusted in his ability to manage all aspects of the position. For Membership I asked Rob Ost diek. Rob was very highly recommended, and I had seen how hard he worked as one of the State Convention chairs. Both Brother Knights have gone above and beyond what I expected in doing their jobs. With these positions filled we next appointed our Directors and Chairman, Regional Growth Directors and District Deputies. You were all selected for your leadership abilities and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you all for your service over this past year and I am looking forward to serving with you all in the future.

In June of last year my wife Chris and I attended the State Deputies training in New Haven, Connecticut. We were able to meet other State Deputies from all over the world. We also were able to meet with various members of the Supreme Council and received a tour of the Supreme headquarters. We had Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the same Parish that our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, served at and where he founded the Knights of Columbus. We were installed as State Deputies by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley and then after Mass participated in a Eucharistic Procession through part of the Yale campus and back to St. Mary's. While at St. Mary's we were told that the Archdiocese of Hartford would announce that the eight Catholic churches in New Haven — including the Order's birthplace, St. Mary's Church — would merge July 1 to form the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish.

After we returned to Nebraska it was time for our Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and District Deputy training seminar held at the Holiday Inn Convention center in Kearney. The meeting was attended by the State Officers, Directors and Chairman, Regional growth Directors, District Deputies, General Agents, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries from around the State. From July 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> plans for the upcoming fraternal year were presented along with the State program and membership books. At Mass on Saturday night the ceremony for the installation of the State Officers and District Deputies took place. In the weeks that followed regional meetings were held across the State for members that could not attend the July State meeting. These meetings also included any needed information that may have come from

Supreme or from the State. It also included detailed instructions for the Council Financial Secretaries moderated by our State FS Coordinators.

The first week in August saw myself, Chris, Father Rooney and eight other delegates attending the 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. We learned a lot at the delegate breakout sessions and had a great time at the States dinner. One of the highlights was taking the delegates and their families to Medieval Times for dinner and jousting.

October saw another successful State Soccer event put on by our Youth Director Tim Sealock with the help of the Knights at Council 2716 in Schuyler. Other directors, officers and District deputies also attended and helped.

In November we held our annual State Coats for Kids event at the Cues schools in North Omaha. The State purchased over 600 coats with 300 plus being given out at the Cues schools. We also distributed more coats to an area nonprofit to help those in need. Two cases of coats went out to Scottsbluff and were distributed through the ESU-13 area. Unfortunately, on the Saturday of the Coats for Kids event I got sick at the hotel and fell. I broke my right foot in 9 places and ended up in the hospital. But my Brother Knights again came to my aid. Our District Master Mark Borytsky and his son Mark Jr. got me from the hotel to the hospital, picked up my truck and stayed with me while Chris drove from Scottsbluff to get me. This is just one example of how strong the Fraternal aspect of our Order is, Catholic families helping Catholic families. December brought our Mid-Year meeting in Lincoln. Our membership team led by Membership Director Rob Ostdiek and his team of Regional Growth Directors provided a wealth of information to our District Deputies. Also in attendance was our Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez, who helped with the breakout sessions and was on hand to answer questions from the District Deputies. On Saturday night we were honored to host the testimonial dinner for our Immediate Past State Deputy Matt Richardson. Matt has been my friend and mentor for the past 18 years and this was an opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation to him and Connie for that they have done for the State. The Project Lori program, which was conceived and headed by Connie is a lasting tribute to her sister and a great help to many people with intellectual disabilities across the State.

January, February, March and April were all busy months across the State. I attended regional meetings, Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplifications and even a couple of Fourth degree Exemplifications. Our State Officers or I were able to attend several Council events around the State such as fish fry's, council anniversary celebrations and other events that our Councils held across the State. In January Chris and I were blessed to attend the States Pro Life Gala held in Lincoln. Our Culture of Life couple Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director Mike and Mary Conrad organized and hosted the event. One of the highlights was having Jeanne Mancini, the president of March for Life, as the keynote speaker. Mike and Mary raised a lot of money that is going to help many pregnancy centers across the State. Our State free throw championships were held again at central Catholic middle and high schools in Grand Island. Our State Youth Director Tim Sealock, Knights from the Grand Island Councils and many others helped to make this year's competition a great success. We also this year are working with the Newman Centers across the State of Nebraska to help them in their mission to be a home for so many of our Catholic college youth.

In addition to all our various State and local projects we have had a resurgence in our Fourth Degree Knights. Working on the strong foundation built by past District Masters Don Ferneding, Jim Haiar and Rich Lowery our current District Master Mark Borytsky is working hard to increase the number of Sir Knights that we have around the State. On behalf of all the Nebraska Knights of Columbus I wish to extend our appreciation to our District Master and all of the Faithful Navigators for their leadership this year and into the future.

This year we had two Council mergers in the State. Council 7889, Cedar Rapids merged with Council 13584 Spalding and Council 7762 Platte Center merged with 12086 Columbus.

Thanks to all the Knights and District Deputies who worked so hard to make this happen. We also had a Council name change this year. Council 10305 in Fort Calhoun went from St. John the Baptist to Father James Schwertley. We are also close to having a new Council in the State. Through the work of many people including District Deputy David Wilson, our Hispanic Council Coordinators David Diaz and Ignacio "Iggy" Cervantes and Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Francisco Romero we may have a second Hispanic council in the State at Cristo Rey Parish.

We had two new events this year that were firsts for our State. In March, our State Program Director Mitchell Lowery was selected as one of a handful of young Knights to participate in the Father McGivney Leadership Training. This training is organized by Supreme and includes monthly zoom meetings and a trip to New Haven to visit the Supreme offices and more training. Mitchell attended the training in New Haven this past March. We are taking applications for next year's class and hope to have more young men take advantage of this opportunity. This month I was asked to represent the Knights of Columbus in Washington D. C at a fraternal benefit group meeting sponsored by the Thrivent Advocacy Group. I was able to meet with our Congressional delegation during the Nebraska breakfast and then individually at their offices to talk about the great things that the Knights do in Nebraska.

I again need to thank my Worthy State Chaplain for his spiritual guidance and his help to steer me back on course when I venture off. Father Rooney set up the meeting with our Bishops that helped the State Officers and I to understand better what we as a state can do to help them. To our State Officers, Executive Secretary and support staff, thank you for all that do throughout the year to make our state run better. To our Directors, Chairman, Regional Growth Directors and District Deputies. You are the ones who make things happen both at the State and on the local level. You freely give of your time to help whenever it is needed. To the wives and families of these men, thank you for allowing us to share them, we owe you a great debt of gratitude. I owe a great debt of gratitude to our Past State Deputies. They have always been there to answer questions and offer advice. I truly do stand on the shoulders of giants, and it shows in the success that we have and will continue to have as a State. Most importantly I want to thank the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and the 26,000 Brother Knights across the State of Nebraska. You are the wheels that make everything turn. The dedication and charitable works that your Councils do across the State are truly what the Knights are all about. I hope that I can prove myself worthy of leading such a great group of men and their families.

I want to thank my wife Chris for her love, her support, her listening to me whine about not having time to get things done and then reminding me when I need to work on stuff. She is my inspiration and motivation, and I would not be where I am without her. This is quite a journey that we are on and there isn't anyone that I would rather do it with. It is a privilege to have you serve as my First Lady, I love you now and forever.

In closing, I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus, proud to be a member of the greatest fraternal and charitable organization in the world. Please pray for our Clergy, our Religious and for our State Officers and me. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your state Deputy. Remember "Seek First the Kingdom of God." Saint Andrew pray for us. Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert D. Wolf  
Nebraska state Deputy

I move for the adoption of my report and the reports of the other State Officers without being read and that they be entered into the Proceedings. Council 7704 seconded. All in favor say aye, opposed nay. Motion carried.

## **STATE SECRETARY**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Father John Rooney, Supreme Director Rene Trevino, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Delegates, Brother Knights and families attending our 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska April 26 – 28, 2024, I respectfully submit the following report.

As State Secretary I fulfilled my duties to the utmost of my ability. They included but were not limited to the following: recording the official minutes of all State meetings both in person and by zoom; collecting and recording the State Per Capita payments from our 168 Councils; and collecting and recording the credentials for all delegates attending this years' State Convention. I also filled out and coded the vouchers for all payments made by State Treasurer Don Hypse.

I also had the honor to travel to many State and Council functions such as attending Clergy dinners and multiple Regional Meetings across the State as assigned by our State Deputy. This included the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary Seminar in July and Mid-Year District Deputy / Membership meeting in December. It was also my honor along with my wife Shelly, to attend the 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida with Bishop Conley, Bishop Emeritus Dendinger, our State Deputy and First Lady, State Chaplain Father Rooney, Former State Chaplain Father Fulton and our delegates from Nebraska.

As I finish my first year as State Secretary, I've enjoyed going out to see many of our Brother Knights and their families across this great Jurisdiction. It has been my privilege and honor to serve our State, our State Deputy Bob Wolf and our many outstanding Councils during this past fraternal year. It's even more special because I have been accompanied by my wife Shelly on some of these trips. To all our Brother Knights, their wives and families, thank you for all that you do for your local Council, Community and the State. Your hard work, Priestly support, and prayers for our church truly show your dedication to the vision of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. May God bless you, your family, and always keep you safe. Vivat Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mike Schaeffer  
State Secretary

## **STATE TREASURER**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Father John Rooney, Supreme Director Rene Trevino, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Delegates, Brother Knights, and families attending the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Knights of Columbus State Convention in Kearney, NE, April 26 – 28, 2024, I respectfully submit the following report.

As State Treasurer it is my duty to receive and disburse the funds of the Nebraska State Council and to precisely record the transactions associated with those funds. All funds disbursed were at the direction of State Secretary Mike Schaeffer. The payment vouchers he provided were always accurate and easy to process. The deposit notices received from Secretary Schaeffer were also precise and easy to process. As State Treasurer it has been my duty to oversee the General Account, the Lottery Account, and the Disaster Account of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus. All accounts were balanced and reconciled to the bank statement each month and posted online to the accounting firm's website.

I attended all three of the major state meetings including the Leadership Seminar, the Mid-Year Meeting, and the State Convention. I also attended several regional meetings and some local council events in the area. It was quite an honor to be able to meet with all three Nebraska Bishops and the rest of the Knights state officers in Waverly. It was good to be able hear all three

bishops express their concerns for the state of Nebraska and how the Knights of Columbus can help.

It has been an honor to serve as and the Nebraska State Treasurer this past year, and I am looking forward to the next year. It is always heartwarming to know that all my fellow officers and all my brother Knights around the great state of Nebraska are working for the betterment of God and his Holy Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Hypse  
State Treasurer

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL** **STATE ADVOCATE ACTIVITY REPORT**

FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 202\32-2024

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Delegates, and Brother Knights, in the last fiscal year the State Advocate:

1. Regarding the Nebraska Knights of Columbus lottery account, prepared and filed activity reports with the Nebraska Department of Revenue Gaming Division, Nebraska Department of Revenue for 2023;
2. Rendered legal opinions for the State Council, Executive Committee, and State Officers concerning State Council matters as requested;
3. Rendered legal opinions for local council officers on a variety of issues concerning local councils;
4. Attended State Council Meetings as scheduled;
5. Participated or advised in several disciplinary actions needed pursuant to the laws of the Order; and
6. Solicited and prepared proposed Resolutions for the 2024 Nebraska State Convention, presided over the Resolutions Committee, and prepared to present recommendations to the assembled State Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

James R. Korth,  
Nebraska State Advocate

## **STATE WARDEN**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Father Rooney, Worthy State Supreme Guest, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Directors, Chairmen, Support Staff, Delegates, Brother Knights and families. I welcome you to the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska on the weekend of April 26-28, 2024. We have had a very productive and fruitful first half of 2024 and look to continue the year strong.

I respectfully submit my annual report by reporting that I attended all meetings scheduled and successfully completed all the assigned tasks. The Leadership Training Seminar in Kearney was the first major meeting, led by Program Director Lowery, providing valuable information to all the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies.

The Mid-Year Meeting in early December, held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. This was also the testimonial for Immediate Past State Deputy Matthew Richardson. The Testimonial Dinner was well attended, and everyone enjoyed reminiscing on the past few years of Matt's term. The District Deputies were addressed by State Membership Director Ostdiek and team. I informed them that the State Lottery tickets were to be sent out in February and mailed them to me no later than April 22. Each Knight in the State (26,000 plus) is to receive 3 tickets with the cost of each ticket being \$10.00. The joy in knowing that the funds collected will be used to support religious vocations throughout the state. Each seminarian will receive financial support as well as each Diocese receiving funds to support the Vocation Department.

The State Convention Program Book, which is put together by Beth Wells, will again be selling ads to help defray the cost. Each attendee at the State Convention will be receiving a book, so the ads will be viewed by many people.

I was able to attend 3 of the Regional meetings that were held throughout the state. These meetings were focused on informing GK's and FS's that were not able to attend the Leadership Seminar. With the smaller groups it is a way for them to ask questions one on one and leave with a better understanding of how all the programs work. The meetings I was able to attend were in Norfolk, West Point, and Aurora. The highlight of this was the West Point meeting where we were able to welcome 13 new Brother Knights into the Order.

My first year as State Warden was a learning experience but a rewarding one. I would like to thank all the State Officers for their support and guidance, especially Treasurer Don Hypse. His assistance and help made the transition to this position easier. I also want to thank my wife Mary Jo, for her help and support, especially these last couple of months opening and tallying all the Lottery checks that we received. Your devotedness is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Hamik  
State Warden

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, State Officers, Delegates and Brother Knights attending the 119<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

I attended to all routine correspondence for the State Council and mailed out such communications as the State Officers required. I attended all meetings called by the State Deputy. I prepared the minutes and proceedings of the 118<sup>th</sup> State Meeting for 2023. I prepared and mailed to all councils the semi-annual per capita billings for State Secretary Schaeffer. During this past year I assisted in preparing for this convention by preparing and mailing all the documents and information sheets to our subordinate councils.

During this past year, the state council offered 38 masses for the members of the state council with the Columban Fathers Foreign Missionary Society. The State Council sent flowers

on 8 occasions. These are offered for serious illnesses and the passing of the brother knight or immediate family members.

The reporting of our subordinate councils is the same time as last year; for the Report of Officers, we are 92% complete; the Report of Service Personnel, we are 80% complete; and the Fraternal Activity we are 80% complete. The Semi-Annual Audit for the period ending June 30, 2022, is 80% complete and for the period ending December 31, 2022, is 58% complete. At this time, we have 14 councils that are two years or more reports delinquent, the Supreme council has ended the bond on the Financial Secretary and Treasurer for these councils. It is the same council's year-after-year that do not submit these vital reports.

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year I prepared the annual directory for the State of Nebraska. This is a time-consuming task taking over 200 man-hours. I continued publishing a monthly email with directory changes to keep all update on changes to our directory. We implemented an on-line update process for keeping the directory up to date through the State Council website. I maintain an electronic email mailing list for the purpose of notifying our members of requests for our prayers as well as sending pertinent information on our program events and exemplifications being conducted across the state. The Constant Contact platform to communicate with our state council and councils continues to work well. The cost to the state council is \$450 per year. I have approximately 1,000 addresses, subordinate councils send these on to their individual members and we estimate that approximately 19,000 brother knights receive these requests for our prayers. Three councils do not have any email address.

I reviewed the Courier for content, etc., prior to publication of each issue.

In closing, I wish to give a very special thank you to State Deputy Bob Wolf for the opportunity to continue to serve as the State Council Executive Secretary. I have served in this role for 26 years; I look forward to continuing my service to our order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Guggenberger

## **DISTRICT MASTER**

Greetings, Worthy State Deputy Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rooney, Worth Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights, ladies and guest to this 2024 State Convention.

October 27 & 28, 2023, I attended the Provincial Meeting of the Fr. Padilla Provence held in Overland, Kansas, hosted by Vice Supreme Master Guy Steier, along with District Masters from Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. We were provided with updated information as well as goals for the year.

I attended various Council and Assembly functions during the year, I was able to install officers for several Assemblies. I was also privileged to attend several banquets and receptions as part of the State family.

The summer leadership seminar, mid-year meeting and convention were successful with many assembly representatives attending. Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers were invited to attend this annual meeting and were able to spend Saturday afternoon discussing topics with the District Master. While attending the weekend Sir Knights were also able to listen to membership and other presentations regarding fraternal activities and the way forward of the 4th Degree. The state Mass had a record setting 4th Degree presence, they were phenomenal. We had many exemplifications covering from Scottsbluff to McCook, Norfolk, Lincoln and Omaha. We look forward to doubling exemplifications in the new fraternal year. I would like to thank our state 4th Degree Captain Sir Knight Shawn Wilkie and the state team for their dedication in making the exemplification experience a memorable one for our new Sir Knights.

Nominations for the position of District Master for the 2024-2026 term will be submitted to the Vice Supreme Master and announced in October 2024.

It has been a privilege to serve as the District Master for the Nebraska Jurisdiction. I want to thank our State Deputy, former District Master's and all the State Officers for their support and friendship. I would like to thank the assembly Sir Knights and their families for their dedication to our church and community. You all are wonderful examples of Patriotism with love of our Flag.

Audrey and I look forward to attending many Assembly functions and Officer Installations over the next year assuming I am appointed to a second term as the District Master.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mark Borytsky, PSD  
District Master Nebraska Jurisdiction.

Deputy Wolf asked the Grand Knight or a delegate from Council 1966, Plattsmouth, to come forward and receive a plaque for being the Best of the Best council for the 2022-2023. Grand Knight Steve Riese accepted the plaque. Deputy Wolf continued announcing the Council 9704, Lincoln, was the 2023-2024 Best of the Best. Deputy Wolf presented the traveling award to Grand Knight Ronald Votipka.

Deputy Wolf called on our Supreme guest, brother Rene Trevino for his remarks.

Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Father, my brother Knights.

I am honored to be in Nebraska as your Supreme Representative for your 119<sup>th</sup> State Convention. And, along with you, I am praying for everyone's safety during these serious storms.

State Conventions are an honored tradition. State business if conducted, the "nuts and bolts" of our order and the election of our state officers.

The measures of success – What we Are" – Knights of Columbus. The star tracker reports – our dashboard.

Membership – we use the COH update (268) – member challenge. The online membership if the new form 100. The testimonial for last year.

On Programs, - congratulations to all of you who received awards last night. Now is the time to focus on your SP-7 submissions. – Star Councils are a measure of your success. Make sure your safe environment is complete and you have done the fraternal benefit events.

