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We need everyone's help to make this event a success.

Please consider one or more of the following:

1. We need approximately 85 volunteers to work at the event.
2. We need many, quality items for the silent auction.
3. We need people to buy tickets to attend the event and to come prepared to bid on auction items.

More details will be sent to your Grand Knights and will be available on the State Website in the near future. If anyone has an item to donate, can volunteer to help, or has questions, please contact:

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*** Proceeds to benefit the State Vocations Fund shortfall due to lack of proceeds from the Nebraska State Lottery/Sweepstakes. (2009 Sweepstakes winners on bottom of next page.)**

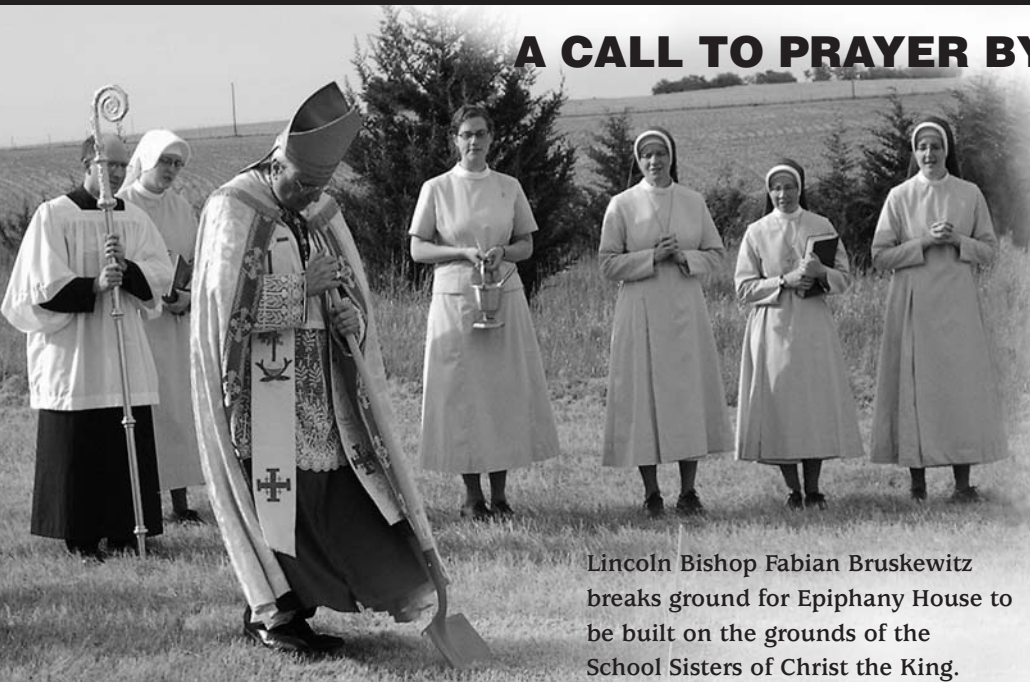
We Need Your Help to Continue our Support of Seminarians and Postulants.

A CALL TO PRAYER BY NEW BELLS FUNDED

The School Sisters of Christ the King, founded by Bishop Glennon P. Flavin in 1976, began the construction of their motherhouse near Lincoln in 1992. Now this building is no longer big enough for the Sisters and those that are discerning their vocation. Plans were made for a new building, called Epiphany House, that would house candidates, families, and guests. As part of this project, the Sisters wanted a set of bells that would call them to prayer throughout the day. They turned to the Knights of Columbus for help.

In January the State Officers began a project to fund the \$8,000 request through a matching grant. Councils within the Lincoln Diocese were contacted and asked to consider donating to this second bell-

Lincoln Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz breaks ground for Epiphany House to be built on the grounds of the School Sisters of Christ the King.





On our cover

The Larry and Janet Peetz Family was named "Family of the Year" during the Saturday luncheon at the 2009 State Convention.

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related project. (The first is the magnificent bell tower that sits just outside the front doors of St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward.)

The matching funds were raised and on Friday, May 29, State Secretary Jim Haiar, State Warden Rich Lowery, and Immediate PSD Don Ferneding were present for the Epiphany House groundbreaking ceremony. This is when they presented Mother Joan Paul with a check for \$8,000.

