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## STATE DEPUTY REPORT

It has been said that a tear drop is a kiss from heaven sent down by an angel. With that being said.

Young Maria stepped out into the cold brisk air to see if her boyfriend had shown up to give her a ride after working a double shift, when she suddenly felt what she thought was a raindrop hitting her cheek and slowly run down the side of her face. Only to realize it was a tear drop from a very confused young lady. Or should I say a kiss from heaven. Maria doesn't remember much of her time at work that day as a million thoughts race through her head. (Maybe we are too young, we know nothing about raising a child, do I really love him, do I want to have a child with him) she then sees Alex pull into the parking lot as she makes a mad dash for the vehicle. She climbs into the car leans over and gives him a kiss. As they pull away, Alex asked if she has the address to the clinic. She nods yes and tells him the address. Maria reiterates to him that this is only a consultation at a pregnancy clinic, and they are just going to consult with her, to determine if she is really pregnant and what her options are. Alex then asks her, are you sure this is free? She nods her head again and says yes. Alex then goes on to remind her that we just need a referral so that we can get this taken care of. When they pull into the clinic parking lot, Maria asks, do you want to come in? Alex shakes his head and says, no, I will just wait here in the car.

Still confused and wandering what to do, Maria slowly makes her way into the clinic where she is greeted by a very friendly outgoing receptionist. She is asked to fill out a few pages of papers and then return them to the front desk. Maria's mind continues to wander. (What would be the best for everybody involved?). As she wipes another kiss from heaven away from her cheek, the receptionist informs her that she will be the very first person to receive a sonogram after the unit was blessed by the bishop. After a few minutes, a nurse's aide calls Maria's name and asks her to follow her to the exam room.

Alex continues to wait patiently in the car, 10, 20, 30 minutes pass and Maria still has not come out. Starting to grow a little impatient, Alex decides to make his way inside of the clinic to see what is going on. He is welcomed by the same outgoing receptionist and asked if he is here to see Maria, not sure of what to say, he nods his head, and she tells him that they are having a few difficulties getting the machine to work. She quickly says, "come with me I'll take you back to her room". Alex hesitates and is unsure of what he should do. The receptionist again says come with me and Alex starts to follow her down the hallway to the exam room Maria is located in. The receptionist lightly knocks on the door, opens it up and says someone is here to see Maria and gives a light shove to Alex and has him go into the room. The receptionist quickly closes the door and at that time Alex sees an image appearing on the screen.

With a confused look on his face, Alex walks towards Maria and as a kiss from heaven starts to run down his cheek, he says, is that our baby? The nurse looks at him smiles, nods, and says yes.

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Supreme Regional Growth Director, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates, and distinguished guests:

The story I just shared with you is true and only the names were changed as well as the image and sound you heard. I would like to report the baby in this story is about to finish his first year of school. More often than not when we place a Knights of Columbus ultrasound machine in a clinic across the state, we here of stories just like this. It is a brisk reminder that "Our Works Testify."

One year ago in this room, the delegates to the 120th annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus convention honored me with re-election to the office of State Deputy. Along with the honors came the grave responsibilities of performing all the duties connected with it. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity and I trust that I have served in such a manner as to fulfill the confidence that you entrusted to me.

At this time each year, the State Deputy has the opportunity and obligation to report to you his assessment of the conditions of the order in Kansas. It is a task I have taken very seriously. As I move forward, you will hear of many changes made to both the membership, programming, state convention, and the Knights of Columbus as a whole.

Let me remind you of those famous words of brother knight and president John F. Kennedy; “change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant was very adamant about including the wives and the families as part of the Knights of Columbus. At that time, it was quite revolutionary. He shifted the Knights of Columbus from an inward-looking men’s organization, to one that focuses on increasing the strength of catholic marriages and family life.

As many of us know, he was very proud of the changes he made to include our wives and family members in so many Knights of Columbus activities. Virgil understood a profound truth that no Knight, whether in the past, present, or future, could be all they can be without their fair lady at their side. With Virgil’s words ringing in my ear, I felt it was time to rearrange the state convention and ask the wives and family members of the brother Knights in Kansas to hear what many of them have helped be a part of over this fraternal year. As all of the brother Knights will agree, much of the work we do with the Knights of Columbus would not be possible without the support and help of our wives and family members.

In my report, I will attempt to chronicle for today's Knights, family members, and for history, the accomplishments we have obtained together during this 2021-2022 fraternal year. I intend to point out to you where we are, where we need to go, and how we can get there. We shall look at both our strengths and weaknesses. I will be giving you several statistics as we proceed. However, at the end I will ask that you analyze in your own minds whether the order in Kansas is living up to the mandates handed to us. Are we serving our church, our youth, our families, our communities, and our councils to the very best of our abilities? Immediately following last year's convention, I began organizing for the coming year.

The first and most important position was that of the spiritual leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas. The most Reverend Carl A. Kemme, bishop of the Wichita diocese honored our request and re-assigned Rev. Bernie Gorges from Schulte.

His words of wisdom and encouragement have been an inspiration for all of us. We give him our thanks and appreciation for serving us and for the many sacrifices he has made for our benefit. As well as the benefit of the Value Them Both Amendment. Father Bernie on behalf of the more than 37,700 brother Knights and their families I say “thank you”

The Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, honored us and re-assigned Rev. Meinrad Miller O.S.B. from Atchison. Father Meinrad has a very strong understanding of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas as well as throughout the order. I also wish to express my thanks to Abbot James Albers O.S.B. for granting his approval for his re-appointment. Father Meinrad, thank you for all you have done for us.

Before making the district deputy appointments, it was necessary for me to evaluate some of the councils within the state that no longer were active and needed to be moved to an inactive state, as well as assigning the new councils that were instituted last year. The result of this did not change the number of districts but it did cause for some districts to have additional or less councils in the jurisdiction of the district deputy.

Then came the task of appointing the men to serve as District Deputies, Directors, and Chairmen, as well as the Leadership team.

We were saddened this fraternal year by the loss of District Deputy #19 Ray Dashnaw. Eternal rest grant on to him oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Doug Wietharn and his wife Mary were reappointed as the State Administrative Director; Kevin Baalman and his wife Kat was re-appointed to fill the position of State Program Director and Ed Miller was reappointed as the State Membership Director. Eleven new District Deputies were appointed and 44 were reappointed. As for directors and chairman, two new appointments were made, and the others were assigned to the same duties or moved to another area of responsibility.

Having completed this task, I felt confident that this group of men along with the state officers as well as their wives and families could provide the leadership to assure the growth and welfare of the order in Kansas.

In early-June, my wife Angie and I attended the state deputies training in New Haven, CT. This was the first in-person meeting the Supreme council had since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We were honored to represent the state of Kansas as Patrick Kelly was installed as the 14th Supreme Knight of our Order. I then had the honor of being installed as the State Deputy of Kansas. There, I also received the Supreme council programs and the requirements for Circle of Honor for the jurisdiction of Kansas.

Armed with these, I went to the State Officers and began to plan for the June virtual planning meetings. During these meetings the State Officers, Past State Deputies, General Agents, Leadership team, Directors, and Chairmen formulated plans for promoting both membership and programming during this fraternal year. Much of our programming package was modeled after the Supreme council programs with modifications to meet our specific needs here in Kansas.

On June 26th, formal installation ceremonies for the State Officers and District Deputies were conducted in Hays. Victoria Council 1867 served as the host council and the installation took place at the Minor Basilica of Saint Fidelis. At this training meeting the District Deputies were instructed in their duties and were presented with both the Supreme and state programs.

Armed with the information from Supreme, a membership and program guide from the state of Kansas, the State Chaplain's blessing, and a pat on the back from the State Officers, these 55 men and their families' left Hays or the Zoom training meeting confident that they could market our products to their respective councils.

At this point, everyone knew that the future of the order in Kansas was dependent upon how well these men and their families could and would promote or programs at the local council level. As State Deputy, I attempted to motivate and lead, but the real work is done by all of you sitting before me. Your commitment to promote membership ensures our growth and your enthusiasm in promoting programs ensured our welfare. Your efforts in these two areas is what my report is all about and I will direct my remarks first to programming.

For the all-important position of program director, I re-appointed Kevin and Kat Baalman. They have proven themselves as both organizers and promoters in all their previous positions, as well as the position of program director one year ago. Their duty was to see that our many programs were organized and conveyed to the councils in such a manner that we could reach the goals we had established for ourselves. From the proceedings you will receive later, you will see that new records were established.

Overall, I feel the record reflects that we have had a very successful year in programming, and I want to thank Kevin and his wife Kat for all their work in promoting are programs.

This year Todd Lutters served as faith director. Todd was responsible for overseeing the vocations poster contest, scheduling of the new Saint Joseph icon, and overseeing the adopt-a-seminarian program. He stressed the importance of prayer in our lives and encouraged all councils to become more actively involved within the parish.

At our meeting with the bishops this past January, they too stressed a great need for us to become more involved in evangelization. They suggested that we set the example for others by becoming more actively involved in the RCIA, adult education, bible studies, and programs designed to reach out to the unchurched Catholics.

Again, this year, we encourage all councils to adopt-a-seminarian. The response was very good. Financial assistance was very much appreciated, but equally important were your prayers, letters of encouragement and concern for their success in completing their studies and becoming priest. I trust you will heed their comments and come more actively involved.

To date, 63 diocesan seminarians and 11 other religious have received over \$170,000 in pledges. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and you are all to be commended for your efforts. The growth in this program can be seen by the following contributions:

### *Appendix A - Chart # 1*

With regards to the religious education fund program, Lino Munoz spearheaded the sale of tickets and Rev. Bernie Gorges handled the request and distributions of the funds. Through this program, a goal was set to sell 2,100 \$100.00 raffle tickets. Leno shattered this goal and sold 2,150 tickets. This is a new record and 234 grant requests were received, totaling \$87,750.00.

My sincere thanks to Todd, Lino, and Father Bernie for their efforts in promoting faith activities and religious education.

Few institutions in our culture today are under as much pressure as marriage and family. Former President Bush once said, “a stable and happy family is vitally important to the wellbeing of our children and our society at large.”

In making my appointment of Family Life Director, I again turned to Kevin and Camilla Roberts, for I knew they could promote family values. They have worked very hard in promoting participation in the family of the month program. Considering the problems arising today in our society due to the deterioration of family values, I strongly urge each grand knight to take another look at this program. Look beyond those members attending your monthly meetings to make your selections. Look for that member on your roles who has done something special in the community or church that month and recognize them for it.

Gary and Marilyn Shinliver were reappointed youth activities chairman and free throw chairman. I knew they could serve in this dual capacity. They excelled at both programs this year after having to cancel all the state sponsored events last year due to COVID-19.

I would like to congratulate all the state free throw winners from our state tournament held at Sacred Heart Catholic Junior – Senior High in Salina this past March.

Thank you, Kevin, Camilla, and your daughters, for all your efforts in promoting family life and a strong family value throughout this fraternal year and Gary and Marilyn for your outstanding job with the youth activities.

Travis and Monica Wurtz accepted reappointment to the dual capacity of Community Director and Pennies From Heaven Chairman. The results for our pennies program will not be known until Monday morning. Results for the parade, general store, and auction will be tallied and made known to us at that time. A special thanks to all the councils who donated to this program. Through this worthwhile program, we can assist families in times of immediate need through our Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP). Since its inception, we have raised over \$1,800,000 which is shown as follows:

### *Appendix A - Chart # 2*

For Council Activities, Health Services, and Athletic Events Chair couple for this fraternal year, I re-appointed

Mike and Kerri Baalman. Council sponsored blood drives and blood pressure clinics continue to be the focus of councils under Health Services.

Derby council #4458 hosted the annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus golf tournament last July 24-25 at Hidden Lakes Golf Club, with 29 teams and 116 golfers participating. This is a new attendance record. The state bowling tournament was also hosted by Derby council #4458 at Seneca Bowl in Wichita and had 433 bowlers participating.

The state sporting clays shoot was hosted by Clomnel-Schulte council #3114 at Shady Creek Sporting Clay in Belle Plain, on April 23, 2022.

Thank you to Travis and Monica as well as Mike and Kerri for all their work this fraternal year.

As Life Director Couple, I re-appointed Joseph and Emily Roth. To date \$444,554.69 has been donated by 189 councils. With the matching funds from the Supreme council on the ultrasound project more than \$500,000 has been raised for pro-life causes.

Brother Knights, this trend shows our members in Kansas truly are working to build a culture of life. The last 10 years reflect over \$3,000,000 being donated to life activities as seen on the chart:

### ***Appendix A - Chart # 3***

Joseph and Emily also reported a total 157,236 Rosaries prayed in support of life. The Knights of Columbus also continues to work closely with the Kansas Catholic Conference on legislative issues like the Value Them Both Amendment and other concerns of Catholics in Kansas.

For the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Kansas has been very active in participating in Supreme's sonogram initiative program. I am very proud to report that through local councils continued efforts, the state council was able to install two new ultrasound machines bringing the state total to 26. New locations for this fraternal year include Advice and Aid in Shawnee and Heart Choices in Osborne. More projects continue to develop, including projects in Iola, Wichita, Pittsburg, Emporia, Hays, and Manhattan.

### ***Appendix A - Chart # 4***

To fill the positions of Commitment to Humanities Chairman and Tootsie Roll Chairman, I appointed Patrick Burnett. Before I begin the report on the of Commitment to Humanities, I must first congratulate Patrick and his new bride Lindsay on the sacrament of marriage celebrated on November 12, 2021.

The outstanding involvement in our local communities makes people more aware of our charitable works. Our tootsie roll drive raised \$318,679. This year, 189 councils participated. For this, Knights and their families across our state should take great pride.

As many of you know, the pandemic continued to put limits on some of the councils to distribute Tootsie Rolls in their traditional way. I would like to thank all of the councils that looked outside the box to come up with creative ways to continue to support this worthwhile program. In the past 46 years, we have raised over \$9,800,000. To show the tremendous support of this program, I share with you the following figures:

### ***Appendix A - Chart # 5***

We continue to be the prime sponsor of the Kansas Special Olympics basketball and cheerleading tournament held this past March in Hays and Topeka. The State Officers, Leadership Team and of Commitment to Humanities Chairman, gathered in Hays to present a check for \$25,000 to Special Olympics Kansas.

This amount, along with our annual donation to the bishops of Kansas diocesan programs for people with intellectual disabilities, represents the 20% retained by the state council.

I also want to give a special thanks to our councils for submitting the partnership profile report, form #4584, which reports the amounts your council donated to Special Olympics. With the support of this form, Supreme council donated an additional \$2,800 to Kansas Special Olympics.

I wish to thank Joseph, Emily, Pat and Lindsay for their tremendous efforts in the life programs this year.

Along with all the responsibilities of the Administrative Director, Doug and Mary Wietharn also oversaw our Kansas state council website, [www.kansas-kofc.org](http://www.kansas-kofc.org), it has continued to grow and improve under the direction of Doug and Mary as Webmaster. Throughout this fraternal year, they have been very busy, continually updating and enhancing our website. Thank you, Doug, and Mary, for your outstanding work and dedication as our webmaster.

As Publicity and Fraternal Chair couple, I appointed Eric and Karen Severt. We were able to print several articles in the diocesan papers regarding council and state sponsored events.

Publicity at the council level is an area we still need to improve. When holding any fund-raiser or any type of council activity, please be sure to publicize the event. This allows those whom you have asked for donations to know where the funds are distributed. It also lets prospective members know of your council's activities.

I would like to thank the editors of *The Leaven* of Kansas City, *The Advance* of Wichita, the *Southwest Kansas Catholic Register* of Dodge City and *The Register* of Salina for their printing of materials supplied by Eric, Karen, and our councils.

Eric and Karen also promoted the Knight of the Year program, as well as notices and e-mails informing us of the deaths and illnesses of our state family. Monday morning, at our memorial mass, we will remember those brother Knights who passed away this fraternal year.

Another very important part of our fraternal program is the recognition of Knights for their charitable works. This year, 40 districts and 72 councils recognized a Knight as their respective Knight of the Year. Hopefully, in the future all councils will choose to recognize a member, both monthly and yearly, for this honor.

This year the State Officers have named the Knight of the Year Award the "Father Emil Joseph Kapaun Knight of the Year Award," and a resolution will be brought before the delegates tomorrow to officially change the name of this award.

I would like to thank Eric and Karen for their outstanding job of keeping the publicity of the Order in Kansas at the forefront.

As State Historian, I appointed Steve and Marci Abels. Their job is to compile the history of the councils in Kansas. If you need information on your council, call Steve and Marci and I'm sure they will lend great assistance in your search. They also handle requests and orders for our second 50-year history book titled *Fraternalism and Leadership, the Second Fifty Years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas*. In fact, they have placed several copies for sale in the country store here at the convention.

If you haven't purchased your copy of this great piece of our history, be sure to go by the country store and pick up yours today. The position of historian receives little recognition, but the importance of recognizing and remembering the history of Knights of Columbus activities cannot be understated. Thank you, Steve and Marci, for all your help in keeping the history of the order in Kansas alive.

To assist me in the planning and set-up of our State Officer meetings and our District Deputy training meetings in July and December, I appointed Stan and Pam Krier to the position of State Meetings chair couple. Stan and Pam are a great asset for the assistance to the State Deputy in the negotiating and planning of these meetings. Stan and Pam, I say thank you.

For the position of Audio-Visual and Social Media Chairman, I appointed Austin Lager. Austin has been there to assure all meeting can be broadcast out to members that are unable to attend meeting in person. Once again, this weekend you see him in the back of the room running all the technical equipment and sharing this convention live to many individuals that are unable to attend the convention in person. He has done an excellent job throughout the year. Thank you again Austin.

This year, I again felt it was our obligation to become more actively involved with the Kansas catholic conference on moral legislative issues that may arise.

I appointed Chuck Weber to this position. Chuck is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference. By doing this, Chuck and I were able to work extremely close on the Value Them Both Amendment and on many other legislative issues that arise during the year.

I want to give Chuck and his wife Cindy a heartfelt thank you for all you are doing.

