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Let the Easter joy be with us each day as we continue to allow our lives to bear witness to our faith through our families and the ministry of the Knights of Columbus.

Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, was the perfect setting for the recent work of the State Council. The State Officers and directors met at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln to sort through the numerous and various reports and nominations from councils. It became apparent just how strongly the Holy Spirit is working through the Knights with their charitable giving and support of their parishes and their communities, the needy, children, the elderly, the sick, the suffering, families and individuals, those next door and those in lands far, far away.

Councils have once again out-done themselves through unceasing devotion and dedication to charitable service. The quality and quantity of programs performed within our parishes and communities is staggering and most impressive. While not all councils will receive awards this year, it’s safe to say all councils have contributed to the success of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus by allowing their lives to bear witness to our faith in serving Church, Family, and Community. Thank you, all state, district and local officers and council members for your leadership, and numerous contributions to furthering the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska this past year. Carole and I have once again been blessed to visit so many different councils across the state and we continually are inspired by the quality of Brother Knights and their families, in how they lead in their parish and communities and how they make a difference through their commitment to good works informed by faith.

On behalf of the State Officers, I cordially invite all members to attend the 113th Annual Nebraska State Convention April 27-29, 2018, at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. As always, this is a great time to renew old friendships, make new friends and celebrate the aforementioned achievements of the more than 26,000 Brother Knights from across this great state! Please make reservations now and come join us for an experience of a lifetime. You can find all convention materials, forms and general convention information on our state website or by using this link, http://nebraskakofc.org/convention.

The Supreme Convention is in Baltimore this year on August 6. If you would like to be nominated to attend, there is a form on the website and in this Courier (page 12) that will need to be filled out and turned in by the close of the Saturday business meeting.

There is exciting news from Supreme. Nebraska has been asked to participate in E-membership starting April 9th. This Online Membership Initiative continues to have a positive impact on jurisdictions across the United States and Canada. Last month our 700th member joined the Order online. States who have had the program are effectively using the tool to bring new, eligible men into the Order, and to convert them to council-based membership. We are all called to evangelize and grow the Order for the vision of Father McGivney!!

Carole and I look forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention, and again, congratulations to all and thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Lou Gasper, State Deputy
Words from our State Chaplain

I hope this finds you well. At this point in the fraternal year we are earnestly making plans for the Nebraska State Knights of Columbus 113th Annual Convention to be held in Kearney April 27-29. The State Convention is a unique opportunity for us as Knights to gather and share our common Catholic Faith, dedication, and fraternity as committed Catholic laymen.

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus are distinctively poised to be effective catalysts in the Church which has called us to be participants in the “New Evangelization.” This New Evangelization, as envisioned by Pope Francis and his predecessors, has the goal of making missionary disciples of all of those entrusted to us.

The Knights of Columbus are particularly positioned to effect growth and change within the Church in our state. In Nebraska there are 172 Knights councils - councils in each diocese - in every one of the state’s 93 counties - councils that collectively have 26,450 members.

As such, the framework for teaching, witnessing, and evangelization is in place. Most sizable cities and towns in Nebraska have a Knights of Columbus council.

After consulting with this year’s state officers, we have decided to pick up the Church’s challenge to the New Evangelization as well as the Knights of Columbus’ call to “Build the Domestic Church” in each of our parish homes, and to use it as the starting point for our goal in this fraternal year.

We wish to assist the Grand Knights and officers of each local council by providing them materials, direction, and encouragement to do what they can to make their parish households places where true Catholic families flourish.

Thus, this year, as State Chaplain, I wish to invite, challenge, and encourage all of you to do two things.

1. **To the priest chaplains of each local Knights council**: I invite you to attend as much of this year’s state convention as possible.

   **To the Grand Knights of each council**: The state officers recently sent a letter to each Grand Knight asking him if his local council would consider covering the costs of a room Friday night for at least each priest within his council so that their pastor/chaplain might be able to attend the late Friday afternoon chaplain’s meeting, which will be facilitated by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt of Grand Island. The chaplain’s meeting and the state convention is, in part, a means of thanking and encouraging our priests in their work as chaplains to this great fraternity of Catholic men. It has been said that the Knights are the right arm of the Church. As a pastor, the faithful friar of a fourth degree assembly, and the state chaplain, I know how true this is. Thus, I invite every priest in the state of Nebraska to join us for the chaplain’s meeting Friday April 27 and as much of the state convention that they are able to.

   **2. I invite all attendees to the State Convention** - Knights and their wives, family members and friends - to join us for the Saturday morning activities. This year, in place of entertainment, we are offering a discipleship presentation. Based on Father John Riccardo’s DVD series on discipleship training, this will be a fast-paced, interactive and engaging presentation on how we can become more faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many of you know Father Riccardo from his program on Catholic radio, “Christ is the Answer.” This presentation will be organized and facilitated by two members of my parish, Joy Martin and Patty Marmie. [See page 10.]

After the Saturday morning presentation, we have scheduled an hour for Eucharistic...
Adoration in one of the convention ballrooms. The hour will include Exposition and Benediction and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance with several priests available. Other hours of Adoration will be available throughout the weekend in the Fairfield Hotel across from the Convention Center.