Cor – "Who We Are." Our Supreme Knight's focus is on Faith – First in Faith, First in Charity. From the Epistle of St. James, chapter 2:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works. Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of says to him, go in in peace, keep warm, and eat well, but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith in itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, you have faith and I have works. Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by a different route For just as a body without spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

First and foremost, we are Catholics. We need to proclaim our faith and embrace our faith formation. Last year we announced COR, which is a way to bring Catholic men close to prayer, faith formation and fraternity. Let me give you some important information about COR. The acceptance and implementation of COR has been overwhelmingly positive throughout the Order. COR is being implemented in almost every jurisdiction. Over 4000 councils planned to implement COR this fraternal year, and hundreds of men (822) have already reported joining the Knights because of

COR. Please give me a show of hands who has or will embrace COR this year. COR creates space for every Catholic man, Knight or not, to join in prayers, faith formation, and fraternity. Evangelization and faith formation is foundational to Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for the Order. Our COR guidelines and resources and webpages are now available in multiple languages: English, Spanish and French. COR testimonials pulled from February 2024 Monthly COR Report:

At our last social COR meeting a young gentleman expressed his desire to join the Knights, we signed him up and was able to exemplify him. We have now reached our membership quota for the year.

I see the men needed this and have embraced it. Each week we have deep conversations, many of which someone opens their hearts and sometimes drops a few tears. I know God is teaching each one of us in his own timing.

While participation has been minimal, it has been very intimate. Sharing our faith stories. One man has returned to the church after being away for decades. Another man has been struggling with a devastating loss of a child, which has been a faith crisis for him. Through sharing he is slowly rebuilding a relationship with Christ.

The Evangelization and Faith Formation team continues to develop excellent faith-based content:

Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family with over 1.5 million views.

Men of the Word bible study created by the K of C and one of the first ever developed for men in the USA.

Again, it not just being produced in English, Faith-based content is being developed in Spanish that will significantly improve our outreach and support of those in the Hispanic community.

Many of you have taken up the charge to be Knights of the Eucharist.

The Knights of Columbus is a significant supporter and will have a strong presence qat the upcoming US National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. Highly encourage everyone to participate in the Eucharistic Procession. For you, it starts on May 19 in San Francisco and will be coming through Nebraska. One last thing about COR. It is not a program, nor is it a membership opportunity. It is about faith and fraternity. If we allow the Holy spirit to guide us, membership growth will be in abundance and our charitable works will increase ten-fold.

In closing, my brothers, I applaud you for all you are doing for your parish, your State Council and the Order. Continue to listen to the Holy spirit and you too can be proud to say you "have faith and good works."

May the Lord's blessing be with you and your families. God Bless, Vivat Jesus!

Deputy Wolf thanked Brother Trevino for his remarks.

Deputy Wolf called on Program Director Mitchell Lowery for his report. Director Lowery requested this his report and the reports of all the directors and chairmen be entered into the proceedings without being read. Deputy Wolf is there a motion to accept the reports and that they be entered into the proceedings? Council 10909 moved, seconded by Council 1126. Motion Passes.

## **State Program Director**

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as State Program Director for Nebraska this fraternal year. I am truly humbled to have been asked to serve in this position by State Deputy Wolf.

This fraternal year started with the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and District Deputy Training Seminar in July. We again had the privilege of utilizing the Holiday Inn in Kearney for this meeting. Faithful Navigators, or representatives from the Assemblies, were invited to attend this weekend as well, meeting with District Master Borytsky. Program Directors, Regional Growth Directors, and Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez presented information on new programs, membership incentives, and the Inter Council Competition for leaders to take back to their councils. Fun, fellowship, and information were the themes of the weekend.

Following the meeting in July, the State Officers along with State Membership Director Rob Ostdiek and I made our way around the state for Regional Meetings. Seven of our eight regions held Regional Meetings where we were able to provide more one-on-one style training with council leadership, bringing the information from the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and District Deputy Training Seminar closer to home. These regional meetings were well attended and a lot of great information and feedback came from them.

This year's Mid-Year Meeting was held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel. District Deputies attended this meeting, learning about membership recruitment ideas, incentives, and ways to extend membership opportunities to other men, and families, in our communities. We had the opportunity to discuss the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative and how to grow this new "program" in our councils. This year, we also had the opportunity to honor our Immediate Past State Deputy Matt Richardson during the Saturday evening Testimonial Dinner. Following the Mid-Year Meeting, we had the opportunity to hold more Regional Meetings. We reached seven of the eight regions again during our trip around the state. Once again, we had the opportunity to speak with council leadership on a more personal level, focusing this time on Membership recruitment opportunities and retention. We also began discussing the required forms for the Star Council Award.

The ICC Program again had a great year, as did all our programs around the state. This year, we introduced Keystone Projects, eight projects in different categories, that the program directors focused on. Completion of these Keystone Projects allowed councils to reduce their Membership Quota for the ICC Program. This year, we had 196 Keystone Projects completed and submitted throughout the state, adding to the nearly 650 ICC Award Applications that were submitted. At the State Convention, we will recognize over 60 councils for their efforts in membership, programs, and the spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

For the last 20 years, I have participated in the State Convention as a delegate, attendee, or director. This is my first year seeing everything "from the other side of the table." I am truly humbled to have this opportunity and to serve as the State Program Director this year. My hope is that we can continue to build upon this success of this year in the next fraternal year.

I want to thank State Deputy Wolf and all of the State Officers for their support. I would not be able to do this without you. To our State Executive Secretary, District Master, State Membership Director, Regional Growth Directors, and Program Staff, your support and encouragement has truly been a blessing over the past fraternal year. I look forward to having the opportunity to work with you all again.

Vivat Jesus  
Mitchell Lowery

## **Faith Director**

Worthy State Deputy Robert Wolf, State Officers, Directors, and Brother Knights, I respectfully submit the following report to the Nebraska State Council.

The Faith Director provides guidance to Councils for planning, conducting spiritual events, and church activities. He works with the State Chaplain to prepare for all Masses at State events. Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith.

At the request of the State Deputy and State Chaplain, my wife Kathy and I agreed to continue the role of State Faith Directors for another two-year term. The new Fraternal year started with the preparation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Leadership Training Seminar in July of 2023 at Kearney.

In August, we were honored to represent Nebraska as delegates to the Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL.

The Keep Christ in Christmas program is still trying to recover from Covid. English printed Christmas cards were not available again in 2023. We began working on a plan to obtain English printed cards for 2024 from another company.

The Midyear meeting in Lincoln was a logistics challenge for us. The three Masses were held in three different rooms, so Kathy and I had to remove everything from the room after each Mass. When all Masses are held in the same room, we can leave most things in the room between Masses.

On January 5, we participated in the ProLife Gala which was organized by the State Life Directors. While in Lincoln for that event, we attended a post-Christmas party sponsored by the K of C Insurance Agents.

At the end of January, Kathy and I joined a group of Knights and their wives on the Good News Marriage Cruise. We spent the last half of 2023 promoting the event. The Cruise included notables such as Father Mike Schmitz, Dr Ray Guarendi, Al Kresta, Teresa Tomeo, and others. All enjoyed the week and several have registered for the Good News Cruise in 2025.

We were asked and contributed several articles for the Knights Courier magazine.

On March 16, we attended the Awards Selection meeting at St Gregory the Great Seminary of Seward. This is one of several preparation components needed for the State Convention. The Faith Director received 127 ICC submissions for Faith Award, 14 submissions for the Support of Catholic Education, and 4 submissions for the Chaplain of the Year.

We continue to promote the National Eucharistic Revival, and we encouraged K of C Council members throughout the State, along with family and friends, to participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage across Nebraska during June 2024.

Fraternally yours

Larry Koerner

## **Evangelization & Faith Formation Director/Vocations**

No Report Received.

Richard w. Lowery, PSD, FDM

## **Community**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Nebraska's State Community Director. As the State Community Director, I am given the task to Route the Silver Rose across the State. The

Route began on August 13, 2023, with the Councils in Lincoln, then the Silver Rose moved towards the Omaha Councils, then making its way south to Falls City on September 16, 2023. In Falls City, we had Mass, then a ceremony was held in church, where the Silver Rose was handed off to the State Deputy of Kansas. Nebraska representatives that were present include Mike Schaeffer, serving as State Treasurer at that time, William Baalman, PSD Vice Supreme Master for Father Padilla Province, Past District Master, Jim Haier, State Membership Director, Rob Ostdiek, Executive Secretary, Ray Guggenberger, myself, Ken Prokop, Community Director along with members of the Falls City Council.

I also helped councils in my district acquire coats for kids for the kids at St. Michael's School in South Sioux City and St Augustine Mission School in Winnebago.

I have had the opportunity to attend various council meetings and functions. Thank you to all of you. I have also attended all state meetings that I have been asked to be a part of. It has truly been an honor to serve as the State Community Director.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Prokop

### **Youth Chairman**

Responsible for providing ideas and guidance to Councils and District Deputies when planning and conducting youth events and activities.

The 2023 State Soccer Competition was held on October 28, 2023, in Schuyler, NE at their indoor complex. There were 40 children qualified for the event from 5 different regions. We had 21 kids attend the State Soccer Challenge. The Knights were awarded 12 first place trophies and 5 runner-up trophies. The 2023 State Soccer Challenge produced another international award winner. Andrell Velasquez, from council 9264 in Columbus, had 335 points at the State event.

I collected about 40 Keep Christ in Christmas posters. The posters were judged at the mid-winter meeting in December. The winners from the 3 different age groups were mailed to Supreme by their mid-February deadline. The age 5-7 winner was Avery Tomich from council 10895. The 8-10 winner was Kolby Tran from council 11312. The 11-14 winner was Emma Gueret from council 11312.

The 2024 State Free Throw Championship was held on April 6, 2024, at Grand Island Central Catholic High School in Grand Island, NE. We had 84 kids' quality for the event and 74 showed up to participate. We had about 12 volunteers for the event and could have used another 12. The Knights awarded 12 first place winners and 12 runner up winners.

Tim Sealock  
Youth Chairman

### **Publicity Chairman**

No Report Received.

Craig Vavak

### **Family Director**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, State Officers and Brother Knights:

Thank you, my Brothers, for allowing Kati and I the privilege of serving the state of Nebraska as the Family Director.

We were unable to attend the Grand Knights seminar in Kearney. In March we attended the awards selection meeting in Seward with our recommendations for the ICC Family Major Activity award and the Family of the year award.

We were pleased to receive 15 applications for the Family of the Year award. As always they were outstanding applications which made it difficult to select a winner.

We had many participants for the Supreme Family of the Month awards.

There were 70 applications for the ICC Family Major Activity Award.

We will also be attending the State Convention and handing out the Family of the Year awards at the Saturday noon lunch.

Fraternally Yours  
Nick and Kati Ladenburger

## **STATE EVENT COORDINATORS**

Worthy State Deputy Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Father Rooney, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen, Delegates, and fellow Brother Knights:

The summary of the past year's efforts of the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen is detailed below and submitted to be placed in the minutes of the 119th State Convention minutes as a matter of record.

### **2023 – 2024 Events:**

#### **Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and District Deputy Training Seminar – July 14-16, 2023**

The Summer Leadership Training Seminar was held in Kearney on the weekend of July 14-16, 2023. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Members attending the event.

During the event, we, along with the help of several other Directors and Regional Growth Directors, assisted with handing out informational packets to Officers, Directors, District Deputies, Councils, and Assemblies along with meal tickets for the weekend.

#### **Mid-Year Meeting & Testimonial Dinner for IPSD Matt Richardson – December 8-10, 2023**

The Mid-Year Meeting & Testimonial Dinner was held in Lincoln on the weekend of December 8-10, 2023. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Regional Growth Directors, and District Deputies attending the event. Other duties at the event included distributing meal tickets and assisting with room setup.

#### **Annual State Convention – April 26-28, 2024**

The Annual State Convention was held in Kearney on the weekend of April 26-28, 2024. Prior to the start of the event, the State Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with the registration of meals and rooms for State Officers, Administrative Staff, Directors, Regional Growth Directors, District Deputies, Convention Delegates, and Council Members attending the event. We were also involved in working with the Younes Conference Center South Catering Staff to ensure meeting rooms were assigned and set up appropriately.

During the event, the Event Coordinator Co-Chairmen assisted with distributing meal tickets to the registered attendees.

As in past years, we have used Eventbrite as an online system to assist with registration for meals and hotel accommodations for all our events. We continue to try and improve our service for registration and make it as accessible as possible for all our Brother Knights. We are always open to suggestions on ways to improve the registration process for all the meetings we hold throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any input you may have.

We would like to thank State Deputy Wolf and all the State Officers for the opportunity to serve during the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. We look forward to continuing to assist all Brother Knights across Nebraska in any way that we can.

Fraternally and respectfully,  
Pat Rupp & Jesse Hines

## **Culture of Life Foundation**

No Report Received.

Michael & Mary Conrad, PSD, FSD

## **Intellectual Disabilities Foundation**

Worthy State Deputy, Robert Wolf, Worth State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Brother Knights, we respectfully submit the following report to the Nebraska State Council.

We are honored to serve the Nebraska State Council as the Intellectual Disabilities Directors and Directors of the Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.

The 2023-2024 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities drive was another success. This year's Campaign collected just short of \$175,000.00, half of which was distributed back to qualifying organizations at the request of the participating councils. The remaining funds have been used to help organizations as they have made special requests for funds throughout the fraternal year.

Future efforts will be to continue to grow the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities and strive for 100% participation from our councils. We also want to see this drive grow in the financial abilities to give back to those across our state through the many different programs that are offered. We are also looking for ways to expand the efforts of the foundation to help bring awareness to our councils of the many services that are offered in the State of Nebraska so that they can better serve the individuals in their communities. This will be through efforts both financially, with manpower, and finding out more about where there are gaps in the services offered and the needs of those with special needs. We strive to achieve the mission from the Supreme Council of "Helping People with Special Needs."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sammi & Stephen Lowery

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION**

Our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the Brother Knights, Knights of Columbus Councils, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies and the many others who have supported the McGivney Foundation during the past year.

During 2023, the McGivney Foundation has grown from \$682,597.52 as of January 1, 2023, to \$769,707.27 as of December 31, 2023. This is an increase of \$87,109.75 during 2023. Your donations continue to grow our foundation. During 2023 the foundation donated \$2,500 to an individual requesting financial assistance.

The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is the collective effort of Brother Knights throughout the state that provides charitable, monetary support to assist the neediest causes and people in Nebraska. The Foundation consists of a principal endowment of donated funds never to be spent; it is the earnings from this endowment's principal that make it possible for the Knights to live our principle of charity by giving to causes and people throughout our great State of Nebraska in dire need of assistance. As each of us knows, charity is the greatest of our four cardinal principles as Knights. This charitable giving, enabled by the McGivney Foundation, helps us to do the greatest amount of good for our Church and God's most precious children who are in severe need of assistance.

As all are aware, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation was approved by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization qualified to receive tax deductible contributions on April 12, 2016. We continue our relationship with the Southern Nebraska Foundation to manage our principal endowed assets. By this relationship, our investments are managed with the utmost care and in the very best interests of our Catholic beliefs by following the UCCB's guidelines for investing.

As always, we are most grateful to all of you who have and are assisting your foundation with your generous contributions. Your future support remains deeply appreciated and vital to its success.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dan Wells  
Don Ferneding

## **Financial Secretaries Coordinator Chairman**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, and Delegates to the 2024 Nebraska Knights of Columbus Convention in Kearney, Nebraska.

During the last Fraternal/Fiscal year, I provided numerous training opportunities for Financial Secretaries (FS) and Faithful Comptrollers (FC). I provided information on continually changing FS procedures and policies and provided a question-and-answer session for FSs/FCs during the state convention. The mid-year leadership seminar in July provided a full day of training on Saturday and one-on-one training on Sunday morning. We had 30 FSs, FCs, Grand Knights (GK), Faithful Navigators (FN), and District Deputies (DD) attend all or part of the training. Over the course of the year, I conducted one-on-one training (both in person and telephonically) with new FSs and FCs in various councils/assemblies throughout Nebraska. I, Mitch O'Neil, or Joe Kaup conducted regional FS/FC workshops while State Officers and other program chairmen conducted Grand Knight training. These five-hour workshops allowed for small group discussions and targeted training to meet the needs of the audience. The regional training efforts allowed me to reach 32 FS/FCs I would not have normally seen. I also reached out to Supreme (Financial Secretary Section) nine times to facilitate council-level issues that required Supreme to fix issues in Member Management for our councils.

An important duty is to quickly respond and resolve telephone and email questions. I fielded over 200 phone calls and emails with various questions from FSs, FCs, GKs, FNs, DDs, and several State Officers. Among the topics covered were: The filing of Form 990, with due date and general filing requirements; Answered general questions regarding a Council's audit; the relationship between the Treasurer, FS and GK; Explain the differences in the procedures and requirements for Suspensions vs. Withdrawals; Demonstrated the process on how to acquire

access to the Supreme website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and then demonstrated procedures within the membership management section to process activities that previously required the submission of a written paper document; How to transfer members into a council; How to report a death of a member; How to conduct various portions of the annual membership dues assessment; Provided Financial Secretary's guidance in computing the fee schedule necessary for Honorary members to cover Supreme and State assessments; assisting FSs in developing the roster necessary to begin the process to move members to the Affiliate Member Initiative and other miscellaneous questions as they arose. Of note, credit cards, debit cards, and point of service financial transactions have become hot topics. I also provided basic computer instruction to FSs with little computer skills.

This past year I spent a lot of time working with FS/FCs through the State assisting with Member Billing. I spent a tremendous amount of time educating FS in understanding the individual Member Ledger as it relates to assessing dues, and Special and Miscellaneous assessments. A few outlying councils have decided to embrace Member Billing and require some firsthand experience. Additionally, I continued to populate a Financial Secretary Resource tab on the State website. This resource contained various lesson plans and guidance directed to the FS/FC community. It also provides another resource for the FSs with questions. This year we added a training module used to prepare FSs for the annual dues assessments. The module was provided six weeks before dues assessments and contained a "one stop shop" for FSs to get themselves prepared for this annual requirement.

I am in the second year with State Trainer privileges in Member Billing. This access continues to be the most significant improvement in assisting FS/FCs. My ability to peer into a Council's Member Billing allows me to identify issues and help councils correct on the spot. This feature solves issues at the lowest level and often the need for interaction with Supreme is not needed.

All in all, I believe we will continue to educate FSs and FCs better each year and provide a valuable service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Vaughn

### **IT SUPPORT**

Worthy State Chaplain Rooney, State Deputy Bob Wolf, State Officers, District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen and members of the Knights of Columbus, greetings.

We have continued to provide IT support for all scheduled by State Deputy Wolf. This included the Leadership Training Seminar in Kearney in July. the Mid-Winter Meeting for District

Deputies in Lincoln in December, the State Convention Kearney in April, as well as several Regional and District Meetings throughout the year. While most of the equipment is approaching 5 years old, it is still working very well. For the regional meetings, we developed a small kit of IT equipment (which included projectors screens, connectors and cables necessary for a small meeting) that one of us could use to support the meeting, or that could be brought by Program Directory Lowery, who could then set up and run the meeting.