To fill the positions of I.T. Coordinator, I appointed two District Deputies who have proven to have the ability to oversee much of the I.T responsibilities within the State Council. This roll is critical in developing our data so it can be presented electronically. Tim Schmidt and his wife Linda as well as Matt Metzinger and his wife Rachael have helped the state council to develop, organize and maintain our data for better use by our membership. Thank you, Tim, Linda, Matt and Rachael.

To fulfill the position of Convention Chair couple, I appointed Thomas and Gail Schmeidler and as Assistant Convention Chairman, I appointed Rachel Farris, as well as Galen Greenwood. I would like to thank them for all they have done to make this weekend a great success.

Based on the programing and administrative results just enumerated upon, I feel the welfare of the Order in Kansas is in excellent shape. My sincere gratitude to Doug and Mary Wietharn as well as Kevin and Kat Baalman along with all their dedicated group of Directors and Chairmen.

Now I direct my report to the growth of the order. That is membership recruitment, retention, new council development, and ceremonials. Membership growth is the main force that ensure the continued prosperity of our Order.

Before I get into the nuts and bolts of the membership portion of my report, I think it is imperative to review the new Affiliate Membership Program that began this past January. Just over 20 months ago, general agent John Mahon and I were asked to offer input into a possible program that would allow councils to transfer members that were more than 18 months delinquent in paying their council dues. During my June State Deputy training meeting, the program was introduced to all the State Deputies and a pilot program was instituted in October in selected councils across the Order.

I made the decision not to burden the membership team and have them continue to focus on the growth of the order. State Secretary Mike Grothoff and State Advocate Kevin Roberts were assigned as co-chairman for this program. At the December Mid-year District Deputy Training Meeting, I introduced the program to the State Officers, Past State Deputies, General Agents, Directors, Chairman, and District Deputies.

Over the next three weeks, virtual training were held for all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries throughout the state. On January 1, Kansas began the program. Over the next 31 days, councils in Kansas could transfer these delinquent members by following the proper protocol established by the Supreme Council. Going forward, this

program will be evaluated by the Supreme Board of Directors as to its future.

As previously mentioned, I appointed Ed Miller as State Membership Director. Ed's ability to sell the Order was proven one year ago when he helped lead Kansas to its first ever Pinnacle Award in membership.

Also, appointed to the Membership Team were Regional Membership Chair couples, Andy and Margie Gilner covering the Northeast, John & Karla Ruder covering the Northwest, Steve and Des Prockish covering the North Central, Russ and Margi Bunnell covering the Southeast, Terry and Kimberly Shinogle covering the Southwest, and Barney and Debbie Wolters covering the South Central. Heath and Ellen Ohl were appointed as Retention Chairman. Trystan Mies was appointed College Council Coordinator, Hector and Rita Soler took on the Spanish Speaking Coordinators. And Austin Lager also served as the Young Adult Coordinator.

Each one of these Knights and their wives monitor their region of the state in all areas of membership. They developed a program to encourage all eligible Catholic men and their families to join our Order and then ensure their retention.

In June, we adopted the membership theme for this fraternal year from Father Emil Joseph Kapuan a priest of the Diocese of Wichita and a United States Army Captain who served as a Chaplain in World War II and in the Korean War. During which time he was captured and died in a prisoner of war camp. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in April of 2013. His words emphasize the need to grow our order and carry out the duties of the many activates we do in our parishes and communities.

This past September State Chaplain Father Bernie Gorges, IPSD Dale Weber, State A/V Chairman Austin Lager and I were honored with the opportunity to accompany the remains of Father Kapaun on his last leg of his journey home to Kansas.

Our theme "Our Works Testify" come from one of his quotes "Christ's works testified to who he was; our works will testify to who we are"

To show where we are today, the Supreme council has shared the following statistics. Chart #1 shows the total membership in our state as of July one over the last seven years.

### ***Appendix B - Chart # 1***

As you can see, our overall membership fluctuates year-to-year. But we started our fraternal year with 37,553 members in Kansas.

Over the last seven years the average intake every fraternal year is 1140 new members or 95 members per month. The last fraternal year, we were 66 members higher than the average.

### ***Appendix B - Chart # 2***

This chart shows this fraternal year and the previous six years for the intake numbers from July 1 to March 31. The average intake for those nine months is 828 members or 92 members per month. This fraternal year we are 122 members over than average.

### ***Appendix B - Chart # 3***

Since July 2020 the Supreme council has been generous to make E-Member free to all new members that join via the MCGIVNEY2020 promotional code. Without this free opportunity, membership across the order would have been almost non-existent during the pandemic. Since July 1, 2021, we have brought in over 600 e-members and 302 have converted their membership into a local council. That is a 49.75% conversion rate. As E-Member

continues to grow, we must continue to increase our conversation rate which can only happen through our ceremonials.

#### ***Appendix B - Chart # 4***

I previously mentioned the new Affiliate Program. To date there have been 3,538 members transferred into the affiliate program.

During our January meeting with the Bishops of Kansas it was brought to our attention the need for evangelization for senior men in high school as they leave the comforts of their homes and venture into a more independent life.

We were informed during that meeting those one out of every three young men attending a Catholic high school will leave the Catholic church over the next two years. And when you add all Catholic senior men, the numbers grow larger.

With this information I went to work with the Bishops and Supreme council on how to engage with these men and offer an opportunity for them to become a member of the Knights of Columbus and stay active within the Catholic faith. I am pleased to announce that through this program in Kansas 300 young men joined the Order under the new Young Adult E-Member Program. It is my recommendation to all future administrations to continue this program under the direction of the four Bishops of Kansas.

Our insurance department, led by General Agents; Greg Schafer, John Mahon, Darin Reed and Kevin Perce has experienced another banner year in representing each of you. The General Agents have been a great assistance again this year. Working with them and the 24 field agents who provide us with competitive coverage that is second to none.

I compliment the General Agents who have made great strides toward having all agencies in Kansas fully staffed. These brother Knights are also great recruiters. They aid in new council development and should be called upon to assist with any retention problems. Every council should enlist their help.

I ask all general agents and field agents to please stand and be recognized.

We are proud to announce the addition of two new Spanish speaking councils in Kansas this fraternal year:

Council #17828 Garden City – St. Mary’s

Council #17985 Santa Maria de Todos Los Santos – Dodge City.

These councils couldn’t have been installed without the hard work of the membership team, the Field and General Agents, the local Parish Priests, and, of course, the will of the men in these Parishes to make this happen.

I wish to thank the state membership team- Ed, Heath and Ellen, Andy and Margie, John and Karla, Barney and Debbie, Steve and Des, Russ and Margie, Terry and Kim, Hector and Rita, Trystan, Austin, General Agents, and the Field Agents for an outstanding job of promoting membership and insurance this fraternal year.

To my fellow State Officers, State Secretary Michael and Patty Grothoff, State Treasurer Gary and Lisa Wondra, State Advocate Kevin and Camilla Roberts, State Warden Norbert, and Loretta Flax, are all deserving of praise from all the Knights of Columbus in Kansas for the efficient manner in which they executed the duties of their office.

My sincere thanks to past State Deputy Dale and Jeannie Weber for their advice and guidance. Their experience and files were relied upon heavily and they were always there to help Angie and I.

I express my deepest appreciation to our State Chaplain Father Bernie and Associate State Chaplain Father

Meinrad Miller. They have provided guidance on spiritual, and all other matters addressed to them in a straightforward manner. Father Meinrad thank you for filling in and assisting Father Bernie on the occasions when he was unable to attend a meeting. The Knights of Columbus is grateful to have you serving on a spiritual level for all of us. To you I say thank you!

Father Bernie, words will never express what it means to Angie and me for everything you have done. Just over a year ago when the "Value Them Both" amendment really took off, we were at a loss at what to do to assure the Knights of Columbus was doing everything we could to make this a success. You came to me and said you had a plan and that Bishop Kemme had approved for you to be gone from your parish one week a month in order to travel the state of Kansas and promote this amendment.

When you laid this plan out to me, I said to you there is no way you can do this. I think your exact words to me that night was "hold my drink and watch this" my brother Knights and distinguished guest, I want to let all of you know by the time August 2<sup>nd</sup> comes around Father Bernie will have been in all 105 counties in Kansas and has presented information on this amendment over 150 times. Father Bernie, when this amendment is passed on August 2<sup>nd</sup> you will be one of the main reasons every woman and her child will be assured of a safe and healthy clinic. God bless you Brother!!!

Vice Supreme Master Guy and Julie Steier, District Master Patrick and Angela Winchester were most accommodating in dealing with Forth Degree matters. Thank you one and all.

To Charities Aid President Vincent and Barb Melvin III, I extend appreciation for all your advice on matters of the K of C Charities Aid Foundation.

To Past State Deputies: John Rupp, Thomas and Mickey Zarda, Thomas and Maggie Dechant, Dave and Mary Leiker, John and Lynn Kasper, George and Cheryl Miller, Bill and Ruth Baalman, Guy & Julie Steier, Thomas and Donna Rottinghaus, Don and Margie Wagner, Francis and Lori Drouhard, Mark & Lila Roth, Scott and Melany Maurath, Patrick and Angela Winchester, Vince and Barb Melvin III, and Dale and Jeannie Weber, Angie and I extend a thank you for your advice and encouragement. I know at any time we need advice or help with a matter regarding the Knights of Columbus we can always count on your support and guidance.

To our Regional Growth Director James and Pat Caffery, Angie and I say thank you. You have been our lifesaver on many occasions. Thank you for your guidance and your support these past 2 year. We want to let you know; you are always welcome in Kansas.

To Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly I pledge our loyalty and support to you and to your fellow Supreme Officers and to the Board of Directors.

To the 55 District Deputies who have given so freely of your time, I say thanks. You are the vital link between the local council and both the State Deputy and the Supreme Knight

Last, and most importantly, to you, the Grand Knights and Delegates, I express my sincere gratitude for your support and undying dedication to our Order. You are the people who made this year happen.

The dedication and charitable works of the local council members and their families are truly what the Knights of Columbus is all about and to see what you have accomplished across our state so far this year is very impressive, to say the least.

We must not stop now. We must keep this momentum going throughout the rest of this fraternal year and the years to come.

To my lovely wife Angie, thank you!!! Thank you for your commitment and duties as the wife of the State Deputy. The job of being the First Lady is not easy and I think you could ask any of the wives in this room that have done

the job, they would agree with me. I feel a song written by Jeff Sabra and Larry Henley that was made famous by Bette Midler called “Wind Beneath My Wings” would truly clear up what you have meant to me on this journey.

The song starts of by saying “it must have been cold there in my shadow; to never have sunlight on your face; you were content to let me shine; and you always walked a step behind; I was the one with all the glory; while you were the one with all the strength.” The song goes on to say; “it might have appeared to go unnoticed; but I’ve got it all here in my heart; and I would be nothing without you.” The chorus sums up just how I feel about having you with me on this ride. “Did you ever know that you’re my hero; you’re everything I wish I could be; I could fly higher than an eagle; for you are the wind beneath my wings.”

So, to you Angie, I say thank you for being by my side every step of the way. Thank you for understanding the must win attitude. Thank you for just being you.

Next, I would like to thank all the wives that have joined us this weekend as well as the ones that could not make the trip. I am sure that every brother Knight would agree, you are all the wind beneath our wings, and you make many if not all of the things we do in the Knights of Columbus possible. So, to all of you ladies I say thank you.

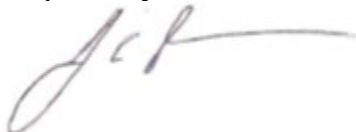
At the beginning of this report, I stated that you would be asked to analyze in your own mind whether the Order in Kansas is living up to the mandate handed down to us? I say yes, is Columbianism still a viable product, marketable to men and their families today? I say yes.

My brother Knights, thank you for the privilege of serving as State Deputy of the greatest jurisdiction in the Order. I am sure as June 30, 2022, ends, I too, will have a few kisses from heaven run down my cheek.

I pray that St. Joseph and Blessed Michael McGivney will intercede with our Lord to shower his blessing upon us all.

Vivat Jesus, Vivat Maria!

Respectfully Submitted,

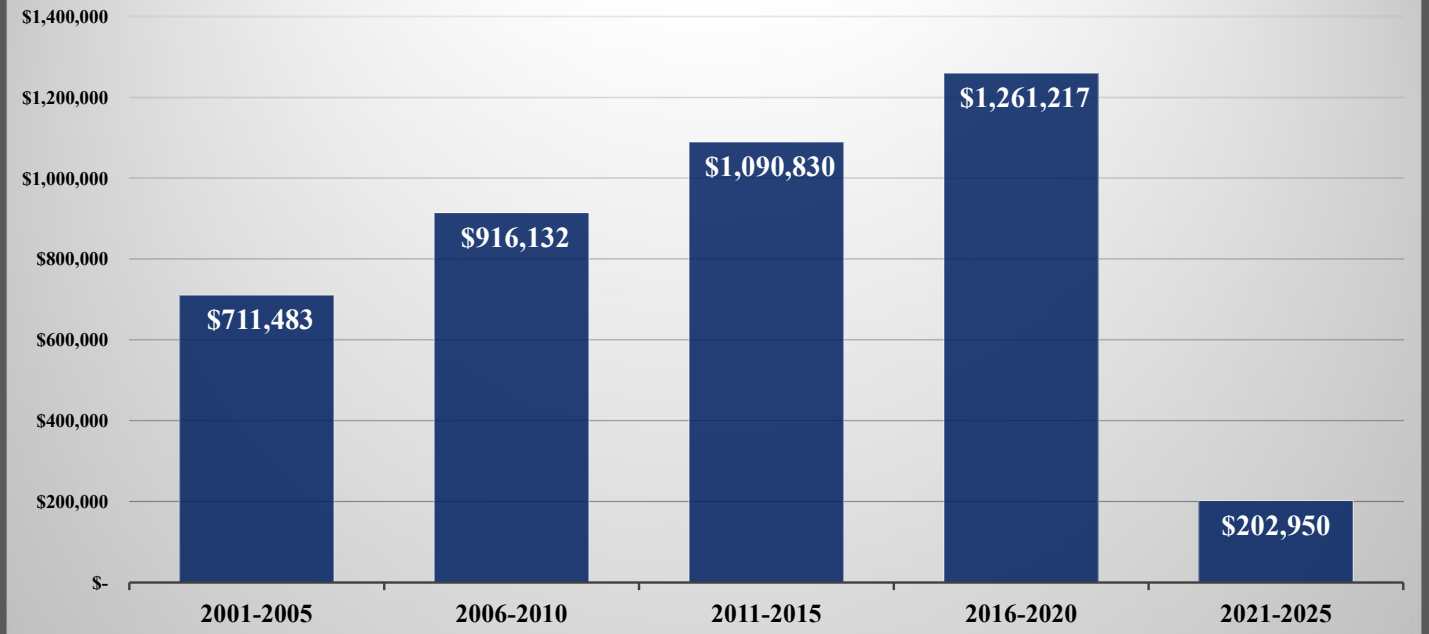
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Jamey C. Roth  
State Deputy  
Kansas State Council