The Carillon (electronic bells) speakers will be installed on the roof of the gym and their chimes and songs will be heard throughout the grounds. Mother Joan Paul and all the Sisters were grateful and look forward to the Knights of Columbus being part of the planned dedication on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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- \$2,500 Dennis Staal, Chadron
- \$1,000 John Soukup, Lincoln
- \$750 Fr. Joseph Walsh, Hastings
- \$500 Rex Gittins, Wahoo



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**We apologize for any
errors or omissions.**



**Michael J. Conrad,
Nebraska
State Deputy**

Thoughts from our

My brother Knights,

CONVENTION 2009 REFLECTIONS

As I look back on our 2009 State Convention, I want to thank those who helped make this convention one of the best we have ever had. A special "thank you" to Fr. Paul Hoelsing for filling in at the last minute; your presentation was truly inspirational and heartfelt. Also a "thank you" to Bishop Dendinger for celebrating the convention Mass and blessing the Icon.

At the convention, councils and individual brothers were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Church and the Order. Congratulations to all of you. I encourage those of you who may not have been recognized to continue your good works.

GRAND KNIGHTS SEMINAR JULY 11-12

Today we are preparing for the upcoming Grand Knights Seminar to be held in Omaha at the Doubletree Hotel, 16th & Dodge Street, July 11-12 2009. At this meeting we will be unveiling the new programs and membership incentives for the next fraternal year. As leaders of your councils, you can better serve your council, Church, and community by attending this meeting and keeping current. Every effort should be made by your council's Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary to attend this important organizational meeting.

"BORN AND UNBORN"

Recently, we have heard some concerns about not saying "born and unborn" after reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance". I hope that the following statement from Supreme Master Larry Costanzo will answer these concerns:

The following, in regard to the use of the words "born and unborn" in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States is taken from the Report of Actions on Resolutions by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus Meeting at the 126th Supreme Council meeting in Quebec City, Quebec, August 5, 6, 7, 2008.

While this resolution leaves the use of the words "born and unborn" to the individual member, it should be remembered that while these court cases are in litigation there should be no public deviation for the Pledge as written and approved in 1954.

"Resolutions 1, 4, 42, 97, 117, 198, 274, and 289 two from Alabama, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin all support retaining the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Committee has taken note of the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States dismissing (on the grounds of standing), the Newdow

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Worthy State Deputy, Mike Conrad

suit which challenged the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, and in which suit the Order had filed a brief as Amicus Curiae. The Committee was also informed that the Knights of Columbus has supported the intervention in the second Newdow suit by students' parents, including members of the Knights of Columbus, seeking to retain the phrase "under God" in the pledge. A third Newdow suit pending in New Hampshire was also filed. The Order is taking an active role in the litigation of these cases. The Committee believed that the addition of the words "born and unborn" should be left to the discretion of the individual member. For these reasons and, on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I offer the following substitute resolution:"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has always stressed the principle of patriotism in each of the countries in which it is organized; and

WHEREAS, In the United States the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag has always been an expression of loyalty, not just to the flag but to the principles of freedom, unity and liberty that unite all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus believes that the words "with liberty and justice for all" includes all human beings from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus led a successful effort to add the words "under God" to the pledge, culminating in the passage of a joint resolution of Congress in 1954, signed into law by President Eisenhower in that year; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has participated in three cases, two of which are currently pending, which challenge the constitutionality of including the words "under God" in the pledge; and

WHEREAS, The words "under God" give voice to a principle of American government that has been understood to be an essential part of our system since its founding, namely, that the fundamental rights guaranteed by our Constitution are "endowed by our Creator," and are not the states' to give or to take away, but only to preserve and to protect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we proudly support the continued use of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, and that we recognize that these words affirm a fundamental principle of American government: that our basic human rights come from God, and that it is the duty of all three branches of the U.S. government to protect those rights; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we will not cease our efforts to oppose any attempts to remove the reference to God from the pledge wherever and whenever such attempt is made.

On recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, I move adoption of the substitute resolution.