We added a new "HDMI Hopper," that allows us to jump a signal to a projector or from a camera across a room without needing to use HDMI cable. This has helped us at regional meetings and at the state convention. We may explore adding another of these in the future. Mitchell Lowery, Richard Lowery and Kevin Ostdiek continue to provide support for the State Website and are working to keep the site current with news and usable forms for our Knights and Councils.

We also added another member to the IT team this year. Brother Andrew Ostdiek of Council 8010, Msgr. Huber Campo, in Aurora agreed to join the IT / Production Staff prior to the

2024 Convention. He will continue to work with Frank Pribyl over the next couple of years to provide support for our state meetings, replacing Kevin Ostdiek, who will be stepping off of the IT / Production Staff at the end of the year.

Fraternally  
Kevin Ostdiek, Frank Pribyl & Andrew Ostdiek

Deputy Wolf called on Membership Director Robert Ostdiek for this annual report. Director Ostdiek requested this the report of the membership team be entered into the proceedings without being read.

Deputy Wolf asked is there a motion to accept the report and that it be entered into the proceedings. Council 11001 moved, seconded by council 8579. Motion passed.

## **Membership Director**

Worthy State Deputy Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Rooney, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, Worthy Brother Knights,

I was privileged to be asked to serve as State Membership Director under State Deputy Wolf. For State Deputy Wolf's term, it was decided to align the regions, and numbers of Regional Growth Directors, with the current grouping of Youth Regions. That provided eight Regional Growth Directors and me as the membership team. The RGD's and I meet regularly once a month to share information, challenges, successes, and training as needed. We have been effectively achieving 70%+ of our growth goal to date. Utilization of E-Membership with the assistance of IPSD Matt Richardson has been an effective recruiting tool as well as an administrative tool in bringing members into the order.

I have remained diligent in ensuring all growth incentives have been fulfilled each month providing recognition as outlined in the Growth Book. This recognition of individuals and councils' efforts has been gratifying. Some Incentives that were carried over from past promotions were recognized as 'unfulfillable' due to the limitations of some of our systems, we will look to re-craft those incentives in the future, with the hope that potentially, in the future, the systems may be able to recognize these efforts in the manner desired.

Early in the Fraternal year we were able to add Hispanic Council Growth Coordinators Ignacio Cervantes and David Diaz. These two brothers bring the skills necessary for the state to embrace, support, and grow the order for the benefit of our Hispanic brothers and the parishes they support. We have very active efforts and the likelihood of starting a Hispanic Council at Cristo Rey parish in Lincoln Nebraska. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the proactive and initial efforts of Field Agent Francisco Romero that has developed this opportunity for brother knights, the parish, and the order.

In collaboration with Program Direct Lowery Fall and Spring Regional Meetings were conducted in most regions. Meeting directly with council leadership and District Deputies of the Region. These meetings provided the opportunity for meaningful training and conversations that were relevant to the specific region, district, and council. With each meeting we offered the opportunity for candidates or e-members to participate in a CUF which was utilized with some regularity and appreciated by the region. These meetings also provided opportunity for State Officer's to be present, interact, share and learn from members of these regions for the benefit of State.

Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez has also been a valuable resource to me for guidance and assistance with incentives, training, and navigating the systems of the order. Ray was also able to participate in a few of the regional meetings of which the state and I were

greatly appreciative of his perspective and insight with regard to the broader vision of the order and how it may apply to our local areas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Ostdiek

## **Region 1**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Brothers in Christ, I respectfully submit the following growth report for Region 1 which includes the following Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 33, 37 and 40.

District 7      We have an experienced District Deputy in this area. He has been updating the council officers. There are a lot of experienced members who are able to make sure reports are completed and their presence is known.

District 8      The district has an experienced District Deputy at the helm. The new membership is getting strong in this district.

District 9      This district is highly active in the Lincoln area. Membership is at 103% of the goal already for the year. This district also has a council at the University of Nebraska. They also hosted 2 Regional Meetings this year.

District 10      This district has many highly active councils. One of the councils hosted the Regional Soccer Challenge. They also have a Grand Knight who is working with the State Officers to start a Hispanic Council at Cristo Rey Church in Lincoln.

District 33      The District Deputy in this district has helped the Regional Growth Director with many activities and emails for the Region. The councils are highly active and were instrumental with the Lincoln Coats for Kids.

District 37      This district has one of the newest District Deputies in the State. They have one council at 73% of goal for membership. They have one council who single handily provided the majority of the coats for the Lincoln Coats for Kids Drive given to the needy.

District 40      This District has one Council that is at 125% of goal for growth. This Council is very active in the State.

Yours in Christ,  
Mark Main

## **Region Two**

Brother Knights, being a new RGD, there is much to learn and I feel very grateful to be asked to help in this wonderful Fraternal Order. In July I attended the Leadership Training Seminar in Kearney and felt there was good information presented to assist our councils with not only growth, but with programs that would help our councils in staying active with their members.

The Mid-Year Seminar held in December, I believe, gave our District Deputies the opportunity to gain experience in how to better serve their councils and gave them time to ask questions that will benefit all that were in attendance.

I would like to Thank DDs Dwyer and Hoefer along with Council 2411 Elgin, for hosting both the Fall and Spring Regional meetings. The State Team provided excellent materials for guiding councils in better serving their BKs and parishes. We have the most dedicated BKs that serve our State as DDs, Thank You!

I look forward to serving as RGD for the 2024-2025 fraternal year under the leadership of SD Wolf and Membership Director Ostdiek.

Greg Jochum

### **Region 3**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Brother Knights:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as RGD #3 for the last fraternal year. I've been able to attend different council meetings in my region throughout the year helping them in a number of ways.

I held two Regional meetings, February 3rd in Norfolk, and February 4th in West Point. A big thank you to both of those councils for hosting that event. Both of these meetings were successful! We were able to find a new GK and a new FS for the Pender Council along with new members that day. The West Point council acquired new members as well after our meeting.

I also helped set up a meeting date and time with the Tekamah council members to decide on a merger with another council. They are currently moving forward with the plan to join the Blair council.

Our RGD's have a monthly team meeting that I find helpful and encouraging with our state membership director Rob Ostdiek.

I have attended all of the required state meetings and helped with various activities that go with state meetings.

A special thank you to Rob Ostdiek for always being open and available when seeking ideas with membership questions.

Thank you to all my brother RGD's as well. It's been great being part of the team!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Prokop

### **Region 4**

Worthy State Officers, Program Directors, District Deputies, and Convention Guests, it is my pleasure to present to you my Knights of Columbus Membership Director's report for Membership Region four in the state of Nebraska. The Membership Regions were reorganized this past year. Membership Region 4 now includes Districts 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 38 and 39 to align with the Youth Regions.

I thank my District Deputies (Jesse Hines DD 11, Steve Martin DD 22, Mitch O'Neill DD 24, and Gary Gandara DD 38) for their invaluable efforts with assisting me with the regional councils in Districts with vacant DDs (12, 23, 39).

I attended the Leadership Training Seminar in July, the mid-Winter meeting in December, and the State Convention in April.

We held 2 Regional membership meetings. The Fall meeting was in Grand Island on November 18. The Spring meeting was in Aurora on March 23. We had FS Director Mike Vaughn present in Aurora to meet with the FSs separately.

I assisted with membership drives and participated in ECUF ceremonies. I have done a membership presentation at 5 meetings of different councils.

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Robert Wolf, and to Membership Director Rob Ostdiek for the opportunity to serve as a Regional Growth Director.

Vivat Jesus  
Mitch O'Neill

### **Region 5**

Worthy State Deputy Wolf, Worthy Bishops, Rev. James D. Conley, Rev Joseph G Hanefeldt, Rev George J. Lucas, and Worthy State Chaplain Rev Fr. John Rooney, State Secretary Schaeffer, State Treasurer Hypse, State Advocate Korth, State Warden Hamik, and PSD Matthew Richardson, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy brother Knights and guests to the

119<sup>th</sup> State of Nebraska Knights of Columbus. I'm respectfully submitting my report for the 2023/2024 annual state convention. This last year I attended a mid-winter meeting. Held two regional officer training meeting in region 5. Held a CUF exemplification and 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification. Attended many other activities and council meetings in district 30, 29, and 28. Held District free throw championship for district 30 and regional for region 5. Spent a lot of time conferring with district deputies in the region with information and questions they had while consulting with councils.

I would like to express my gratitude to all for the opportunity to service State Knights of Columbus as a Regional Growth Director.

Respectfully  
Kent Lorens

Deputy Wolf moved that the reports of the District Deputies be entered into the proceedings without being read. Council 16878 seconded. Motion passed.

### **District 1**

No report received.

Mark Keller

### **District 2**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 2 which includes the following Councils: 5045 Christ the King, 10108 Saint Roberts, 10909 Saint Wenceslaus and 11700 Mary Our Queen.

Council 5045 is very active in the Omaha area. They participate in several charitable events including One Rose One Life and Tootsie Roll Drive and religious appreciation functions. I have tried to make as many events as I could with them.

Council 10108 is active in their parish. They participate in Parish activities during the year. They also participate in fundraising events for funds for the food pantry. I have had several meetings in person.

Council 10909 is a strong council with enthusiastic backing from their parish priest. They participate in One Rose One Life, run a calendar club fundraiser and hold Meatless Italian feasts during Lent. The Calendar Club allows the council to fund scholarships to Catholic High Schools for 4 students. I have also attended most of the council meetings.

Council 11700 held the District 2 Free Throw Contest and has done a tremendous job of working in the community. The council is increasing its membership. I have attended several of their meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Haiar, PSD, FDM

### **District 3**

No Report Received.

Rudy Mettler

## **District 4**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 4 which includes the following Councils: 10894 Springfield, 07740 St. John Vianney, 10047 Gretna, 10160 St. Stephen The Martyr.

Council 10894 continues to grow and thrive in Springfield, with seven new members in 2024 and successful fundraisers highlighted by 4 fish fries and our popular Knights of Columbus food booth in early August at the Sarpy County Fair. The council also provided 90 coats & 220 hats for kids prior to winter & 20 OPPD heat aid certificates and food baskets to area residents in need. The council participates in the Knights of Columbus Free throw contest, Easter Egg Hunt and Mother's Day Brunch. I attend 1 meeting a quarter.

Council 07740 has conducted a "Winter Rub BBQ Contest for 12 years, with all proceeds going to support the St. John Vianney Outreach program, and this year netted over \$24,000 profit. The Outreach program helps the needy within our parish boundaries, regardless of religious affiliation. The Knights conduct a Fifth Sunday Rosary which continues to grow, also main support for the church comes from Lenten FF's, which generated \$40,500 this year. The council participated in the One Rose One Life program. Council will donate \$42,000 over 3 years to our Parish Priest for Religious Icons! I attend at least 1 meeting a quarter.

Council 10047 is very strong with many activities, Pro Life, Golf Scramble, Game Feed, Fish Fry, blood drives, Highway Clean Up, Monthly Parish Breakfast; these are some of the 32 events sponsored each year. We support as many as 25 different organizations financially or with KofC volunteers in our community. We will be starting the COR program. I attend at least 2 meetings a quarter.

Council 10160 is an extremely active council in support of their Parish and community. This council hosts Parish Lenten fish fry and instituted a fast pass line for stations of the cross participants. They host multiple pancake breakfasts with proceeds going to various Parish organizations and the coats for kids' program. Hosted the District 4 and Region 8 Free Throw Competitions. They promote prayer in the Parish through monthly rosaries, founders' day prayer programs and patriotic rosaries and National Day of Prayer. They participated in the One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll Drives, and Pro Life marches. They support the Parish and community by offering handyman services to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities free of charge. They support the Parish food pantry with monthly drop offs and service hours at Omaha Catholic charities. I attend at least 1 meeting a quarter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Stednitz

## **District 5**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brother Knights in Christ. Here is my report for District 5 which includes, South Omaha Council 3019, Council 10815 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Council 13080 Our Lady of Lourdes, Council 16680 St. John Paul II- University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Council 3019 participated in several charitable events that benefit both the Knights of Columbus and the community of South Omaha including One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll Drive and religious appreciation functions. I have attended many of these events and have seen the positive impact 3019 brings to the community.

Council 10815 participates in the Cinco de Mayo celebration during the year. Currently Council 10815 is working with the parish to update and modernize the outdoor basketball court so that all the kids in the neighborhood have a place to play. Last year I did attend and witness firsthand how Council 10815 helps out with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Festival.

Council 13080 is a strong council with tremendous support from the parish priest and the parish. Every year they participate in the One Rose One Life and the free throw Contest. I have attended several of their meetings as well as events including their Pancake Breakfast and Parish Festival.

Council 16680 is the College Council here in Omaha. Each year they do a tremendous job of recruiting new Knights and working with other Councils in the Omaha area to promote the Knights of Columbus. I have attended several of their meetings.

I David Varney, District Deputy #5 submit this as my report on the progress of these four Councils.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Varney

**District 6**  
No Report Received.

Ronald Morss

## **District 7**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ, I respectfully submit the following rpt for District 7 which includes the following Councils; 1336 Falls City, 7021 Auburn, 10000 Steinauer/Burchard, 11674 Dawson/Schubert.

Council 1336 supports all parish and school needs. They are an active council holding one fish fry each year with strong membership support, they also have monthly breakfasts, and first Friday coffee and rolls. All their paperwork is always complete. They hosted the district free throw. They are struggling to find leadership GK but are still active.

Council 7021 supports all parish and school needs. They are an active council holding fish fry's each year with strong membership support. All their paperwork is always complete. They are struggling to find leadership GK b supports all parish and school needs

Council 10000 supports all parish and school needs. They are an active council holding 2 fish fry's each year with strong membership support. All their paperwork is always complete. The council has even supported the fourth degree by buying the fourth degree members of their council their uniforms.

Council 11674 supports all parish and school needs. They are an active council year with strong membership support. I need to support them more on completion of their paperwork is always. They are doing well even though they are one of the smallest councils in the state. I am still working on finding a District Deputy for this district.

Louis R Gasper Jr, PSD

## **District 8**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 8 which includes the following Councils: 1723 Beatrice, 6750 Tecumseh, and 15869 Odell. All of the Councils in the district there are several attributes that all have in common.

1. All have a Pastor that is very supportive of the Knights of Columbus an attend their meetings on a regular basis.
2. All of the Councils are dedicated to volunteer hours of support to the church and their community.

3. The brother Knights in general are supportive of their church, their pastor and their community.
4. All Councils have a plus in membership.

The following are examples of some unique activities done by each of Councils.

### **1723 Beatrice**

Among many activities throughout the year. This Council runs a 7-day fireworks sale which grossed approximately \$250,000.00 this past year. This year the plan is to donate approximately \$50,000.00 to the remodeling project of the church. Additionally, the Council is hosting additional fundraising programs to obtain a new ultrasound machine for the local Pro-Life organization. Beatrice Council has met their membership quota.

### **6750 Tecumseh**

The Council hosts a First Friday donut and coffee after Mass on every First Friday of the month. It also supports a scholarship program for students attending their Catholic elementary school. Additionally, they have donated to the McGivney Foundation and several other local community projects.

### **15869 Odell**

This Council has supported their church and community by hosting a chicken meal at the Odell Community Days as a fund raiser for their Council and church. They continue to donate and work on several church projects such as painting of the interior of the church

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM

## **District 9**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I submit the following report for District 9 which includes the following Councils: 833 in Lincoln, 9704 in Lincoln, 11001 in Lincoln, 13015 (UNL) in Lincoln and 16878 in Lincoln.

Fitzgerald Council #833 serves St. Teresa's parish and continues to have a very strong and active council. The annual Lenten Fish Fry and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks stand help with financing their council. They also participate In the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose – One Life campaign, and give a Rose, Prayer card and Holy Water bottle to new mothers at their parish Baptisms. This group of brothers also host a Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunch twice a Year, provide snacks at the back-to-school event and take the Altar Boys to a Salt Dogs baseball game and provide money to each for snacks at the game. I attended all of their meetings this year, (they continue to begin each meeting with a Rosary and have a Mass for deceased members every November meeting), as well as CUF Exemplifications and other activities. You can see members volunteering as the chain gang for Pius X football games!

St. Mary's Council #9704 host a summer BBQ, fall spaghetti feed and winter breakfast for the parish every year; at each event certificates are presented by their Chaplain for not only Family of the month and Knight of the month but also Parishioner of the month which are also announced each month in the "Know the Knights" bulletin excerpt. These men participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose - One Life campaign and RSVP program each year. Every Advent and Lent the council helps decorate the church and also put decorations away after each beautiful liturgical seasons. This year they helped with a fireworks stand for the first time and are the first people the parish office calls for help. You can see these active brothers every year at the Walk

for Life that begins with hosting the opening Mass, lining up and participating in the gathering outside the State Capital across the street and the walk itself. I attended all of their meetings which start with a Rosary and ends with social time playing cards, as well as most of their activities. They achieved 120% membership quota by the end of February and continue to use online membership process.

Blessed Sacrament Council #11001 continues to be one of the most active councils in the state. Selling and storing Stadium seats at all Husker football games, concessions at Husker baseball games and Lenten Fish Fry's help finance Their council. They completed the Into the Breach program and are organizing a COR committee. This group can be Seen picking up trash in the ditches in SW Lincoln where they sponsor a road-cleanup crew each month. They also Provie Bibles for graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and have a Rosary making night each year for the school. The council also Host the annual s District soccer challenge and free throw contest as well as All-City/Regional Knights of Columbus Meetings. The One Rose – One Life campaign and Tootsie Roll drive are sponsored every year by these men, as well as participating In the RSVP and ASAP programs. Each February the brave brothers participate in the Polar Plunge by entering the icy water at Holmes Lake to raise funds for the Special Olympics. I attended all of their meetings as well as their CUF Exemplifications and many of their activities, including their annual awards night banquet.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Council #13015 (UNL) is a College Council at the Newman Center on the UNL Campus. By the end of December 2023 this council achieved 200% membership quota and continue to bring active Catholic men into our order. These brothers take summers off to be with families back in their hometown but have active meetings September – May each year. They meet on a Sunday evening every month and are well attended. They sponsor parish breakfast, taco nights and spaghetti feeds and occasional fun nights that include playing games and providing snacks but always includes prayer and/or spiritual activities. They are participating in the COR program, and each semester try to add a new spiritual activity to students from the University. They send representatives to the College Council Convention in New Havemn each year, as well as actively participate in the State Walk for Life and National March for Life. I attended all of their meetings as well as helped with the online membership process and CUF Exemplifications. These young men are a joy to work with and brings light to the continuation of our Brotherhood and order!