# APPENDIX A

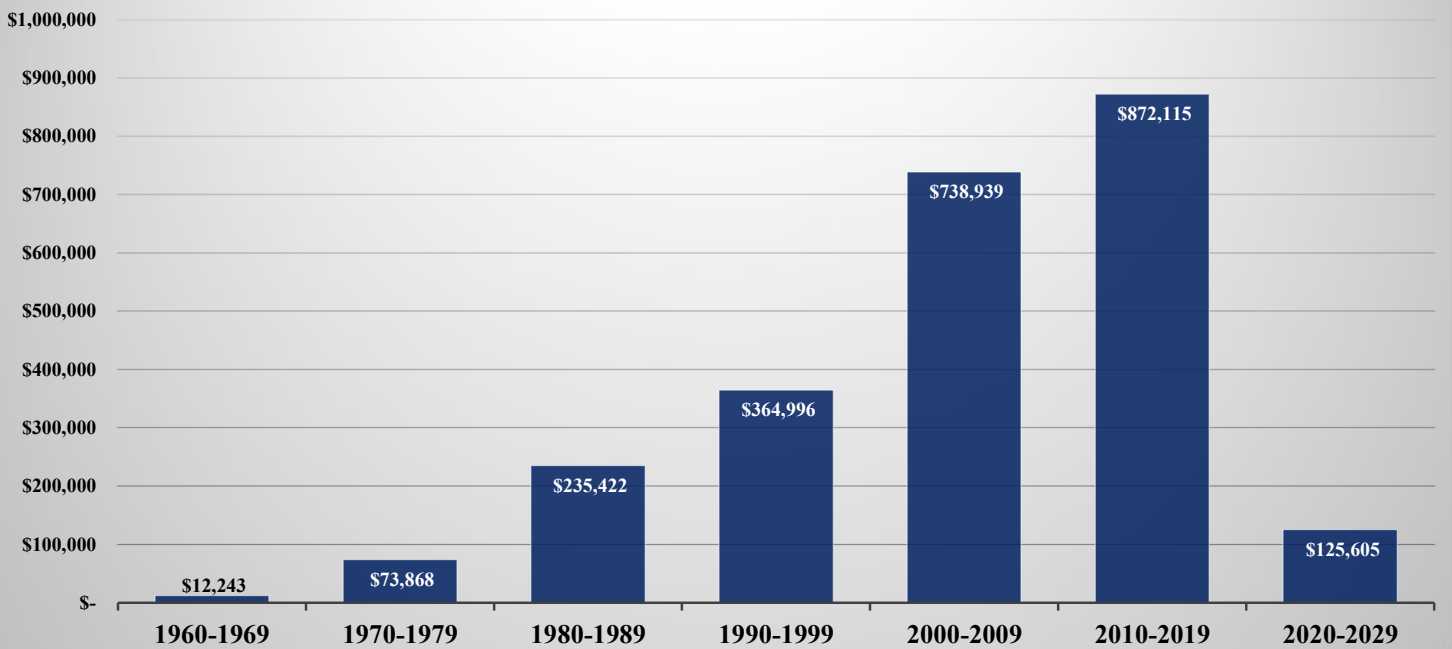
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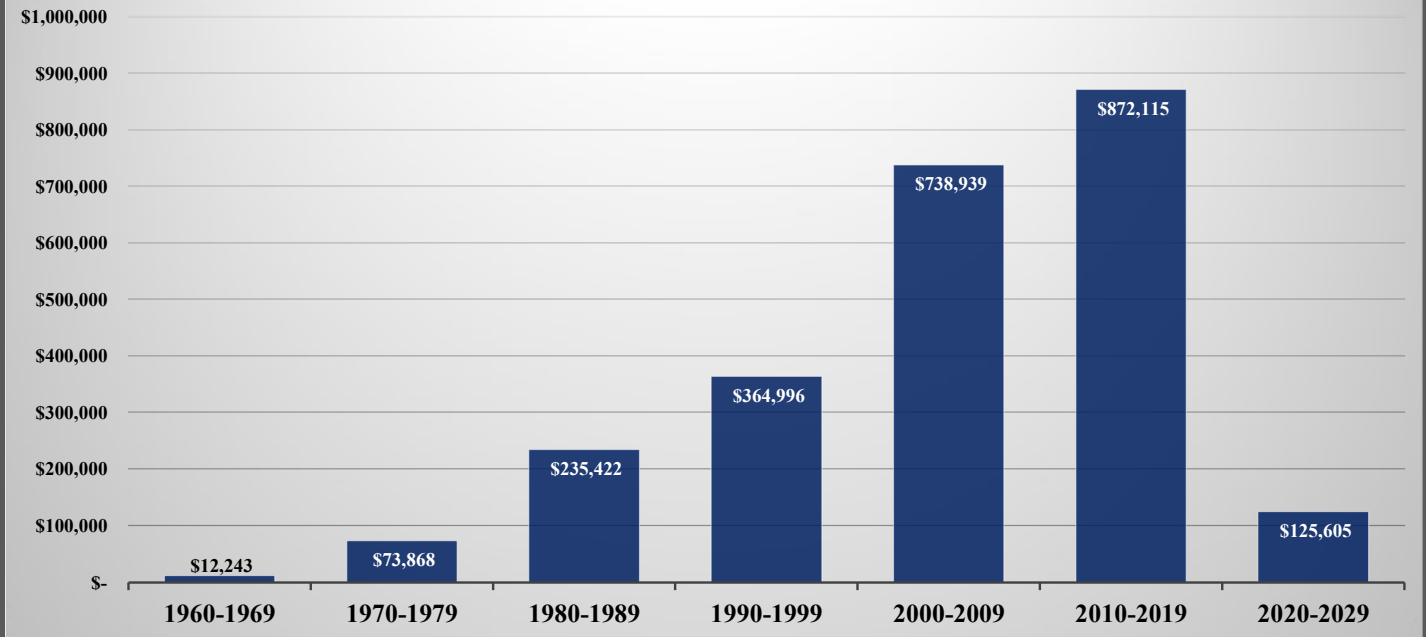
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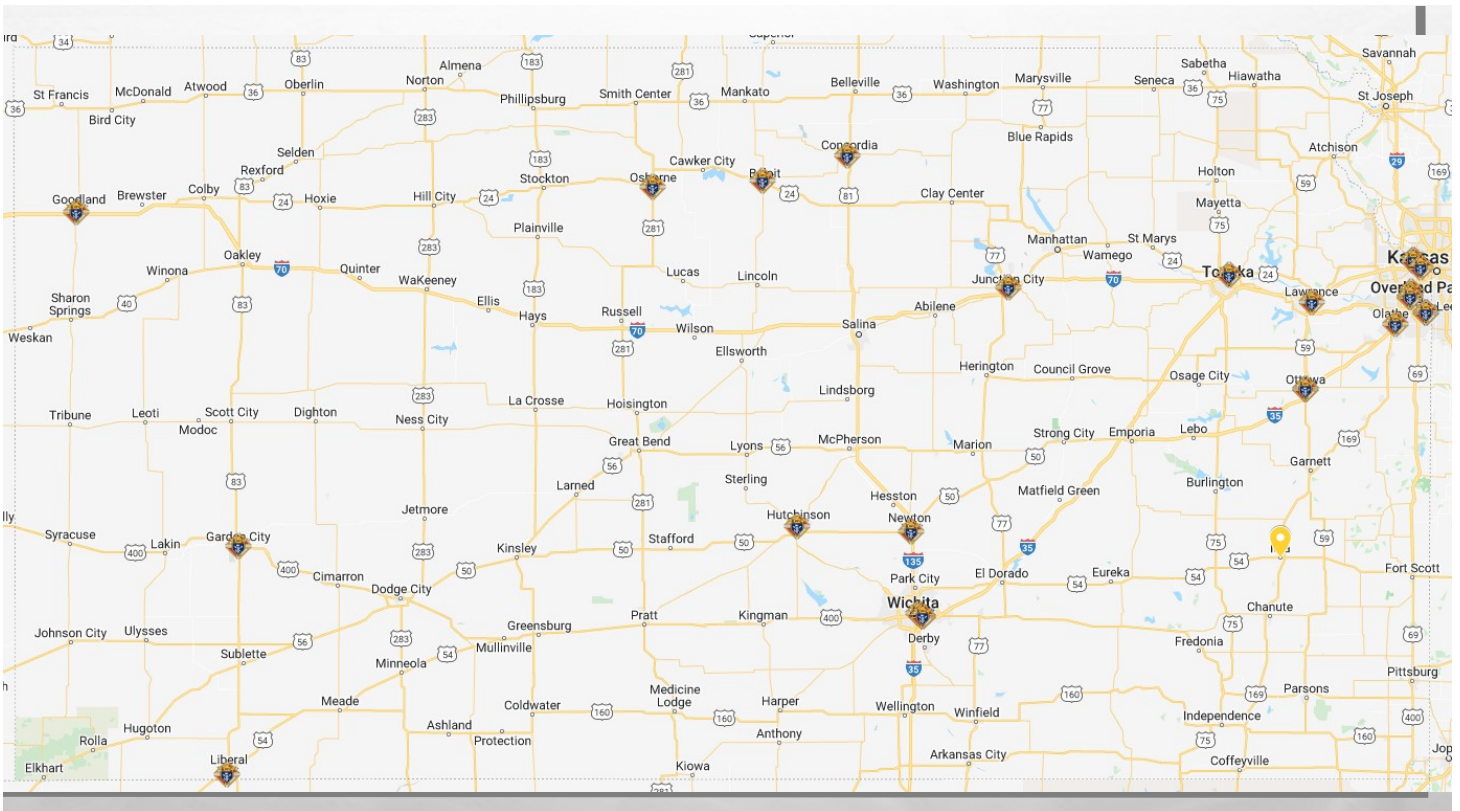


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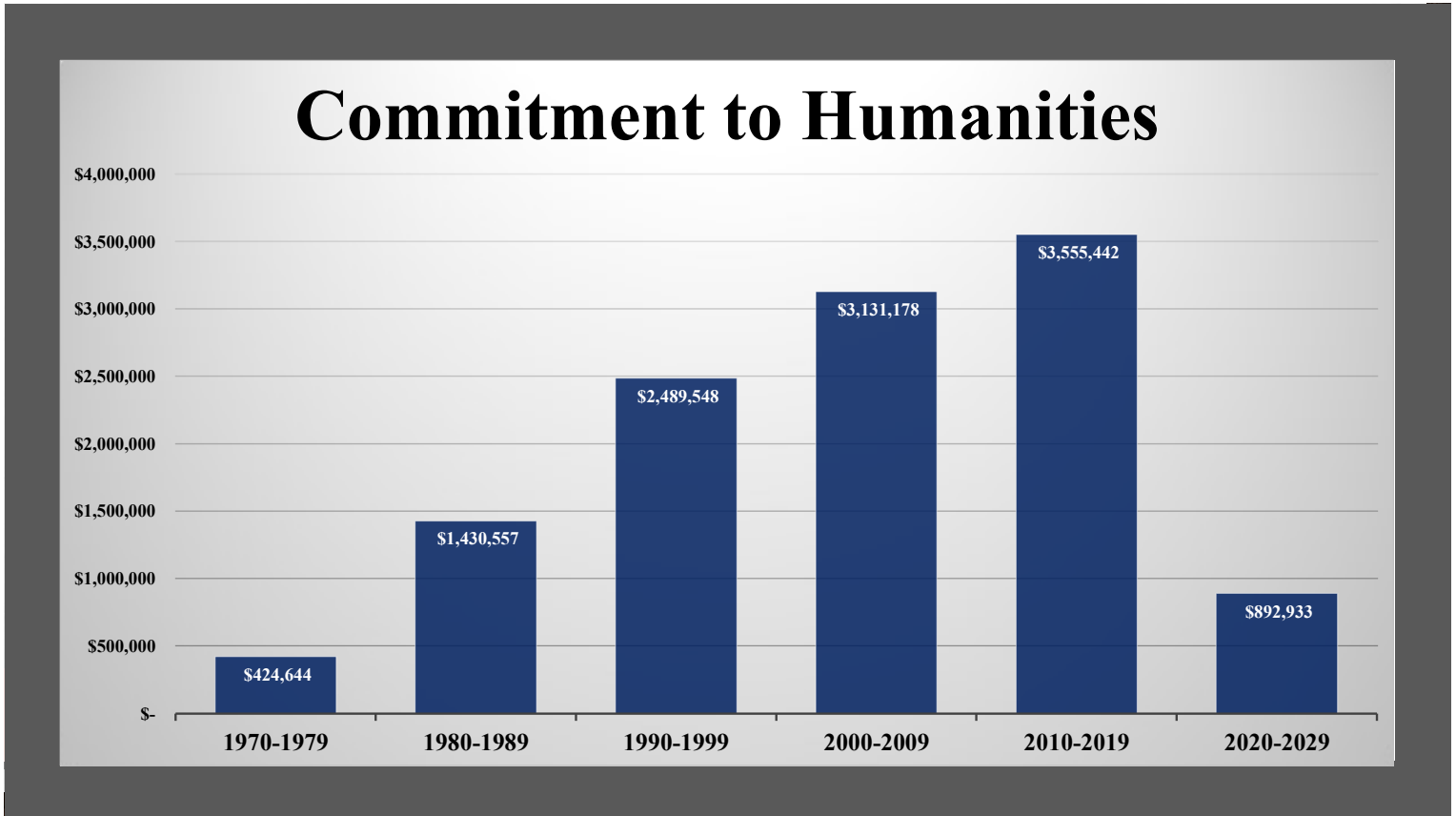


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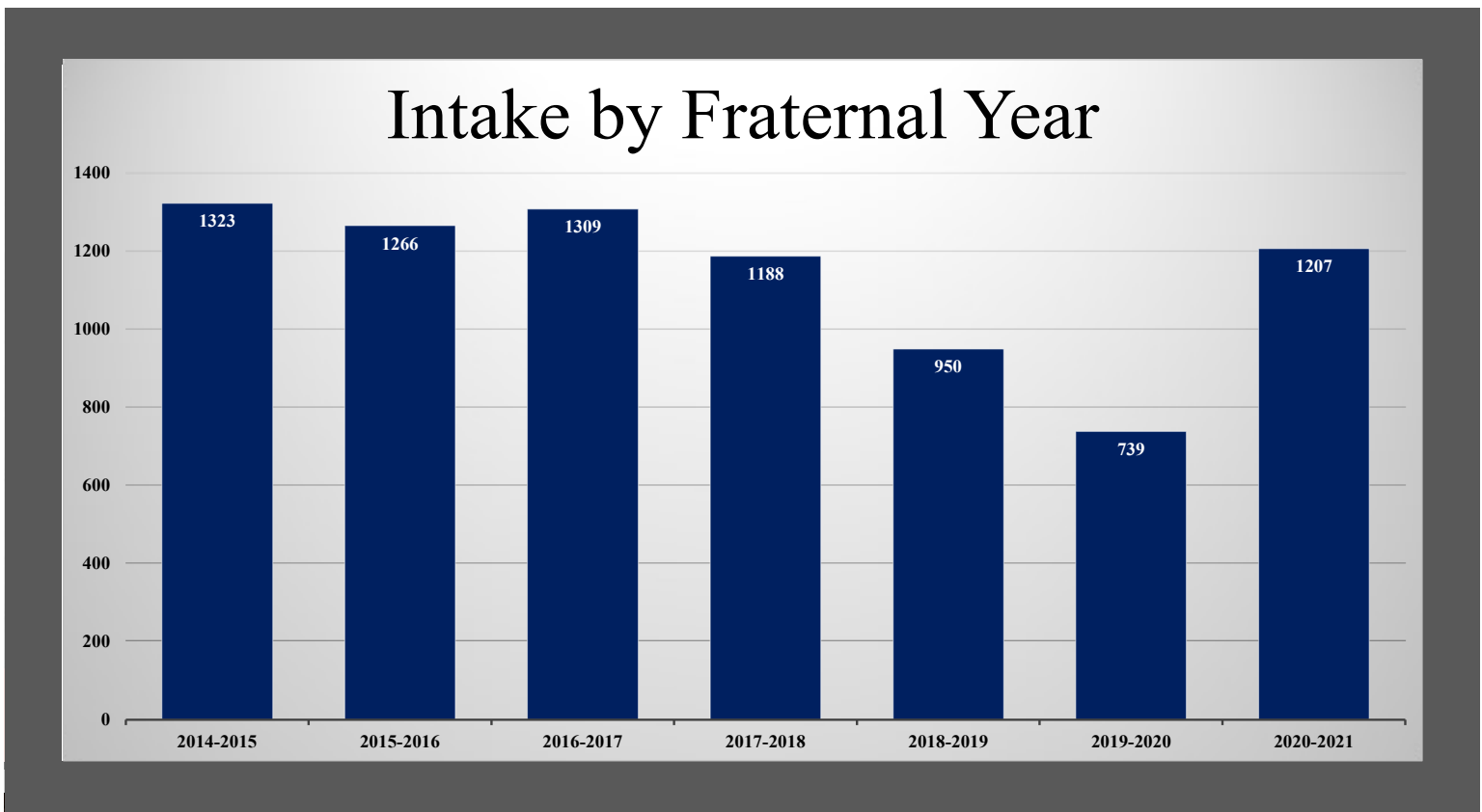


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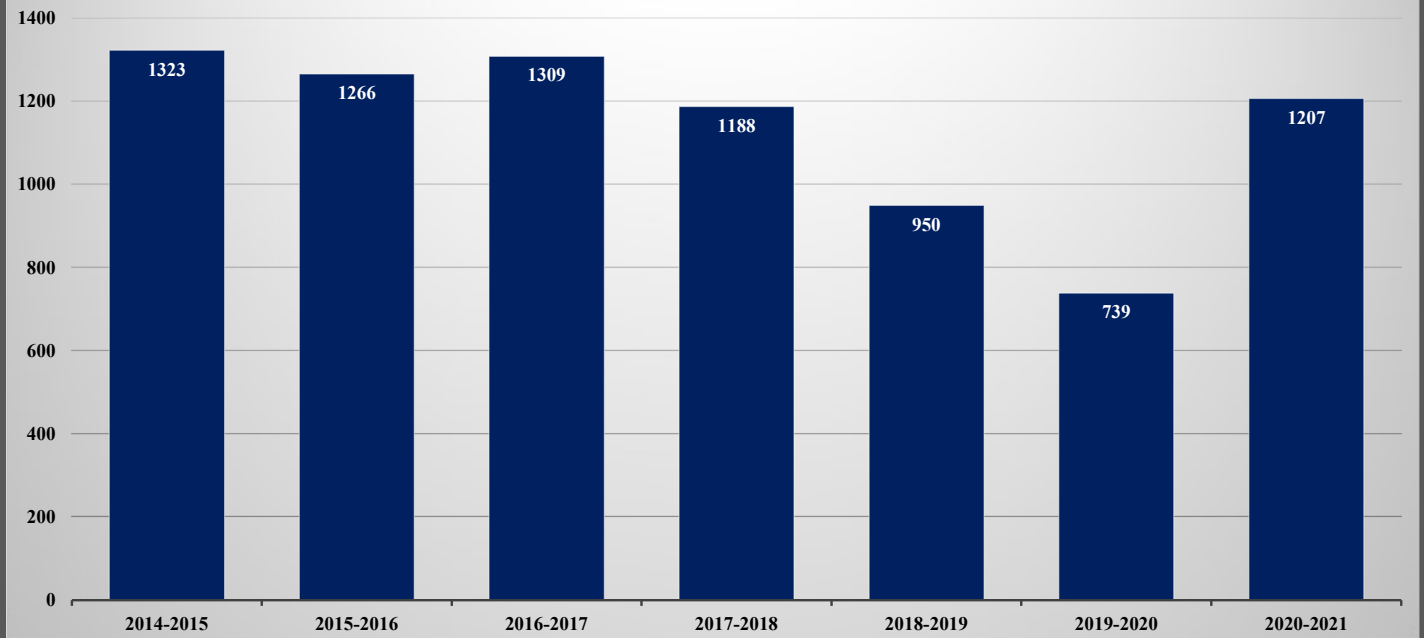
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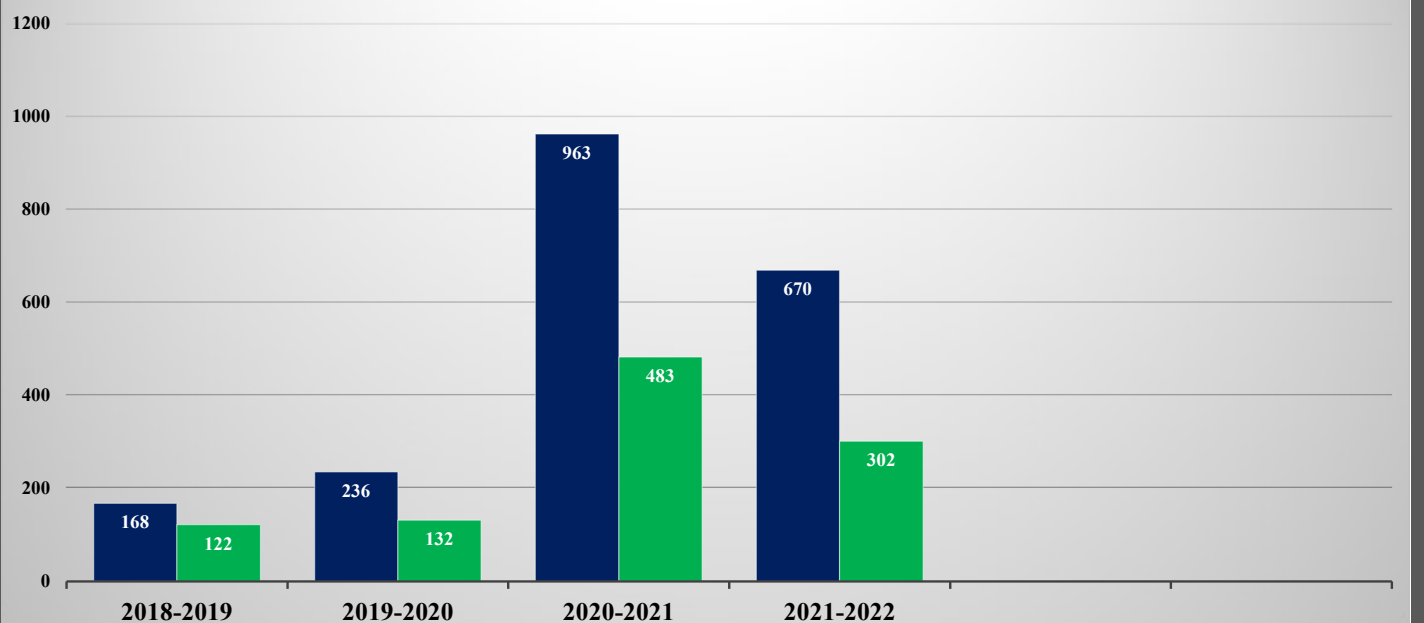
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### Intake - July 1 - March 31



## CHART # 4

### E-Member Intake vs. Conversion



## STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Supreme Regional Growth Director, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates, and distinguished guests:

The Lord be with you!