In advance of the Saturday morning Eucharistic hour, I encourage you to read the book, *In Sinu Jesu*. Written in 2016 and published by Angelico Press, it is the story of an Irish Benedictine monk who is either receiving direct locations from the Lord or incredible consolation during prayer based in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. Written in diary form, this is an incredible book which I believe will change your outlook, understanding, and appreciation of Jesus present in the Eucharist. If you can and wish to, I encourage you to get this book and read as much of it as you can prior to the state convention. I believe it will challenge you in incredible ways to deepen your time and prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist.

This desire for increased religious devotion during the State Convention was recognized after discussions with the state officers following the last two mid-year meetings. At these meetings, we decided that we wanted to grow and develop the religious, spiritual, and familial components of the Knights of Columbus. At these mid-year meetings, we prayed the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at designated times. We also made time available for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance. We were surprised at the strong positive response received from Brother Knights for making these activities available. Many of them said that they appreciated the opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation and encouraged us to do the same in the future.

Thus, I encourage all of you to dedicate time Saturday morning and attend the Family Program consisting of a discipleship training session followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance.

We also hope to put some materials together that you can take home to your own parish and community to share with fellow parishioners in “Building the Domestic Church” fulfilling the Church’s call to the “New Evangelization” as we strive to become disciples of the Lord.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention in April.

May God bless each of you and your families.

Fr Kenneth Borowiak
State Chaplain
Our Supreme Guests for this year’s convention are Michael and Mary Anne Conrad. Michael (Mike) is one of Nebraska’s Past State Deputies and was appointed to the Supreme Board of Directors in 2010. State Deputy from 2008 to 2010, Mike and Mary are joining us as our Supreme Guests for the fourth time, serving as Supreme Guests in 2011, 2012, and 2015. Besides enjoying both Mike and Mary’s beaming smiles throughout the weekend, we’ll hear Mike speak at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Mike and Mary Conrad reside in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Mike married his lovely wife, Mary, in 1989. They have been blessed with four children, Katelynne, 27; Alyssa, 26; Christa, 22; and Seth, 17. Mike and Mary both have been employed at their respective companies for 32 years. Mike is a Claims Representative for the Metropolitan Utilities District and Mary is a Registered Nurse for Children’s Hospital.

At Mary’s urging Mike joined the Fort Calhoun Knights of Columbus Council 10305 in 1991. Mary thought joining the Knights would be good for Mike, but both admit that they had no idea what kind of journey joining the Knights would come to be.

Of course, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization, strongly rooted in the Catholic Faith, but family involvement is crucial to any of its successes.

“Mary has been my partner in everything I’ve done. My accomplishments - from serving as council Grand Knight and in state officer positions, to recently being honored with a Supreme Directorship - are Mary’s accomplishments, too,” Mike said.

“I’m proud of Mike,” Mary shared. “He’s worked so hard in all positions and really cares about the good of the Order.”

Since joining the Order Mike has served his home Council in many positions including Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight. While serving as Grand Knight, Council 10305 had the largest membership growth in its 25 year history and was awarded numerous activity awards during his tenure.

In 2000 Mike served the Nebraska State Council as State Program Director. He then was elected and served as State Warden, State Treasurer, and State Secretary, and in 2008 he was elected the 51st State Deputy of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus.

Mike admits that being a Knight has not only strengthened his own faith life, but “this has been a very positive experience for my entire family.”

Mike was elected to the Supreme Board of Directors at the 2010 Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. Mike is Chairman of the Pro Life and Family Committee and serves on the Resolutions Committee.

Mike and Mary are parishioners at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Calhoun. They both are EMHC’s and Mike is a lector and a commentator while Mary is a member of the choir. Mike is the Past President of the Fort Calhoun School Board, President of the Fort Calhoun Foundation Board, and serves as Compliance Officer for the Fort Calhoun Youth Sports Organization. Mike and Mary both remain active in their community and church.

### Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities

Adoration, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the Saturday Morning Family Program.

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You can also sign up or just stop in up for an additional hour.

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Brother Knights, it is important that all councils send delegates to our State Convention which will be held in Kearney April 27-29. For those of you who have been there before, it is a time to meet up with old friends. For the first timers, it is an opportunity to meet your State Officers and State Program Directors/Chairmen while visiting with your Brother Knights from across Nebraska.

The Younes Conference Center does an excellent job of hosting our Convention at their hotels, and their banquet facility ensures our yearly event is one to remember.

The deadline for ordering your meals was March 31, but if you missed that deadline, we can still accommodate you. See above and page 9.

Annual Awards Banquet Friday Evening

During Friday night’s Annual Awards banquet we recognize our outstanding council activities. While we don’t do our many charitable and fraternal programs to receive awards, it’s nice to publicly recognize our Brother Knights and councils for their outstanding work.

Saturday Morning Family Program

Saturday’s family program has a “spiritual aspect” designed to inspire the entire family. Attendees of all ages will benefit from the uplifting morning and Hour of Adoration to follow.

We’ll also recognize our partnership with our Insurance Agents, who I firmly believe are the best around. Together we form the “strong right-arm” of our Order.

I want to thank all of the Councils that submitted ICC Awards this year. I know that your councils accomplished outstanding activities in support of your priest, your parish, and the local community across this great state. Many of these outstanding council programs were submitted for consideration during this year’s ICC Awards selection meeting which demonstrated that the legacy of Father McGivney lives on through the charitable actions of our Nebraska Knights.
Silent and Live Auctions Will Feature Amazing Items!

DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM!
The McGivney Foundation Advisors are sponsoring the Silent and Live Auctions at the upcoming State Convention.

We’re looking for items worth $100 or more to make the auctions successful. Some examples are a golf outing, a hand-made craft item, a hunting trip, Nebraska football memorabilia, etc.

The fair market value of all in-kind contributions to these silent and live auctions are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided to those making these donations. Donation receipts will also be sent to those acquiring auctioned items for amounts equal to the excess of awarded bids at the auction over fair market values of the specific items purchased.

Let us know the auction item you will be donating by 3 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018
Bring the item to the Convention by 3 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2018

COME PREPARED TO BID!
Be prepared to make bids to raise funds for your Foundation. There will be several items on the tables for your write-in bids. Items in past years have ranged from gift baskets to crafts, gift certificates to clocks, and Nebraska football items. Remember to check these tables regularly and outbid the previous bid. The winners of these items will be announced after the Saturday banquet.

There will also be a live auction with our famous auctioneer, PSD John Smith from Broken Bow. It’s always a lot of fun hearing the participants frantically trying to outbid each other.

As most of you are aware, in December 2001 our Knights of Columbus Foundation was established. The purpose of this foundation was to build an endowment fund from which the earnings would be available for spending to further the goals of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The four principles of our Order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and the greatest of these is Charity. Earnings from endowed donations to our foundation make this possible. With these earnings we should be able to do much for many worthwhile causes and to assist those who have fallen on difficult times due generally to circumstances beyond their control. Many of you have contributed to the foundation over the years, but much more is needed.

The Silent and Live Auctions held during the convention weekend are a fun way to help. Donate an item or group of items and come prepared to bid.

Remember that the Foundation is YOUR Foundation. Any support you give stays in YOUR Foundation.

Questions about donating auction items? Contact:
Auction Coordinator Larry Peetz | 308.254.4109 home | 308.249.0443 cell
Auction Coordinator Todd Anderson | 308.785.2025 home | 308.325.3703 cell
Foundation Advisor Manny Gallardo | 402.525.5817 cell | foundation@nebraskakofc.org
Foundation Advisor Dan Wells | 402.880.2586 cell | foundation@nebraskakofc.org

Be sure to follow the Nebraska Knights of Columbus on Twitter and Facebook and at www.nebraskakofc.org
## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your own lodging reservations for April 27-29, 2018
Younes Conference Center
416 Talmadge Rd, Kearney, NE
308.234.7300

Please identify yourself as a Knight of Columbus to obtain the discounted room rate.

- **Holiday Inn Hotel**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.237.5971
  - 110 Second Ave, Kearney

- **Hampton Inn**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.234.3400
  - 507 Talmadge St, Kearney

- **Holiday Inn Express**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.234.8100
  - 508 2nd Ave South, Kearney

- **La Quinta Inn & Suites**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.237.4400
  - 108 3rd Ave, Kearney

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.236.4200
  - 510 Talmadge St, Kearney

- **Comfort Inn**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.236.3400
  - 118 3rd Ave, Kearney

- **Candlewood Suites**
  - Hotel Front Desk: 308.234.1100
  - 400 West Talmadge St, Kearney

When you register at the Younes Conference Center, an agenda and floorplan will be available with room numbers of meetings and programs as well as available times for Eucharistic Adoration.

## AGENDA

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**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

**113TH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION**  
**YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER, KEARNEY**  
**APRIL 27, 28 AND 29, 2018**

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ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AND PAID IN ADVANCE! **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31.** THERE IS NO GUARANTEE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION.

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Did you miss the March 31 deadline to register for meals? We can probably still accommodate you.

Contact Rob Ostdiek  
402.806.8552 - convention@nebraskaofc.org
Saturday Morning Family Program

Saturday, April 28 • 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Everyone Welcome • No Reservation Needed • Bring the Entire Family

Fr. John Riccardo
on DVD

Patty Marmie
Discussion Leaders

Joy Martin

The Call to Discipleship

“Go, therefore and make disciples … teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”
- Matthew 28:19-20 -

“Our Lord commands us to go out into the world and bring others to Him. However, the first call to discipleship is not a call to go and do something, but, rather, it is a call to draw closer to Christ in friendship.” - Fr. John Riccardo

This session will be led by Patty Marmie and Joy Martin.

The morning’s session will draw from the “Discipleship Retreat” DVD series from Fr. John Riccardo. Fr. Riccardo uses sacred Scripture to offer wise guidance on how to answer the universal call to holiness. This interactive and engaging session will include small group discussions on how to encounter Jesus and develop a deeper friendship with Him.

Discipleship is a dynamic reversal of our focus from being inward and maintenance-based to being outward and mission-oriented. This change occurs first in our hearts, through an encounter with Christ, then in our homes as we grow in our faith, and finally in our culture as we witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

About Fr. John Riccardo: Fr. John Riccardo was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. He is the youngest of five children and a graduate of The University of Michigan.

After working for several years in the professional world, he entered the seminary to begin studies for the priesthood. He studied philosophy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, and received a Sacred License in Theology (S.T.L.) from The Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

Since 2007, Fr. John has served as pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, Michigan. Prior to that, he was the pastor of St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Troy, Michigan and served at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn, Michigan. He formerly served as the Director of the Cardinal Maida Institute located at St. John Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth, Michigan.