Father Kenneth Walker Council #16878 serves the St. Francis Chapel in Lincoln; an original Latin Right church in the Lincoln Diocese. They actively support the Franciscan Seminary in Denton in many ways. Each year this group of men sponsor an Octoberfest which brings in funds to support several seminarians and the RSVP program. They also work concession stands at Husker Football and Volleyball games. This is one of the newer councils in the state and continue to be active for their pastor and church. I attended all but one of the meetings and several of their activities. Each meeting starts with a Holy Hour, and weather permitting ends with a bonfire in the church courtyard that includes snacks and spiritual readings and messages. They also help with various church projects, and continue to grow in Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Respectively Submitted,  
John P. Franssen

**District 10**  
No Report Received.

David Wilson

## **District 11**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 11 which includes the following Councils: 8010 Aurora/Giltner, 10386 Central City, 14070 Sutton/Harvard.

Council 8010 is very active in the Aurora area. They participate in many church activities. They hold a yearly soup supper, spaghetti dinner, and fish fry to raise funds for their scholarship program. This year they participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and One Rose One Life. They also continued their India Mission campaign. I made it to and assisted in all events this year.

Council 10386 is active in their parish. They also have a scholarship program that they were able to increase the amount this year. They play a key role in having Lenten Fish Fries every Friday in Lent. They participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, and Free Throw Contest. They hosted the district contest. They had one participant that made it all the way to the State Competition. I have had several in person meetings and most of their events.

Council 14070 is active with their parish and community. They held multiple breakfasts for the parish. They also head a food drive for the local food banks in the county. They participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive, One Rose One Life, and Free Throw Contest. They make sandwiches for Catholic Social Services twice a year to be handed out to the homeless for lunches. I have made it to most of their meetings and events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jesse Hines

## **District 12**

See District 38.

Gary Gandara

## **District 13**



Nebraska District Deputy #13  
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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 13 which includes the following Councils: 1497 Phil Sheridan (Fremont), 3736 St. Thomas Aquinas (North Bend), 10305 Fr. James Schwertley (Fort Calhoun), 10412 St. Francis Borgia (Blair).

Council 1497 participated in the following activities: Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive, Pancake breakfasts and Fish Fry's to support youth activities and funds for the fiscal year. Council Christmas Dinner and party, Council Awards Banquet to honor Knight and Family of the Year as well as all members, Council Free Throw Contest, One Rose One Life Campaign and the Fremont area Life Chain, and support the Fremont Pro Life Center Life Choices. They also donate Bibles to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class at Fremont Bergan Elementary School.

Council 3736 participated in the following activities: Awards Banquet to honor the Knight and Family of the Year as well as Honorary Members. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, Knights Life Chain, Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive, Pancake Breakfast for Intellectual disabilities, Memorial Mass for deceased members. Erected Nativity Scene on the corner of highways 79&30, as well as one at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Participated in the One Rose One Life Sunday Campaign. Held pancake breakfast for Seminarian/ Vocation Fund.

Council 10305 participated in the following activities: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program. Lead the rosary every Thursday before the 8:00am mass. Held the One Rose One Life Fund Raiser as well as a Pro Life Brunch. Held pancake breakfast for the fort Calhoun Post Prom. Once a month they go to the Newport House to play bingo with the residents. They have made several trips to Winnebago and Macy Ne. Indian Reservations with clothing, food and Christmas toys, and donated 2 cases of Coats for Kids to this cause. In November this Council sponsored a Thanksgiving Dinner,

for the employees and patrons of the Essential Pregnancy Services in Omaha. They are active participants at the parish fish fry's.

Council 10412 participated in the following activities: They participated in the Culture of Life Art Contest and the Free Throw Contest. The Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Food Drive as well as the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. Operated a fireworks stand, the proceeds of which were donated to the Youth Program to help send the youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference. They also volunteer at the Blair Recycling Center and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. They do the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary Program and give red roses, to the mothers of newly baptized babies.

I have tried to attend as many meetings as possible. While at the meetings I encourage them to look for new ways to increase enthusiasm for member participation as well as new growth.

Respectfully Submitted  
Philp Tamisiea DD #13

## **District 14**

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2024 report for District # 14, which consists of Councils 5439 Howells, 7887 Clarkson, 9898 Leigh, and 12132 Stanton. All councils have complied with the State and Supreme laws and rules of our order. All councils have completed required reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.

Pope John XXIII, Council #5439, of Howells has been very active in their community, holding bingo, a chili feed, fish fries and pancake breakfasts. They provided pizza to students and staff of the Catholic school during Catholic Schools Week. They also hosted district 14 Free Throw Contest. They've participated in the yearly Tootsie Roll Drive for the Handicapped.

St. John Neumann Council #7887 of Clarkson is a small but growing council. They've been busy with several activities which include the following: One Rose One Life, Pancake Feeds, annual Tootsie Roll Drive, They sponsored a very successful Steak Fry to kick off the Fraternal year in August.

St. Mary Council #9898 of Leigh participates in the annual One Rose One Life campaign, pancake feeds, an annual Spaghetti Feed and Lenten Fish Fries. They are very active at the Colfax County fair which is held in August at Leigh.

St Peter's of Stanton Council #12132 of Stanton participates in many activities which include the following: toys for tots, server's appreciation event. Council members participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive and the One Rose One Life Campaign. Their monthly meetings are preceded by a special prayer to the saint of the day.

This year I have attended council meetings when possible and several activities. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Robert Wolf and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all of my Councils in District 14 for their help and support throughout this year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rolland H Dvorak

## **District 15**

Worthy State Deputy Robert Wolf, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights. I respectfully submit my 2023 - 2024 report for District # 15, which consists of Councils 1309 Emerson, 3844 South Sioux City, 5143 Randolph 8579 Wayne and 9939 Ponca. All councils have complied with the Sate and Supreme laws and rules of our order. All councils have completed the required State and Supreme reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Archbishop Daniel E Sheehan Council #1309 of Emerson has been active this year. The major fund raiser for the council was the Turkey Bingo held this past fall. Several Knights provide support for this event. No new recruits have been recorded to date.

Father Trecy Council #3844 South Sioux City has been active this year. Fund raising events for South Sioux include the weekly Fish Fries on all Fridays of Lent and during the summer months a weekly hamburger night is held each Thursday.

St. Frances DeChantel Council #5143 Randolph has been active this year. Randolph knights maintain a community garden and donate produce to the needy of the community. Randolph hosted the District 15 Free Throw Contest and a Fish Fry one Friday during Lent. Several Knights of this Council assisted in serving the parish for various functions throughout the year.

Father William Kearns Council #8579 Wayne was active this year. Activities include 40 Cans for Lent where over 1,000 pounds of food was donated to the local Food Pantry and RSVP program provided support to Seminarian.

Gene Day Council #9939 Ponca has been active this year. This council has held its meeting at Father Kramper's "Casa de Pas." The event began with Mass, meeting and fellowship to follow. 2 new recruits have been added as of this date.

This year I have attended nearly all of the council meetings and several activities of my councils. I attended all of the required state meetings and conventions. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Robert Wolf and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all Councils in District 15 for their help and encouragement throughout this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Podany

## **District 16**

No Report Received

Dean Wieseler

## **District 17**

Vacant

## **District 18**

No Report Received

Gary Hoefer

## **District 19**

#### **District 19 Report for Fraternal Year 2023-24**

Worthy State Deputy Bob Wolf, Worthy State Chaplain Father John Rooney, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Program Directors and Chairmen, and Brother Knights:

Once again, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Knights of Columbus in District 19, which consists of three councils in Columbus (Council 938, St. Anthony's Council 9264 and St. Isidore's Council 12086) along with Council 2716 in Schuyler.

Despite the challenges, our councils were still able to support many worthy causes. Our councils continue to support seminarian Caleb Kosch of St. Anthony's Church (Council 9264).

Council 938 hosted monthly breakfasts, and Council 9264 held their weekly fish fries during Lent.

In the fall, the three Columbus councils and Council 2716 held local soccer shootouts, with the district taking place in Schuyler. There was no regional shootout because we were the only district in our region to have competitions, so our district winners advanced to the state soccer shootout, which was also held at Schuyler.

All five councils held Tootsie Roll Drives in the fall, with the three Columbus councils combining to hold theirs at locations in the city as well as after Masses at their individual churches. All four councils also held One Rose, One Life campaigns during the winter.

Members of Council 9264 led the rosary before the 7 a.m. Masses at St. Anthony's and also were altar servers at those Masses. In addition, St. Anthony's continued its perpetual adoration program, with many Knights filling their hourly requirements on a weekly basis.

Council 2716 said rosaries for those in the Divine Mercy parish who had passed away. The council also participated in the annual Labor Day Parade in Schuyler.

We were able to host both the all-Columbus local and the district free throw contests on the same day at Columbus Middle School. We held the local competition involving all three councils early on Sunday. The district contest was contested immediately following the local competition with the addition of the winners from Council 2716, which had held its local competition earlier. The district winners advanced to the regional contest, which was held in March at Boone Central High School in Albion.

The councils also held Easter Egg hunts along with seminarian breakfasts and participated in Fraternal Benefit Nights.

In closing, I appreciate having the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus as a District Deputy for the past seven-plus years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. Strecker, DD#19

## District 20

Worthy State Deputy Matt Richardson, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates, and Brother Knights:

I respectfully submit my report for **District Number 20**, which consists of the following Councils: **7699** (Holy Family of Lindsay), **7825** (St. Edward of St. Edward), **7954** (St. Peter's of Fullerton), and **10607** (St. Rose of Lima of Genoa). These four Councils have regular business meetings six to ten times per year. Each Council has one or more programs unique to itself, but all of the Councils certainly serve their local Churches and communities in a very positive manner.

St. Rose of Lima Council hosts coffee and donuts once a month at the parish center. This past year, this Council raised approximately \$1000 to replace the Pro-Life banner covering the billboard located at the busy junction of U.S. Highway 81 and Nebraska State Highway 22; it is a very beautiful witness to love for human life. Each regular monthly meeting is preceded by members present praying the holy Rosary.

St. Edward Council remains committed to RSVP – supporting at least two local area seminarians, as well as a young lady from the Genoa area in a convent. They give scholarships to local graduates and host a children's tractor pull at Beaver Valley Days. Members assist in the upkeep of the parish cemetery and other parish grounds.

Lindsay Council handed out a rose to widows of deceased Brother Knights at its annual Memorial Mass; it donates to FOCUS missionaries, Spirit Catholic Radio, UNL and UNO Newman Centers, and local student activities. The holy Rosary precedes each monthly meeting.

St. Peter's Council held a successful Pancake, Egg, & Sausage Breakfast; they continue to help with funding renovations to their parish Church and donate to the local food pantry.

Some members, encouraged by the local priest, choose to receive the holy Eucharist in the “Traditional” manner – kneeling and on the tongue; this has preceded the Knights of Columbus initiative to bring reverence and respect back to this esteemed Sacrament of the Catholic Church.

All four of these Councils participate in the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) fundraising drive. All four Councils participate willingly in handing out One-Rose-One-Life prayer cards in the parishes they serve, and they have done well in raising funds to support Pro-Life activities.

All Glory, Praise, and Honor be to God the Father, our Creator; the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy M. Zach

## **District 21**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights, Brothers in Christ

I respectfully submit my report for 2023-2024 term of office as a District Deputy 21 which includes 1312 of Greeley, 1739 of Albion, and 13584 of Spalding.

Council 1312 of Greeley is very active. They participate in charitable events including social evening for members, One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll Drive, and held fish fries during Lent.

Council 1739 of Albion is the most active in my district. They donate to Ultrasound, ASAP, Coats 4 Kids, held council and regional free throw contests, supported Back Packs for Kids, Holy Hour, Vocation Prayer, Pancake Feed for Catholic School Week and Rosary, as well as fish fries during Lent.

Council 13584 of Spalding is also active in hosting 4 fish fries in Spalding and 2 in Ericson, donated to Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, provided lay ministers one weekend per month for Masses, Corpus Christi, Supported Catholic School Week by preparing Roast Beef Dinner at beginning of event and Pancake Feed at the conclusion, donated to St. Michael’s Church for new sidewalks and landscaping, and Catholic Radio.

Council 7889 of Cedar Rapids went through the process of merging with Spalding. Final date was 2/12/24 after an 8 month ordeal.

I have attended all the meetings for the above 3 councils except for 3, attended Spalding, Greeley and Albion fish fries. At least 2 councils should receive Star Council. Membership quota is met in all 3 active councils.

I attended a mid-winter meeting in Lincoln.

Respectfully yours,  
Allan Rolf

## **District 22**

No report received.

Steve Martin

## **District 23**

Vacant

## **District 24**

Worthy State Deputy Robert Wolf, State Officers, Fellow District Deputies, State Directors, Delegates and Brother Knights: I respectfully submit my 2024 report for District 24, which consists of Councils 1728 Kearney, 2040 Lexington, 2351 Wood River/Shelton, 10923

Kearney, and 12687 Elm Creek/Amherst/Overton. All councils have complied with the State and Supreme laws and rules of our Order. All councils have completed state reports. Throughout this past year these councils have conducted many activities in the areas of Faith, Community, Family and Life.

St. James Council 1728 of Kearney has been busy with activities which include the following: One Rose One Life, annual Tootsie Roll® Drive, and Right to Life Prayer. They sponsored very successful Lenten Fish Fries and added a take-out option to help with social distancing restrictions with their dining area. They make annual donations to Catholic Radio, their parish, and other charitable organizations.

Lexington Council 2040 participates in many activities which include: One Rose One Life campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, and other events. They make annual donations to their Parish, and the community from their fundraisers.

Wood River/Shelton Council 2351 participates in many activities which include: ASAP, One Rose One Life campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, Community Christmas Dinner deliveries, and other events.

Prince of Peace Council 10923 of Kearney participates in many activities which include: One Rose One Life Campaign, Tootsie Roll® Drive, cook for First Reconciliation meal, and assist with the Lenten Fish Fries. They make annual donations to Spirit Catholic Radio, their parish, and the community from their fundraisers.

Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee Council 12687 of Elm Creek/Amherst/Overton participates in activities which include the following: ASAP, the annual Tootsie Roll® Drive, the One Rose One Life Campaign, and a soup/dessert fundraiser during a high school basketball game. They also give a scholarship to every confirmed high school senior graduating from any of their three towns.

This year I have attended most council meetings and several activities. The councils are still working to do their charitable activities while honoring any social distancing regulations. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to State Deputy Bob Wolf and all the State Officers, my fellow District Deputies, State Directors, and all of my councils in District 24 for their help and support throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell S O'Neill

## **District 25**

No report received.

Mark Dwyer

## **District 26**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. Here I submit this report to you for District 26 which should include Councils : 701 St. Patrick's parish in O'Neill, 3720 St. Mary's in Spencer / Sts. Peter & Paul in Butte, 4707 St. Joseph in Atkinson, & 5881 St. Bonaventure in Stuart.

Council 701 is an energetic and on the go council, activities include : Baptismal gifts, Council fish fry's, K.C. stag knight, K.C. Family Christmas, Coats for kids, One rose one life, tootsie roll drive, K.C. St. Pats bounce house, K.C. Golf tournament, K.C. Scholarships, Rosary at wakes for deceased Brother Knights, Rosary led before Mass, K.C. Burger feed, donated \$500 to Maui fires. Definitely an energetic council.

Council 3720 is a ranch land area council but always on the move. Activities include: One rose One life weekend, Held an art contest with \$10 winners, Council free throw contest along with districts, set up bingo stand at Butte pancake days (\$600 collected) project Lori, \$150 donation, donated \$500 to Maui Fires, sponsored seminarian Brian Johnson, sponsored Boyd/Holt right to life radio ad, CCD teacher appreciation gifts, support of \$500 Karyn Kayl, focus student for missionary work, Had a K.C. Float in Parade, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Special Olympics, \$500 donation for 6 year old girl McKenzie Pelc who had a brain mass removed, held fundraiser dinner for 4 college scholarship @ \$500 each. So again, on the move and keeps up with what they have.

Council 4707 is energized with many Pancake feeds, fish fry's, several different fundraisers for the Catholic school wish list, one being the infamous liver and onion feed. K.C. Float gets utilized in Haydays Parade, they donate the hall for many different functions as a donation, they are donating to many others for needs, catholic Spirit radio, they also have scholarships they fund, we lead the rosary at Sunday Mass and at our meetings. One rose one life, tootsie roll drive and numerous other things going on as well.

Council 5881, again, ranch land area but they get something done. Just a few things, also, fish fry's and pancake feeds, donate to local fire department, help others pay utilities in time of need. They partake on the 4th of July with parade, tootsie roll drive, raise money on duck races to donate to others. One rose one life and again, many other things are happening for who and what they have.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Minchow

## **District 27**

No Report Received.

Justin Hartman

## **District 28**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 28 which includes the following Councils: St. Patrick's, Holy Spirit, Father McGivney Council St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ogallala St. Lukes, Cozad Christ the King.

I have attended all council meetings for all councils listed above, and I must say I am very proud of all councils.

Council #1211 St Patrick's, North Platte:

This is a good council. They have many events throughout the year. They do well getting everyone involved with their fish fry's and Parrish Breakfast. New membership will be just around the corner with New Knights joining.

Council 10506 Holy Spirit, North Platte:

Is a very well ran meeting, in a timely manner. Many fund raisers are scheduled with donations funding The Woman's Resource Center here in North Platte. Membership in the Parrish is good with many members belonging to the Knights.

Council 12530 Fr McGivney Council St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

This council does well with keeping everything in the books. Well organized with Officer meetings and filling out reports timely. They have been awarded some very nice awards from State. Chaplain attends all meetings.

Council 4979 St Lukes, Ogallala:

A meal is served by a volunteer member each month. A meal enjoyed by all with fellowship. The Chaplain is the focal point of the meeting with good insight on the Knights. They do a Fish Fry during the Lenten Season with a nice fundraiser. Seminarian support is well supported with one young member in the Seminary at this time. Council 4979 added 6 new Sir Knights this year!

Council 5315 Christ the King, Cozad:

A well-knit Council that needs no direction. They have a Steak Fry every meeting possible with good fellowship, which brings everyone together. The meetings are time managed well and to the point, nothing is missed. Everyone that could helped with the Parrish renovation and new dishwasher cost. A new priest was transferred in and has done well and is supportive of this Council.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jimmy D Pokorny

## **District 29**

Worthy State Deputy Robert Wolf, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worth State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights of the 119th State Convention in Kearney. I respectfully submit the following report for District 29 which includes the following councils: #2373 Orleans, #2693 Indianola, #7734 Arapahoe/Cambridge, and #8590 Holdrege.

I attended DD and Grand Knight training in Grand Island in July and was installed as District Deputy 29. I attended as many meetings in my District as I could.

In August, I attended Old Settlers Days in Indianola, District Council #2693. I participated in the parade with Father Houlihan and handed out candy to the kids. In the afternoon I helped cut up pies for the noon dinner.

To help out councils in my district, I attended a regional meeting in McCook in November.

In December I attended a Mid-winter meeting in Lincoln.

In February, I attended the District free throw contest in Bartley and a regional meeting in North Platte.

I would like to thank State Deputy Wolf for asking me to service as District Deputy 29.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Anderson

## **District 30**

Vacant

## **District 31**

No Report Received.