SUPREME CONVENTION

In August, Mary and I will be leading a delegation to the Supreme Conventions in Phoenix, Arizona. Also attending this meeting is State Secretary Jim Haiar, Past State Deputy Don Ferneding, Jim Donnelly, Lee Anderson, Mike O'Brien, Ray Coulter, Walter Getze, Harold Nielsen, and Gary Brown. I am confident that these brothers will represent Nebraska well. See the State Website for a photo.

I AM HONORED AND GRATEFUL

I do want to thank the Nebraska Knights of Columbus for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Deputy. I am honored to accept this position, with all of its responsibilities, and grateful for your continued support. I pledge to you that I will do everything within my control to make our state one of the best jurisdictions in the order.

Vivat Jesus,



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July 11-12, 2009 At tDoubletree Hotel, 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha

“At this meeting we will be unveiling the new programs and membership incentives for the next fraternal year. Leaders of your councils can better serve your council, Church, and community by attending and keeping current. Every effort should be made by your council’s Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary to attend this important organizational meeting.” — Mike Conrad, State Deputy

The agenda is below. Note that Saturday’s lunch is on your own.

Archbishop James Hugh Ryan Council 3019, Omaha, will host a Steak Dinner Saturday evening after Mass.

The cost will be \$10 per person. If you’d like to attend, please contact

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SEMINAR AGENDA

July 10 - 12, 2009

Friday, July 10, 2009

- 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.State Officers Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.State Family Dinner
- 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.State Officers Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.Directors & Chairman Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.Membership Meeting

Sunday, July 12, 2009

- 7:30 A.M to 8:00 A.M.....Mass
- 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.General Meeting
- 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.Ladies Brunch
- 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.Financial Secretaries Meeting - if necessary
- 11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.....Break
- 11:15 A.M. to Noon.....Wrap up and Dismissal

Saturday, July 11, 2009

- 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.State Officers Meeting
- 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.....Directors & Chairman Meeting
- 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.....Membership Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.Check-in/Registration
- 10:00 A.M. to Noon.....District Deputy Meeting
- Noon to 12:45 P.M.Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.....General Meeting
Log Book/ Program
Book/Membership
- 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.Financial Secretaries Meeting
- 5:00 P.M to 6:30 P.M.Mass, Installation of State Officers and DD’s
- 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.Dinner (on your own)
South Omaha Council
hosting a steak fry

Time to Refocus ...

and continue to put your faith into action.



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Now is the time to refocus your thoughts and goals and continue to put your faith into action this upcoming year. Each Grand Knight is responsible for the adoption, establishment, and maintenance of the Service Programs within his council. It is the reason for the council's existence and upon which the council's reputation is defined.

Your council's existence is why directors, chairmen, and I are proud to continue to serve you. We are here to nurture your commitment to the Knights of Columbus, your parish, and community. This can best be done by following our State Deputy's motto, "Faithful Servants of Your Son." Mike Conrad's reign has been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and who better to nurture us than the Mother of our Savior Jesus Christ!

COME PREPARED WITH IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS!

This year's Grand Knight Seminar will be in Omaha July 11-12. We plan to use the same format for meetings as last year. The format allows each director and chairman to receive more input from you. We value your participation, so have your ideas and suggestions ready when you come to Omaha!

PROGRAM AND LOGBOOKS ONLINE AND ON CD!

At the seminar, you will notice some changes, not the least of which are the Program and Log books. You will receive CDs rather than printed materials. The State family is excited about these changes and we hope you will be, too.

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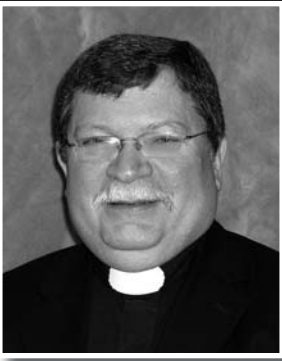
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A Word from Fr. Jim, State Chaplain



Fr. Jim Tieg
Nebraska
State Chaplain

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared the coming year to be the Year of the Priest. This autumn is the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. On May 25 I celebrate my 35th year as a priest of the Church. Because of liturgical tradition, most of the priests you know or who have served

you over the years were ordained around this time of the year. Your prayers and words of appreciation mean a lot to them.