Fr. John has written numerous books and has a series of DVDs. He has a regular program on Ave Maria Radio. Visit his website at https://avemariaradio.net/product-tag/fr-john-riccardo

Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Penance with many priests will immediately follow the morning program.
Saturday Afternoon Ladies Program

Saturday, April 28 • 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Ladies Please Join Us • No Reservation Needed

The Feminine Genius

“The feminine genius is needed wherever we make important decisions.”
- Pope Francis -

In his “Letter to Women” Pope Saint John Paul II opens with gratitude for the gift of women. In addition, he thanks women for being mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters. He thanks women who work, women who are consecrated, and every woman who exists merely for being a woman. Women are called to be disciples through their very identity.

In the afternoon session, we’ll explore the “feminine genius” and how women can use our unique gifts to make disciples and bring others to Christ.

This session will be led by Joy Martin.


About Patty Marmie: With more than 30 years of leadership experience in the business world, Patty serves Saint Michael Church as the Resource Development Director. She leads several parish initiatives and is involved in ministries and outreach at the parish.

About Joy Martin: A former English teacher and content writer, Joy Martin currently serves as the Pastoral Administrative Assistant at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln. Parish ministry gives her the opportunity to assist with sacramental preparation, teach faith formation classes, coordinate parish ministries, and develop evangelization and discipleship outreach.

Sunday Morning Ladies Brunch

Sunday, April 29 • 9:00 to 11:15 a.m.
Ladies Please Join Us • Reservation Needed

“... where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
- Matthew 18:20 -

The annual ladies brunch is a wonderful way for us to end our weekend before the drive home. We’ll pray together, meet up with old friends and make some new ones, laugh, tell stories, and share a meal. The food is truly amazing. It’s also a chance to meet and greet our State Officers’ wives, and our special guests always have something wise to share. Reservations are needed.

This year we’re honored to have Fr. Kenneth Borowiak, our State Chaplain and pastor of St. Michael Parish in Lincoln, join us for the morning’s festivities. He’ll be sharing with us his experiences during his trips to World Youth Day, Poland, and Rome.

Eucharistic Adoration will also be offered throughout the weekend at the Fairfield Inn across the street from the Conference Center. Times will be be posted.
It’s a time to give thanks and praise for the good works of the Knights of Columbus across this great state! While many will receive awards, all should rejoice in what we were able to accomplish as a whole in building the Domestic Church right here in Nebraska. When working for a common goal in our church, community, families, councils, youth, and culture of life projects, we are giving glory to God and spreading the Gospel. Congratulations to all! As State Secretary, I feel it is my responsibility to inform you of a few items your council needs to do in order to fully participate in our annual meeting.

COUNCIL PER CAPITA MUST BE PAID
First, if you have not paid your supreme and state per capita assessments, your delegates will not be seated, which in turn denies your council a vote or votes in ANY State Council matters. It would be a shame not to be able to fully participate, so please make sure your council is in good standing. If you are unsure of your council’s status, please feel free to contact me.

SUBMIT COUNCIL CREDENTIALS BY APRIL 15
Another must is your council’s credentials. I must receive this form by April 15 for processing. On this form, you will list your delegates and alternates, which allows them to be seated and grants them voting privileges on matters that come before the membership. Your Financial Secretary should have received these credential forms in a packet from State Executive Secretary Ray Guggenberger in January. Make sure that when your delegates arrive, they sign in at the delegate check-in station right inside the entrance. This is very important to help the roll call process go smoothly! Your delegate needs to be present for both business sessions or you will not receive your mileage and per diem check. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Mail the council credential forms to:

Mark Borytsky, State Secretary
13005 S 29th Place, Bellevue, NE 68123

BE A SUPREME DELEGATE
Supreme Convention - Baltimore, MD - August 6-9, 2018
Every 3rd Degree member of the Nebraska Knights of Columbus is eligible to represent the State Council as a delegate to the 135th Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD, August 6-9, 2018. If you are interested in running for Supreme Delegate, contact your Financial Secretary.

Mandatory for a Supreme Delegate: You will have to pay all expenses such as travel, hotels, and meals yourself. The State cannot help you. You will receive a reimbursement check at noon on Thursday, August 9. Delegates are reimbursed at the rate of $400 per diem for lodging and meals and paid $.30 per mile for the first 1,500 miles and $.20 per mile over 1,500 miles.

• You must be a 3rd Degree member.
• You must have a credit card.
• You will need a white dinner jacket. Most rent one.
• You must stay in the convention hotel.
• You must attend all business meetings.

• You must attend the Annual (Supreme Council) States’ Dinner on Tuesday evening. The cost of the delegate’s dinner will be deducted from your reimbursement check. You must pay for your spouse’s dinner when completing your registration.
• The State Council will host a dinner Wednesday evening. The State Council will pay for your (and spouse’s) meal. The Nebraska Bishops also attend.

SUPREME CONVENTION - BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Baltimore, Maryland • August 6-9, 2018

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Support Vocations and Help Make a Difference!

Robert Wolf, State Warden  |  402.380.3513 cell  |  warden@nebraskakofc.org

The young men and women who have responded to God’s Call to a Religious Vocation are grateful for your prayers and financial support. Proceeds from the sale of lottery tickets goes into our Vocations Fund!