Mike Esselstein

## **District 32**

Vacant

## **District 33**

No report received.

Alvin Raef

## **District 34**

No report received.

James Vath

## **District 35**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following activity report for District 35, which includes the following Councils: 6192 Columban, 6429 Archbishop Bergan, 11364 Holy Cross, and 11879 St. Matthews.

Council 6192 is quite active in the Bellevue area. They participate in Holiday Parades and religious appreciation functions in addition to charitable events such as Coats for Kids, One Rose One Life, Easter Egg Hunt, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. They also conduct spaghetti feeds and Lenten Fish Fry dinners to raise funds for their charitable programs, in addition to their seminarian (RSVP) support programs. The Council, under their "Feed the Need Program," prepares and distributes over 125 lunch meals each month to feed the homeless in the Omaha area. I regularly attend their membership and officer's meetings and severable of their events.

Council 6429 is very active in their Parish and the associated Catholic School. They prepare and sell sausage items and conduct regular breakfast events as fund raisers to generate funds to provide needed equipment for the Parish community, as well as scholarships to school students, School Breakfasts, and monetary gifts to clergy. The Council, in addition to supporting the Parish Lenten fish fry events, also participated in the Coats for Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive, and the One Rose One Life programs, as well as supporting the Parish Thanksgiving meal and the Stephen's Center meal. I was able to attend their membership meetings, some of their planning meetings, and a few of their program events.

Council 11364 is a very strong council and actively participates in and supports the many Parish activities. They conduct regular pancake feeds, participate in the Parish Festival, conduct a Rosary program, support Hospitality dinners and breakfasts for Holy Cross School students, and conduct fundraisers to support their charitable works. They also participate in the One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll, Spiritual Reflection, and RSVP programs. I have attended almost all of their membership meetings and some of their planning meetings.

Council 11879 is a very active council and has the strong backing of their Parish Priest. They conduct regular fundraisers such as pancake breakfasts, spaghetti feeds, breakfast burrito sales, and Lenten Fish Fry dinners, to fund their charitable programs, and they support and provide manpower for the Parish School Fundraiser. They participate in the One Rose One Life, Tootsie Roll, and RSVP programs, as well as conducting weekly food drives for the Food Pantry. They conduct monthly Knights Masses and Holy Hour events and have a Rosary program. This Council has also conducted both District and Regional Youth Activity Contests. The Council has established a live CUF Exemplification team and has conducted a few Exemplifications this Fraternal Year. I have attended all of their membership meetings, and most of their planning meetings.

Respectively submitted,  
Bob Hasiak

## **District 36**

No report received.

Galen Pokorny

## **District 37**

No report received.

Jeremy Jordan

## **District 38 and 12**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in our Lord Christ. First, thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as a District Deputy for the Nebraska Jurisdiction again this past fraternal year.

I am respectfully submitting the following report surrounding the health and wellbeing of the councils within District # 38 –

Leo XIII Council # 1708, York, NE.

Victor Vifquain Council # 7704, Crete, NE.

Fr. Wenceslaus Beranek Council # 7966, Wilber/Tobias, NE.

St. Vincent DePaul # 8469, Seward, NE.

Bishop Glennon P. Flavin Council # 11737, Denton, NE.

American Charities # 11822, Exeter/Friend/Milligan, NE.

St. James Council # 14320, Cortland, NE.

St. Maximillian Kolbe # 14508, Beaver Crossing/Utica, NE.

Council # 1708 is a long established, strong, and active council. Active in supporting many of their parishes needs and that of their pastor. Many of the members have been with this council a very long time, and with that being stated, I certainly can see pride in what they say and do. Most are also active with their Assembly who also meet at the same Knights Court Hall. They also take pride in owning their own building. Some of the activities they support are the local Boy Scouts both monetarily and physically, with member mentoring, supporting their outings including trips and fishing. They also support an annual baseball tournament withing their community at a local ball field. Members assist and help raise funds towards a win-win for all, splitting with the area supporters and sponsors of this event. This council also supports Supreme activities such as the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive and the Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage. Several members are very much concerned about reaching out to future good Catholic men to join and grow their council. At each meeting, this is always an area they spend time on, brainstorming on who they should be looking to speak with. From my perspective, this council is in it for the long run and will be around for a very long time.

Council # 7704 is a strong and active council which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and school. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers for their school, breakfast fundraisers for local families in need, and hosting several movie night events. For their parish, they provide manpower hosting their annual Fireworks sales stand, in which most of the proceeds are given to their church. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, and their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage. # 7704 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 7966, since their Grand Knight has been in position for a third year now, he continues to stretch out of his comfort zone, and has the support of the membership and pastor. In the past, they have held one fundraiser a year, riding on these proceeds the entire year, to pay expenses and fund their activities. They have operated on a shoestring budget but have been able to sustain themselves. They are now hosting additional fundraiser activities. They also support the One Rose – One Life Campaign, Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, and the Annual Intellectual

Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are again supporting their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center with donation funding and manpower. For their Church, I can always count on them to host the Annual Silver Rose Pilgrimage when it is in their area. Their pastor has a deep and strong conviction to this Pilgrimage. Participation at monthly meetings has been low the previous years, but this past year, I have noticed an upswing and more enthusiasm among those in attendance. Their membership shows up for their annual Pancake Feed fundraiser during the Annual Czech Festival each August. This council is building momentum with excitement and will do good going forward.

Council # 8469 is a very good council. Although attendance at monthly meetings continues to be low, those who are there can and do make a lot of things happen. They have quite a few officers/members who have been around for a long time. They are the strong and supporting guidance of this council. They, like many of the other councils in this district, can and do fund a variety of activities, many of which are for local families and members in need. This appears to be a major interest and conviction of theirs. They also support many of the Supreme sponsored activities such as the Coats for Kids, One Rose – One Life Campaign, Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. I have also noticed they have a knack to involve members from their community to help them sponsor and provide manpower to support mutual interests, not only in their parish but community interests as well. Their membership seems to come out of the woodwork when there are these needs. Another district council that is doing well and will be around for a very long time.

Council # 11737 is another of the districts strong and vibrant councils. They host their annual Fireworks sales stand in the church parking lot and sponsor most of the manpower. From the proceeds, they can fund a wide array of activities and events. This council is active in the support of their parish Church, conducting clean-up and repair/maintenance events, providing matching funding for local retreats for Knights families, and supporting students wishing to participate in Pilgrimages. They sponsor two seminarians per year with monetary donations. They also support a local food pantry in the Denton Community gathering food, plus supplying manpower and funding. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, a Pro-Life Essay Contest, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are also expanding on events and activities, trying out different things outside their comfort zone. They are again hosting a Fish Fry during Lent this year alongside a parish retreat. Again, overall, # 11737 is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 11822, the Grand Knight for this council is very active and the council is well organized. At their monthly council meetings, a modest number of members attend, including both priest from Friend and Exeter/Milligan. Their GK is on top of things and is the focal point for the membership following, while still employed full time as an over-the-road trucker, traveling all around the country. Many times, I receive a phone call or texts while he is enroute from point “A” to point “B” somewhere on the rim of the US, that’s commitment! I have also noticed their attendance at monthly meetings has gradually increased and memberships along with exemplifications has increased this past year. I have attended these as well as some of their fundraiser events. They are in good shape for funding whatever event they choose to host including over the past year, the One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Free Throw Basketball Competition. They also sent several participants to the District, Reginal and now have several they’ve help host, going from their area to the State competition. Their living up to their Council name, “American Charities,” by demonstrating what and who it means to be a Knight of Columbus & a Catholic Men’s fraternal organization. Members donate significant time, effort, and money towards supporting

their church and community, helping to host several events throughout the year including the Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, spaghetti feed fundraisers, Soup Supper fundraisers, Fish Frys, and pancake feed fundraisers to support the local parish or struggling community members. This council is fun to watch! They too are in it for the long-run and is a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 14320 continues to be one of our districts up and coming shining councils, but for now and all practical purposes, they are a mirror image of the Crete and Denton councils. This council is also strong and active, which centers much of their activities supporting their parish church and community. They host several events throughout the year including spaghetti feed fundraisers and pancake feed fundraisers to support the local parish or struggling community members. They also acquire most of their funds from the sales of their annual Fireworks sales. Because of the success of sales, they can have sufficient funds for donations and supporting activities all year long. They can fund various events for their community including Coats for Kids, their neighboring Cor Maire Schoenstatt Center including volunteering labor support. They also support various charitable events but not limited to the One Rose – One Life Campaign, Catholic Spirit Radio, the Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They are very proud of this one fact - a cause they strongly support, the Pro-Life / Unborn Initiatives, ASAP, and the Women's Care Center, Lincoln, NE, usually winning an award every year. It is within their sights for this year again. In all, this council is also a vibrant and living our faith council.

Council # 14508 is a very small council. Their attendance at the monthly meetings varies from a few to a nice group. They have the luxury of being able to host their monthly meetings between two locations, Beaver Crossing or Utica, both of which have nice meeting halls. They can fund and support many of the Supreme sponsored activities, the Saint Joesph Icon Pilgrimage, Coats for Kids, One Rose – One Life Campaign, and the Annual Intellectual Disabilities / Tootsie Roll Drive. They also host many meatless dinners during Lent surrounding the Parishes Stations of the Cross. Like other councils, members show up to support events, some I have never seen before. They can support and fund themselves throughout the year well. In respect, this council is another vibrant and living our faith council and will grow going into the future.

In closing, all eight councils in district # 38 are doing what they can to model the way our Knights of Columbus with Fr. McGivney's inspiration has instilled. I have been privileged to be able to physically attend many monthly Knights council meeting and a few Officers' meetings. In addition, except for meetings during the month of December, which were either canceled due to weather, postponed, or altered/suspended due to holding Christmas Parties instead of. I do have four councils that hold meetings on the same nights, #1708 and #11822, plus # 8469 and # 11737. For these councils, I alternate attending their monthly meetings each month.

Thanks, stay healthy and safe,

Vivat Jesus  
Cordially  
Gary Gandara

**District 39**

Vacant

## **District 40**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 40 which includes the below councils.

**Council 1966 Plattsmouth Ne.( 2023 Top Council State Gold Winner)**

This council consistently makes activities a high priority in all major areas for Faith, Family, Community and Church. In some ways they perform as a model for other councils especially with their enthusiasm, focus on Faith and Council Administration.

The council had in person meetings for the year and continued to have an ability to have a zoom option to members. All meetings are now preceded by a Rosary. I have attended most of these meetings and observed a very enthusiastic group of Brother Knights. "Into The Breach" presentations were also conducted after meetings.

Major activities and fundraising again included a large golf tournament in August. This was followed by a dinner and auction which raised about \$20,000. The council continued to coordinate some projects for the Franciscan Sisters new motherhouse in Nebraska City.

Other activities included a monthly breakfast, tootsie roll drive, fish fry's, free throw contest, and one rose one life. Supporting the Catholic Education, St. John the Baptist School, and The Church of the Holy Spirit are big priorities for the council.

The council is again on track to get ICC Gold and Star Council awards.

**Council 3152 Nebraska City (Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2023)**

This council has continued to be very active in all major areas. The weekly food pantry which is coordinated, manned and partially funded by the Knights has continued to operate every week while offering expanded service.

The council had in person meetings for the year and a rosary before every meeting. I have attended every meeting in a dual role as Financial Secretary and District Deputy. The council has increased its focus priority on Faith and Family.

Major activities and fundraising included a fish fry's and an applejack concession stand in September. The council has now added a quarterly parish breakfast.

Other activities included a subway sale, tootsie roll drive, free throw contest, and one rose one life. Supporting the Catholic Education, Lourdes Central Catholic, and the four council Churches are big priorities for the council.

The council is on track to get ICC Bronze but still needs improvement in new membership programs.

**Council 12557 Greenwood /Ashland**

This council was active with several events and fundraising activities with several of them shared with the ministerial and with other charities. This included the monthly Saturday Morning breakfast which switched from Church to Church within the ministerial association.

The council has made major progress in a higher focus on Faith programs and working with the Chaplain.

The council had in person meetings for the year. I have attended several meetings. The council is very dedicated to each activity and approaches them on a very detailed basis. There has still been some learning curve involved with a relatively new Grand Knight.

Major activities included supplying food and other help during the annual July Ashland festival and some fundraising for the CCD program. The officers are involved daily with helping the church with various roles.

**Council 7614 Syracuse (Includes Palmyra Roundtable)**

The council continued to make progress with a new Grand Knight until he recently resigned. It has also been a challenge for them to get other new officers. Meetings were suspended for several months until this past month which I attended.

Another meeting is scheduled next month with a focus on new officers . This council has had couple of activities This included a large fish fry's and a program to collect socks for the homeless. The fish fries were very successful attracting hundreds of people from Omaha to south of Syracuse. Supporting the Catholic Youth, and CCD are big priorities for the council.

Respectfully submitted  
Ken Carlstedt

## **District 41**

Vacant

## **District 42**

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers in Christ. I respectfully submit the following report for District 42 which includes the following Councils:

975 Holy Rosary, Alliance  
1128 St Patrick's, Chadron

Council 975 is very active in the Alliance community. They participate in fundraising events that include monthly breakfasts, monthly brunches for the Magnificat, One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll Drive. An annual raffle generates multiple scholarships for the parish grade school. The council has developed a program for a needy student in the grade school. Once a teacher identifies a significant need for a pair of shoes, the council is notified and a certificate is awarded to the family to procure the needed shoes from the local Redman's shoe store. They are supported by a very enthusiastic parish priest.

Council 1128 is very active in the Chadron community. The 1st Wednesday of the month finds a Knight family preparing and serving a hot meal for the needy. The council provides manpower and financial assistance for the Chadron State College welcome back party, St Patrick's Celebration, Ash Wednesday meal, and other celebrations as requested by the parish pastor. One Rose One Life and the Tootsie Roll Drive are annual events. New activities include fundraisers for the new parish life center currently under construction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russ Bohnenkamp

## **District 43**

No report received.

Rob Ostdiek

Deputy Wolf continued, during the Officer's meeting on December 8, 2024, In Lincoln, it was moved, seconded and the motion passed to open nominations for our Supreme convention in Quebec city, Canada. Nominee background sheets must be turned into Secretary Schaeffer before the recess of this afternoon session. Nominations are now closed.

Deputy Richardson called on Director Lowery for any mass instructions. Director Lowery reminded the gathering that mass is at 5:00 PM in this room.

Deputy Wolf called on Master Borytsky for any honor guard instructions. Master Borytsky reminded all that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree would gather in room Ruby 1 at 4:00 PM for mass.

Deputy Wolf entertained a motion that this meeting be recessed and reconvene on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 9:00 AM sharp. Much remained to be done including the election of officers and delegates to this year's Supreme Convention in Quebec City. Council 7734 moved, seconded by council 10108. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 with a prayer by Chaplain, Reverend Rooney.

### **SATURDAY – APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – MASS**

The Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island and Former State Chaplain was the principal celebrant in the Diamond room of the Younes Conference Center. Concelebrating was State Chaplain Rev John Rooney. Master Borytsky provided a 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard. The collection was for the disaster relief for the tornado victims in Elkhorn, Benington and Blair. The congregation donated \$2,882, the State council raised it to \$3,000.00. PSD Larry Reed presented the necrology, which follows:

## **Necrology**

PSD Larry Reed read the following deceased brothers:

Past State Deputy, Former District Master and Former Supreme Warden Robert Ostdiek April 19, 2024.

Former District Deputies Timothy Franssen, May 3, 2023, Richard Bugay, May 15, 2024, Dr. Therial Bynum, July 23, 2023, John Nelson, October 15, 2023, and John Courtney, February 23, 2024.

### **SATURDAY – APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – STATE BANQUET**

Following Mass, a no-host social was held in the Crystal Room of the Younes Conference Center. The main banquet was held in the same room. Deputy Wolf introduced Bishop James Conley, Bishop of the Lincoln diocese.

Bishop Conley thanked the gathering for the warm welcome he received and how he thoroughly enjoys his meeting with the Nebraska knights. He also expressed his and the other Nebraska Bishops very strong support during the Covid-19 pandemic and for the personal support he received during his illness. Bishop Conley continued asking the Knights to support only one of the three ballot initiatives regarding abortion. We art to support the one initiative protecting the baby during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester. This is the one that the Nebraska Bishops sup[port]. .

Deputy Richardson introduced Supreme Guest, Rene Trevino, the principal speaker for the evening. Director Trevino's remarks follow:

Worthy State Deputy, Most Reverend James Conley,, State Chaplain Reverend John Rooney, reverend fathers, worthy state officers, worthy General and Field Agents, worthy Vice Supreme Master, worthy District Master, worthy Past State Deputies, worthy Sir Knights, worthy Grand Knights, worthy brother knights, distinguished guests, lovely ladies, my brothers and sisters.

### **GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME.**

Greetings from our Supreme Knights Patrick Kelly. He is very grateful for the dedication and support you are providing to your parishes and the Order.

Carla and I are honored to be here with you to celebrate your 119<sup>th</sup> State Convention, your great accomplishments and to break bread with you.

*Opening Spiritual Reflection* – last week in the Gospel we heard about the “Good Shepherd.” Tomorrow we will about the vine bearing good fruit. (John Chapter 15). In today’s Gospel (John Chapter 14), we hear the following:

**“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in my will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And what every you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified ibn the Son. If you ask anything my name, I will do it.”**

So who are you? Are you a true believer if our beloved Lord Jesus Christ? Do you ask him for help with your faith? With your good works?

By our Baptism, we became missionary disciples. By our Confirmation, we are empowered to Evangelize our Faith. Now more than ever you are being asked to embrace your faith, your faith formation and evangelize our Faith.

As Knights of Columbus, we are also encouraged to Evangelize our Order and the good works we do around the world. Now more than ever, you need to invite those Catholic men you know to join the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of today focus on our Faith first, then the good works we do around the world. Look for that one Catholic gentleman and invite him to join the party of our Faith and good works. They are listening to what you say and looking at what you do.

Ladies, we also recognize the importance of your role in the life of the order. Without you, we should not have the success and blessing we have. And, many of you are our biggest recruiters. Thank you! My brothers, please stand and give our lovely ladies a standing ovation.

We would not be successful without our Councils. Father McGivney’s mission lives today because of your faith and good works which were on display last night. It is at the parish level we see our brother knights in action. We see them as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacons and Priests. We see them at our charitable events like Coats for Kids and ASAP. More importantly, we see them as leaders. I applaud all of the Knights here today, especially our Grand Knights. Worthy Grand Knights, please stand and be recognized.

Each year you continue to provide tremendous support to our programs. Programs such as: Ultrasound; ASAP; Coats for Kids’ Food for Families; Disaster Relief, thank you for your support to California last year; RSVP; and Global Wheelchair mission.