Last year at this time, we were in the “Year of St. Joseph”! I challenged all of us to be another St. Joseph for our families, our parishes and our communities. I challenged all to defend our families, safeguard our parishes, and be examples of uprightness in our communities. This year, I continue that call! I call each of us to look more deeply into St. Joseph’s primary call: Defend the Unborn Child and the Unborn Child’s Mother!

Since last August, I have had the opportunity and the privilege to travel (with Mr. Austin Lager our Audio/Visual Specialist) the State of Kansas promoting the support for the Value Them Both Amendment. I have been hosted by nearly all of the District Deputies and many Grand Knights. I have had the honor to preach in your churches, teach in your schools and exhort the church’s teaching on the Dignity and Sanctity of each Human Life in churches, parish halls, Knight’s halls, VFWs, classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and even in an industrial park shop! (I love Uylssess!)

I began by being hosted in Colby, in the Northwest, and Dodge City, in the Southwest. Then, moving East: Hays, Salina, Manhattan, Parsons, Topeka, and Atchison. Each of these cities was my “hub.” And, like spokes on a wheel, I traveled to the surrounding counties, districts, and councils. In the Southcentral region, my parish in Sedgwick County became my “hub” and I have been giving presentations nearly every week I am home.

I’ve driven over 12,000 miles, given over 90 presentations and sermons to thousands of Kansans. I have presented the Church’s teaching that EVERY HUMAN BEING IS MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD! BORN AND UNBORN! And that WE, my Brother Knights: VALUE THEM BOTH!

Last year, I made a “Call to Arms”: to arm ourselves with the powerful weapon of the Holy Rosary and our Consecration to St. Joseph; to defeat the enemy of Christ and His Church; to vanquish the darkness of Death and bring in the Light of Christ to Kansas.

Brothers, we have only 93 days, to our Primary Election August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our work has just begun. Not only MUST WE VOTE YES for the Value Them Both Amendment, but we must work to get others to do likewise. We must put up our signs, get out and talk to our family and friends, knock on the doors of our neighbors, and maybe even call a stranger. We have only 93 days to awaken the State of Kansas to the profound Dignity and Sanctity of Human Life. FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!

With God’s help, we will SAVE THE LIVES OF THE UNBORN; WE WILL SAVE THE LIVES OF THE BABY’S MOTHER; WE WILL BE THAT ST. JOSEPH; WE WILL BE THAT MAN GOD IS CALLING US TO BE; WE WILL BE THAT KNIGHT FR. MCGIVNEY KNEW WE COULD BE;

We are The Protector of the Unborn; the Defender of our families; the Safeguard of the Church; and the Honor of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Bernard X. Gorges, State Chaplain

## STATE SECRETARY REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

I am pleased to report that the accounts and financial records kept by the State Secretary are in complete agreement with the accounts and financial records of State Treasurer Gary Wondra.

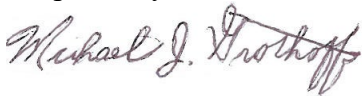
A special thanks goes out to every district deputy, grand knight and financial secretary for their cooperation in compiling the documents published by the office of the State Secretary including the Official State Directory, Delegate Report, Necrology Report and 50-Year Member Report. Your timely response to my requests for this information was greatly appreciated. I also thank the members who served so faithfully on the various Convention Committees during this convention. Your assistance was critical to the success of this convention.

I also wish to thank financial secretaries, grand knights and district deputies who worked to implement the Affiliate Member Initiative this year. This important program allowed councils to clean from their rosters, members who are not actively involved and not paying their dues. Through this program the Order will continue to engage these members using email and social media channels keeping them connected to the Knights of Columbus.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your State Secretary this past year. State Deputy Jamey C. Roth has provided great leadership to the state in the past year. I am inspired by his hard work and dedication to the Order. I congratulate Jamey and the other state officers for a job well done; and I thank them for their help and friendship throughout the year. It has been an honor serving with them.

Thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus and may God bless you and your families.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Grothoff  
State Secretary

## STATE TREASURER REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The financial statements of the Kansas State Council and the KofC Charities Aid Foundation as of April 15, 2022 are presented with this report.

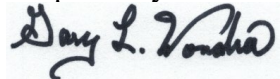
The Kansas State Council and K of C Charities Aid Foundation accounts are in interest bearing checking accounts and savings accounts.

I thank all grand knights, financial secretaries, and brother knights for their outstanding participation in this year's fund-raising activities. I am very proud to be a Knight and to have witnessed the generosity and charity of councils across the state during this fraternal year. The position of the State Treasurer is made much easier by your proper reporting and timely distribution of checks that you send to me throughout the year.

I extend a special "thank you" to State Deputy Jamey C. Roth, my fellow State Officers and Past State Officers who have assisted me in the performance of my duties.

It was an honor to be elected to this office last May, and a privilege serving the members of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary L. Wondra  
State Treasurer

**KANSAS STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
STATEMENT OF CASH AND FUND BALANCES  
April 15, 2022**

**CASH**

Investment with Charities Aid - Christopher Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Farmers Bank & Trust - State General	46,712.59
First Internet Bank - Savings	10,570.66
RCB Bank - State Convention	8,264.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 115,547.81</u></u></b>

**FUND BALANCES**

General Fund	\$ 79,377.92
Pennies From Heaven	-
Ultra Sound Machine	36,169.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 115,547.81</u></u></b>

**KANSAS STATE COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH BALANCES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 2022**

**RECEIPTS:**

General Fund	
Per Capita	\$ 148,689.64
Interest	193.38
	148,883.02
Christopher Fund (2 years interest)	2,023.73
Pennies From Heaven	59,598.16
Ultra Sound	78,175.73
Bowling Tournament Fees	27,735.00
State Convention 2021	17,181.36
State Convention 2022	12,230.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **345,827.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General Fund	
Convention Mileage & Per Diem	15,113.45
State Convention 2021	41,140.86
State Convention 2022	16,993.68
Supreme Convention	4,285.46
	77,533.45
Printing	809.45
Postage	1,126.71
Officers Allowance	13,800.00
Committee Expense	121,173.45
Awards	1,301.87
Membership Awards	8,434.72
State Deputy Membership Incentives	7,542.00
Bank Service Fees	6.80
Credit Card Processing Fees	322.38
Bowling Tournament	11,460.40
	243,511.23
Pennies From Heaven	59,598.16
Ultra Sound	81,289.00
Transfers	0.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **384,398.39**

Receipts Less Disbursements	(38,571.39)
Cash Balances April 15, 2021	154,119.20

**CASH BALANCES APRIL 15, 2022** **\$ 115,547.81**

**K OF C CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, CASH AND FUND BALANCES**  
**April 15, 2022**

**Investments**

Christopher Fund Account at Supreme Council	\$ 1,597,000.00
Less Advance from Kansas State Council	(50,000.00)
Padilla Memorial LLC	3,286.86
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,550,286.86</u></b>

**Cash**

Central Bank of the Midwest	103,071.17
Farmers Bank & Trust	86,235.26
Landmark National Bank	69,798.64
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>259,105.07</u></b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,809,391.93</u></u></b>
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**FUND BALANCES**

Virgil C. & Ann L. Dechant Fund	\$ 314,484.84
E.D.A.P (Pennies From Heaven)	614,808.41
Commitment to Humanity (Tootsie Roll)	83,478.76
Religious Education	267,714.37
R.V. Renner Trust	44,100.00
Centennial Memorial	481,518.69
Padilla Memorial LLC	3,286.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,809,391.93</u></u></b>

**K OF C CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH BALANCES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 2022**

**RECEIPTS:**

Emergency Disaster Aid Program (E.D.A.P.)	
Pennies from Heaven	\$ 64,021.16
Interest	20,199.37
Miscellaneous	0.00
Transfer from Other Funds	2,500.00
	86,720.53
Other Funds	
Virgil C. & Ann L. Dechant Fund (interest)	4,484.84
Tootsie Roll	318,679.97
Religious Education	215,025.00
Centennial Memorial Fund (interest)	660.95
Padilla Memorial LLC (interest)	0.64
	625,571.93

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Emergency Disaster Aid Program (E.D.A.P.)	
E.D.A.P Claims	44,530.59
Directors' Expense	8,025.24
Accounting and Audit	7,350.00
Supplies	6,712.07
Miscellaneous	424.00
Appropriations	* 35,000.00
	102,041.90
Other Funds	
Commitment to Humanity - Director's Expenses	0.00
Commitment to Humanity - Local Councils	254,529.82
Commitment to Humanity - State Council	** 67,000.00
Commitment to Humanity Transfer to Other Funds	2,500.00
Commitment to Humanity - Supplies	120.90
Religious Education	*** 175,437.36
Centennial Memorial Fund Grants	20,000.00
Padilla Memorial LLC	220.00
	621,849.98

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

Receipts Less Disbursements	3,721.95
CASH BALANCE APRIL 15, 2021	1,805,654.19
ACTIVITY 4-16-2021 TO 4-30-2021	15.79
<b>CASH BALANCE APRIL 15, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,809,391.93</b>

* Newman Centers of Kansas	\$ 20,000.00
Kansas Catholic Conference	10,000.00
St. Philippine Duchesne Park	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 35,000.00

** Diocesan REACH Programs	\$ 36,000.00
Kansas Special Olympics	25,000.00
Lake Mary Center	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 67,000.00

*** Grants for Catholic Education	87,885.00
Religious Education Prize Money	86,000.00
Director's expenses	702.86
Supplies	99.50
Miscellaneous	100.00
Other grants - SFS Ministries	650.00
TOTAL	\$ 175,437.36

## STATE ADVOCATE REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The office of State Advocate requires constant and careful attention, as many inquiries are received from council leaders across the state, primarily concerning Praesidium's Armatus Safe Environment Training Program requirements, the relationship of councils to the State and Supreme Councils, council bylaws, and in areas relating to council homes and taxation. Many questions were answered by reference to the State or Supreme Council bylaws, with the online Officer's Desk Reference, or with the aid of the office of the Supreme Advocate or the Office of Youth Protection.

The resolutions to be presented at this convention have been prepared and checked for legality by this office, in coordination with State and Council Leaders and Past State Deputies. My gratitude for all of those who assisted in this process.

I was honored to have been elected to serve as the State Advocate for Kansas. I extend my appreciation to my fellow state officers, past state deputies, and our worthy State Deputy for their support and the guidance provided to me throughout this past year.

As I complete this year in the office of State Advocate, I trust I have been responsive to the council members and leadership throughout Kansas. I also express my appreciation for the friendships and courtesies extended to my wife, Camilla, and I as we have attended activities across the state. Thank you!

Fraternally,



Kevin R. Roberts  
State Advocate

## STATE WARDEN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

When our Worthy State Deputy, Jamey Roth asked me if I would run for State Warden, I gladly accepted the opportunity. My wife Loretta and I have enjoyed serving the State Officers, Past State Deputies, directors and chairmen, and our fellow Knights and their families. The experiences that have been presented to us have been great and we will never forget them. It has been a learning and rewarding experience. We thank you for those good times.

I want to thank my fellow State Officers, Past State Deputies, directors and chairmen for the help, guidance, and encouragement they provide which leads to the success of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas.

Thanks to all the Past State Wardens who have helped me so much. I can see that they are a close-knit group of gentlemen and I appreciate their support and guidance.

As the fraternal year draws to a close, I thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Warden. It has been an honor and a privilege, and I hope that I served you well.

May God continue to bless you and the Knights of Columbus and may the spirit of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney enlighten us and guide us in all our endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norbert J. Flax  
State Warden

## STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

I was honored to be appointed as the State Program Director for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. The councils across our jurisdiction have had a fantastic year in what has been a bounce-back from the covid pandemic. Programs and activities that were sidelined a year ago have been brought back and executed better than ever. At our mid-year meeting I asked the district deputies in breakout sessions if their councils programming activities were winning – with the reports that have been sent in, I think you will agree that they certainly are!

To help guide the programming efforts in Kansas this year, our State Deputy assembled a dedicated group of men that I have had nothing but pleasure working with and are listed below:

<b>Todd Lutters</b>	<b>Faith Director &amp; Vocations Chairman</b>
<b>Lino Munoz</b>	<b>Religious Education Fund Chairman</b>
<b>Rev. Bernie Gorges</b>	<b>K of C Religious Education Fund</b>
<b>Gary Shinliver</b>	<b>Youth Activities Chairman &amp; Free Throw Chairman</b>
<b>Kevin Roberts</b>	<b>Family Life Director</b>
<b>Patrick Burnett</b>	<b>Commitment to Humanities Chairman</b>
<b>Travis Wurtz</b>	<b>Pennies from Heaven Chairman</b>
<b>Joseph Roth</b>	<b>Life Director</b>
<b>Michael Baalman</b>	<b>Council Activities Chairman</b>
<b>Travis Wurtz</b>	<b>Community Director</b>
<b>Fr. Meinrad Miller</b>	<b>Associate State Chaplain</b>

Working with these dedicated Catholic gentlemen has been an amazing experience. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the directors and chairmen for all their tireless efforts this past year. These men met new challenges head on and proved to be a great asset for the State Council.

The district deputies, grand knights, chairmen and council members are all to be saluted for their commitment and support. Our jurisdiction has extremely high wagers on the table regarding the Value Them Both amendment and throughout this fraternal year, all members have been keeping the pledge to be the boots on the ground to raise awareness and support for the right cause. These works truly testify to who we are as an order, and I pray that we continue these efforts into the future. To you, my brother knights, I offer a sincere and heartfelt “THANK YOU” for all your contributions.

I would also like to thank the State Chaplain, State Officers, and PSDs for all your guidance and mentorship. I extend my gratitude to State Deputy Jamey Roth for the confidence and trust he put in me to be a part of such a talented leadership team. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Finally, I would like to send my gratitude to our State Membership Director, Ed Miller and State Administrative Director, Doug Wietharn for their support and help throughout the year. It is often said that we are a team. It cannot be overstated that the support that these two gentlemen have given to the programming team and myself has been nothing short of amazing. Doug/Ed – Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Baalman, State Program Director

## FAITH DIRECTOR REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The Faith Programs this fraternal year stressed the importance of putting our “Faith into Action” by supporting our priests, religious and parishes. The Faith Activity Scrapbooks received, show councils are continuing “Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish” by showing support at the Parish level.

The winners for the 2021-2022 Faith Activity Scrapbook contest are as follows:

**1st Place: Council 1769 – Seneca.** Grand Knight Galen Niehues, District Deputy #1 Stephen Andrijeski. The council replaced the existing Saints Peter and Paul parish rectory with demolition and construction of a new one. This new rectory will be used for housing and meetings. The main floor contains the living quarters for the parish priest and the finished basement will have additional bedrooms for visiting priests along with a mini kitchen and meeting room. A total of 120 members and 15 non-member participants put in 4,400 hours and by taking in donations saved the parish over \$470,000.

**2nd Place: Council 6673 – Lenexa-Holy Trinity.** Grand Knight Ken Kleekamp, District Deputy #11 Richard Warwick. The council took on the project of refinishing the pews at Holy Trinity Parish. When Masses were allowed to resume after COVID it was decided that extra precautionary health measures would be put in place. This meant the wiping down of all surfaces contacted during Mass with sanitizer afterwards. After 6-8 weeks of this it was noticed that the sanitizer was damaging the pews and stripping the varnish and stain off the pews. After an estimate on the work needed was done the council volunteered to take on the project. 60 members worked over 900 hours to sand and refinish the pews saving the parish \$40,000.

**3rd Place: Council 11352 – Tonganoxie.** Grand Knight Justin Fox, District Deputy #5 Bob Hall. The council cleaned up and painted the halls of the Sacred Heart Parish Religious Education Center. It was decided the hallways of the center needed updated paint to show pride in the facilities and the students that attend CCD. This was work that needed done to the religious education center so the council decided to take on the project. 12 members donated 144 hours and the supplies to do the job saving the parish almost \$2,000.

### PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

This program has replaced the Marian Prayer Icon and was announced that it would be honoring St. Joseph this fraternal year. After all the delays due to COVID, the program was finally able to start in January of this year. The icons are currently making their way around the state and all councils are encouraged to make time for and participate in this program.

It has been a pleasure to serve this past year as your Faith Director. I thank all the bishops, chaplains and priests for their continued support of the Knights of Columbus. I extend my appreciation to State Chaplain Reverend Bernie Gorges for his continued spiritual guidance and support that he has given to us this past year. I also thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for putting his trust in my abilities and allowing me to serve in this position.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Lutters  
Vocations Chairman

## VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

**VOCATION POSTER CONTEST:** The theme for this year’s vocation poster contest was: “Our Works Testify.” This year 17 districts that participated in the contest. The overall state winner is Julianne Ella, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader from the Archdiocese of Kansas City and a participant in the contest from council 11661 Overland Park – Holy Spirit in District 11. Her poster will appear on the back of next year’s Program and Membership Guide. The winners in each Diocese are as follows:

GRADE	NAME	DISTRICT	COUNCIL	LOCATION
<b>DODGE CITY DIOCESE</b>				
1-2	Maribelle Thoene	50	2955	Dodge City
3-4	Annganelle Aguilar	53	8491	Garden City St Dominic
5-6	Ellie Wedel	53	8491	Garden City St Dominic
7-8	Brenna Zellers	50	2955	Dodge City
<b>KANSAS CITY ARCHDIOCESE</b>				
1-2	Hannah Kroll	01	10279	Sabetha
3-4	Penelope Ann Graetz	05	10834	Lansing
5-6	Sophia Leach	11	11661	Overland Park – Holy Spirit
7-8	Julianne Ella	11	11661	Overland Park – Holy Spirit**
Special Needs	Nikka Rose	11	11661	Overland Park – Holy Spirit
<b>SALINA DIOCESE</b>				
1-2	Lucas Jueneman	22	1743	Hanover *
3-4	Elizabeth Jueneman	22	1743	Hanover *
5-6	Macie Stahl	43	1857	Plainville
7-8	Leigha Jueneman	22	1743	Hanover
<b>WICHITA DIOCESE</b>				
1-2	Lucy Godina	30	7279	Hutchinson
3-4	Broxson Mill	35	10483	Wichita-Elizabeth Ann Seton
5-6	Emma Martin	30	7279	Hutchinson *
7-8	Charli Weber	27	976	Newton
Special Needs	Sam Aylward	34	2217	Andale *

\*Denotes age group winners

\*\*Denotes the overall state winner

**ADOPT – A – SEMINARIAN:** This fraternal year 65 diocesan seminarians and 11 other religious were adopted receiving pledges of \$159,500. Thank you to all the councils and assemblies for your support of religious vocations. I thank our Worthy State Chaplain Reverend Bernie Gorges, for his spiritual guidance and support this fraternal year.

It has been a true privilege for me to serve as the State Vocations Chairman this year. I extend my appreciation to State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for putting his trust in my abilities to fulfill this position and allowing me to work with the four dioceses of the state of Kansas in promoting programs for Vocations.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Lutters  
Vocations Chairman

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Greetings and peace be to all of you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once again, I wish to express my deepest thanks to all who submitted request forms this fraternal year. It is our desire to help each parish/grade school and high school in their ministry to share the word of God to others and help them to deepen their faith.

On the request forms, we asked for an idea of how the money will be used. Most requests fell into the category of books/materials/supplies, all which are good and necessary. Others were more specific such as the following: chastity material, technology items, pro-life materials, Bible study, videos, Theology of the Body material, Marriage Enrichment, Totus Tuus, and Formed.org. While this year's unique events will probably hinder many parishes from immediately utilizing these programs, I'm confident that we will be able to use them in the near future.

Here is a four-year comparison of total locations and amount this program has given to religious education here in Kansas:

<b>Fraternal Year</b>	<b>Total Amount Given</b>	<b>#of Locations</b>
2018-2019	\$99,750	266
2019-2020	\$94,500	260
2020-2021	\$92,625	247
2021-2022	\$87,885	235

You will find the total amount raised from the raffle in the Religious Education Raffle Report. Through your efforts, countless number of people received the benefits of these funds to help them grow in their faith.

Thank you very much. God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Bernie Gorges  
State Chaplain

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISING REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

From the donations and generous response of Knights throughout Kansas, the State Council raised \$215,000 in donations to support religious education programs. From these funds, prizes were paid to ticket holders at the Mid-Year Meeting. They were:

**The Grand Prize of \$30,000 was won by:**

Ticket # 1225 – John C. Koelzer, Onaga, KS

**The \$10,000 prize was won by:**

Ticket # 1917 – Jerry Taylor, Salina, KS

**The four \$5,000 prizes were won by:**

Ticket #0410 – K of C Council 8893 Cherryvale – Liberty, Cherryvale, KS

Ticket #1214 – Jeremy Rumback, Clayton, KS

Ticket #1520 – K of C Council 6673 – Lenexa, Lenexa, KS

Ticket #2063 – K of C Council 11779 – Elkhart, Elkhart, KS

**The eight \$2,000 prizes were won by:**

Ticket #0390 – Timothy Lednicky, Levenworth, KS

Ticket #0530 – Jerome Huslig, Ellinwood, KS

Ticket #0753 – Kirby Kisslinger, Glen Elder, KS

Ticket #0761 – K of C Council 1901 – Greeley, Greeley, KS

Ticket #0861 – Steve Hermes, Andale, KS

Ticket #0956 – Jermy Riedel, Park, KS

Ticket #1335 – K of C Council 4118 – Wichita – Fr. Zeller, Wichita, KS

Ticket #2176 – Richard Tangerman, Topeka, KS

**The ten \$1,000 prizes were won by:**

Ticket #0100 – Marcia Matthew, Newton, KS

Ticket #0724 – John Clark, Natoma, KS

Ticket #1129 – Thomas Dechant, La Crosse, KS

Ticket #1250 – John Kelty, Larned, KS

Ticket #1610 – Wayne Fletcher, Meriden, KS

Ticket #1655 – K of C Council 7674 – Stockton, Stockton, KS

Ticket #1695 – Brandon Perkins, Salina, KS

Ticket #1980 – Donald Wakefield, Shawnee, KS

Ticket #2016 – Rick Guinn, Overland Park, KS

Ticket #2057 – Todd Lutters, Ransom, KS

The remaining funds were distributed for the religious education programs to qualified applicants in schools, parishes and SOR programs. Interest in applying for the funds was very high. A committee chaired by State Chaplain Reverend Bernie Georges awarded the many educational grants. This helped continue the future growth of religious education across the state. The district deputies and many grand knights of Kansas deserve special thanks for their leadership and determination in making this a successful program.

Fraternally submitted,



Lino S. Munoz, Religious Education Fund Chairman

## FAMILY DIRECTOR REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Blessed Fr. McGivney established the Knights of Columbus with the purpose of caring for the Catholic family. Over 140 years later, the great councils of Kansas actively celebrate and promote the Catholic family in their councils, parishes, and communities through various activities at the local level.

What better way to promote the Catholic family than by recognizing families who live out their Catholic values? Over the course of the year, families throughout the state have been honored as *Family of the Month* by their councils and the Supreme Council. The following families have demonstrated their commitment to the family and therefore deserve our respect, support, and recognition.

### STATE OF KANSAS FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Delbert & Barbara Downey  
Council 1862, Wright, KS

### DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE YEAR

#### Kansas City Archdiocese

Bruce & Joetta Sommer Family  
Council 1901, Greeley, KS

#### Dodge City Diocese

Delbert & Barbara Downey  
Council 1862, Wright, KS

#### Wichita Diocese

The late Troy & Amy Zoglman  
Council 2937, Garden Plain, KS

#### Salina Diocese

Jeremy & Jennifer Riedel  
Council 2538, Park, KS

### DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE YEAR

1	Howard & Lori Elliott	32	Daniel & Abigail Nottingham
4	Sam & Samantha Stallbaumer	33	Mickey & Rebecca Parsons
10	Cheryl & Robert Gregory II	35	Rod & Linda Dix
12	Clement & Tammy Boehm	36	The Late Troy & Amy Zogleman
14	Bruce & JoEtta Sommer	42	Patrick & Loretta Kerschen
18	Joseph & Michelle Singer	46	Mark & Chelsea Pechanec
19	Robert & Vickie Broxterman	47	Shane & Crystal Montgomery
24	Harold & Deidre Michael	48	Jeremy & Jennifer Riedel
25	Richard & Tonya Bachamp	52	Leland & Christy Mense
26	Sean & Casey Luke	53	William & Janet Rooney
30	John & Jane Knipp		

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest* provides a way for councils to engage the youth in their communities to encourage active participation in the Catholic faith. The following district winners were submitted to the state in each age group. State winners, denoted with the asterisk (\*), were forwarded to the Supreme Council for the international competition.

### OVERALL STATE WINNER

Ava Ohnmacht,  
Great Bend, KS

#### ***District 19, District Deputy Unassigned***

Age 8-10 Division: Alisson Torres, submitted by Council #13012\*

#### ***District 24, District Deputy Jackie McCue***

Age 5-7 Division: Hadley Jones, submitted by Council #1392

Age 8-10 Division: Isaac Garrison, submitted by Council #1392

#### ***District 26, District Deputy Randy Testa***

Age 5-7 Division: Abigail Whitehair, submitted by Council #1661

Age 8-10 Division: Ava Straight, submitted by Council #1661

Age 11-14 Division: Lucy Barten, submitted by Council #1661

#### ***District 25, District Deputy Dick Wertzberger***

Age 5-7 Division: Avery Feldkamp, submitted by Council #1832

Age 8-10 Division: Kendall Feldkamp, submitted by Council #1832

Age 11-14 Division: Camryn Lister, submitted by Council #1832

#### ***District 40, District Deputy Unassigned***

Age 5-7 Division: Mallory Campfield, submitted by Council #862\*

Age 8-10 Division: Stevie Mayers, submitted by Council #862

Age 11-14 Division: Ava Ohnmacht, submitted by Council #862\*

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES SCRAPBOOK

Councils are encouraged to submit family activity scrapbooks for the annual contest and the following entries were submitted for 2022:

### **First Place**

**Council #1163, Axtell, KS**

**Grand Knight: Mike Ronnebaum (Janet)**

**DD 22: Paul Broxterman (Diane)**

### **Western Kansas Fire Relief Project**

The Axtell Knights held their annual consignment sale in early-February 2022. In conjunction with the sale, they raised money and collected hedge posts for families who lost their homes, livestock, and fences in the Western Kansas wildfires. Collecting over \$17,000 in cash and in-kind donations, the Knights of the Axtell council assisted families in need and truly exemplified the charitable works of the Order, at a time when those Western Kansas families were most in need.

Total Participants: 8

Hours involved: 32

**Second Place**

**Council #8491; Garden City, KS  
Grand Knight: Chris Kruleski (Abby)  
DD 52: Bruce Reichmuth (Pat)**

**Parishioner Yard Clean-up**

Answering a call to assist from the parish priest, the Garden City Council performed a work of mercy by cleaning an elderly parishioner's yard, members of the Garden City Council met on a fall Saturday morning to help the couple prepare their yard for the winter. Fellowship and hard work were enjoyed by all Knights who attended.

Total Participants: 40  
Hours involved: 240

**Third Place**

**Council #8488, Manhattan, KS  
Grand Knight: Kelly Adams (Therese)  
DD 25: Dick Wertzberger (Linda)**

**Souper Bowl Food & Fund Drive**

The St. Thomas More council started the Souper Bowl Food and Fund Drive to raise money and food for those who do not have the luxury of feasting with friends and family on Super Bowl Sunday, many of whom go hungry every day. The drive raises money through store, church, and school collections to help those in need in the Manhattan community. In 2022, the collection raised \$3,836.10 and 13,240 lbs of food. Besides raising food and money for the Flint Hills Breadbasket (the food pantry that services the Manhattan area), the collection is a great way to promote the Knights in the local community and parish.

Total Participants: 32  
Hours involved: 189

I would like to thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for asking me to serve as your State Family Director, it has been an honor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin R. Roberts  
Family Director

## ATHLETIC EVENTS REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

### Golf Tournament

The 23rd annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament was held at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club on July 24 and 25, 2021. A special thank you to the members of Derby Council 4458 for hosting the tournament.

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will be held at Mariah Hills Country Club in Dodge City and will be hosted by LaCrosse Council #2970 the weekend of July 23 and 24, 2022.

### Bowling Tournament

The 78<sup>th</sup> annual Kansas State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament was held at Seneca Bowl in Wichita on February 19-20, 26-27, and March 5-6, 2022. There were 87 teams and 433 Knights participating in this year's bowling tournament. Thank you to the members of Derby Council #4458 and Seneca Bowl for doing a great job of hosting this event.

The host for the 2023 State Bowling tournament is Olathe Council #1913. The tournament will take place at Royal Crest Lanes in Lawrence.

### Sporting Clays Tournament

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Knights of Columbus State Sporting Clays Shoot was held Saturday, April 23rd, 2021. The tournament was hosted by Clonmel-Schulte Council #3114 at Shady Creek Sporting Clays in Belle Plaine, Ks.

Any council wishing to host the 2023 tournament should contact the Athletic Events Chairman.

I thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for the opportunity to serve as Athletic Events Chairman this year, and the state officers and chairmen for their assistance in completing my duties. Thank you to all members who participated in this year's events. As individual KNIGHTS we combine to make these events a KNIGHT'S FAMILY!!

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Baalman  
Council Activities Chairman  
Athletic Events Chairman

## COMMUNITY DIRECTOR REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Community Activities are a vital part of a council's need to spotlight its members' talents and desire to assist their community and neighbors. These activities put the council in the public eye which is crucial for recruiting new members and showing what the Knights of Columbus are capable of. Thank you for all you have done for your councils and communities this past year.

I also thank the councils that submitted a Community Activities scrapbook, however deciding on a winner was one of the toughest jobs in my career as a Knight. The first-place winner will receive a plaque and their entry will be sent to the Supreme Council for competition.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:** Council 2937 St. George of Garden Plain. Madison Francis Mexican Fiesta Benefit. The council planned and hosted a Mexican Fiesta fundraiser to help with five-year-old Madison's battle with stage four cancer. The event raised \$15,770.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner:** Council 1163 Axtell. Sports Complex Press Box and bleacher replacement. The Axtell Knights replaced deteriorating bleachers and rebuilt the press box for the community football and baseball fields investing 2,530 hours of volunteer time.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner:** Council 12546 Wea. The Wea knights provided meals, shoes, clothing and sleeping bags to the homeless of Kansas City, Missouri. This good deed also helped them recruit two new members.

**Honorable Mention:** Council 1862 Wright Annual steak dinner and gun giveaway. The Knights of Wright hosted their annual steak dinner and gun giveaway which raised \$10,500.00 for their council to be utilized in their charitable giving throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Travis Wurtz  
Community Director

## PENNIES FROM HEAVEN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

At the convention this year we have a lot of merchandise in the Country Store which will be in the Pioneer room and the ever-eventful live auction. The Country Store is open Friday 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm, 3:00pm to 4:30pm and 8:00pm to 11:00pm. As well as open Sunday 8:00am to 4:00pm and 8:00pm to 11:00pm. Councils are urged to bring arts, crafts, wood working and other items to be sold at the Country Store or at the live auction. Councils that bring items which are sold in the Country Store or at the Auction will be given credit towards their donation to the Pennies from Heaven program.

Monetary donations from councils will be collected in the Country Store from Saturday morning starting at 8 a.m. until Saturday at noon. Donations must be received before noon on Sunday.

The auction will begin at 9:00pm Sunday night in the Shawnee room.

A plaque will be given to the council that has the highest dollar per member donation in each division. The district deputy with the highest dollar per member donation in his district will also receive a plaque.

I thank all brother Knights across Kansas for their support of the Pennies from Heaven program. Because of you, we can provide funds to the Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP) which assists those who have suffered a significant loss due to fire or natural disaster.

Respectfully Submitted,



Travis Wurtz  
Pennies from Heaven Chairman

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES/FREE THROW CHAIRMAN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The 2021-2022 State Free Throw Championship was once again a huge success across the state at all council, district, regional, and state levels. I would like to thank and congratulate the countless volunteers at each of these levels for their leadership and involvement in this youth activities program. Without you, this program could not be what it has become today.

The council and district competitions were once again held in January and early February. Thanks to all the grand knights and district deputies for coordinating your respective competitions and sending your best shooters to the seven regional competitions. Regionals were held February 20, 2022. I would like to extend a token of appreciation to the seven Chairmen for conducting the regional competitions:

**Northeast**  
DD #2 Mike Hinds

**North Central**  
District #38 James Suppes

**South Central**  
DD #36 Chris Drum

**Southeast**  
DD #15 Matt O'Hara

**Northwest**  
DD #48 Gordon Augustine

**Southwest**  
DD #55 Ray Velasquez

**Kansas City**  
DD #10 Tim Renfro

The state competition was held Sunday, March 6, 2022, in Salina at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School. Thanks to the Salina Councils 601, 8196, and 10778, and the Sacred Heart School for hosting our State Competition. I would personally like to thank DD #29 Doug Mergen for all his hard work and countless hours and dedication to this program as he helped organize what we believe to be his 27<sup>th</sup> state competition. Doug, THANK YOU and job well done!

I would also like to thank our worthy State Deputy Jamey Roth, and Worthy State Secretary Mike Grothoff for their attendance and assistance at the state competition. Additional thanks to State Deputy Jamey Roth for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve the state council as the State Youth Activities/Free Throw Chairman this fraternal year.

Respectfully Submitted



Gary Shinliver  
Youth Activities Chairman

The following is a list of this year's State Champions. The Winners entry forms and score sheets have been submitted to the Supreme Council for judging at the international level. International Winners will be announced later.