Please continue to sell Lottery Tickets

Bring your ticket stubs, monies received and any unsold tickets to convention in April. Remember, we are not allowed to send money, lottery tickets, or stubs through the mail.

Last year we took in around $25,000. It would be fantastic to exceed that this year. Funds generated from lottery ticket sales allow us to give a cash gift to each seminarian at Christmas time. Remember, the ticket buyer need not be present to win.

A great return on your investment!

Even if you’ve already purchased lottery tickets, why not buy a few more during the State Convention? Tickets will be available Friday and Saturday, and the drawing will be held during the State Banquet Saturday evening. The more you buy, the greater your odds of winning!

The young men and women called to priesthood and religious life appreciate all the help the Knights are able to give them through ticket sales and your generosity.

Spending $10 Could Win $500, $750, $1,000, or $2,500!

Come to the State Convention prepared to purchase lottery tickets and help support our seminarians and religious!

You really do make a difference!

“This generous gift is another reminder to me of just how much you care about our discernment.”

“When I need a reminder as to what a man of God should look like, the Knights of Columbus always comes to mind.”

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you so much for your continual support. All of you inspire us seminarians to grow in holiness, so that we can become the man that God created us to be.

When I need a reminder as to what a man of God should look like, the Knights of Columbus always comes to mind. Thank you for your witness and have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Matthew Kowar

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Wow, thank you so much for your very generous gift. I am grateful for the Knights’ prayers and support of myself and my brother seminarians. This generous gift is another reminder to me of just how much you care about our discernment. Please be assured of my prayers for you, especially during this Christmas season. Thank you again, and may God bless you all!

Peace,

Matthew Rollman

12-14-17
More than 320 people gathered for the Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity Dinner on March 10, 2018, sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Council 10305 in Fort Calhoun, NE. While they raised nearly $160,000, the message organizers wanted to send was that Christians in the Holy Land are not alone. The net figure, which is estimated at $120,000, will be used to build approximately 60 homes for Christians living in Karamels, Iraq, and other cities in Iraq, displaced when ISIS burned their homes in 2011.

The event exceeded organizers expectations, said Mike Conrad, chairman of the event. He and his fellow Knights wanted to make a significant impact in the National Knights of Columbus project Christian Refugee Relief Fund that supports Christians in the Holy Land. The program builds homes, each around $2,000, for Christian refugees in Iraq.

Bishop Yousif Behnam Habash, Eparch of Our Lady of Deliverance of Newark, NJ delivered a message to love one another during his homily at the Cathedral during Saturday’s Mass. “He repeated that we should love one another and try to understand each other,” said Conrad. During the dinner, Bishop Habash shared that he had several friends who are Muslim and several friends who are Jewish, adding that the politicizing of religion was the cause for much pain and division in the area. He has been living in exile since 1994.

“We witnessed love in action last night. We witnessed what the bishop preached at mass and I am speechless in my observation,” said Conrad, who is a member of both the St. John the Baptist Parish and Council 10305, and a board of director for the National Knights of Columbus. “I was hoping for $50,000 to $60,000. To be in the ballpark we are in right now leaves me speechless. We went from minor league to major league in what we can do to make an impact in the lives of these Christians.”

Other fruits of the evening were that Gabriel Jabbour joined the Fort Calhoun Knights of Columbus during a private ceremony Friday evening before the reception with sponsors, volunteers and guests. Jabbour’s son-in-law Awad Qumseya, a member of the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Omaha, translated the ceremony. “When he addressed the dinner guests on Saturday, he was literally the newest member of the Knights of Columbus in State of Nebraska, telling his story to Brother Knights, their families and friends,” said Conrad.

Both Bishop Habash and Jabbour, through the translating of his daughter Rula, shared stories of how a peaceful life ended when ISIS invaded the Bishop’s city and Jabbour’s village and demanded that everyone practice Islam.

“Rebuilding the Cradle of Christianity continued on page 15"
Many Councils Do a Great Job Working with our Youth

David Marx, State Youth Director | 402.689.0986 cell | youth@nebraskakofc.org

Thank you, District Deputies, Brother Knights, and families. You are dedicated to getting the word out about who and what the Knights of Columbus represent in our homes and communities. Participating in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw engages the youth and involves the whole family in the spirit of competition and mutual fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship is Saturday, April 7, and finalizes competition shootouts of Council, District, and Regional. To all Knights who have helped make this Free Throw Championship a success on every level, many thanks.

Finals for Championship Saturday, April 7, 2018, is held at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Check-in for the event will begin earlier than posted on the website. It is now 9:30 a.m., with shooting to begin around 10:30 a.m. (both in the Central Time Zone). In the past we have had almost 100 participants from across the state come to this event.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a first place regional competitor remind them to attend. If first place is unable to attend, inform the council Grand Knight or District Deputy so the second place finisher then has the opportunity to compete.

State Free Throw Contest

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - Grand Island Central Catholic High School
Check In 9:30 (CST) - Contest Start 10:30 (CST)
COUNCILS - Remind your Regional Winners to attend. If they cannot, 2nd Place Winners can compete in their place.

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Bishop Habash said he considers it a miracle that all 50,000 Christian residents of his home town of Qaraqosh in the Nineva Valley, Mousel, North of Iraq, safely fled leaving behind their homes and prior lives with not much more than the clothes they wore. Jabbour fled Kinsvda, Syria just hours before what was to be his public execution.