My brothers and sisters, many thanks for being that beacon of light of our faith and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for being the “Strong Right Arm of the Church.” Let us continue to build on the strong momentum we are witnessing. Now more than ever, we need more Catholic families to need Jesus’ charge to **“Believe in Him.”** We are Blessed Michael McGivney’s spiritual heirs. Thank you for all you do in carrying on his mission.

May the Lord’s blessing be with you and your families.

God Bless

Vivat Jesus!

Deputy Wolf thanked Director Trevino for his remarks and presented him with a few mementos of his visit to Nebraska a donation in his honor to the ASAP program and a box of Nebraska chocolates for Carla.

Deputy Wolf asked State Warden Hamik to conduct the annual sweepstakes drawing. Warden Hypse asked Bishop Hanefeldt to step forward and do the drawings. The winners were:

\$2500	Ed Rief	Axtell
\$1000	Dale Von Lintel	Scottsbluff
\$750	Brianna Tickle	Lincoln

\$500	Ted Wieser	Wahoo
\$250	Roland Hohn	Wahoo
\$100	John Konecky	Fremont
\$100	Steve Meister	West Point
\$100	McKayla Aschinger	Breda, IA
\$100	Larry Schneider	Lincoln
\$100	Michael Fowler	Springfield

Warden Hamik stated that the winners would soon receive their winnings.

Deputy Richardson called on Directors Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM and Dan Wells, McGivney Foundation Directors. They Announced the winners of the silent auction.

Deputy Richardson thanks the gathering for their generous support. He further announced the hospitality room would be open until 11:00 PM in the Fairfield Hotel. He asked Bishop Conley to give the gathering a final blessing.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 – MASS**

Mass was held in the Diamond Room. State Chaplain Fulton presided. Approximately 250 people attended.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 - LADIES BRUNCH**

Mrs. Richardson hosted a lady's brunch in Diamond 1 of the Younes Conference Center. State Chaplain Very Rev Justin Fulton visited with those attending and held a Q & A session.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 – BUSINESS MEETING**

Deputy Wolf convened the meeting at 9:15 A.M. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the third section shall please retire from the Chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions. Please turn off or silence all pagers and cell phones.

Deputy Wolf called on Warden Hamik asking if all were in possession of a current membership card and if all delegates were seated in their proper seats, if not please have them do so now. Warden Hamik stated all were in possession of a current membership card and all delegates were properly seated.

Deputy Wolf called on Chaplain John Rooney asking that he lead us in an opening prayer.

Deputy Wolf called on Master Borytsky to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Wolf called on General Agent Anthony Swanson for his annual report. Agent Swanson requested that his report be entered into the proceedings without being read.

Deputy Wolf called on General Agent Neil Pfeifer for his annual report. Agent Pfeifer requests his report be entered into the proceedings without being read.

Deputy Wolf entertained a motion to accept the report without being read. Council 13584 moved, seconded by Council 10909. Motion passed.

### **Swanson Agency**

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Bob Wolf, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2024 Nebraska State Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. The Swanson Agency of Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska had a solid year in our 15th year of existence. The agency finished #5 in the Order in sales in 2023 and currently has eight agents with plans to bring on new agents soon. All of our agents are working hard to serve their members and help further Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting and serving Catholic men and their families. The Swanson Agency Agent of the Year for 2023 was **Brian Almond**, FICF,

CLTC, finishing #5 in the Order at 399% of quota and qualifying for Supreme Knight's Club Elite. He also qualified for MDRT Court of the Table membership which represents approximately the top 1% of life insurance agents in the world. He was the first Knights of Columbus agent in Nebraska to achieve this honor. In addition, three other agents qualified for MDRT from our agency: Ian Johnstone, David St. Hilaire, and Francisco Romero. The Knights of Columbus insurance division had another marvelous year with as well. The Knights again received a superior rating from AM Best and was named one of the top 6 most financially strong companies in the industry by Standard & Poor's and received their AA+ rating. This is quite a testament to the strength of our Insurance Division and the trust that our members place in us during trying times. Finally, I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and their families for their support. It is their faith and confidence in the Knights of Columbus and our agents that encourages us to do our best to further Fr. McGivney's charge to us as insurance agents. Fraternally,

**TONY SWANSON, FICF, CLTC**  
General Agent – Southeastern/Central/Western Nebraska

### **Pfeifer Agency**

Worthy Supreme Knight, Worthy Reverend Fathers, State Deputy Robert Wolff, State Officers, District Deputies, Honored Guests, Delegates, and all Brother Knights and their wives attending the 2024 Nebraska State Convention.

The Pfeifer Agency, serving Northeast Nebraska and Western Iowa, just finished our 8<sup>th</sup> full year as an Agency. The agency currently has 20 agents, with the idea of bringing on 2 additional men before the year end. All our agents are committed to serving their members and help further Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting and serving Catholic men and their families.

The Pfeifer Agency had a great year, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in Company out of approximately 74 agencies in the Order. Issuing \$214 million in Life Ins protection on our families, which was in the top 2 overall.

The Nebraska Pfeifer Agency Agent of the Year for 2023 was **Noah Pfeifer**

Our Agency had 14 Agents qualify for MDRT membership, which represents approximately the top 3% of life insurance agents in the world.

Craig Pfeifer qualified for Court of the Table! That is in the top 1% of advisors worldwide.

Neil Pfeifer, Craig Pfeifer, Jeremy Borchers, Tim Dagel, Donald Kenkel and Noah Pfeifer, also qualified for the Supreme Knight's Club, the Orders highest award for KC Agents.

The Knights of Columbus insurance division had another marvelous year with as well. The Knights again received a superior rating from AM Best and was recently named one of the top 6 most financially strong companies in the industry by Standard & Poor's and received their AA+ rating.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and their families for their support. It is their faith and confidence in the Knights of Columbus and our agents that encourages us to do our best to further Fr. McGivney's charge to us as insurance agents.

Fraternally,

**Neil J Pfeifer, FICF, MDRT**  
General Agent – Northeast Nebraska and Western Iowa

Deputy Wolf requested Secretary Schaeffer conduct a roll call of the officers and delegates. Delegates must be present during both sessions to receive their expense checks.

State Deputy Wolf  
State Chaplain Reverend Rooney - excused

Immediate Past Deputy Richardson  
State Secretary Schaeffer  
State Treasurer Hypse  
State Advocate Korth  
State Warden Hamik

District #1, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_.

District #2, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_.

District #3, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_.

District #4, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_.

District #5, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_.

District #6, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_.

District #7, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_.

District #8, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_.

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District #10, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_.

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District #32, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_.

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District #37, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_.

District #38, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_.

District #39, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_.

District #40, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_.

District #41, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_.

District #42, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_.

District #43, how many delegates do you have registered in your district. I have \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_.

Deputy Wolf asked if there is any unfinished business to come for the state council three times. As there is no unfinished business, we will proceed to new business.

Deputy Wolf called on Advocate Korth for a report of Greetings and Resolutions. Advocate Korth read the following resolutions:

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL 2024 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS**

### **I. RECURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. FEALTY, COMMENDATION, & SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS.** WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council ("State Council") wishes to annually resolve for fealty, commendation, and support; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pledge faith and loyalty to our Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis; and
2. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude and appreciation to Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, for their outstanding vision, leadership, and successful direction of the Order during the past year; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation and support to each Supreme Officer, Supreme Director, and staff for untiring efforts on our behalf during the past Year.
3. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.

4. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
5. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, for his assistance and encouragement, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
6. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude to all state, district, and local officers and the councils which they lead for the numerous contributions and excellent work during the past year.
7. RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation to the city officials and people of Kearney, Nebraska, for assisting with the preparation and conducting of the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Convention, and for the hospitality and splendid efforts in making the State Convention a success.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council is honored to host Supreme Director Rene Trevino as our State Dinner guest and speaker; we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council continues to support all priests in their tasks with time, energy, and resources, and also with prayers, friendship, kindness, and support for each of them and the office they hold as Jesus' representatives in our parishes.

**B. POSITION RESOLUTIONS.** WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually state its position on a variety of topics of particular interest to the State Council and Organization; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our deceased Popes and offer thanks to God, the Father of all creation, for providing such great and holy men to lead the faithful.
2. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our departed Brother Knights, may they rest in peace.
3. RESOLVED, we recommend to the Supreme Council that the Board of Directors and Supreme Officers continue to pursue the cause of sainthood of Servant of God, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.
4. RESOLVED, we pledge to continue to seek the reversal of court decisions legalizing abortion and the re-establishment of full legal protection for the unborn; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, pending this result, we pledge to continue support of laws and public policies limiting the performance of abortion as much as possible; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Order at all levels to inform, educate, and motivate our own members, the public at large, and public officials regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death, and the evils of abortion and other offenses against innocent life.

5. RESOLVED, we pledge to support the lawful challenge of all Government legislation, regulation, and policy that requires the furnishing of reproductive services without exception.
6. RESOLVED, we pledge continued support for traditional marriage between one man and one woman; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Knights of Columbus at all levels to oppose laws and public policies legalizing or supporting “homosexual marriage,” “same-sex marriage,” and/or similar unions.
7. RESOLVED, that we encourage parents to foster a Christian atmosphere in their homes that allows them to openly discuss decency in media and entertainment and their concerns about misuse of the Internet with their children;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn pornography and graphic sexual content in entertainment and the media and call on Internet providers and the media and entertainment industry to maintain high standards of decency that will protect children and promote healthy family life;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend and thank those in the media, entertainment, and retail industries who produce family-friendly media and entertainment products and pledge to patronize them in our choices as consumers; and  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support groups that fight pornography and graphic sexual content in media and entertainment, and that we pledge ourselves to use television, film, and the Internet to promote family values and a healthy understanding of human sexuality.
8. RESOLVED, that we express our strong support for Catholic schools everywhere and encourage legislation and policies that would establish parental choice in education through tax credits, vouchers, and scholarships which would ensure that all parents have the financial means to send their children to Catholic schools.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council again encourages all subordinate councils to pray for vocations at every council meeting in the Nebraska jurisdiction.
10. RESOLVED, the State Council encourages subordinate councils to support the Newman Centers and Catholic parishes of college youth in Nebraska to provide continuing Catholic education and social support to our youth in college.

**C. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS.** WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually authorize certain actions and requirements; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host the annual workshop forum during the 2025 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.

2. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host an annual Chaplains' Seminar during the 2025 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
3. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a State Directory for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year and pay the actual expenses thereof.
4. RESOLVED, the State Council shall publish the Knights Courier quarterly for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof; and FURTHER RESOLVED, each issue of the Knights Courier published during the 2024-2025 Columbian Year shall be delivered to each member of each subordinate council as reflected by the membership records maintained at the office of the Supreme Council by electronic transmission (email), U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivery, or other reasonably reliable means as determined and directed by the State Council Executive Committee ("Executive Committee") and that the fair and reasonable expenses thereof be paid by the State Council.
5. RESOLVED, the State Council shall continue to levy an annual assessment on the subordinate councils of Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) per capita for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year, payable pursuant to the First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
6. RESOLVED, the State Council per diem and mileage rate referenced in The First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus shall be as follows: Per diem at Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and, Mileage increasing from Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per mile one way to Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per mile one way; and FURTHER RESOLVED, all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
7. RESOLVED, for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year the Executive Committee shall be and is authorized to pay expenses and obligations of the State Council and select and disburse State Council funds to organizations the Executive Committee deems worthy of support as determined at any regular or special meeting of the Committee pursuant to the Bylaws, and that all such proper payments and disbursements made during the past year are approved.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a Report of Charitable Disbursements in a form and at a time as determined and directed by the Executive Committee.

## **II. NEW PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

None.

Advocate Korth continued; the Committee moved to approve the resolutions. Council 2388 seconded, resolutions passed.

Deputy Wolf stated we will now proceed with elections, Charter Constitution and the Laws of the Order will be strictly observed during all actions today.

Only third-degree members may run for state office. Only one second to a nomination shall be accepted. Voting shall be written and be a roll call vote. Only those delegates present in the meeting room at the time of the actual voting can vote. One delegate from a council may not

vote both his and the second delegate's vote if the other delegate is absent. Are there any questions with regards to the policy which will be followed in connection with the elections?

Deputy Wolf called on IPSD Richardson and relinquished the gavel.

IPSD Richardson announced the current slates of officers:

State Deputy Bob Wolf  
State Secretary Michael Schaeffer  
State Treasurer Don Hypse  
State Advocate James Korth  
State Warden Brian Hamik.

IPSD Richardson continued are there any other nominations 3 times.

IPSD Richardson moved to close nominations and declare the slate of State Officers re-elected by acclamation. Council 6192 seconded. Motion passed.

IPSD Richardson let us congratulate our reelected officers.

IPSD Richardson returned the gavel to Deputy Wolf.

Deputy Wolf announced the election of delegates to the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Quebec City, Canada. Deputy Wolf entertained a motion to elect Secretary Schaeffer as a delegate. Council 2388 so moved, seconded by Council 2411.

Deputy Wolf stated that nominations were closed at the recess of our session on Saturday. We have seven nominations, as only seven are needed, the chair will entertain a motion to accept these brother knight as a delegates. Council 13576 moved, council 10412 seconded. Motion passed.

The following brothers will serve as delegates:

State Deputy Robert Wolf  
Immediate Past State Deputy Matthew Richardson  
Mark Borytsky, State Master  
Louis Gasper PSD, Council 11001  
David Varney DD, Council 3019  
Nathaniel Richardson, Council 11001  
Douglas Glunz. Council 10387  
Josh Richardson, Council 11001  
State Secretary Michael Schaeffer  
Dan Humlicek, Council 938

The following brother knights have agreed to service as alternates.

State Chaplain, John Rooney  
Gary Gandara DD, Council 11737  
Lawrence Koerner, Council 1793  
Joseph Kaup, Council 1793  
Ronald Votipka, Council 9704\

During the Paste State Deputy's annual breakfast meeting, it was voted that PSD/FDM Richard Lowery will serve as alternate for Deputy Wolf and PSD/FDM James Haiar will serve as alternate for IPSD Richardson.

The Chair stated next year's convention will be at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney Nebraska on April 25, 26 and 27, 2025.

The chair continued the Supreme Convention in 2025 will be in Washington DC.

Deputy Wolf continued that he has tasked the District Deputies in the areas affected by the tornado to work with PSDs Jim Hair and Mike Conrad to coordinate relief efforts.

Deputy Wolf stated we will now have closing remarks.

Director Trevino congratulated the reelected officers and delegates to Quebec city. He congratulated the winners of the various awards and noted that several council officers were under 40. He and Carla really enjoyed their visit to Nebraska.

PSD/FSM Deputy Richardson thanked all for coming. The COR program in Nebraska is growing.

General Agents Swanson and Pfeifer talked about the special relationship from the fraternal and insurance agents here in Nebraska. They announced a new era is coming, K of C mutual funds.

Membership Director Ostdiek thanked all for coming and reviewed how to connect this convention with your local councils.

Executive Secretary Guggenberger quickly reviewed the reports which are due on June 30. Directory inputs are needed at the end of June and closed with a reminder on the Nebraska Prayer Chain.

IPSD Richardson told delegates to gather disaster relief needs and submit to the district deputies will relay to IPSD Richardson. The State Council is applying for assistance from the Supreme Council.

Warden Hamik thanked all for their support of the 2024 Sweepstakes.

Advocate Korth thanked all for coming.

Treasure Hypse said checks are ready will be passed out at the close of the meeting.

Secretary Schaeffer thanked all for coming. He challenged the district deputies to get their boots on the ground. We are short seven district deputies. He asked that the delegates to the supreme convention meet with him at the close of the meeting.

Chaplain Rooney encouraged a call to action on the abortion issue. He encouraged us to see Jesus in everyone we meet.

Deputy Wolf thanked all for being at this convention. He asked the district deputies to see him after the close to receive the certificates of appointment.

Brothers, we shall now close this meeting. Let us pray that we may ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid us to keep our pledges for His greater glory and that He may grant eternal peace to our departed brothers.

Chaplain Rooney led the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and gave the gathering his blessing.

District Deputies will now be given their mileage and per diem checks for the delegates in their district.

This meeting the 119<sup>th</sup> Nebraska State Convention is now adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Guggenberger  
Recorder

#### Appendices

A – 2023 -2024 Awards

B – Past State Deputies and Chaplains

C – Audit State Council

D – Audit Culture of Life Foundation

E – Audit Intellectual Disabilities Foundation

F – Audit McGivney Foundation

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name		
State Council	Knight of the Year	Knight of the Year	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Joshua Lambert		
	Knight of the Year	Runner Up	Fr. Robert Foster Jubilee	12687	Elm Creek	David Glatter		
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name		
State Council	Rookie Knight of the Year	Rookie of the Year	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	15407	Lincoln	David Diaz		
	Rookie Knight of the Year	Runner Up	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Charles "Tim" Reicks		
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name		
Faith	Chaplain of the Year	1st	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Fr. Joe Miksch		
	Chaplain of the Year	2nd	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Fr. Robert Froeschl		
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Recipients Name		
Family	Family of the Year	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	William "Bill" & Tracy Bohar		
	Family of the Year	2nd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Jeff & Cindy Bishop		
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Vocations	Support of Vocations	equal	St. John Vianney	7740	Omaha	Special Steak Fry Dinner	Robert McGowan	
	Support of Vocations	equal	St. Michael	10913	Lincoln	Support of Latin Rite Seminarian	Adam Kerr	
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Community	Leonard Feehan Memorial	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue	National Night Out	Ray Romero	
	Community Service							
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Community	Supreme Service Award	1st	St. Peter	10510	Lincoln	Car Show for First Responders and Veterans	Gary Bouc	
	State Service Award	2nd	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	Coats for Kids	Daniel Schlautman	
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Family	Supreme Service Award	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Behold Your Mother Widow Care Program	Steve Riese	
	State Service Award	2nd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Council Widows of Brother Knights	Ray Romero	
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Faith	Supreme Service Award	1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Night of Reparation	Justin Wemhoff	
	State Service Award	2nd	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Jail Ministry	Steve Riese	
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Faith	Support of Catholic Education	equal	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Scholarship Program	Ray Romero	
	Support of Catholic Education	equal	Msgr. Hubert Campo	8010	Aurora/Giltner	India Mission	James Dinville	
Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight	
Life	Supreme Service Award	1st	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Ramping It Up	Gary Groteluschen	
	State Service Award	2nd	Fr. John V. Wallace	10047	Gretna	Annual Pro-Life Breakfast	Bruce Jefferies	
Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Amount \$	Grand Knight
Life	One Rose - One Life	1	1st	Fr. Robert Barry	6385	Bassett/Ainsworth	613.00	Joe Nelson
	One Rose - One Life	2		St. James	14320	Cortland	\$	Ron Boden
	One Rose - One Life	3		Christ the King	5045	Omaha	1,827.00	David Zebolsky
	One Rose - One Life	4		Prince of Peace	10923	Kearney	3,040.00	Harold Labun
						\$		
						2,275.00		