In musing with a fellow priest not so long ago, I recalled my first assignment in 1974; we still printed the bulletin at the rectory with stencils and dittomasters. There was no such thing as an answering machine (it was you or the housekeeper!); we did not have voice messaging or cell phones. We had a large address-o-graph machine for parish mailings; e-mail did not exist. Computers were not yet viable for church use; our parish data was kept on index cards in a small metal box. In the universal Church, the Rite of Reconciliation had not yet come into usage. (Also, I had a beard, longer hair, and two leisure suits! No Nehru jackets, however!)

35 years later, it's been quite a ride! The greatest joys and greatest sorrows of my life have happened during this time, from being elected as president of the Council of Priests by my peers to being diagnosed with clinical depression—the range of moods, emotions, and experiences have been nothing less than phenomenal. I've celebrated Mass over 14,000 times—in parish churches, in homes, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the cathedrals of Europe, a mission in Korea, the sacred shrines of the Holy Land, on high elevations in the Rockies, and on ships.

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I've heard confessions from those who just came last week and of those who have been away from the Church for 70 years. I've baptized babies and also someone who was 101. I've officiated at the marriages of the young and of the old. I have been called to be an instrument of healing for those whose marriages didn't work. I've presided at funerals of babies, young people, those who died tragically, and those who lived the fullness of life.

I'm human. I've made mistakes and I have confessed my sins. Truth be told, I've had moments when it was tempting to walk away from it. All in all, these 35 years have been years of great grace for me. Would I do it all over again with what I know now? Most likely I would, because priesthood is God's invitation.

There is a worldwide retreat for priests this fall in Ars, France, the parish where St. John Vianney served. There will be a worldwide meeting of priests in Rome next summer when the Year of the Priest comes to its completion. Perhaps some of you could assist your parish priest(s) in being part of one of those experiences, if possible.

Please consider recruitment to the priesthood as one of your Council goals for this coming year.

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Momentous Milestones

BY THOMAS P. SMITH JR., EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
(AGENCIES AND MARKETING)

This past year has been a momentous one for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Let me just highlight a few milestones.

- The Order issued more life insurance than ever before in its history: \$6.6 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$70 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2003, just five years ago, we stood at \$49 billion.
- Our field force grew again, and we finished the year with a net gain of new field agents. The total number of brother Knights now dedicated to serving you full-time is nearly 1,300.
- During 2008, we celebrated three months that were in the “best ever” category. July’s \$579 million of insurance plan in force was the best July ever; September’s \$482 million was the best September ever; and December’s \$1.19 billion was not only the best December, but the best month ever in the history of the Order.
- Our annuity business saw record growth from 2007 to 2008. Annuity deposits received grew 72 percent over last year.
- We introduced a completely revamped series of life insurance products beginning in October. Known as the “800 series,” the products have been re-priced to reflect trends in mortality and include several new enhancements to benefit our policyholders.
- When the 2008 totals are included, we can claim that over the past five years, more than 100,000 members of the Knights of Columbus joined the ranks of our insured members—whether purchasing life insurance, long-term care or a retirement product.
- Our AAA rating from Standard and Poor’s and our A++ rating from A.M. Best were reaffirmed.
- 2008 was the eighth consecutive year our issued life insurance increased over the previous year.

What does all of this mean to you?

First, it means that you can take great pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, in case you haven’t already, this would be a great time to get on the bandwagon and have a discussion with your agent.

Nebraska Agents



Agent
Joe Carranza



Agent
Bill Buchta



Agent
Larry Havranek

Joe Carranza, Bill Buchta, Larry Havranek, Earn Swanson Agency’s “Agent of the Month” Honors

Joe Carranza, FICF of Kearney was named Swanson Agency’s “Agent of the Month” for the months of January and April 2009. Joe Carranza serves councils 1728, 2040, 2388, 5315, 10923, 12687.

Bill Buchta, FICF of Grand Island was named Swanson Agency’s “Agent of the Month” for February 2009. Bill Buchta serves councils 1159, 1708, 7954, 8010, 9562, 10386, 10387.

Larry Havranek, FA (see below) of Hastings was named Swanson Agency’s “Agent of the Month” for May 2009. Larry Havranek serves councils 1123, 1906, 2373, 8590, 10155, 10355, 11823.