“My dad did not want to leave his family there, but he had no choice,” Rula explained. He is just one of many people who suffer in the current political climate, she said. “For many years Christians and Muslims lived side by side. This has changed since the destabilizing of the area following the Arab Spring.”

Many Christians have lost their homes and receive no government aid, she said. They live in tents in extreme weather conditions. But while they have lost their homes, they have not lost their faith, she said. “Our faith is not just something we are on Sunday. There, our faith is our identity,” she said.

Conrad said the Knights of Council 10305 wanted to bring people together and educate them about the plight of Christians whose lives were literally turned upside down because they chose to live their faith. Through increased awareness, they hoped to encourage support and solidarity for their struggles.

“It’s been overwhelming the way people have come together to support this goal of getting the word out. The generosity and outpouring of support that we are seeing is incredible,” Conrad said, adding people could sponsor an entire home for $2,000, a door for $100, or other amounts in between. “We were called to love, and we hope that we are sending a message of love to those who have given so much and suffered so much because of their faith.”

People can get more information or add their support by visiting www.cradleofchristianity.com
John Stoeckinger of Lincoln earned Agent of the Year honors for the agency. John also ranked #2 over all field agents in Nebraska. As a field agent, John finished #21 out of 1,200 agents at 271% of quota. John also qualified for Million Dollar Round Table and Supreme Knights Club.

The following Knights of Columbus field agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Kevin Pfeifer Agency:

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Knights of Columbus Insurance has one of the highest ratings in the industry. The Knights invest morally and responsibly in line with Catholic Doctrine.

New Agent Stewart Havranek

Starting February 1st, Stewart Havranek has been assigned a field agent position for the Knights of Columbus in the Omaha area. Stewart will serve the following councils in Omaha area: Archbishop Ryan, St Stephen’s (L-Z), St Margaret Mary, Lady of Lourdes and Springfield.

Stewart and his wife, Jackie, are members of St Columbkille parish in Papillion.

Stewart will assist KofC members with all of their fraternal benefits including life insurance, retirement planning, IRA’s and estate planning needs. He will also offer long term care and disability income insurance.

Members of these councils needing service please contact:
Stewart Havranek  | 402.340.4875  | stewart.havranek@kofc.org

Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?
Contact your council’s agent or Kevin Pfeifer, General Agent for Southeast Nebraska
308-381-2075  | kevin.pfeifer@kofc.org  | www.kofcpfeiferagency.com

The Fraternal Year Isn’t Over Until June 30, 2018
Major Degrees Still Scheduled

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Find a list of Major Degrees at www.nebraskakofc.org under the “Calendar” drop down menu.
The Tony Swanson Agency finished as the #16 agency in the Order in life sales in 2017. There are approximately 135 agencies in North America. Knights of Columbus Insurance is one of the most highly ranked insurance company in the United States and Canada.

**Agent of the Year**

John Vanderbeek of Kearney earned Agent of the Year honors for the Tony Swanson Agency. As a field agent, John finished #34 out of 1,400 agents at 220% of quota. John also qualified for Million Dollar Round Table.

**Agents of the Month**

The following Knights of Columbus field agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Swanson Agency:

- Dec  Mike Scholz of Loomis
- Jan  John Vanderbeek of Kearney
- Feb  Tim Nowak of Ogallala

**New Agent Mike Jaggers**

After extensive training and licensing, Mike Jaggers was appointed to the position of Field Agent on February 1st. Mike currently resides in Sidney with his wife, Ami and their three children. He will be serving members and their families in the Panhandle area from councils in Alliance, Chadron, Sidney, Scottsbluff, Kimball, Gordon, Gering, & Mullen.

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

Members of these councils needing service please contact:
Mike Jaggers  |  308.249.1123  |  mike.jaggers@kofc.org

**Purchase lottery tickets and help support our seminarians and religious!**

Be sure to follow the Nebraska Knights of Columbus on Twitter and Facebook and at www.nebraskakofc.org
News from the NEIL PFEIFER AGENCY

Knights of Columbus Insurance Serving Northeast Nebraska

Congratulations

General Agent Neil Pfeifer and the field agents of the Neil Pfeifer Agency (Northeastern Nebraska) were honored recently at a national meeting for the Knights of Columbus for ranking #4 overall in North America for the Knights of Columbus in 2017. There are 131 agencies representing the Knights companywide.

Agent of the Year

Steve Kluthe, FIC, of Omaha earned Agent of the Year honors for the Neil Pfeifer Agency. He finished #1 overall among all K of C agents in Nebraska. Steve also finished #10 companywide out of approximately 1,330 agents in North America and was at 347% of quota.

Top Honors

This year’s Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) qualifiers are Doug Kelly of Omaha, Steve Kluthe of Omaha, Craig Pfeifer of Madison, and Kevin Weber of Gretna.

Service, professionalism, integrity and excellence are the hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. Agents who qualify for the MDRT exemplify these qualities as well as a high level of personal commitment and hard work.

Agents of the Month

The following Knights of Columbus field agents earned Agent of the Month honors in the Neil Pfeifer Agency:

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Congratulations to General Agent Neil Pfeifer and all the field agents in Northeast Nebraska for achieving these honors and representing Nebraska at the highest level.