One Rose - One Life	5	1st	St. Robert Bellarmine	10108	Omaha	\$ 11,830.00	Timothy Thompson
One Rose - One Life	1	2nd	Sacred Heart	14423	Shelby	\$ 565.00	Dannie Steager
One Rose - One Life	2	2nd	Holy Spirit	10506	North Platte	\$ 1,801.00	Douglas Wenz
One Rose - One Life	3	2nd	Pope John Paul II	13956	Omaha	\$ 2,580.00	Jeff Chubb
One Rose - One Life	4	2nd	St. James	10895	Omaha	\$ 1,980.00	Douglas Powell
One Rose - One Life	5	2nd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	\$ 4,848.00	John Mlnarik

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
Publicity	Top Overall Council	1	1st	#N/A	N/A	#N/A		#N/A
	Top Overall Council	2	1st	St. Pius the Tenth	15101	Omaha		Gregory Barry
	Top Overall Council	3	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth		Steve Riese
	Top Overall Council	4	1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln		Justin Wemhoff
	Top Overall Council	5	1st	Columban	6192	Bellevue		Ray Romero
	Best Council Event		Equal	St. Margaret Mary	11800	Omaha	Life Chain Bar-b-que	James Gerner
	Best Council Event		Equal	Our Lady of Lourdes	13080	Omaha	Life Chain Bar-b-que	Timothy Vaughn
	Best Council Event		Equal	Fr. Flanagan of Boys Town	652	Omaha	Life Chain Bar-b-que Maui	Jeff Hinrichs
	Best Council Event		Equal	Rev. W. W. Kroupa	3720	Spencer	Community Fire Support Maui	John Thiry
	Best Council Event		Equal	St. Joseph	4707	Atkinson	Community Fire Support Maui	Joseph Skradla
	Best Council Event		Equal	St. Boniface	5881	Stuart	Community Fire Support Maui	Jeff Dvorak
	Best Council Event		Equal	Charles Carroll of Carrollton	701	O'Neill	Community Fire Support	Ben Doolittle

Category	Award Type		Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Amount	Grand Knight
Intellectual	Funds Raised	1	1st	Our Lady of Guadalupe	10815	Omaha	\$ 2,271.55	Ignacio Cervantes
Disability	Funds Raised	2	1st	Fr. Ulenberg	7684	Geneva/Grafton/Shickley	\$ 4,522.50	Sam Scott
	Funds Raised	3	1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	\$ 4,073.51	Steve Riese
	Funds Raised	4	1st	Prince of Peace	10923	Kearney	\$ 5,124.00	Harold Labun
	Funds Raised	5	1st	St. Anthony of Padua	2716	Schuyler	\$ 7,474.52	Matthew Bailey

Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Percentage	Grand Knight
Intellectual	Percentage Increase	1	1st	Our Lady of Guadalupe	10815	Omaha	36.72%	Ignacio Cervantes
Disability	Percentage Increase	2	1st	St. James	14320	Cortland	112.77%	Ron Boden
	Percentage Increase	3	1st	Christ the King	5045	Omaha	211.20%	David Zebolsky
	Percentage Increase	4	1st	Prince of Peace	10923	Kearney	70.80%	Harold Labun
	Percentage Increase	5	1st	St. Michael	10913	Lincoln	46.12%	Adam Kerr
	Percentage Increase	1	2nd	Fr. Wencelaus Beranek	7966	Wilber/Tobias	26.88%	Kurt Kiesel
	Percentage Increase	2	2nd	Pope John Paul I	7714	Superior	74.46%	Tom Ostdiek
	Percentage Increase	3	2nd	St. Leonard	8986	Madison	51.46%	Kurt Jackson
	Percentage Increase	4	2nd	Fr. Timothy P. Molony	2681	Scottsbluff	68.17%	John Navarro
	Percentage Increase	5	2nd	Msgr. Werner	1233	Hartington	46.02%	Reggie Hochstein
	Percentage Increase	1	3rd	#N/A	N/A	#N/A		#N/A
	Percentage Increase	2	3rd	Mary Queen of Angels	15944	Bellwood	20.00%	Keith Shonka
	Percentage Increase	3	3rd	Fr. John F Brock	7034	Valley	41.80%	James Little
	Percentage Increase	4	3rd	St. Cecilia	11823	Hastings	36.94%	Eric Davis
	Percentage Increase	5	3rd	Phil Sheridan	1497	Fremont	23.75%	Anthony Tvrdy

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	Special Project	equal	St. Joseph	10163	Benkelman/Stratton	Family Golf Outing	Rodney Auffet
	Special Project	equal	St. Pius the Tenth	15101	Omaha	Chalice Fund-Raiser	Gregory Barry

Category	Award Type	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Project Description	Grand Knight
State Council	On-Going Projects	equal	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Candlelight Vigil	Justin Wemhoff
	On-Going Projects	equal	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Baby Bottle Boomerang	Gary Groteluschen

Category	Award Type		Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Artist	Grand Knight
Life	Culture of Life Art Contest		1st	St. Stephen the Martyr	10160	Omaha	Sarah Fernandes	Jason Castor
	Culture of Life Art Contest		2nd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	Elijah Burks	John Mlnarik
	Culture of Life Art Contest		3rd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	Lacey Smith	John Mlnarik
Category	Award Type		Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Artist	Grand Knight
Community Youth	Keep Christ in Christmas		1st - Ages 5-7	St. James	10895	Omaha	Parker Sikola	Douglas Powell
			1st - Ages 8-10	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	Lily Vo	Daniel Hannon
			1st - Ages 11-14	St. Isaac Jogues	11312	Lincoln	Emma Gueret	Daniel Hannon
Category	Agency		Place	Agent's Name	Council #	Home Town		Councils Served
Insurance	Pfeifer Agent of the Year		1st	Noah Pfeifer	1793	Norfolk		1739, 1793, 1794, 7699, 7825, 7898, 10607
	Swanson Agent of the Year		1st	Brian Almond	1123	Hastings		1123, 1708, 1904, 1906, 4434, 7610155, 11822, 11824, 14070, 14071
From Agencies								
Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Percent Gain	Grand Knight
Membership	Highest Percent Gain	1	1st	Imperial	7081	Imperial	60.00%	Mark Spady
	Highest Percent Gain	1	1st	American Charities	11822	Exeter/Friend	60.00%	Doug Anderson
	Highest Percent Gain	1	1st	Msgr. John Kean	15869	Odell	60.00%	Allen Klecan
	Highest Percent Gain	2	1st	Our Lady of Good Counsel	13015	Lincoln	460.00%	Grant Jochum
	Highest Percent Gain	3	1st	St. Michael of Spalding	13584	Spalding	137.50%	Bill Spelic
	Highest Percent Gain	4	1st	St. Josaphat	5455	Loup City	187.50%	Mark Goc
	Highest Percent Gain	5	1st	St. Robert Bellarmine	10108	Omaha	173.33%	Timothy Thompson
	Highest Percent Gain	1	2nd	#N/A	N/A	#N/A		#N/A
	Highest Percent Gain	2	2nd	Bishop O'Connor	1312	Greeley	280.00%	Charles Sweeney
	Highest Percent Gain	3	2nd	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	125.00%	Steve Riese
	Highest Percent Gain	4	2nd	St. Michael	1739	Albion	130.77%	Anthony Kusek
	Highest Percent Gain	5	2nd	St. Wenceslaus	10909	Omaha	120.00%	Chad Robacker
Category	Award Type	Div.	Place	Council Name	Council #	City	Award Type	Grand Knight
ICC Awards	Champion (Previous Year)			Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	ICC Champion Plaque	Steve Riese
	ICC Gold		1st	Fr. Shine	1966	Plattsmouth	Plate	Steve Riese
	ICC Gold		1st	Archbishop Bergan	6429	Papillion	Plate	Michael Trautman
	ICC Gold		1st	Cathedral of the Risen Christ	9563	Lincoln	Plate	Daniel Schlautman
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Mary	9704	Lincoln	Plate	Ronald Votipka
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Elizabeth Ann	9771	Omaha	Plate	Christopher Kaldenberg
	ICC Gold		1st	Blessed Sacrament	11001	Lincoln	Plate	Justin Wemhoff
	ICC Gold		1st	St. Matthew	11879	Bellevue	Plate	Alvin Brunner
	ICC Gold		1st	Msgr. David R. Hintz	13576	Lincoln	Plate	Patrick Dority
	ICC Silver		2nd	Fr. Timothy P. Molony	2681	Scottsbluff	Plate	John Navarro
	ICC Silver		2nd	Columban	6192	Bellevue	Plate	Ray Romero
	ICC Silver		2nd	St. James	10895	Omaha	Plate	Douglas Powell
	ICC Silver		2nd	St. Isidore	12086	Columbus	Plate	Gary Groteluschen
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Fr. Flanagan of Boys Town	652	Omaha	Plate	Jeff Hinrichs
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. John Vianney	7740	Omaha	Plate	Robert McGowan
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Fr. William A. Foster	9518	Ralston	Plate	Patrick Garnatz
	ICC Bronze		3rd	Fr. John V. Wallace	10047	Gretna	Plate	Bruce Jefferies
	ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Stephen the Martyr	10160	Omaha	Plate	Jason Castor
ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Vincent DePaul	10795	Omaha	Plate	John Mlnarik	
ICC Bronze		3rd	St. Charles Borromeo	14077	Gretna	Plate	Robert Dickinson	
ICC Bronze		3rd	Mary Queen of Angels	15944	Bellwood	Plate	Keith Shonka	
Category	Award Type		Place	DD Name	District #	Home Town		Councils Served
State Deputy	District Deputy of the Year		DD of the Year	Allan Rolf	21	Spalding		1312, 1739, 7889, 13584
			Runner Up	John Franssen	9	Lincoln		833, 9704, 11001, 13015, 16001

## NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>STATE DEPUTY</b>	<b>STATE CHAPLAIN</b>
1905-06	Timothy J. Mahoney, Omaha	Rev Thomas Walsh, Norfolk
1906-07	Constantine J. Smythe, Omaha	Rev Thomas Walsh, Norfolk
1907-09	Constantine J. Smythe, Omaha	Rev W. G. McNamara, Alliance
1909-11	Arthur F. Mullen, O'Neill	Rev William Windolf, Creighton
1911-13	W. E. Straub, Lincoln	Msgr W. Wolf, Grand Island
1913-15	Thomas P. Redmond, Omaha	Most Rev J. H. Tihen, Lincoln
1915-19	George F. Corcoran	Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton
1919-21	Edward J. Whelen, O'Neill	Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton
1921-23	William J. McNichols, Lexington	Msgr L. A. Dunphy, Sutton
1923-25	Francis P. Matthews, Omaha	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1925-27	William M. Whelen, Hastings	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1927-29	Dr. E. E. Zimmerer, Lincoln	Msgr James W. Stenson, Omaha
1929-31	Albert A. Kjar, Lexington	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1931-33	John W. Delchant, Beatrice	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1933-36	John E. Fitzpatrick, Omaha	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1936-38	Dr. L. A. Donahoe, Omaha	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1938-40	Richard A. Daughtery, Kearney	Rev Anton Link, Sidney
1940-42	Dr. J. R. Hughes, St. Paul	Most Rev John L. Paschang, Omaha
1942-44	James L. Kudrna, Wahoo	Most Rev John L. Paschang, Omaha
1944-46	Charles L. McDonald, Omaha	Rev Francis J. Tschida, Kearney
1946-48	Edward A. Dosek, Lincoln	Rev William A. Murphy, David City
1948-50	George W. Dittrick, Norfolk	Msgr Joseph B. Falke, VF, Creighton
1950-52	Cyril P. Shaughnessy, St. Paul	Rev Leo Keating, Grand Island
1952-54	George M. McCarthy, O'Neill	Rev Clarence J. Crowley, Hebron
1954-56	Glenn J. McEniry, Kearney	Rev Virgil P. Walkowiak, West Point
1956-58	Ernest A. Ondracek, Greeley	Rev Raymond Miles, Chadron
1958-60	Leon V. Michael, Lincoln	Msgr M. M. Kaszmarek, Lincoln
1960-62	George A. Nussrallah, Omaha	Rev Edward J. Hunkeler, Bloomfield
1962-64	Walter F. Mruz, Fremont	Msgr Lawrence A. Portney, Lexington
1964-66	Raymond J. Burbach, Hebron	Msgr Charles J. Keenan, Hebron
1966-68	Leonard Feehan, Columbus	Rev Charles Oborny, VF, Verdigre
1968-70	H. Edward Jacobi, Hastings	Rev Stanley C. Gorak, Ord
1970-72	Kenneth D. Holmes, Chester	Msgr A. J. Kisko, David City
1972-74	John H. McCarville, O'Neill	Rev Emmett F. Meyer, Columbus
1974-76	Edward L. Wagner, Winnetoon	Rev Hubert J. Spanel, Ainsworth
1976-78	John T. Carpenter, Omaha	Msgr John J. McCabe, Wahoo
1978-80	Edgar N. Portz, North Platte	Rev Frederick Snyder, Anselmo
1980-82	Jerome F. Jarecke, Columbus	Rev Edmund Placek, Burwell
1982-84	Thomas Olson, Fremont	Msgr Robert Nienaber, Cedar Rapids
1984-86	Richard Batenhorst, North Platte	Msgr Ivan Vap, Hastings
1986-88	Eugene Bartunek, David City	Rev Raymond Hain, McCook
1988-90	Jerome Smith, David City	Rev John Cook, Burwell
1990-92	Robert H. Ostdiek, Gretna	Msgr Robert P. Hupp, Boystown
1992-94	Larry J. Reed, Bellevue	Rev Lyle M. Johnson, Nebraska City
1994-96	Rod J. Hofschulte, Omaha	Msgr Andrew Meister, Cedar Bluffs
1996-98	Allen Koliha, Clarkson	Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna
1998-00	Howard Gaffney, Anselmo	Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna

2000-02	John M. Lukowski, Omaha	Rev Daniel Soltys, Gretna
2002-04	John F Smith, Broken Bow	Most Rev Lawrence McNamara, Grand Island
		Rev Robert Rooney, Kearney
2004-06	John Melena, Wayne	Most Rev William Dendinger, Grand Island
2006-08	Donald A. Ferneding, Beatrice	Rev Michael Gutsell, Omaha
2008-10	Michael G. Conrad, Fort Calhoun	Rev James Tiegs, Omaha
2010-13	James N Haiar, Omaha	Rev Scott A. Hastings, Omaha
		Rev Norman Hunke, Omaha
2013-15	Richard W. Lowery, Lincoln	Rev Troy Schweiger, Lincoln
2015-17	Anthony W. Hergott, Columbus	Rev John Rooney, Shelby
2017-19	Louis R. Gasper, Jr., Lincoln	Rev Kenneth Borowiak, Lincoln
2019-21	Mark J. Borytsky, Bellevue	Rev Joshua Brown, North Platte
2021-23	Mathew Richardson, Lincoln	Rev Justin Fulton, Lincoln

(City of residence during term of office)  
 (Some titles may reflect later honors)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



**DANA F. COLE  
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
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**DANA F. COLE  
& COMPANY<sup>LLP</sup>**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors  
Knights of Columbus  
Nebraska State Council  
Bellevue, Nebraska

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis and statements of functional expenses - modified cash basis, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and its revenues and expenses for the years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana J. Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 28, 2025

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	ASSETS	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Checking - FNB Omaha - General	11,484	40,782
Checking - FNB Omaha - Disaster	95,012	66,841
Checking - FNB Omaha - Lottery	183,644	174,603
Endowment Fund - K of C Charities, Inc.	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>422,980</u>	 <u>415,066</u>
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	290,140	282,226
With donor restrictions	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>
Total net assets	<u>422,980</u>	<u>415,066</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>422,980</u>	 <u>415,066</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
REVENUES		
Per capita - State Council	195,527	182,349
Contributions		
Donations - outside causes	8,227	33,260
Donations - disaster relief	82,662	500
Special events		
Income from sports activities	7,915	8,705
Income from Christmas cards	10,236	653
State convention - other income	9,000	7,250
State meetings - meals sold	32,829	33,972
Sweepstakes income	119,880	139,660
Miscellaneous income	352	784
Total revenues	<u>466,628</u>	<u>407,133</u>
EXPENSES		
Program services	410,966	546,047
Management and general	<u>47,748</u>	<u>44,688</u>
Total expenses	<u>458,714</u>	<u>590,735</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	<u>7,914</u>	<u>(183,602)</u>
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>415,066</u>	<u>598,668</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>422,980</u>	<u>415,066</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
Program service		
Advertising	1,625	300
Bereavement expense	1,379	1,374
Cost of sales - Christmas cards	8,595	583
Courier expenses	38,082	52,913
DD expenses - lodging		265
DD expenses - meals	340	63
DD expenses - mileage and per diem	464	147
DD expenses - other	286	
Disaster donations	54,491	51,500
Donations to outside causes	15,137	17,517
Evangelical faith formation	362	
Executive secretary contract	1,800	1,800
Insurance	873	873
Licenses and permits		170
Membership expense - lodging	395	
Membership expense - meals	109	
Membership expense - mileage and per diem	1,104	
Membership expense - other	3	
Membership promotion	6,061	1,336
Mid-summer meeting - lodging	9,804	12,232
Mid-summer meeting - meals	14,098	8,711
Mid-summer meeting - mileage and per diem	3,632	2,650
Mid-summer meeting - other	1,799	5,863
Mid-winter meeting - lodging	9,494	11,032
Mid-winter meeting - meals	15,025	12,389
Mid-winter meeting - mileage and per diem	2,595	1,967
Mid-winter meeting - other	965	12,174
Miscellaneous expense	504	153
Operating supplies	4,436	5,319
Seminarian and religious donations	62,983	206,550
Sports activities	8,788	8,716
State convention - future	1,693	
State convention - lodging	20,267	18,036
State convention - meals	37,017	36,711
State convention - mileage and per diem	21,121	16,638
State convention - other	13,886	16,355
State lottery taxes	2,792	2,888
State meetings - lodging	6,036	4,960
State meetings - meals	4,600	5,593

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
Program service (Continued)		
State meetings - mileage and per diem	2,158	655
State meetings - other	516	421
State Officer expense - lodging	869	280
State Officer expense - meals	434	507
State Officer expense - mileage and per diem	3,080	1,509
State Officer expense - other	3,840	4,424
State Program Director - lodging		335
State Program Director - mileage and per diem		579
State shirts and pins	7,144	8,384
Storage facility	207	
Subscriptions and dues	1,636	2,618
Sup. Convention expense - meals	2,103	1,071
Sup. Convention expense - mileage and per diem	453	
Sup. Convention expense - other	560	357
Sweepstakes winners	5,150	4,500
Trophies and awards	10,175	1,877
Vocational gifts		752
Total program service expenses	<u>410,966</u>	<u>546,047</u>
Management and general		
Bank charges		
Postage	25,728	22,837
Printing	9,354	9,121
Professional fees	6,360	4,850
Stationery, printing, and processing	6,306	7,880
Total management and general expenses	<u>47,748</u>	<u>44,688</u>
Total expenses	<u>458,714</u>	<u>590,735</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

The Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (the Council), is a Nebraska not-for-profit fraternal organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(8) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Council commenced operations in 1902 and operates as a subordinate state organization of the national organization located in New Haven, Connecticut, known as the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. The Council is composed of Catholic men dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and religious vocation. Its support comes primarily from local councils across Nebraska, in addition to receipts generated from an annual convention and various donations. The Council fulfills its exempt purpose by providing financial assistance, organizing events, and providing services related to its mission.