Congratulations, Joe, Bill, and Larry!

Larry Havranek Joins the Swanson Agency

After extensive training and licensing, Larry Havranek, FA has been appointed to the position of Field Agent with Knights of Columbus Insurance. Havranek will be serving in the Swanson Agency. A long time member of the Knights of Columbus, he has served in several offices in both the 3rd & 4th Degrees. Larry, a longtime resident of Hastings, is married to Joan Havranek. They have one son, Tyson. **Contact Larry at:**

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Doug Kelly Earns "Agent of the Year" Honors

Doug Kelly, FICF of Omaha was named "Agent of the Year" for 2008 for the State of Nebraska at the recent Knights of Columbus State Convention held in Kearney. Doug also outperformed over 1,500 agents nation-wide to be ranked #10 in the Order.

In a close Agent of the Year race, Tony Swanson, FICF, CSA, of Hastings was runner-up and Neil Pfeifer, FICF, CSA, of Norfolk was 2nd runner-up.

Congratulations, Doug, Tony, and Neil!

Doug Kelly, FICF of Omaha was also named Pfeifer Agency's "Agent of the Month" for two consecutive months in early 2009. February and March 2009 "Agent of the Month", Doug Kelly serves councils 6192, 7740, 10108.

Congratulations, Doug!

Tim Heller "Fraternalist of the Year"

Tim Heller, FICF of Omaha was named "Fraternal Insurance Counselor of the Year" for the State of Nebraska at the recent Knights of Columbus State Convention held in Kearney.

Congratulations, Tim!

Neil Pfeifer, Doug Kelly, Tony Swanson, Kevin Pfeifer Earn their Way into the Supreme Knights Club

Agents from Nebraska who earned their way into the Supreme Knights Club are: Neil Pfeifer, FICF, CSA, of Norfolk (12th year), Doug Kelly, FICF, of Omaha (5th year), General Agent Tony Swanson, FICF, CSA, of Hastings (8th year) and General Agent Kevin Pfeifer, FICF, CSA, of Grand Island (22nd year).

Supreme Knights Club agents represent the top 5% of KofC insurance agents company wide.

Congratulations, Neil, Doug, Tony, and Kevin!!

John Stoeckinger Earns Pfeifer Agency's "Agent of the Month"

John Stoeckinger, FICF, CSA of Lincoln was named Pfeifer Agency's "Agent of the Month" for two consecutive months in April and May, 2009. John Stoeckinger serves councils 3152, 4923, 6750, 7021, 7614, 10510, 10913, 11280.

Congratulations, John!

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TOOTSIE ROLL® DRIVE PROCEEDS DUE NOW

We are at the end of another school year and that means it is time to get the Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds sent in. The annual drive was the 17th-19th of April and several councils are reporting successful drives for 2009. The due date for award eligibility was June 1. Please remember to send in the proceeds from your 2009 drive in a timely manner so it can be distributed to help those with intellectual disabilities.

ALL PROCEEDS MUST BE TURNED IN

We must report (send in) all of the net proceeds from the drives no matter how insignificant the amount is. The money raised is to benefit the intellectually disabled. **If the money from Tootsie Roll drives is not sent in, it jeopardizes the non profit status of the foundation and places councils keeping and operating on the proceeds at risk.**

- Send all the money to me and I will mail your half of the proceeds as a check payable to the charity of your choice.
- I am not able to reimburse your council for a donation that your council has already made using Tootsie Roll Funds.
- I will be unable to make checks payable to ESU units, public schools, councils, or individuals.

As of May 15, I had received Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds from about 30 councils. My goal is to have 85 percent of the councils reporting by the Grand Knight Seminar. I look forward to seeing you there.

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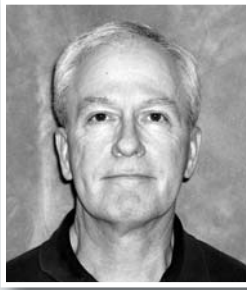
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ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION JANUARY 23, 2010

Our Annual Day of Recollection has been moved from September 2009 to January 23rd, 2010. We will again meet at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler. Our State Chaplain, Fr. Jim Tiegs, will be our spiritual leader for the day. More details to follow.