New Agent Mark Hoyle

After extensive training, Mark Hoyle has been assigned a field agent position with the Neil Pfeifer Agency of Knights of Columbus Insurance which began on February 1, 2018.

Mark currently resides in Fremont with his wife, Therese.

As of February 1, Mark has been serving members and their families from the following councils: 1497 (Fremont), 7034 (Valley), and 10412 (Blair).

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

Members of these councils needing service please contact:
Mark Hoyle | 402.874.1135 | mark.hoyle@kofc.org

Questions? Looking for a Career Opportunity?
Contact your council’s agent or Neil Pfeifer, General Agent for Northeast Nebraska
402-379-0180 | neil.pfeifer@kofc.org
**One Life, One Rose**

**Our Lady Of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program**

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM**

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project in several Knights of Columbus jurisdictions.

Each year, a Silver Rose “honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life” is carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To read more on the history of the Silver Rose program go to: www.runningoftherose.org/en/news/background.html

**ARRIVAL IN NEBRASKA**

The Silver Rose will arrive from Colorado on Sunday, August 19, 2018, and cross our state for 28 days. We’ll pass it to Kansas on Sunday, September 16, 2018. The location of the Rose entering Nebraska from Colorado and leaving into Kansas has not yet been determined at this writing.

**ADD YOUR COUNCIL TO THE HOST LIST**

The proposed Silver Rose route through Nebraska with confirmed dates will be set within the next month and finalized before the Grand Knights seminar in July. Those District Deputies and Grand Knights of councils participating in this year’s program will be asked to help with the transition of the Silver Rose to ensure a smooth hand-off from council to council.

At the winter meeting in Columbus, A “Silver Rose Run” sign-up sheet was passed around for councils that were interested in hosting the Rose for a day. If you were not at that meeting and your council is interested in hosting the Rose, please have your Grand Knight email me with the council’s contact information so your council can be added to the potential host list.

In 2017, the Rose traveled through Nebraska for 29 days from August 20 to September 17th. A total of 31 councils participated, with many joining up with other councils, to maximize the prayer service to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Over 4,000 people viewed and prayed with the Rose.

As Knights, the sanctity of life is something we hold dear. To volunteer to participate and “honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life,” contact:

Jim Pelster, Council/Community Director  
Silver Rose Chairman, Nebraska Knights of Columbus  
308-249-3645 cell | jpelster@hamilton.net

**SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2018**

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**The Columbian Squires of North America began the Silver Rose Program**

The young men of the Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires have always been involved in the many aspects of our Church and the Knights. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Knights of Columbus Columbian Squires of North America.

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**4th Degree Meeting during the Convention**

Friday, April 27, 3:30-5:00 PM.  
Location will be on the marquee in the Convention Center and in the booklets you receive.  
Questions? Contact District Master James Haiar, PSD - haiar@cox.net
Why We Invite Men to Join the Knights of Columbus

Mark Dwyer, State Membership Director  |  402.843.2479 home  |  402.843.6167 cell  |  membership@nebraskakofc.org

“Even now, says the Lord” - Joel 12:2

This is the beginning of the first reading for Ash Wednesday. Now that Lent has passed and we are rejoicing this Easter season, the words from this reading - “Even Now” -reminds me that it’s never too late. God still loves me despite my faults and failings. He calls me, and if I just turn back to Him, He forgives me “Even Now”. Father Tom Bawens would sometimes use the phrase from that Bible verse during the Lenten season, and to this day it remains a source of great comfort for me.

“Even Now” - As Knights of Columbus, it’s never too late to invite the men of our parishes into our Order. It’s never too late to help them learn and live our founding principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. By offering men and their families membership in the Knights, not only are we affording them the wonderful gift of a happy and loving service in our communities, but also the continuation of a life-long journey of knowledge, wisdom, and growth in our Catholic faith. And as a bonus, recruiters and proposers are also receiving the gratifying gift of evangelizing a fellow Catholic man, and quite possibly the blessing of a life-long friend in our faith.

I know this is not a shock to you that we’re losing significant numbers of practicing Catholics in our dioceses. I’m making this point, not because I’m an alarmist or a pessimist, but rather - if you will - as a call to arms, an invitation to my Brother Knights to get in the game.

I believe our greatest calling as Knights of Columbus is to help build and sustain our Catholic Faith now and for future generations. As laymen we must arm our priests and religious with whatever tools necessary so that we may all further the cause of Jesus by being fishers of men. Simply stated, we’re all called to help “Build the Domestic Chruch.”

Please continue to encourage and ask the Catholic men in your parish to join the Knights of Columbus in order to continue the loving and blessed work started by our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. (Or as a candidate related at a major degree that he thought that the name was Father Forgive-ry. Don’t you love that?)

It’s never too late my brother. “Even now, says the Lord.”

A few incentive reminders for you:

Ten winners of an all-expense paid trip for proposer and spouse to attend the International Family Day in Dublin, Ireland August 2018. The drawing will include all proposers beginning December 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

We will have Honor Cords available for you at the State Convention. If you have recruited high school men, please let us know. We want these young men to have a cord as a memento of our appreciation for them joining the Knights of Columbus.