Basis of Accounting

The Council maintains its books and records, and reports its financial operations on the modified cash basis of accounting. As the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis does not include accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accrued revenues and expenses, the financial statements do not reflect the financial position or the results of operations of the Council in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements reflect investments at cost basis.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Council utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Revenue Recognition

Membership dues are recognized as revenue in the accounting period the revenue is received. Receipts from annual conventions and other fundraising and gaming events are also recognized as revenue in the accounting period the revenue is received.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Council requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Council considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council had no cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost basis, as provided by the custodians of each endowment.

Income Taxes

Under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Council is exempt from federal income tax on all income except unrelated business income as noted under Section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code. Internal Revenue Code Section 513(a) defines an unrelated trade or business of an exempt organization as any trade or business which is not substantially related to the exercise or performance of its exempt purpose.

The Council utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Council continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Council believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been reported on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. Only bank charges, postage, printing, professional fees, and stationery, printing, and processing are considered to be supporting costs. The remaining costs are considered program activity costs.

Advertising

Advertising costs were recorded as expended. The advertising expenses for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$1,625 and \$300, respectively.

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Council maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. Accounts at this institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council had uninsured balances totaling \$110,486 and \$45,958, respectively. The Council has not experienced any losses on such accounts and management believes the risk is mitigated by maintaining all deposits in high quality financial institutions.

NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Council's endowment consists of one fund established to fulfill the Council's exempt purpose. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and earnings on investments that have accumulated and have not been distributed. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The State Officers and Directors of the Council have interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Council classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Council considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the fund, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Council, and (7) the Council's investment policies.

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NOTE 3. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

The Council has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the State Officers and Directors, for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment fund while also maintaining the purchasing power of those endowment assets over the long term. Accordingly, the investment process seeks to achieve an after-cost total real rate of return, including investment income as well as capital appreciation, which exceeds the annual distribution with acceptable levels of risk. Actual return in any given year may vary from this amount. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy

The Council shall award grants and support as approved by the State Officers and Directors on an annual basis and these shall only be awarded from the Endowment Fund's earnings. The Council considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets, the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions, and the possible effects of inflation. This is consistent with the Council's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	2024	2023
Donor-restricted endowment fund	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	2024	2023
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	132,840	132,840
Contributions, donor-restricted	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>132,840</u>	<u>132,840</u>

NOTE 4. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted endowments for grants to charitable projects and programs, and for the benefit of the Council in fulfilling its mission, in which the principal is invested in perpetuity. Net assets with donor restrictions were \$132,840 and \$132,840 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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NOTE 5. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Council's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>290,140</u>	<u>282,226</u>

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Council has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 28, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.

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JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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**DANA F. COLE  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors  
Knights of Columbus  
Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.  
Bellevue, Nebraska

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
May 12, 2025

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
ASSETS		
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>328,315</u>	<u>301,870</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES	_____	_____
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	<u>328,315</u>	<u>301,870</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>328,315</u>	<u>301,870</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
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FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
RECEIPTS		
Buck-A-Month	47,349	52,265
Contributions		
One-Rose One-Life	170,433	193,636
Ultrasound Fund	17,120	31,114
Gala income	74,896	
Total receipts	<u>309,798</u>	<u>277,015</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Program services	255,082	281,188
Management and general	28,271	4,442
Total disbursements	<u>283,353</u>	<u>285,630</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	26,445	(8,615)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>301,870</u>	<u>310,485</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>328,315</u>	<u>301,870</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Administrative expenses		5,060	5,060
Bishops Pastoral Plan	18,000		18,000
Buck-A-Month refunds	21,059		21,059
Catholic Conference	6,000		6,000
Gala disbursements	48,200		48,200
Gala expenses	49,950		49,950
Lodging	781		781
Meals	509		509
Mileage	332		332
Office supplies		207	207
One-Rose One-Life expenses	4,826		4,826
Postage		7,493	7,493
Printing		14,171	14,171
Professional fees		1,340	1,340
Pro-life art contest	1,550		1,550
Pro-life essay	300		300
Pro-life march	3,000		3,000
Pro-life organization support	52,000		52,000
Pro-life special events	30,949		30,949
Public relations	2,495		2,495
Request for funds	15,131		15,131
Total expenses	<u>255,082</u>	<u>28,271</u>	<u>283,353</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Bishops Pastoral Plan	18,000		18,000
Buck-A-Month refunds	16,465		16,465
Catholic Conference	6,000		6,000
Lodging	2,465		2,465
Meals	400		400
Mileage	536		536
One-Rose One-Life expenses	4,366		4,366
Postage		142	142
Professional fees		4,300	4,300
Pro-life essay	750		750
Pro-life march	4,000		4,000
Pro-life organization support	81,200		81,200
Pro-life special events	41,620		41,620
Public relations	3,600		3,600
Request for funds	17,135		17,135
Ultrasound purchases	84,651		84,651
Total expenses	<u>281,188</u>	<u>4,442</u>	<u>285,630</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (the Foundation), was created as a nonprofit corporation on August 15, 1977. The purpose of the Foundation is to support "right to life" initiatives throughout the state of Nebraska. The Foundation provides various organizations with grants in order to promote education to the public about "right to life" issues and various related matters, such as unwanted pregnancies, adoption, assistance to unwed mothers, and the fight against cloning and human embryo research. The Foundation's support comes primarily from individual donors of the general public and grants from public charities.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation prepares its financial statements on the cash basis; consequently, these statements represent a summary of the cash activity of the Foundation and do not include certain transactions that would be included if the Foundation prepared its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations. Under the cash basis, receipts are recognized when collected rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Buck-A-Month Program

Participation fees for the Buck-A-Month program are recognized as income when they are received.

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. The Foundation receives contributions from One-Rose One-Life initiatives and the Ultrasound Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of functional expenses - cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services. Only professional fees, postage, printing, and office expenses are considered to be supporting costs. The remaining costs are considered program activity costs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CULTURE OF LIFE FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation maintains cash balances at a financial institution located in Nebraska. The account at this institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to a balance of \$250,000. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had uninsured balances of \$85,166 and \$53,282, respectively.

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>328,315</u>	<u>301,870</u>

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 12, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**DANA F. COLE  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors  
Knights of Columbus  
Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.  
Bellevue, Nebraska

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets - cash basis and functional expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and its receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Dana F. Cole + Company, LLP*

Lincoln, Nebraska  
May 12, 2025

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	ASSETS	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Cash - FNB Omaha		<u>35,033</u>	<u>39,755</u>
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		_____	_____
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions		<u>35,033</u>	<u>39,755</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>35,033</u>	<u>39,755</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
RECEIPTS		
Fall drive	176,557	182,804
Project Lori funds	<u>10,440</u>	
Total receipts	<u>186,997</u>	<u>182,804</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Program services	182,846	177,568
Management and general	<u>8,873</u>	<u>6,709</u>
Total disbursements	<u>191,719</u>	<u>184,277</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(4,722)	(1,473)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>39,755</u>	<u>41,228</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>35,033</u>	<u>39,755</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Angel Guardians, Inc.	481		481
Arc of Nebraska	16,986		16,986
Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy	10,804		10,804
DUET/ENCORE	2,308		2,308
Madonna School	14,250		14,250
Mid Nebraska Individual Services	3,679		3,679
Miscellaneous donations	25,215		25,215
Mosaic	14,493		14,493
NorthStar Services	678		678
Ollie Webb Center, Inc.	5,334		5,334
Parish	5,012		5,012
People First of Nebraska, Inc.	1,069		1,069
Project Lori	12,260		
Sheltering Tree	5,000		5,000
S.M.I.L.E. Inc.	11,332		11,332
Special Olympics Nebraska	27,101		27,101
SWATS	1,542		1,542
Villa Marie School	25,302		25,302
Foundation expenses		3,773	3,773
Professional fees		5,100	5,100
Total expenses	<u>182,846</u>	<u>8,873</u>	<u>191,719</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Angel Guardians, Inc.	2,579		2,579
Arc of Nebraska	23,731		23,731
Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy	478		478
DUET/ENCORE	7,792		7,792
Madonna School	11,902		11,902
Mid Nebraska Individual Services	2,920		2,920
Miscellaneous donations	17,469		17,469
Mosaic	29,716		29,716
Ollie Webb Center, Inc.	5,692		5,692
Parish	5,059		5,059
People First of Nebraska, Inc.	1,520		1,520
Sheltering Tree	10,000		10,000
S.M.I.L.E. Inc.	11,811		11,811
Special Olympics Nebraska	18,550		18,550
SWATS	2,025		2,025
Villa Marie School	26,324		26,324
Foundation expenses		2,409	2,409
Professional fees		4,300	4,300
Total expenses	<u>177,568</u>	<u>6,709</u>	<u>184,277</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Foundation of Nebraska, Inc. (the Foundation), is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation that was established on November 12, 1975. Its purpose is to provide assistance to organizations, schools, and groups throughout the State of Nebraska who work with individuals facing intellectual disabilities. The Foundation's support comes primarily from individual donors of the general public.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, these statements represent a summary of the cash activity of the Foundation and do not include certain transactions that would be included if the Foundation prepared its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to nonprofit organizations. Under the cash basis, receipts are recognized when collected rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to nonprofit organizations.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets, as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the organization to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. All contributions received are from the Foundation's annual Fall drive.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Only grants awarded are considered to be program activities. The remaining costs are considered supporting costs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION OF NEBRASKA, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at one financial institution. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation's cash balances were fully insured.

NOTE 3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash - FNB Omaha	<u>35,033</u>	<u>39,775</u>

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 12, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the State Officers and Directors  
Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation  
Bellevue, Nebraska

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and its revenue and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Dana F. Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
May 12, 2025

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	ASSETS	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash	9,467	7,248
Investments	798,005	729,238
Cash value - life insurance policies	<u>98,396</u>	<u>96,162</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>905,868</u>	<u>832,648</u>
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	9,467	7,248
With donor restrictions		
Restricted by purpose or time	299,730	231,364
Restricted in perpetuity	<u>596,671</u>	<u>594,036</u>
Total net assets	<u>905,868</u>	<u>832,648</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>905,868</u>	<u>832,648</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions Restricted by Purpose or Time	Restricted in Perpetuity	Total
REVENUES				
Contributions	5,635		400	6,035
Investment earnings		18,004		18,004
Increase in cash value of life insurance			2,235	2,235
Raffle proceeds	2,696			2,696
Unrealized gain on investments		61,641		61,641
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>11,279</u>	<u>(11,279)</u>		
Total receipts and other support	<u>19,610</u>	<u>68,366</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>90,611</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services	16,011			16,011
Management and general	<u>1,380</u>			<u>1,380</u>
Total expenses	<u>17,391</u>			<u>17,391</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,219	68,366	2,635	73,220
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>7,248</u>	<u>231,364</u>	<u>594,036</u>	<u>832,648</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>9,467</u>	<u>299,730</u>	<u>596,671</u>	<u>905,868</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions Restricted by Purpose or Time	Restricted in Perpetuity	Total
REVENUES				
Contributions	10,430		750	11,180
Investment earnings		16,488		16,488
Increase in cash value of life insurance			4,233	4,233
Unrealized gain on investments		56,285		56,285
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>11,398</u>	<u>(11,398)</u>		
Total receipts and other support	<u>21,828</u>	<u>61,375</u>	<u>4,983</u>	<u>88,186</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services	17,612			17,612
Management and general	<u>7,259</u>			<u>7,259</u>
Total expenses	<u>24,871</u>			<u>24,871</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(3,043)	61,375	4,983	63,315
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>10,291</u>	<u>169,989</u>	<u>589,053</u>	<u>769,333</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>7,248</u>	<u>231,364</u>	<u>594,036</u>	<u>832,648</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Advertising		150	150
Bank charges and processing fees	15		15
Grants	2,500		2,500
Investment management fees	11,278		11,278
Office supplies		1,222	1,222
Operating expenses	1,036		1,036
Postage		8	8
Raffle expense	1,182		1,182
Total expenses	<u>16,011</u>	<u>1,380</u>	<u>17,391</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Advertising		325	325
Grants	5,500		5,500
Investment management fees	10,333		10,333
Legal and professional services		4,300	4,300
Life insurance premiums	1,779		1,779
Office supplies		1,174	1,174
Postage		146	146
Printing and copies		1,314	1,314
Total expenses	<u>17,612</u>	<u>7,259</u>	<u>24,871</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business

Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation (the Foundation) is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation was established November 30, 2015, in Bellevue, Nebraska. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to serve as an endowment fund to receive donor contributions from the general public, which are invested in perpetuity. The Foundation's investment income and earnings are available to be used to provide grants to charitable projects and for the benefit of other good works.

Basis of Accounting

The Foundation maintains its books and records and reports its financial operations on the modified cash basis of accounting. As the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis does not include accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accrued revenues and expenses, the financial statements do not reflect the financial position or the results of operations of the Foundation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The statements do reflect the fair value of investments.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets as required by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958): *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. As such, net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and are not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both, and are reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis as net assets released from restrictions.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Contributions

The Foundation utilizes Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-605, *Not-for-Profit Entities Revenue Recognition*. This standard requires that unconditional promises to give (pledges) be recorded as receivables and revenues and requires the Foundation to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Revenue Recognition

The Foundation has analyzed the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and has concluded that no changes are necessary to conform with the new standard. The Organization generally does not have any service revenues requiring compliance with ASC Topic 606.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Foundation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures; accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers short-term highly liquid investments to be cash and cash equivalents provided that they are both readily convertible to cash and had an original maturity of three months or less when purchased. The Foundation had no cash equivalents at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Investments

The Foundation utilizes FASB ASC 958-320, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*. FASB ASC 958-320 sets standards of reporting at fair value certain investments, and debt and equity securities held by not-for-profit organizations. Therefore, investments in equity securities that have a readily determinable fair value and all investments in debt securities are stated at fair value, with gains and losses included in the statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis. Fair value is determined by quoted market values. Investments in money markets are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. In addition, the Foundation qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

The Foundation utilizes the provisions of FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*. The Foundation continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law, and new authoritative rulings. The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that would be material to the financial statements.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Only grants awarded, investment and processing fees, life insurance premiums, and raffle expense are considered to be program activities. The remaining costs are considered supporting costs.

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$150 and \$325 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 2. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Foundation had deposits at several financial institutions. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, none of the deposits were in excess of the \$250,000 federally insured limit by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

The Foundation utilizes FASB ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements*, which provides a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles. FASB ASC 820-10 applies to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

As defined in FASB ASC 820-10, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Foundation uses various methods including market, income, and cost approaches. Based on these approaches, the Foundation often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about the risk and/or risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market-corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques, the Foundation is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1 - Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Level 1 also includes U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and federal agency mortgage-backed securities, which are traded by dealers or brokers in active markets. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third party pricing services for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets has been consistent. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value:

Pooled Accounts

The fair value of investments in pooled equity investments and pooled fixed income funds is based on their reported net asset values (NAV) per share.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at June 30, 2024 and 2023, at fair value on a recurring basis.

		2024			
		Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska		<u>798,005</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>798,005</u>	<u>          </u>
		2023			
		Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska		<u>729,238</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>729,238</u>	<u>          </u>

The carrying amounts, market value, unrealized gains, and unrealized losses of the investments at June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

		2024			
		Total Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska		<u>541,612</u>	<u>256,393</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>798,005</u>
		2023			
		Total Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska		<u>534,486</u>	<u>194,752</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>729,238</u>

Management evaluates securities for other than temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial conditions and near-term prospects of the issuer, and (3) the intent and ability of the Foundation to retain its investments in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. As management has the ability to hold securities for the foreseeable future, no declines are deemed to be other than temporary.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND

The Foundation's endowment consists of one fund established to fulfill the Foundation's exempt purpose. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and earnings on investments that have accumulated and have not been distributed. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the fund, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Foundation, and (7) the Foundation's investment policies.

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the Board of Directors, for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment fund while also maintaining the purchasing power of those endowment assets over the long term. Accordingly, the investment process seeks to achieve an after-cost total real rate of return, including investment income and capital appreciation, which exceeds the annual distribution with acceptable levels of risk. Actual return in any given year may vary from this amount. Investment risk is measured in terms of the total endowment fund; investment assets and allocation between asset classes and strategies are managed to not expose the fund to unacceptable levels of risk.

Spending Policy

The Foundation shall award grants and support as approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis, and these shall only be awarded from the Endowment Fund's earnings. The Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its investment assets; the nature and duration of the individual endowment funds, many of which must be maintained in perpetuity because of donor-restrictions; and the possible effects of inflation. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets, as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL MCGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Endowment net asset composition by Type and Fund as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash value - life insurance policies	98,396	96,162
Donor-restricted endowment fund	<u>498,275</u>	<u>497,874</u>
	<u>596,671</u>	<u>594,036</u>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	2024	2023
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	594,036	589,063
Contributions, donor-restricted	400	750
Increase in cash value of life insurance	<u>2,235</u>	<u>4,233</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>596,671</u>	<u>594,036</u>

NOTE 5. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net Assets Restricted by Purpose or Time

Net assets restricted by purpose or time consist of the earnings from the endowment fund. These funds are temporarily restricted until restrictions have been satisfied. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the total amount restricted is \$299,730 and \$231,364.

Net Assets Restricted in Perpetuity

Net assets restricted in perpetuity consist of donations of cash and life insurance policies from the public to the Foundation's endowment fund. By donor restriction, the corpus of the fund is permanently restricted, and the earnings may be spent to fulfill the Foundation's exempt purpose. Endowment fund assets that were permanently restricted by donors totaled \$596,671 and \$594,036 at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 6. CASH VALUE - LIFE INSURANCE

The Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation owns and is the beneficiary of life insurance contracts with the Knights of Columbus. The life insurance contracts are reported at their respective cash surrender values, net of any policy loans, which totaled \$98,396 and \$96,162 at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NEBRASKA STATE COUNCIL McGIVNEY FOUNDATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general disbursements and for funding program requirements within one year are as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash	<u>\$9,467</u>	<u>\$7,248</u>

None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of June 30, 2024 and 2023. The Foundation has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash, on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses.

NOTE 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In preparing the financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 12, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.