Please mark your calendars and watch for more information in upcoming issues of *Knights Courier* and online at:

www.nebraskakofc.org.

STATE MASS RECAP

Thanks to all who assisted in the State Mass Saturday at our 104th Nebraska State Convention. We appreciated the Most Reverend William J. Dendinger, Bishop of Grand Island, for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our Main Celebrant.

We heard beautiful music from Ellen and John Soukup, and our State Squire officers served at Mass and read our petitions. We thank Duffi Goodrich for all her hard work planning and producing our State Mass Booklet.

BLESSING OF THE ICON

Our State Deputy, Mike Conrad, has commissioned the creation of a new Icon of Mary by the very talented Fr. Richard Reiser. Father made a special Icon of Mary, Mother of God, Hodegetria (She Who Shows the Way). Bishop Dendinger blessed this special Icon of Mary during our State Mass. See the description and about the artist at www.nebraskakofc.org.



STILL 192 MORE SHOPPING DAYS LEFT 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

But the perfect time to make your council's purchase of KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

The KCIC assortment of boxed Christmas cards will be available at the Grand Knights - Financial Secretaries Seminar again this year.

Discuss your council's purchase with your members and come prepared to take them with you. It's the perfect opportunity for discounts on some items.

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**GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE AT
www.nebraskakofc.org**

\$90.00 per golfer payable to the Knights of Columbus, this includes, golf, cart, and prizes.

Please submit entry form, with fee by August 12, 2009.

August 22 6:15 p.m. Mass at St. Leo's Parish, Saturday, for all golfers and their families.

Steak Fry at the Golf Course after Mass for interested parties (see registration form). Cost \$14.00 plus tax.

Questions? Contact John Oltman, State Athletics Chairman • 402.344.4975 • omahadad1@cox.net

Nebraska Knights of Columbus

**SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2009
HEBRON SPORTS COMPLEX**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Knights, Squires, and family members

(Note: at least half of the male players on each team must be Knights or Squires.)

10:00 AM Mass • Sacred Heart Church, 440 N. 3rd St., Hebron

11:30 AM • Game One

Registration Fee: \$50.00 • Make checks payable to Liberty Council 1904. Proceeds go to the Nebraska Special Olympics.

Registration Must be received by July 28th, 2009.

Please include a phone number and / or e-mail address on the registration form.

Registration must be mailed to: LELAND WEBER • 6569 ROAD X, BRUNING, NE 68322

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“Around the State”?

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as they are received. In this way, photos can be featured in full color and all can be used. Items appearing on the Website receive the same amount of publicity points for awards as they had in the past for appearing in Courier. If you have any questions, contact Ron Goodrich, State Public Relations Chairman, ron140@cox.net or knightscourier@cox.net.



Nebraska Knights of Columbus PATRIOTIC FLOAT

If you would like to reserve the Knights of Columbus Patriotic Float that Hastings Council 1123 has for your parades, contact **Don Hoban, 402.462.9911, 3320 South Wabash Avenue, Hastings, NE 68901**

Some dates, especially holidays, are filling up, so contact him soon if you wish to reserve it.

Knights Need a Bed!

Two Brother Knights from NY and PA are planning a bicycle trip from Chicago to Denver to raise money for charity. They are looking for Brother Knights to put them up for one evening. Here are the cities and approximate dates they are requesting:

- Omaha 8/6
- Columbus/Central City 8/8
- Lexington/Gothenburg 8/9
- North Plate/Paxton 8/10 • Ogallala 8/11

**If anyone can help, please contact
Chuck Kozisek,
Special Projects Chairman
402.896.4554 • kozione@tconl.com**

Memento Mori

May the angels come to greet you

AUGUST 2008

Jack Kurtenbach, Council 1728

FEBRUARY 2009

Donald J. Roth, Council 1123
Eugene K. Reitz, Council 11824

MARCH 2009

Sam Aliano, Council 3019
Msgr. Anthony Mickells, Council 3019

APRIL 2009

Clarence Tex, Council 10894
Harold Dale Barta, Council 1793

MAY 2009

George Schumm, Council 9562
Anton “Tony” Sindelar, Council 10184
Rev. Lawrence J. Gyhra, Council 11823
Thomas McCormick, Council 3019
Donnell Moran, Council 3019

JUNE 2009

Francis A Mejstrik, Council 1793
Joseph Palensky, Council 9518

A deceased notice through the Prayer Line (email) distributed by the State Executive Secretary does not get the name added here.