**Eucharistic Adoration Opportunity During the Convention**

**SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR WHEN YOU REGISTER AT THE CONVENTION**

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"  
Matt 26:40

Saturday morning we have scheduled time for Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in one of the convention ballrooms. The hour will include Exposition, Benediction and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance with several priests available. This hour will happen in conjunction with the Saturday morning Family Program and Discipleship Training. (See pages 3 and 4)

Other hours for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (at the Fairfield) will be posted. Signup sheets for these hours will be available at the registration desk when you check in. Someone MUST be present during these special times. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if many were present?

We are “One Body in Christ,” and our unity in that body is formed and maintained by our participating in the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus in Holy Communion. Our adoration opportunity gives us time to be with our Lord and to bring to Him all our needs and concerns, thanksgiving for blessings, and our praise and love. In particular, we should pray for Knights and their families, the work of the Knights in Nebraska, and the guidance of our Lord over all the undertakings of the State Council.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK**

In addition, we will have a book in the chapel for prayer intentions. **Everyone is encouraged to add their own intentions to the listing.** The list will be there before our Eucharistic Lord as continuous prayers are offered to Him throughout the weekend. The Mass on Sunday morning will be offered for these intentions.
State Golf Tournaments Scheduled for June and October

We are sponsoring two State Golf Tournaments this year. The first will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Bellevue, NE at Tregaron Golf Club. Watch for more information.

The second will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Grand Island, NE at Indianhead Golf Club.

Both of these will be a Four Person Scramble open to any Catholic age 18 are older.

Price per golfer will be $80.00 and will include your round of golf, a rib eye steak dinner with all the trimmings and prizes. Both tournaments will be limited to 144 golfers.

People who don’t golf but would like to attend the dinner can do so for a $15.00 fee.

Watch for more information at nebraskakofc.org or contact Joe Bober (contact information above).

BOWLING TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The state Bowling Tournament was held on four week ends in February and March in West Point. I would like to thank District Deputy Chris Kreikemeier, Tournament Director. Chris did a great job and below is his report:

We had an awesome turnout for the 2018 State KC Bowling Tournament. With eight local teams and 12 from across the state we certainly showed them all a good time in West Point. We, as a community, were excited to be able to host this tourney and hope to have it back in the future. Being an eight lane alley, we were able to keep the whole event intimate with our brothers and families. Thanks again for letting West Point, “The Best Point,” host our Nebraska Knights State Bowling Tournament. - Chris Kreikemeier

Nebraska Knights of Columbus 2018 Bowling Tournament Winners

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Wonderful Things To Participate in During the Convention

The Saturday Morning Family Program will inspire all members of your family. It will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Confession with many priests available. Everyone is welcome!

See pages 3 and 10

Donate items for the Silent and Live Auctions to benefit YOUR Foundation. Donated items valued at $100 or over would be appreciated. Come prepared to bid!

See page 7

Please come to the State Convention prepared to purchase lottery tickets and help support our seminarians and religious!

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Convention 2018
Silent and Live Auctions Will Benefit YOUR McGivney Foundation

Considering Donating and Bidding on Auction Items!

We’re looking for items worth $100 or more to make the auctions successful. Some examples are a golf outing, a hand-made craft item, a hunting trip, Nebraska football memorabilia, etc.

The fair market value of all in-kind contributions to these live and silent auctions are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided to those making donations. Donation receipts will also be sent to those acquiring auctioned items for amounts equal to the excess of awarded bids at the auction over fair market values of the specific items purchased.

There will be several items on tables for your silent bids. Remember to check these tables regularly and outbid the previous bid. There will also be a live auction with our famous auctioneer, PSD John Smith.

Let us know the item you will be donating by 3 p.m., Thursday, April 26
Bring the item to the Convention by 3 p.m., Friday, April 27
Contact Larry Peetz
jandlpeetz@peetzplace.com | 308.249.0443

Other Types of Gifts

Cash Gifts - To make a cash gift, you can mail a check payable to Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, PO Box 98, Elkhorn, NE 68022-0098, or www.catholicgift.org to make a gift online.

Gifts of Stock or Mutual Funds - To make a gift of stock or mutual funds, contact The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska at 402.488.2142, or e-mail chris-raun@catholicgift.org.

Gifts of Grain - If you own grain that you would like to donate to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, call Chris Raun or Claire Pohlen, The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska 402.488.2142.

Life Insurance Policy Donation - If you would like to make a significant donation to the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation, but are not sure where to find a significant asset for that gift, consider donating a life insurance policy to the McGivney Foundation. Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more information.

Memorials - People oftentimes struggle to decide where memorial money should be directed at their deaths. For an active and committed member of the Knights of Columbus, the Nebraska State Council McGivney Foundation is a natural choice for a memorial gift or planned estate gift. Contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent for more information.

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Please mail your donations to:
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McGivney Foundation
PO Box 98
Elkhorn, NE 68022-0098

For more information or questions contact:
Dan Wells, Fr. McGivney Foundation Advisor
402.390.9873 home | 402.880.2586 cell
foundation@nebraskakofc.org

Manny Gallardo, Fr. McGivney Foundation Advisor
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## Star Council and ICC Membership Leaders - From Supreme Website March 23, 2018

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## The Fraternal Year Isn’t Over Until June 30, 2018

**Major Degrees Still Scheduled**

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Find a list of Major Degrees at [www.nebraskakofc.org](http://www.nebraskakofc.org) under the “Calendar” drop down menu.
## IMPORTANT DATES

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