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<b>Girls</b>	9	Madi Ruff	Hanston	17
	10	Kennedy Mason	Hoisington	25
	11	Kenley Holle	Marysville	22
	12	Tatum Gansen	Olathe	20
	13	Chesnea Cochren	Whiting	22
	14	Delaney Myers	St. Francis	22
<b>Boys</b>	9	Maxwell Sturgeon	Tonganoxie	19
	10	Craig Steven	Wichita	24
	11	Charlie Homsey	Overland Park	23
	12	Sam Lien	Lenexa	21
	13	Charlie Keller	Syracuse	21
	14	Grant Stephens	Colby	21

## LIFE COUPLE REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

In keeping with our mission, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights—the first among these being the right to life. Even amid difficulties and uncertainties of our times, we believe that human life is sacred and inviolable, and must and shall be defended. This year 189 councils reported donations of \$444,445.69 for the pregnancy crisis centers and senior organizations across Kansas, and they express their gratitude for your generous stewardship. Within this past year alone, Kansas councils prayed over 157,236 rosaries for the Culture of Life cause. Listed below are the division and certificate (above \$6.00 per member) winning councils:

### Divisional Award's

<b>Division 1 – Council 10326- K.C. - Blessed Sacrament- \$3,500.00 at 194.44 per member</b>					
13019	St. John	2906	Tampa	2728	Caldwell
7674	Stockton	11735	K.C.- Holy Name	8976	Downs
2127	Logan	5366	Sharon Springs	9999	Columbus
<b>Division 2 - Council 11917 - K.C. - Sacred Heart - \$2,550.00 at \$51.00 per member</b>					
834	Horton	1148	Esbon	3768	K.C. - Marian
7240	Hugoton	8893	Cherryvale-Liberty		
11779	Elkhart	1868	Cawker City		
<b>Division 3 - Council 9532 - Wathena - \$5,076.00 at \$76.91 per member</b>					
2058	Leoville	3677	Wichita- Winkelman	6660	Phillipsburg
6665	Bird City-St. Francis	6671	Valley Falls	6778	Minneapolis
10755	Rossville-Silver Lake	10344	Washington	3210	Dighton
5387	Oberlin				
<b>Division 4 - Council - 10786 - Osawatomie - \$5,506.50 at \$72.45 per member</b>					
843	Mission-St. Pius X	2538	Park	2774	St. Leo
5050	Grainfield-St. Agnes	11492	Munjour	10841	OP-Fr. Carl Zawacki
	Severance	818	Atchison		
<b>Division 5 - Council - 4759- Osborne - \$10,000.00 at \$99.01 per member</b>					
2093	Nortonville	2352	Ransom	3018	Ottawa
3828	Danville	4113	WaKeeney	5631	Hill City
7426	Meriden	12049	Wichita-St. Jude	12437	Louisburg
13394	Corning	1862	Wright	3273	Larned
10279	Sabetha-Fidelity	11687	Catherine	16168	Maple Hill
<b>Division 6 - Council 12858– Wichita - St. Anne- \$8,800.00 at \$63.31 per member</b>					
991	Coffeyville	2296	El Dorado	3058	Pratt
6055	Burlington	7485	Andover	8059	Topeka- Mater Dei
10778	Salina	11534	O.P.- Holy Cross	11853	Baldwin
1510	Norton	6781	K.C.-St. Patrick	15134	Wichita - Blessed Sacrament

<b>Division 7 - Council 2609 - Belleville - \$9,500.00 at \$58.64 per member</b>					
902	Flush	1149	Paola	1370	Wamego
1857	Plainville	1901	Greeley	2866	Oakley
3020	Roeland Park-St. Agnes	3321	Hoxie	5328	Augusta
10834	Lansing	13087	Baileyville	1368	Garnett
10242	Wichita St. Thomas Aquinas				
<b>Division 8 - Council 1832 - Manhattan - Seven Dolors - \$7,352.47 at \$39.32 per member</b>					
2647	Colby	2773	Angelus	3033	Atwood
7486	Mulvane	11352	Tonganoxie	11692	Wichita Resurrection -
12546	Wea	1645	Tipton	2227	Wellington
601	Salina	2970	LaCrosse	5222	McPherson
<b>Division 9 - Council 11067- Leawood - Nativity- \$8,250.00 at \$34.96 per member</b>					
1269	Kingman	1777	Marysville	2987	Conway Springs
4254	Topeka- Most Pure Heart	8411	Topeka- Christ the King	10044	Hays- St. Nicholas of Myra
10407	Gardner	13012	Topeka- St. Matthew	16027	Wichita-St. Catherine
1163	Axtell	1372	Lawrence	1867	Victoria
10408	Wichita- Magdalen				
<b>Division 10 - Council 2332– Shawnee – St. Joseph - \$30,500.00 at \$63.94 per member</b>					
900	Leavenworth	976	Newton	2217	Andale
2937	Garden Plain	3114	Clonmel - Schulte	4458	Derby
6673	Lenexa - Holy Trinity	6984	Hays- Immaculate Heart of Mary	8488	Manhattan- St. Thomas More
10932	O.P. - Ascension	11126	Shawnee- Good Shepherd	11661	O.P. - Holy Spirit

**District Deputy Award:**

David West, District 8, \$43.49 per member

**Evangelium Vitae Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize Knights of Columbus councils most effective in promoting the Gospel of Life across Kansas. The winner of this award should be proud of their achievement to win this special traveling award. To qualify, councils must complete requirements in each category: **1.** Public Information and Education **2.** Pastoral Care for those who have been affected by our culture of death. **3.** Public Policy efforts for favorable culture of life legislation and **4.** Prayer and Worship - that the culture of death that surrounds us today will be replaced by a culture of life and love. This is a traveling trophy that is to be displayed by the winning council, and then travels to the following year's winner.

**State Winner of Evangelium Vitae Award**

Salina Diocese - District 48- Council 5050, Grainfield-St. Agnes

### **Life Activity Scrapbook Entries**

Our State winner will be forwarded to the Supreme Council for competition and judging.

#### **State Life Activity Scrapbook Winner:**

District 11 - Council # 6673- Lenexa- Holy Trinity: Since 2017 Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa, Kansas has been supporting the Global orphan Project Care Portal. Over that period there have been many requests for beds and bunk beds and as a result members from the council began discussing the idea of filling that need by making beds and bunk beds. The Council got in contact with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Organization. The Council agreed to provide the location, materials, and labor for their upcoming National Build Day.

On build day the Knights and their families had over 100 volunteers helping to construct 40 beds.

In conjunction with the Holy Trinity Daughters of Isabella and the Holy Trinity Threaders (a parish ladies sewing group), more than 80 colorful youth friendly pillow cases, blankets, and quilts were hand made, and 40 mattresses and pillows were purchased. Each bed that is given away comes packaged in a complete unit including: a handmade bed frame, mattress, pillows, handmade bedding, and handmade pillowcases.

To date at least 11 beds have been delivered to local kids in the Kansas City Area.

**Second Place:** Council #1862 - Wright: Breakfast Burritos to Go- In February the Wright Council used 185 pounds of fresh ground pork butt sausage to make over 100 dozen Breakfast Burritos. The Wright Council was able to net almost \$1,600 that was all donated to the Ultrasound Initiative. 19 members and wives came together to provide over 135 hours of their time to make this event another HUGE success.

**Third Place:** Council #1163 - Axtell: From January 15th to February 1st the council placed a baby crib in the back of 3 local churches. In just two short weeks they collected items totaling \$3,000 in donations. Some of the items received included diapers, wipes, clothes and blankets. The donations were then delivered to Nemaha Valley Community Hospital and Marshall County Health Department.

#### **Memorials and Road Signs**

Our current count shows there are 105 Culture of Life Memorials and over 102 billboards or road signs along Kansas Highways. This number will only increase with the Value Them Both signs that will start to be placed after the State Convention. It is our hope that many more memorials and permanent road signs are in the planning stages. These serve as daily reminders to the public that the Knights of Columbus support the Culture of Life.

#### **Ultrasound Initiative**

We thank all the councils that have donated to the Ultrasound Initiative. The Knights in Kansas are proud to have placed two additional ultrasound machines so far, this fraternal year, bringing the state-wide total to 26. New locations for the fraternal year include Advice and Aid in Shawnee and Heart Choices in Osborne. Funding and application for Iola's Pregnancy Care Clinic is complete and awaiting Supreme Confirmation. More projects continue to develop regularly including projects in Hays, Wichita, Pittsburg, Emporia.

#### **Silver Rose Run**

This past September, the Silver Rose made a quick trip through Kansas, being hosted by 21 different councils across the state. During the course of its travels, the Rose covered over 500 miles through twelve districts and was honored in twenty-five services with over 175 faithful in attendance.

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real, live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To better ensure future annual trips, a silver rose was ultimately made. The Silver Rose Program reaffirms the order's dedication to the sanctity of human life.

We would like to thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for allowing us to serve as your Life Couple this past year. We have had the opportunity to meet a multitude of people who humbly dedicate their lives to the protection of

the unborn. Their lives of example are truly models for us all! Our term as State Life Couple has been an extremely rewarding experience and one that we will never forget.

St. Pope John Paul II, great hero for life, pray for us.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, selfless mother and doctor, pray for us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph and Emily Roth  
Life Couple

## COMMITMENT TO HUMANITIES REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Master, State Officers, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The 2021-2022 Tootsie Roll Fund Drive had a good bounce back year. The number of councils holding drives were up from last year and this is reflected in the final total of \$318,679. There were 189 councils participating in this year's drive. The following councils will receive certificates of appreciation for collecting \$8.00 per member or having a 10% increase over last year.

<b>Division #1</b>	Councils	2127, 2728, 5366, 5459, 8976, 9242, 10326, 11240, 12016, 12804, 13019
<b>Division #2</b>	Councils	834, 924, 1868, 2885, 7291, 7446, 7674, 8893, 9535, 11917, 16954
<b>Division #3</b>	Councils	709, 2058, 3210, 3218, 3677, 5387, 6618, 6671, 9532
<b>Division #4</b>	Councils	675, 843, 1924, 2538, 5050, 5781, 7318, 7607, 7769, 8505, 9767, 10786, 10841, 11492, 12932, 14639, 16159
<b>Division #5</b>	Councils	1142, 1862, 1999, 2093, 2352, 3018, 3273, 3828, 4113, 10211, 10279, 11687, 11777, 12049, 13394
<b>Division #6</b>	Councils	691, 991, 1510, 1661, 1993, 2224, 2296, 2680, 3058, 3423, 6781, 7485, 16595
<b>Division #7</b>	Councils	902, 1187, 1368, 1370, 1521, 1857, 1901, 2365, 2609, 2614, 2930, 3321, 5328, 6761, 10242, 11534, 12960, 15134
<b>Division #8</b>	Councils	601, 727, 796, 1029, 1832, 2647, 2970, 3020, 3033, 3034, 3146, 4219, 5222, 7279, 7489, 8196, 8491, 9856, 11352, 13012, 16027
<b>Division #9</b>	Councils	723, 1163, 1269, 1372, 1867, 1913, 2100, 2133, 2408, 2987, 4254, 9510, 10407, 10408, 11067, 12546
<b>Division #10</b>	Councils	534, 612, 643, 862, 883, 900, 976, 1743, 1769, 2217, 2332, 2937, 2955, 4118, 4458, 6673, 7909, 8488, 10483, 10932, 11661, 12577

### **The following Councils were the 'HIGH DOLLAR PER MEMBER' in their division:**

Division 1:	Council 12016	Ashland	\$ 38.44 per member
Division 2:	Council 834	Horton	\$ 30.85 per member
Division 3:	Council 3210	Dighton	\$ 43.46 per member
Division 4:	Council 10841	O.P. Fr. Carl Zawacki	\$ 22.00 per member
Division 5:	Council 4113	Wakeeney	\$ 16.96 per member
Division 6:	Council 7485	Andover	\$ 23.12 per member
Division 7:	Council 2930	Marienthal	\$ 32.32 per member
Division 8:	Council 8491	Garden City	\$ 66.11 per member
Division 9:	Council 10408	Wichita-Magdalen	\$ 19.46 per member
Division 10:	Council 4458	Derby	\$ 22.73 per member

**District Deputy #53 Bruce Reichmuth** is the winner of the highest District Dollar per Member award with \$50.19 per member.

Eighty percent (80%) of the funds were returned to the councils to support the organizations of choice. The remaining twenty percent (20%) was used by the State Council to help offset cost for "Special Olympics of Kansas" also, to help aid the Archbishop and Bishops of Kansas in their programs for People with Intellectual Disabilities. I would like to thank all Knights and their families for their support and work with the Tootsie Roll program for this fraternal year.

For the first time in three years the basketball tournaments were able to be played in Topeka and Hays and it was a joy working with Special Olympics of Kansas once again to sponsor these games for people with intellectual

disabilities. Our councils still demonstrate their support in heart and soul by supporting the good works of our Order through this program in the many hours of giving their time and talent.

I would especially like to thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for appointing me Commitment to Humanities Chairman. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick W. Burnett,  
Commitment to Humanities Chairman

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

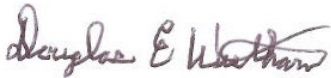
Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The Administrative Department has become a vital part of the state council. To help our brother knights, we have provided our experience to create timely reports and disseminate information, thus saving the state council printing costs. Through all the administrative teams' efforts, we have had an outstanding year. I give a heartfelt thank you to the following Chairmen. They have put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort throughout the year.

Publicity/Fraternal Chairman.....	Eric Severt
Historian.....	Stephen E. "Steve" Abels
Legislative Liaison.....	Chuck Weber
Meetings Chairman.....	Stanley Krier
Social Media-AV Chairman.....	Austin Lager
I.T. Chairman.....	Tim V. Schmidt
I.T. Chairman.....	Matthew M. Metzinger
Convention Chairman.....	Thomas A. Schmeidler

It has been a privilege to serve you as your State Administrative Director this year. I express my appreciation and gratitude to all the state officers, directors and chairmen for their assistance and support throughout this fraternal year. Thanks to Program Director Kevin Baalman and Membership Director Ed Miller for all their hard work and support this fraternal year. I especially thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for putting his trust in my abilities to serve as Administrative Director. I have enjoyed serving in this capacity and using by knowledge to help serve the state council. To you, my Brother Knights, I express my appreciation for all your support.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas E. Wietharn  
Administrative Director

## WEBMASTER REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The Kansas State Council maintains a website at [kansas-kofc.org](http://kansas-kofc.org), which is used to facilitate communication with members, potential members, and the public. This year there were 22,415 visits by 10,731 unique visitors.

### Visits to the Site

Description	4/1/2020 through 3/31/2021	4/1/2021 through 3/31/2022
Visits	19,549	22,415
Unique Visitors	9,580	10,731
Page Views	64,946	73,602
Returning Visitors	2,423 (20.8%)	2,701 (20.7%)
New Visitors	9,199 (79.2%)	10,329 (79.3%)

### Devices Used to Access the Site

Description	4/1/2021 through 3/31/2021	4/1/2021 through 3/31/2022
Desktop	12,704 (65.0%)	13,748 (61.3%)
Mobile	6,090 (31.1%)	8,247 (36.8%)
Tablet	755 (3.9%)	420 (1.9%)

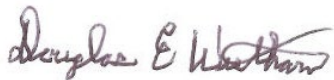
### Percentage of Users by Age

18-24	24-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
27.5%	33.5%	15.5%	12.5%	5.5%	5.5%

Thanks to all state personnel, council members, assembly members and individuals who submitted updates, changes, and suggestions. Especially to those who submitted information regarding council or assembly activities of the state council. Your help enabled us to provide up-to-date information regarding personnel, programs, activities, and all other website information.

Thank you to State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for allowing me to serve as Webmaster this year. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the Kansas State Council and the members of the Order in Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas E. Wietharn  
Webmaster

## PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

I congratulate all brother knights who promoted and publicized our council activities and programs of the Knights of Columbus in their councils, communities and throughout the State of Kansas. We have seen these events in newspapers, newsletters, articles in the diocesan newspapers, social media, and e-mails. In the various diocesan newsletters alone, up through the end of March there have been nearly 100 articles or advertisements about council events. Including the advertisements by our insurance agents, that number increases to well over 150 times that our Order is mentioned in those publications. Publicizing the great works of our Order helps us to portray the great positive Catholic image of the Knights to the public. It helps us to continue to build on the success of the Order and to allow us to successfully recruit new members.

Thank you to all our brother Knights for sending information to me in a timely manner. I'd also like to thank the state officers, state directors and chairmen who helped make my duties as your State Publicity Chairman such an enjoyable experience. It has truly been an honor to serve you as the State Publicity Chairman this year!

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric Severt  
Publicity Chairman

## FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal service organization, and our fraternal programming is the foremost function of our councils. It is through these activities that we attract new members and keep our current members active. Though our purposes are many, our first allegiance is to our brother Knights. Because of our Catholic values, our charitable works do not stop with the council, but extend into our families, Church, and community.

We, as knights, remember our deceased brother knights with a Mass or Memorial Service during the month of November. Rosaries, graveside services, honor guards and wake or memorial services are also held when a brother knight dies. This fraternal respect will be highlighted with a Memorial Mass at our State Convention. It will be our final tribute for a friend and brother Knight.

The State email program notifies councils and state personnel throughout the year of a serious illness or death in the families of our past and present state officers, directors, chairmen, general and field agents, district deputies and grand knights (thirteen notices). Additional emails were sent in support of activities and programs (approximately fifty notices), announcements and reminders from the Supreme Office (five notices). A total of sixty-eight plus email notices were sent this fraternal year to date. Some of these notices were duplicated with additional information embellishing or updating the original notice or message.

Our fraternal activities could not function without the cooperation and assistance of our brother Knights across the state. It is with your continued support, help and dedication that the Knights of Columbus in Kansas prosper.