To submit a name to be entered here, email member’s name, council #, date of death to knightscourier@cox.net, subject “Memento Mori” If you neglect to give us a month and year of death, we will place the name under the month notification was received.

We apologize if we have omitted or incorrectly listed anyone.

Please let us know.

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FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The most difficult, but at the same time, the most rewarding aspect of our position as family directors culminated in the awards banquet and family of the year luncheon at the 2009 State Convention.

- Congratulations to the Larry and Janet Peetz Family, Council 186, State Family of the Year.
- Congratulations to the Tom and Linda Yeradi Family, Council 1128, Runner-up Family of the Year.
- We also want to congratulate the Honorable Mention Families: the Gary and Barb Braun Family of Council 10335, the Ed and Linda Janezcko Family of Council 11879, and the Patrick and Mary Pat McBride Family of Council 13015.

A total of 19 councils submitted nominations this year. We were so impressed to see the outstanding examples of Knights and their families. We also enjoy receiving the reports from Nebraska councils outlining the worthwhile projects our Knights carry out to promote and support family.

We know there are many more councils doing terrific work. Let us hear from you! Large or small, your council's project is important to the Order and to families. You can email us at hypse@conpoint.com or you can send us a report through regular mail.

You can view the 2009 State Convention awards photos online at:

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Information is also available online at:

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THE FOURTH DEGREE IN NEBRASKA IS EXTREMELY STRONG

As District Master for the Nebraska Fourth Degree Assemblies, I am very pleased with every one of them. The State Convention was excellent, and our meeting was productive and informative.

Based on recent comments, I feel some of you may have taken out of context some of what I was saying. I hereby apologize publicly if any of you thought I was singling you out for not being active, or for any other reason. I understand that your individual situations dictate specific actions. Some of us are small in numbers and have to work with what we have. I did not intentionally single anyone out and am truly sorry if it seemed that I did.

We're here to help

I'd also like to remind everyone that Greg or I are willing to attend any Assembly meeting if you feel you'd like our input. Contact me and we'll get you on the calendar.

The Fourth Degree in Nebraska is a very strong and impressive part of the Knights of Columbus. Please keep up the good work. We are all proud to have such a fine distinguished group of men and proud of what they stand for.

Changes in 4th Degree Exemplification

With a new year comes a new form of the 4th Degree Exemplification. There have been several changes that will be implemented as we begin our degree season this fall. For those of you that are thinking about hosting an exemplification there are a few things that we want to make sure you are aware of:

First, we will no longer be able to hold any part of the exemplification in a church. To perform the degree we will need to be in a large room such as a gymnasium or auditorium.

Second, the team will need access to at least two 8-foot tables and easy access to a three prong electrical outlet.

Third, we will need a room for the candidates to gather, a room for Sir Knights to vest, and a room for the team to vest.

Each Assembly hosting a degree will receive a letter with specifics about the requirements and needs prior to the exemplification date.

If you have any questions please contact District Master, PSD Howard Gaffney, or Eastern Degree Team Captain Rich Lowery.



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PER CAPITA: What is it?

Per Capita Report Due September 1(See Calendar of Important Dates)

By Jim Haiar, State Secretary

What is per capita? Where does it go? How much is it? Where do the assessed numbers come from? These are some of the frequently asked questions when it comes to the per capita billing. I would like to address each of these questions to help everyone understand the per capita assessment.

What is per capita?

Per capita is an assessment on every member of the Knights of Columbus in all jurisdictions. Only Disabled and Honorary Life members are excluded from this yearly per capita assessment.

Where does the money go?

This assessment is designed to assist the State Council in funding the programs, conventions, *Courier*, and the other expenses that are associated with running an organization like ours.

How much is it?

Your per capita invoice is received twice a fiscal year with the first due date in September and the second due date in March. The invoices are to be paid from your council's annual dues. As part of these dues, \$7.75 per member, was assessed by the State Council and is your council's per capita billing.

Where does the assessed number come from?

The State Council uses, for both per capita billings, the number of members that each council has on Supreme's membership roster as of July 1st of that current fiscal year. This is another reason why it is important that your council's Financial Secretary accurately maintains and updates your membership records with Supreme.

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 of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope, and strength.
 May they ever experience your firm support, gentle
 love, and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector,
 leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise,
 now and forever.

AMEN.

Taken from the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops Website:

<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/prayertroops.shtml>

IMPORTANT DATES

FORM NO.	DATE	FORM/EVENT	TO
JUNE 2009			
	Jun 28	State Directory Updates	Ray Guggenberger, State Executive Secretary
ABC/XXX	Jun 30	Application for Vocations Support/RSVP Refund	Supreme Council
SP-7	Jun 30	Columbian Award Application**	Supreme Council Cc: Exec Secretary
JULY 2009			
185	July 1	Report of Officers**	Supreme Council District Deputy Ray Guggenberger, State Executive Secretary
	July 11-12	DD, GK Seminar, Doubletree Inn, Omaha	
AUGUST 2009			
365	Aug 1	Service Program Personnel Report**	Supreme Council District Deputy Ray Guggenberger, State Executive Secretary
	Aug 4-6	127th Supreme Convention Phoenix, AZ	
	Aug 9	Coed Softball Tournament Hebron Sports Complex	Lelend Weber
1295	Aug 15	Semi-Annual Report of Audit*	Supreme Council District Deputy Ray Guggenberger, State Executive Secretary
	Aug 22-23	State Golf Tournament, Indianhead, Grand Island	John Oltman, State Athletics Chair
SEPTEMBER 2009			
2629	Sep 1	Report of K of C Round Table	Supreme Council Ray Guggenberger, State Executive Secretary
	Sep 1	First Log Book Submission (Yellow)	Program Director Hergott
	Sep 1	Supreme Per Capita Payment	Supreme Council
	Sep 1	Nebraska Per Capita Payment	State Secretary Jim Haiar
	Sep 25	Keep Christ in Christmas Discount Early Ends	Terry Fletcher, State Church Director
OCTOBER 2009			
	Oct	Pro-Life Essay Contest Winners During Bishops' Pro- Life Conference, Lincoln	Mike & Barb Thompson State Pro-Life Chair Couple
JANUARY 2010			
	Jan 23	"Day of Recollection" State Retreat	Terry Fletcher, State Church Director

* "How to complete the Semi-Annual Report of Audit" help is on the Website, nebraskakofc.org (bottom of home page).

** May be filed electronically on Supreme Website.

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 19.

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE AT

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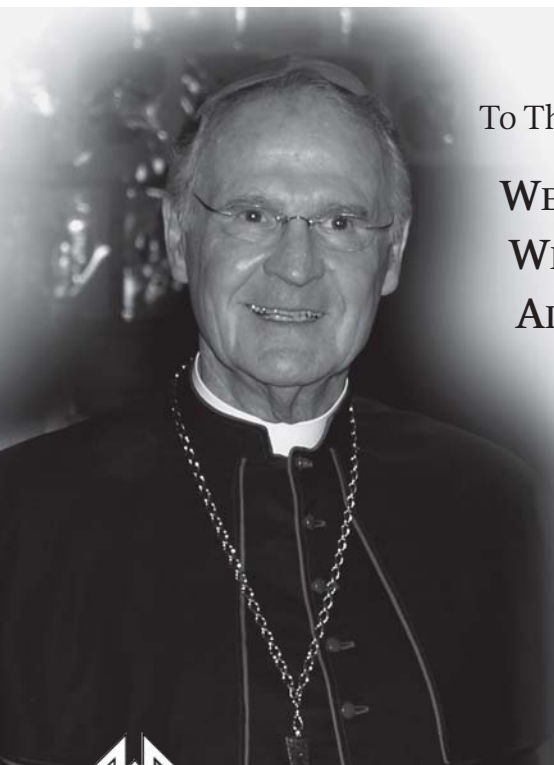
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