Our fraternal programming stressed the importance of good recognition within our councils. We first welcome and recognize new members. Active members, the ones that are so vital to the continuation of the good works of our councils, were honored through the “Knight of the Month” program. All the councils in the state were encouraged to adopt this program as one way of saying, “Thank You,” to our brother Knights for a job well done. Each month we honor a “State Knight of the Month.”

### The winners for this fraternal year to date are:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>City/Location</u>
July 2021	Duane Feldkamp	04	10321	Effingham
August 2021	John Maddok	10	12437	Louisburg
September 2021	Timothy Neises	35	12049	Wichita - St. Jude
October 2021	Paul Oehm	25	8488	Manhattan - St. Thomas Moore
November 2021	Timothy Helm	47	1510	Norton
December 2021	Robert Hauser	42	6618	Medicine Lodge
January 2022	Thomas Micek	48	4413	Wakeeny
February 2022	Cody Leis	36	2937	Garden Plain
March 2022	Don Heli	53	8491	Garden City-St. Dominic

The highest form of recognition we can give a fellow Knight is to name him our, “Knight of the Year.” This year, 51 councils across 23 districts recognized one truly outstanding member as their “Knight of the Year.” Those councils and their honorees along with the district winners in bold are listed on the following page.

The **District Knights of the Year** candidates then competed on the diocesan level. Judges selected a Knight of the Year from each diocese. The **Diocesan Knights of the Year** that were selected are as follows:

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Diocesan Winner</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>City/Location</u>
Dodge City Diocese	Matt Perez	53	8491	Garden City-St. Dominic
Salina Diocese	Barney Dickman	52	2773	Angelus
Kansas City Archdiocese	Martin Shibler	24	16168	Maple Hill
Wichita Diocese	Doug Shald	30	7279	Hutchinson-Holy Cross

One very special knight will be honored this weekend as the most outstanding example of Knighthood in Kansas. That very special knight, the **State Knight of the Year** is:

**Doug Shald**  
**Council 7279, Hutchinson - Wichita Diocese**

I express my thanks to the grand knights, district deputies and all who helped this fraternal program. Through your efforts we had seventy-two councils across forty districts participate in the Knight of the Month program this year.

A special thank you goes to the four brother knights who served as judges for the Diocesan level competition. After reviewing the applications, it was evident their task was a difficult one. However, they did an outstanding job as usual. The four judges this fraternal year were:

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Judge</u>	
Dodge City Diocese	Mr. Bob Hollerich	Former District Deputy
Salina Diocese	Mr. Craig Evans	Former District Deputy
Kansas City Archdiocese	Mr. Tom Schmeidler	State Convention Chairman
Wichita Diocese	Mr. Greg Lix	Former State Warden

Remember to honor your brother knights for their efforts and dedication to the Order. This truly keeps and creates interest in the membership as well as potentially new members.

I am very grateful to have served this year as your Fraternal Chairman. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Kansas State Council and the Members of the Order in Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Severt  
Fraternal Chairman

## DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR

District	Council	Council Name	Name
1	1769	Seneca	Steve Stallbaumer
4	10321	Effingham	Mike Linscott
8	709	Kansas City - Unity	Ray Hernandez
10	12546	Wea	Thomas McGuire III
11	11534	Overland Park - Holy Cross	Bob Allen
12	10407	Gardner	Bob O'Neill
14	1052	Westphalia	John Keating
18	2608	Topeka - St. Joe/Sacred Heart	Pat Baker
19	13012	Topeka - St. Matthew	Lyle Staley
24	16168	Maple Hill	Martin Shibler
25	8488	Manhattan - Thomas More	Tom Chaput
26	1661	Abilene	Kevin Herrman
27	5328	Augusta	Bryan Sanger
30	7279	Hutchinson	Doug Shald
32	4458	Derby	Jacob Sattler
33	12858	Wichita - St. Anne	Matthew Haag
34	2987	Conway Springs	Darrin Seiwert
35	4118	Wichita - Fr. Zeller	Greg Peter
36	2937	Garden Plain	Eric May
37	2614	Arkansas City	Daniel N. Givens
42	3828	Danville	Dean Hufford
46	4166	Schoenchen	Cole Dinges
47	1510	Norton	Gary Hillebrand
48	4113	WaKeeney	Kurtis Brock
49	5212	Scott City	Jerek Wasinger
50	1862	Wright	Robert Askew
52	2773	Angelus	Barney Dickman
53	8491	Garden City	Matt Perez

## HISTORIAN-ARCHIVIST REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Each of our district deputies received a letter in February after the mid-year meeting. These letters regarded the status of each of their councils and assemblies in their district. The councils and assemblies should have received an update on their histories. This is a reminder that histories are to be submitted online by July 1, 2022.

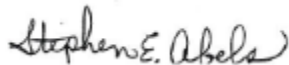
The History Program continues to try to get all councils and assemblies to keep their histories up-to-date and stay current. As we have said before: **NO HISTORY REPORT, NO HISTORY!** Requests from councils and assemblies seeking information and documentation of those who served their council, assembly and the state council have been fulfilled to the best of our ability from the resources available in our archives and from your submitted reports.

*Fraternalism & Leadership - The Second Fifty Years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas* by author Roy Bird is a great resource for information about councils and assemblies. Every council and assembly should have a copy on hand. They are available for purchase. The order form is available online under Forms on the Kansas State Council website.

We really appreciate all the grand knights, financial secretaries, recorders, historians, and faithful navigators for their help in documenting the history of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas. We thank all those councils and assemblies that updated multiple years of history this year to get their history up to date.

I thank our Worthy State Deputy, Jamey C. Roth, for giving me the opportunity to serve the State Council as State Historian and Archivist.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. Abels  
Historian-Archivist

## STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The goal for membership over the last year has been to grow the Order in Kansas and work towards achieving Circle of Honor.

Our state membership theme for the year has been “Our Works Testify!” This comes from an undated quote by Servant of God, Fr. Emil J. Kapaun where he said, “Christ’s works testified to who he was; our works will testify to who we are.” When you look at what the Knights of Columbus has accomplished over the past 140 years since our founding and the last 122 years here in Kansas, our works have truly testified to the mission and the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. In Kansas, we continue to also live up to the legacy set by Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant. I think that we can all agree with the work that Virgil, especially at the Supreme level, his work truly testified to who he was and that is a legacy we must continue. Our six regional chairmen have worked hard to promote membership throughout the state of Kansas.

As of April 1, 2022, there were 37,782 brother Knights in Kansas, with 263 active councils state-wide. That number includes 835 new members brought in so far, this fraternal year. We have had 107 members leave the Order through suspensions or withdrawals, leaving a net gain of 728. These were the numbers for the past nine months of the fraternal year, but membership goes until June 30, 2021. There is still time to find those non-member Catholic men and ask them to join us in our efforts. With the MCGIVNEY2020 promo code being active until June 30, we should have another banner year in membership recruitment.

### TOP DISTRICT DEPUTIES IN THE STATE

In recognition for their excellent leadership abilities, we commend the following District Deputy’s for having achieved at least 100% of their membership quota as of April 1, 2022. They are:

<b>District</b>	<b>District Deputy</b>	<b>Quota</b>
2	Mike Hinds	295.45%
10	Tim Renfro	154.55%
32	Paul Shearrer	150.00%
25	Dick Wertzberger	116.67%
19	Unassigned	107.14%
43	Dalton Nuttle	100.00%

### TOP COUNCILS IN THE STATE

We also commend the following councils for having achieved at least 100% of their membership quota as of April 1, 2021. They are:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>% of Goal Membership</b>
4708	Benedictine College	666.67%
17895	Garden City - Our Lady of Guadalupe	366.67%
14799	Wichita State University	325.00%
8511	Kansas State University	283.33%
12546	Bucyrus - Wea	200.00%
14639	Kelly	200.00%
16954	Pittsburg State University	200.00%
17828	Santa Maria de Todos Los Santos - Dodge City	200.00%

<b>Council</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>% of Goal Membership</b>
4713	Winfield	166.67%
7422	Lyons	166.67%
16168	Maple Hill	160.00%
12437	Louisburg	150.00%
15100	Halstead	150.00%
1149	Paola	133.33%
10242	Wichita - St. Thomas Aquinas	128.57%
10408	Wichita - Church of the Magdalen	116.67%
11067	Leawood - Church of the Nativity	116.67%
13012	Topeka - St. Matthew	110.00%
1857	Plainville	100.00%
2539	Park	100.00%
3828	Danville	100.00%
5050	Grainfield	100.00%
7240	Hugoton	100.00%
7318	Lakin	100.00%
7674	Stockton	100.00%
10321	Effingham	100.00%
11777	Topeka - Our Lady of Guadalupe	100.00%
12960	Lawrence - Corpus Christi	100.00%

All achievements cited in this report could not have been accomplished had it not been for the dedicated efforts of Brother Knights throughout the state of Kansas. The Membership Team has provided continuing leadership and support. They are to be commended for a job well done and I can't thank them enough for what they have accomplished.

Northeast Regional Membership Chairman	Andy Gilner
Southeast Regional Membership Chairman	Russ Bunnell
North Central Regional Membership Chairman	Steve Prockish
South Central Regional Membership Chairman	Barney Wolters
Northwest Regional Membership Chairman	John Ruder
Southwest Regional Membership Chairman	Terry Shinogle
Membership Retention Chairman	Heath Ohl
College Council Coordinator	Trystan Mies
Young Adult Outreach & Recruitment	Austin Lager
Hispanic Council Development	Hector Soler

It has been a privilege to serve you as your State Membership Director this year. There are too many people to thank for the outstanding work this past year. From the Directors & Chairman, all the way to the council level. THANK YOU!

I would like to thank our worthy State Chaplain and Associate State Chaplain for all their guidance this past year. Kanas is blessed with outstanding Priests, and I don't think I could have gotten through this year without Fr. Bernie and Fr. Meinrad. To the State Officers, Past State Deputies, and General Agents, thank you for all your guidance, advice, and encouragement. Your friendships mean a lot to me.

To Supreme Regional Growth Director Jim Caffrey. You have been a blessing to the State Deputy, me, and the Kansas Knights of Columbus. Your guidance and expertise have been instrumental in our success.

I send my sincere gratitude to State Program Director Kevin Baalman and State Administrative Director Doug Wietharn for their support and guidance throughout this past year. The three of us have been a team since day one and I can't express what your friendship has meant. Thank you for also providing support to the entire membership team.

Finally, to State Deputy Jamey C. Roth, thank you for putting your trust in my abilities to serve as State Membership Director. Your vast experience and knowledge of the Order has helped Kansas become more successful than ever. We have been on quite a ride and it is one that I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward G. Miller  
State Membership Director

## RECRUITMENT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

This year, the State Council membership theme is “Our Works Testify”, in reference to Fr. Emil Kapaun. Keeping this in mind the Supreme council has encouraged every member current and newly recruited members to be an ambassador for the Knights of Columbus. This will ensure that we seek out and welcome ALL eligible Catholic men into the Order. This recruiting technique will help councils attain the prestigious goal of Star Council. Achieving this award should be top priority for all 261 councils as it is the highest Supreme award a council can receive.

In current news, the membership team continues to work diligently to establish a new council wherever a council is needed. The entire team is also working on establishing roundtables throughout the state. These roundtables have the potential to become their own new councils in the future. Our recruitment numbers are near to the pace for Circle of Honor, but still require that we recruit diligently for the remainder of this fraternal year to remain in the Circle. It is also our duty as Knights to avail every eligible Catholic gentleman the opportunities membership in the Knights of Columbus affords.

All the council grand knights, membership directors, district deputies, and the entire state membership team deserve a great deal of praise for their efforts this year. They have all risen to the challenge that Supreme has asked of us: truly embracing the importance of growing our fraternal brotherhood. They have continually strived to set good examples for their councils on how a Knight contributes to his parish and community. The effort put forth by them is a great credit to our Order.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Regional Membership Chairmen this year. Our gratitude goes out to State Deputy Jamey C. Roth and State Membership Director Ed Miller for the opportunity to serve and for their leadership. Both have provided great wisdom in an effort to help the state membership team be the best. I also want to take a moment to thank our fellow membership team members. These men have been great to work with during the year and through a focus on teamwork were able to accomplish many things. It has been a pleasure to serve side by side with them.

Most of all, the biggest thank you goes to all the individual hard-working Knights across the state who are the heartbeat of Columbianism in Kansas. They have all provided tremendous efforts in recruiting.

The entire membership team encourages the councils to ensure that we finish the year strong. We are the greatest and largest Catholic Family Fraternal Service organization in the world, and we need to continue to expand the principles of our organization: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We can only do so by following the advice of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly by offering membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. It is simple to say to someone: Are you a Knight of Columbus?

Respectfully Submitted,



Terrance Shinogle  
SW Regional Membership Chair



Steven Prockish  
NC Regional Membership Chair



Russel Bunnell  
SE Regional Membership Chair

## NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Is your council currently serving more than one parish? Does your Parish have a large ethnic population where English is a second language? If so, then consider starting a new council. Blessed Father McGivney's vision was a council in every parish. We should be working toward meeting this vision of our founder.

Starting a new council is a simple process. First contact the pastor, then notify the state deputy and the district deputy. These gentlemen will complete Form 133 Notice of Intent to Establish. This will start the process with Supreme, and you will receive a new council development kit. This kit will provide all necessary items for promoting and recruiting toward this new council.

Once, the new council has 20 new members, the district deputy will complete the Form 136 Notice of Institution of a Council. All new members should be signed up When submitting this form. All new members should be signed up as E-Members, but you must use the Form 100 for transferring members. The council number to be used is NCD. The district deputy should sign the Form 100's where the financial secretary and grand knight signatures should appear. The council should elect officers and report them to Supreme on Form 185 as soon as possible.


Approximately one month after the institution of the new council, Supreme will send a \$200 check to the new council as seed money to help offset the costs of starting this new council.

During the first few meetings of the new council, proper planning of new annual events such as the tootsie roll drive, fish fry's and pancake breakfast should take place. Then use these events for recruiting opportunities. This will help to ensure this council has activities to keep the membership active and excited in the parish.


For more information on that, please refer to the Cultural Councils & Recruitment Report.

Remember, "Our Works Testify!" Providing for our parishes and priests should be the priority of you and your council. The future of the Church and the Order begins with the family!

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Gilner  
NE Regional Membership Chairman



Barney Wolters  
SC Regional Membership Chairman



John Ruder  
NW Regional Membership Chairman

## COLLEGE COUNCILS

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Knights of Columbus college councils are vital to bring in younger, college-aged men to the Order. College councils work closely with their pastor and their Newman Center or Campus Ministry Office to help contribute to Catholic life on campus through acts of charity, opportunities for faith formation, and social events.

The fifth annual Kansas Catholic College Conference met in Wichita, KS at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in late February 2022. The weekend consisted of several activities centered around Fr. Kapaun including a talk given by a member of the Fr. Kapaun guild, a visit to his tomb, and a holy hour. The colleges had a great opportunity to learn more about his example of what it truly means to be a Catholic man, ask questions related to the story of his life as relayed by the guild member, and reflect on the sacrifices he made to help others

Aside from Fr. Kapaun activities, great fraternity was developed while visiting Chicken ‘n Pickle and enjoying refreshments in hospitality rooms each night. The strong showing of state officers over the weekend were able to tell stories from their past years in the Knights of Columbus so the councils could get a better idea of the history of our Order. During the day, everyone was provided a great opportunity to share what other college councils were doing in relation to programming and recruitment and how each was standing in relation to membership and incentive competitions.

To close out the weekend, the college Knights put on a recruiting event after the Sunday morning masses at St. Thomas. This enabled the college Knights to get a physical picture of how these type of recruiting events should be done and encouraged them to put on similar drives of their own. These weekend visits highlighted to the young college knights that the friendships and fraternity formed in the Knights of Columbus last a lifetime and strengthen us as Catholic men.

I would like to thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for his trust in me to help mold our college Knights into future leaders. I also thank State Membership Director Ed Miller for all his advice and knowledge. It has been an honor to serve as the College Council Coordinator this fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,



Trystan Mies  
College Council Coordinator

## CULTURAL COUNCILS AND RECRUITMENT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The State Council has taken a special interest in the different Catholic cultures across Kansas. Since the beginning of the fraternal year, we have started two new Hispanic councils:

**Garden City-St. Mary's Hispanic Council # 17985**  
**The Santa Maria de Todos Los Santos- Dodge City Council # 17985**

We extend a huge thank you to District Deputy # 50 Greg Lix and Field Agents Daniel Ordonez and Jose Arias for the help and leadership to start these two new councils.

We continue to work with parishes in Liberal, Kansas City, Wichita, and Pittsburg for potential Hispanic councils. We are also in talks with St. Anthony's in Wichita which is a Vietnamese parish to possibly bring the Order to their parish. We encourage all members in Kansas that if there is a need for a Hispanic council to contact us.

All achievements cited in this report could not have been accomplished had it not been for the dedicated efforts of Brother Knights throughout the state of Kansas. The Membership Team has provided continuing leadership and support. They are to be commended for a job well done.

I thank the district deputies, grand knights, financial secretaries, retention committees and field agents for their outstanding retention efforts. I thank State Membership Director Edward G. Miller and the members of the membership team for your assistance. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your membership retention chairman, and I thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for his guidance and confidence in me by appointing me to this position.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hector Soler*

Hector Soler  
Hispanic Council Coordinator

## RETENTION CHAIRMAN REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The Kansas Knights of Columbus 2021-2022 retention plan is based on the principles of our Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Grand knights, financial secretaries, district deputies, retention committee members and our field agents have spent countless hours writing letters and making calls to contact members who are delinquent in their dues. By working in unity, we have saved many members from suspension. Unfortunately, we still had 194 suspensions and withdrawals as of April 1, 2022.

The retention process begins when you ask a man to join our Order. We have a responsibility to engage all members in a wide variety of activities, and to provide opportunities to help them grow into leadership positions. The “Shining Armor” program is a great way to engage new members. Identify and address retention issues by using the council’s retention committee as early as possible. Watch for members who were active, but then stopped participating. Returned mail or bad addresses on the financial secretary report are a couple of indications for the Retention committee.

Even before a member is in danger of suspension, we must dedicate ourselves to contacting them with a phone call or face-to-face conversation. We may learn that the man wants to be an active member, but something in his life is preventing it such as illness, unemployment, family difficulties, or any number of things. As members of a fraternity, we have a duty to reach out and help our brother Knights, helping them through difficult times, and sharing in their joy during the good times.

We reside in a changing world, with the ups and downs of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to realize that retention is even more critical. Councils must find activities and programs that support keeping brothers active, remember inactive members are more prone to suspension/withdrawal from the order.

If a member cannot be contacted because of an incorrect phone number or mailing address, email me his information and I will use a subscription service to locate up-to-date information. If it becomes necessary to suspend a member, please follow the correct procedures when using the notice of intent to retain (Form #1845) and suspension process. Remember that every council is required to have a retention chairman on file with Supreme to suspend a member.

I thank the district deputies, grand knights, financial secretaries, retention committees and field agents for their outstanding retention efforts. I thank State Membership Director Edward G. Miller and the members of the membership team for your assistance. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your membership retention chairman, and I thank State Deputy Jamey C. Roth for his guidance and confidence in me by appointing me to this position.

Respectfully submitted,



Heath M. Ohl  
State Retention Chairman

## INSURANCE REPORT

Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

Once again, the Knights of Columbus insurance program continues to grow and set new records. The Knights of Columbus Insurance program now has over \$127 billion of insurance in force worldwide with just under \$5 billion of that total here in Kansas. Last year our Kansas agencies issued approximately \$345 million of life insurance on our members and their families. Also, Kansas families sent to the Knights of Columbus over \$45 million dollars in new premium to life, long term care, disability, and annuity coverage.

Our full-time agency staff continues to grow and to work with the council officers in membership growth. Our professional staff have been the leaders in membership recruiting.

Additionally, this past year, the Knights of Columbus launched several new initiatives through a very challenging pandemic. We quickly adopted to a new virtual appointment platform to service our members needs in a safe and efficient way. Introduced a new virtual Fraternal Benefit Night with world renowned experts in the financial world and it has been well received. Lowered our term rates to be more competitive and introduced our new single Universal life coverage. We doubled our fraternal stillborn coverage to fifteen hundred dollars. In February 2021, we introduced our Knights of Columbus Catholic Mutual Funds through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors which has been well received.

Adam Bruna, Kirby Schmelzle, Cody Honas, and Shaun Linenberger of the Reed Agency; Luke Henry, David Soukup, and Ray Garretson of the Mahon Agency, Tyler Meyer, Darren Mueller, and Bill Weber of the Schafer Agency, John Schibi and Tim Voegeli of the Pierce agency have qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). Darin Reed and David Soukup have qualified as a life member of MDRT. To become a life member, you must qualify 10 times. The MDRT recognition is awarded to only 1% of all life insurance agents, both fraternal and commercial worldwide.

The Pierce Agency finished the year third, Schafer agency eighteenth, Reed Agency finished thirty-seventh and the Mahon Agency finished thirty-ninth out of eighty-nine agency territories in Life, Long Term Care and Disability insurance business.

Special congratulations go out to Kevin Pierce and his TEAM on finishing third. Way to go guys!

Ray Garretson of the Mahon Agency with an overall finish at thirty-fourth in his second year with the Order, finished as the top Agent in the State of Kansas and will be recognized with the Virgil C. Dechant Award for 2021. Congratulations Ray!

The following men were our leaders for 2021 and have qualified for the Knights of Columbus incentive trip:

### **Schafer Agency**

Tyler Meyer\*, Bill Weber  
Darren Mueller

### **Mahon Agency**

Ray Garretson\*, Luke Henry\*  
Stephen Carrick, David Soukup

### **Reed Agency**

Adam Bruna, Kirby Schmelzle  
Cody Honas, Shaun Linenberger

### **Pierce Agency**

John Schibi\*, Tim Voegeli

**General Agents**

Kevin Pierce\*, Greg Schafer\*, Darin Reed, John Mahon

\*Supreme Knights Club qualifier

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## MILEAGE AND PER-DIEM COMMITTEE

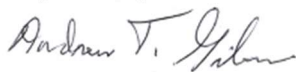
Your Excellencies, Reverend State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Supreme Regional Growth Director, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Field Agents, Delegates and Guests:

The committee on Mileage and Per-Diem submits the following report to the convention:

Mileage will be paid at the rate of seven cents (\$0.07) per mile via the shortest distance from your respective council. Per-Diem allowance shall be twenty-five dollars (\$ 25.00) for each day of actual attendance, not to exceed two (2) days. The State Officers have also approved a one-time fifty-dollar (\$50.00) stipend.

Delegate checks will be mailed directly to the council providing said Delegates have made payment of the State Per Capita tax for their respective council. e State Officers, Program, Administrative, and Membership Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, and Insurance Representatives will be mailed checks directly. All checks should be mailed no later than June 1, 2022. If checks have not been received by June 10, 2022, please contact State Treasurer Gary Wondra.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew T. Gilner  
Chairman Mileage and Per-Diem Committee

## FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD REPORT

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. The Father McGivney Guild website is [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of the Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild, which is free, is open to all individuals and households, but not groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join.

The chronologies of the events since the turn of the century are as follows:

- 2000** - Archbishop Cronin closed the diocesan investigation. Acts describing the investigation went to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints which opened the Vatican investigation. The diocesan investigation began reviewing a reported miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession.
- 2008** - On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Decree of Heroic Virtue of Father McGivney. The Pope's declaration significantly advances the process toward sainthood. The declaration confers upon Father McGivney the title of, "VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD." One miracle with the approval of the Pope is required for the beatification, at which time Father McGivney would be declared "BLESSED." Another miracle with the approval of the Pope is required for canonization, at which time Father McGivney would be declared a "Saint."
- 2013** - It was reported that a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney is under investigation.
- 2017** - The results of the investigation are sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican.
- May 27, 2020** - The Vatican announced that Pope Francis approved the miracle. The Pope's actions mean that Father McGivney can be declared "BLESSED," the step just prior to sainthood.
- Oct 31, 2020** - Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was officially declared "blessed" at his beatification Mass. At St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Ct.
- Current** – The last miracle needed before sainthood is under investigation and progressing.

All members, spouses, and families are invited to join the Father McGivney Guild in support and to further the cause of the sainthood for our founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership forms can be obtained from the Father McGivney Guild website. Each member must individually apply for membership to the Guild.

During one's lifetime, is there a more fulfilling opportunity than to be a part of the sainthood process, especially of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney? Take the time to send a membership form or join online and become a part of the sainthood process.

Respectfully submitted,



Dale A Weber, IPSD  
State Guild Chairman

## K OF C CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION REPORT

The Board of Directors for the K of C Charities Aid Foundation were able to assist many families and various programs this past year.

The K of C Charities Aid Foundation, through the Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP), helps people who have suffered large material losses to their home because of a NATURAL DISASTER which includes fire, flood, tornado, etc. The fund is available regardless of race, color, or creed. This past year, through the EDAP program, we approved forty grants covering food, clothing, and shelter for \$20,000.

Additionally, wildfires caused major damage in Western Kansas. Gift cards for \$200.00 were passed out to forty families whose homes had been damaged or destroyed. My thanks to State Deputy Jamey Roth, Community Director Travis Wurtz, Life Director Joe Roth, Regional Membership Chairman John Ruder for passing out gift cards and General Agent Darin Reed for feeding workers in Western Kansas. Also, wildfires hit Reno County with thirty-five homes, 102 cars and ninety-two structures destroyed. Gift cards for \$200.00 were passed out to thirty-five families whose homes has be damaged or destroyed. My thanks to Former District Deputy John Knipp and Grand Knight Council 612 Steve Mullins for passing out the gift cards.

Through the EDAP program we also helped other jurisdictions in need of our assistance. We gave \$2,000 to Tennessee State Council for flood relief, \$5,000 to Kentucky State Council for tornado relief, \$5,000 to Colorado State Council for over 1200 homes destroyed by fire, and \$2,000 to Louisiana State Council for Hurricane relief.

Since the Kansas Corporation is a requirement for state-wide solicitation's, the Foundation is also the corporate agent for overseeing the Commitment to Humanities program (Tootsie Roll Drive) for the State Council. Kansas Special Olympics held their State Basketball and Cheerleading contest in Hays and Topeka this year. We provided \$25,000 of financial support to make sure the athletes could compete this year. This was our 44<sup>th</sup> year as the prime sponsor of this tournament. A grant of \$9,000 was made to each diocese in Kansas to help support their programs for persons with intellectual disabilities and a \$6,000 grant was given to the Lake Mary Center in Paola.

The Religious Education Fund continues our fund-raising efforts for the ever-increasing needs of Catholic education. Through your support of this program, funds were made available for grants totaling \$87,750 across the state in support of Catholic schools and CCD programs.

The Board of Directors made several special grants which included \$10,000 to the Kansas Catholic Conference and \$20,000 to the Catholic Campus centers in Kansas. These and other special requests are providing grants because of the earnings form the Christopher Fund.

Your continued support of the Pennies from Heaven, Commitment to Humanities and the Religious Education Fund program are appreciated. I remind you that memorials and bequests are encouraged to be given to the Foundation to continue the memory of someone or to support a special program with the corpus remaining intact. These finds are needed to continue the important work of the K of C Charities Aid Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent P. Melvin III  
President, K of C Charities Aid Foundation

## REPORT OF MASTER – DISTRICT OF KANSAS

The 2021-2022 fraternal year has been an eventful year for the fourth degree in Kansas! Last year at the State Convention, I reported that Kansas was establishing “Virtual” fourth degree exemplification capabilities. The virtual exemplification has created opportunities to not only grow the order during the pandemic, but it has allowed assemblies in Kansas to participate in exemplifications without having to travel long distances.

This year, I am proud to report, Kansas has hosted four virtual exemplifications, including a hybrid exemplification, in Atchison on November 20, 2021. A hybrid exemplification consists of candidates observing the Virtual Exemplification in a large group setting, such as a meeting room, and, simultaneously broadcasting the same Exemplification to candidates via the internet.

As Kansas emerges from the pandemic, in-person exemplifications are once again being hosted. Upcoming in-person exemplifications in Wichita on June 11, and Marysville on August 20, are on the schedule. Look for registration information and notices of these and future exemplifications on the Fourth-Degree page of the Kansas Knights of Columbus website.

The fourth degree proudly participated in the funeral services for fellow Kansan and Medal of Honor recipient, Servant of God Father Emil J. Kapaun in September 2021, at Hartman Arena in Park City, Kansas. This event was not only an important local event, but it was recognized as a significant national event, also, as it was broadcast on national television on EWTN. I had more than a few fourth-degree knights tell me both before and after the event that participating in Father Kapaun’s funeral mass was the most significant event that they had ever participated in.

I look forward to engaging more men in the fourth degree as we continue to be the visible branch of the Knights of Columbus. Every Sir Knight is encouraged to recruit new sir knights for future exemplifications. Only through the recruitment of new sir knights will your assembly remain strong and active today and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick D. Winchester  
District Master  
Kansas Jurisdiction

**MEMBERS ATTAINING 50 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE  
IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**COUNCIL 534 TOPEKA**

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John A Henderson  
John W Tinsley

**COUNCIL 601 SALINA**

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Thomas R Pestinger

**COUNCIL 643 PARSONS**

Peter R Feist

**COUNCIL 657 ST. MARYS**

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Dennis L Miller

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Joseph E Keimig  
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Glen A Sander

**COUNCIL 900 LEAVENWORTH**

Kenneth G Uphaus

**COUNCIL 902 FLUSH**

Daniel J Ebert

**COUNCIL 976 NEWTON**

Paul J O Brien

**COUNCIL 991 COFFEYVILLE**

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**COUNCIL 1029 JUNCTION CITY**

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John M Reid

**COUNCIL 1144 LILLIS**

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Patrick L Caffrey

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**COUNCIL 1187 ELLINWOOD**

Steven J Birzer  
Ronald N Mc Crary  
Gilbert A Schartz

**COUNCIL 1269 KINGMAN**

Stanley G Goetz

**COUNCIL 1291 FREDONIA**

Kenneth W Palsmeier

**COUNCIL 1325 HAYS**

Rev. Michael Suchnicki

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Dudley R Feuerborn  
Richard D Mc Carty  
Edward Wolken

**COUNCIL 1370 WAMEGO**

David J Karnowski

**COUNCIL 1372 LAWRENCE**

Howard L Bruce  
Gordon E Montney  
Antone J Soper

**COUNCIL 1392 PAXICO**

Thomas Dean Heigert  
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**COUNCIL 1510 NORTON**

Jerald L Moritz

**COUNCIL 1539 SPEARVILLE**

Glenn F Helfrich

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**COUNCIL 1661 ABILENE**

Elvin E Bombardier  
Robert J Dick

**COUNCIL 1743 HANOVER**

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Duane E Bruna

**COUNCIL 1769 SENECA**

Michael A Plumberg

**COUNCIL 1832 MANHATTAN**

Harlan W Graham  
Ssg. Louis A Stallbaumer  
John S Thomason

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Keith L Billinger  
Neal F Rajewski  
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**COUNCIL 1924 WILSON**

Stephen S Dlabal Jr

**COUNCIL 1993 GOODLAND**

Ronald E Lutters

**COUNCIL 1999 CLYDE**

Fredric R Biery

**COUNCIL 2093 NORTONVILLE**

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Edward F Rottinghaus

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Terence J Hekele  
Michael F Kinzel  
Garrol L Reif  
Raymond S Reif  
Jerald D Steiner

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Dewayne L Augustine  
Paul Gene Bruggeman

**COUNCIL 2662 WILLOWDALE**

Glenn J Ricke

**COUNCIL 2773 ANGELUS**

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Douglas E Hunt  
John C Linenberger  
Rodney D Schiffelbein  
Gregory G Stegman

**COUNCIL 2885 MOONEY CREEK**

David W Noll

**COUNCIL 2930 MARIENTHAL**

Melvin D Baker  
Marshall E Zellner

**COUNCIL 2937 GARDEN PLAIN**

Tom G Bergkamp  
Keith J Gegen  
Eugene B Giefer  
Glen J Meyer  
Robert J Thimesch  
Allen J Thimmesch

**COUNCIL 2955 DODGE CITY**

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John E Temaat

**COUNCIL 2970 LA CROSSE**

Richard Baldwin  
Benny Viegra

**COUNCIL 2987 CONWAY SPRINGS**

Tim W Gerber

**COUNCIL 3018 OTTAWA**

Harold K Mayes Jr

**COUNCIL 3034 RUSSELL**

Joseph D Branick  
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**COUNCIL 3058 PRATT**

Harold J Voss

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David R Friess  
Jerry J Klein  
Richard J Kramer  
James F Loehr  
Daniel J Thimesch

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Jerome L Ellis  
Timothy P Horgan

**COUNCIL 3273 LARNED**

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**COUNCIL 4113 WAKEENEY**

Thomas J Kreutzer

**COUNCIL 4118 WICHITA**

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Bill R Gorges

**COUNCIL 4166 SCHOENCHEN**

Arthur L Haselhorst  
Gary D Haselhorst  
Robert L Munsch  
Robert A Pfannenstiel  
Leslie J Werth  
Dennis L Zimmerman

**COUNCIL 4219 HOLTON**

Michael J Henry  
Ralph E Herbers  
Paul B Kennedy

**COUNCIL 4254 TOPEKA**

Kenneth L Henry

**COUNCIL 4458 DERBY**

Douglas H Foor  
Paul G Kennedy

**COUNCIL 4708 ATCHISON**

Rev. Aaron Peters

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**COUNCIL 4713 WINFIELD**

Prentice D Waite

**COUNCIL 8196 SALINA**

Lawrence J Maneth

**COUNCIL 10242 WICHITA**

Terry L Gerber

**COUNCIL 5050 GRAINFIELD**

Darrell J Hartman  
Richard M Zerr  
Arlin L Ziegler

**COUNCIL 8411 TOPEKA**

Timothy K Walter

**COUNCIL 10321 EFFINGHAM**

Henry J Falk  
Robert F Falk

**COUNCIL 5328 AUGUSTA**

Chris M Stanford

**COUNCIL 8488 MANHATTAN**

Dennis C Gaschler

**COUNCIL 10841 OVERLAND PARK**

Rev. Don R Cullen

**COUNCIL 5366 SHARON SPRINGS**

Gilbert R Bussen

**COUNCIL 8491 GARDEN CITY**

Robert A Dechant

**COUNCIL 10932 OVERLAND PARK**

Michael Brungardt

**COUNCIL 5631 HILL CITY**

Jerry R Nickelson

**COUNCIL 8976 DOWNS**

Ronald J Grady

**COUNCIL 11853 BALDWIN CITY**

Keith A Pfannenstiel

**COUNCIL 9510 COLWICH**

Wayne L Rau

**COUNCIL 12093 PRAIRIE VILLAGE**

Daniel J Coon

**COUNCIL 6618 MEDICINE LODGE**

William D Hrencher

**COUNCIL 9699 WICHITA**

Lawrence I Oeding

**COUNCIL 12960 LAWRENCE**

Bernard J Judge

**COUNCIL 7240 HUGOTON**

Thomas A Zellner

**COUNCIL 10044 HAYS**

Gerald G Arnhold  
Paul A Kraus

**COUNCIL 13012 TOPEKA**

William C Forkenbrock

**COUNCIL 7909 OLATHE**

Thomas Bartels

Richard L Rajewski

**REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**IN RESPECTFUL COMMEMORATION OF THEIR LIVES, WE**  
**SUBMIT THIS LIST OF OUR BROTHERS WHO HAVE**  
**PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FRATERNAL YEAR.**

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Former State Chaplain**

Rev. James "Jim" Hoover

**Former State Warden**

Kenneth Hammerbacker

**Clergy**

Rev. James E. Baker

Rev. Beryl Gibson

Rev. James Grennan

Brother Peter Karasz, OSB

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